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Major Lloyd C. Stark,
c/o Stark Bro's Nurseries & Orchards Co.,
Louisiana, Mo.

Dear Major:

Frankly, I had begun to fear that my last letter to you had miscarried. Of course, I had given considerable thought to the compilation of names and was anxious that they be accorded your full consideration. You certainly had the best reason in the world for postponing writing. Please give Katherin Lemoine my very best wishes and tell her that I sincerely hope she spends the third to seventh years of her life in the Executive Mansion of the State of Missouri. Congratulations to you and Mrs. Stark, in which Mrs. Wilson joins me, also in the hope that Mrs. Stark and the baby are doing nicely.

Regarding the list of names which I submitted December 11th, I have talked with practically all of these people regarding your candidacy, and almost all of them have been very favorable to the idea. Some are reserving final decision, awaiting developments either as regards the attitude of the Kansas City organization or the announcement of other candidates. Up until the present, it has been impossible for me to ask them to commit themselves to you as I have had to qualify my own enthusiasm for your candidacy with the explanation that in the final analysis I would string along with Mr.

Pendergast's selection. I can and do say that I sincerely hope that selection will be Major Stark.

You are at liberty to use my name in every ease, and can say that the only circumstance which would prevent your having my full support would be in the event you were not supported by the Kansas City organization. As a member of that organization, I am obligated to go along, but you and your candidacy certainly have my cordial wishes.

You no doubt have a copy of your letter to me of January 3rd, and you may consider all as being friendly towards you and as having been personally interviewed, with the exception of the following:

"Fat" Whitlow, Fulton, Mo. Have not seen "Fat" personally, but he will no doubt string along with Geo. Johnston.

(James S. Rooney and Frank D. Hamilton, Liberty, Mo. Have not talked with these two personally regarding your candidacy, but believe they can be helpful to you.

L. R. Bagby is at Mound City, Mo., rather than Oregon, and has expressed himself as being strong for Roy McKittrick. Will try

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to convince him that Hoy hasn't a chance, and want you to write him in any event.

Homer Costin, Grant City, Mo., is no longer County Clerk, hut is still chairman of the Democratic County Committee.

The following may be added to your list:

Nodaway County

Judge O. C. Bradley, Guilford, Mo.
Sheriff Edwin Wallace, Maryville, Mo.

Gentry County

C. L. Enyart, Chairman, Democratic County Committee, Stanberry, Mo.
J. A. Yadon, County Clerk, Albany, Mo.
Isaac Patton, Presiding Judge, County Court, Albany, Mo.

Regret that I was unable to get to Stanfield and thought well of your use of the apples as being appropriate.

Please let me know at the first opportunity any further developments as regards the attitude of the Kansas City organization. Also plan to pay us a visit at the first opportunity, advising me ahead of time as far as possible. With kindest personal regards to yourself, Mrs. Stark and your family, I am

Sincerely yours,
A Reed Wilson

P.S. Saw Mr. Pendergast this A.M. and took occasion to tell him of the addition to your family
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