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811 Robidoux St.,
St. Joseph, Mo.,
February 22, 1935.

Hon. Lloyd C. Stark,
Louisiana, Mo.

Dear Major:

I received your letter of February 15, and was certainly glad to hear from you. I have intended to write you for several days for a number of reasons.

I have talked to several people here, who either met you at the luncheon or at the hotel, and find that you are well thought of and made a number of friends while here. I have talked to a few of our politicians and of course they refuse to say much, they either say it is too early to comment or else say nothing, due to the fact that they want to see how Pendergast is going in Kansas City, and how you line up with him I do not know, but I'll take my chances. All in all though, if early indications can be relied upon, you are pretty favorably looked upon in this section.

St. Joseph, as you probably know, has a number of small time politicians, all of whom would like to be the "big shot" and as a result there is a mad scramble for anything that looks like a political plum and too, they cannot get together on any question nor can they seem to give any one man a substantial backing.

Major, I know that I am not a seasoned politician nor a sage of many years; I am young and I am trying to give you an idea of the views of the younger people of our city who see nothing but political confusion true it is not on a large scale but it is noticeable; what St. Joseph needs is a strong leader and I am afraid it will be some time until one is found who can really control the people as they should be. So in selecting your leaders here for

the coming campaign, be careful of the many opposing factors who are nursing petty jealousies and are liable to lose you more votes than they gain. I assure you that I bear no malice or prejudice against anyone and I am giving you my honest opinion of the whole political situation.

You may think it funny, my giving you this advice, because I am young and you have so much more political knowledge as well as experience than I, but doggone it, Major, understand that I want to see you win out in this race and will give my wholehearted support.

I have been boasting your stock since I met you and I have talked to a number of farmers from various parts of the country and my supply of selling points is very limited. I have only the information given

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to me by my friend and yours too, Sye Brisley, and I would like for you to send me a brief history of the Stark family as well as all other propaganda that you deem necessary to give to the good people of the State of Missouri. I talk to a good many people every week and can put all information to work at an advantage.

I would like to see and talk to you personally about the whole situation but until I can, I trust that you will send all the information I ask and if Sye Brisley and I have our way you will carry the whole western half of Missouri. I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Clifford J. Wallace