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Honorable Lloyd T. Stark
Louisiana, Missouri

My dear Governor:

The Missouri papers have just come in and I hasten to write and extend congratulations. It is all over but the shouting. You will be unanimously nominated and overwhelmingly elected. Incidentally, you will occupy a unique position in the political history of the state. So far as I know there has not been another case in the more than hundred years history of the state in which the dominant party selected its candidate for Governor without a contested primary. That in itself is a notable distinction and an exceptional honor. Have just been talking with local friends familiar with St. Louis politics and they tell me that how that Dickmann has endorsed you the opposing St. Louis faction will go with Pendergast and that you will have the solid support of both Kansas City and St. Louis in the primary.

I hope that some substantial country newspaper can be found to call attention to the fact that the Kansas City endorsement came only after your nomination was practically assured. Emphasis ought to be laid on the fact that you had already swamped all competition and that the Pendergast endorsement came after it was apparent that you

were the choice of an overwhelming majority of the party in the

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state.

As a matter of fact, you could have been nominated anyway but of course it is very comforting to have it without a contest. You have put on a campaign unparalleled in recent time at least. Looking back over it carefully I cannot see where a single mistake was made anywhere along the line. Your strategy and generalship were perfect. It is a remarkable achievement.

Of course you had a record and a background and a personal magnetism and ability that appealed to the Party and the state. But that does not minimize the clever management of the whirl-wind campaign of the last few months and its complete success in every particular.

With congratulations and best wishes for an outstanding administration and corresponding service to the people of Missouri,

Your friend,

Clarence Cannon

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