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Mr. Thomas Lacoco
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My dear Tono:

I have just come through one battle of the Young Democrats of Missouri, helping elect Paul Williams over Roger Taylor, who was the previous president of the state-wide Young Democratic Club. In that election Roger Taylor and his bunch spread propoganda out over the state that Mr. Pendergast was supporting that Candidacy, but I knew well enough Mr. Pendergast was endorsing nobody.

I learned after the election that Marion Nigro and some of the younger members of the North Side Young Democratic Club played a part in trying to put across Roger Taylor. In other words, they thought they were doing the right thing by the Organization.

Mr. Paul Williams was elected and is the President of the Young Democratic Club of Missouri, and Mr. Thomas J. Pendergast is very much pleased over this election and he knew exactly what I was doing without committing himself. However, there were others in the Organization, between you and I, who rode the fence and it might be that some wrong information was given your friends down there in your Club, that caused them to play a losing part in the Young Democratic fight.

I have never given you, or any of your friends, a "bum steer" in my life, and I believe that you will believe me when I tell you what I am about to state. I want you to call a meeting down there, and you are privileged to read this letter to your friends:

Mr. Pendergast is not identified in any way, shape, or form in any future battles of the Young Democratic Clubs of Missouri. It is his desire to be neutral, at all times, and keep out of any fights in the Young Democratic Party. He takes the attitude that we have enough to take care of the parent Organization and not get into any squabbles of these Young Democrats.

There is a condition arising there in Kansas City where this Roger Taylor, Ralph Holmund, Frank Brockus, and others, are leaguings together and trying to elect a President the Kansas City League of Young Democrats, and I ask that you beware of this clique and keep anybody. He has endorsed nobody and I believe you will believe these facts.

Mr. Williams is a very find young man and Roger Taylor, Ralph Holmund, and Brockus are trying to elect a president in order to throw obstacles in the way of his young man's Administration. I suggest that you call our mutual friend, John Gulley, down to your Club, let him read this

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letter, consult with him, and he will give you the proper low-down on just what they are trying to do.

I personally favor John Maloney, who will cooperate with Paul Williams, as he is a friend of friends of ours, and will not cause any mutiny in Mr. Williams' Administration with the hectic election around the corner.

With personal regards to you and all my friends down there in the North Side Democratic Club, I am

A Sincere Friend,

Jimmie Hurst

State Equip. Supervisor

Works Progress Administration

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