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c/c Mr. Andrew Murphy, Sr.,
Jefferson City, Mo.

2036 Railway Exchange Bldg.,
St. Louis, Mo.

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Colonel W. L. Bouchard,
Lead Belt News,
Flat River, Missouri.

Dear Colonel Bouchard:-

I enclose list of names, tentatively agreed upon at conference last Saturday.

In checking over these names for corrections in spelling, initials, etc., I made the following discoveries.

In the 6th Senatorial District two persons were chosen from the same town, Milan. The same thing occurred in the selections for the 9th District, two being chosen from Macon. In the 13th District two were chosen from Monroe County. In the 5th District two from Saline County. In the 5th District two from Henry County. In the 22nd District two from Howell County, one of these being as a substitute, and in the 23rd District all four names were from two counties, New Madrid and Scott.

It occurred to me, that unless there is some special reason for concentrating these appointments, it might be possible to spread them out a little more so as to give counties which are not represented all a better showing.

I also find seven men on this list who have already been chosen as members of our Finance Committee, six of whom have not yet started their collections. If these men are necessary to the Campaign Committee, we will have to find someone else to attend to the financing in their respective counties. In two other instances, namely, Means Ray and W. F. Jameson, (if he is the "E. B. Jameson" selected from the 10th District and they are key men in our Financial Organization. It seems to me there ought to be enough Stark-for-Governor adherence in the different counties to avoid tearing down one committee in order to create another.

Another thought that occurred to me is that Russell Dearmont and his following of 1932 should be given a prominent place in our Campaign Organization. This is especially true of

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of the Executive Committee to be appointed from the thirteen Congressional districts. I do not think it is necessary to confine the selections for this Executive Committee to those chosen for the larger Campaign Committee. At any rate, Mr. Dearmont himself and at least two others who were prominent in his campaign, should be appointed on the Executive Committee, which should also include outstanding leaders like Col. W. L. Igoe, Mayor Bernard Dickmann, and Judge Jesse McDonald in St. Louis, as well as James Pendergast and James Aylward of Kansas City. No doubt, you will want to talk this over with the Kansas City leaders, and if the two Jims do not wish to serve on the Committee, they should suggest other names of an outstanding character.

The above observations are made in no critical sense, nor with a desire to interfere in any way with your prerogatives as Campaign Manager. To fail to give the Dearmont people proper representation in your Organization would be especially harmful as it would be used by the opposition as direct evidence that Major Stark is the Pendergast candidate, and we would never hear the last of it.

Sincerely yours,

W. M. LEDBETTER, Secretary.

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