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KANSAS CITY, MO.

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Major Lloyd C. Stark,

Louisiana,

Missouri

Dear Major:

Last week Dave Curtin and Fred Roach of St. Joseph called at my office. They had seen the article in the St. Joseph News Press as regards Dr. Whitsell's selection as your campaign manager for Northwest Missouri and thought best to contact those here in order to ascertain the facts. Altho you may already know these two, I will tell you who they are so as to identify them. Dave Curtin, altho defeated in the general election polled approximately 11,500 votes in the primary, — more than was necessary to elect in other mayoralty races. Fred Roach is serving his third term as Circuit Court Clerk and acted as campaign manager for Frances Wilson in 1932. Both have the faculty for fitting themselves in to organization politics.

Upon their return to St. Joseph, both Dave Curtin and Fred Roach made it known they were heartily in accord with the appointment of Dr. Whitsell, and Dr. Whitsell met with a group Monday evening and committed himself to a program of harmony.

I have just returned from a trip throughout Counties in Northwest Missouri and am more than pleased with the fine reception of your candidacy. The leaders are ready and willing

to co-operate fully with Dr. Whitsell in the organization of your campaign throughout that District. Your nomination and election is assured and all seem disposed to take advantage of the wonderful opportunity which your campaign presents for unification. This, of course, was assured by the confidence expressed in Mr. Pendergast — not only by the St. Louis group but by out-State leaders as well.

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Regarding this matter of organization, it is accepted that businesses, institutions of learning, fraternal organizations and whatnot do not succeed without organization; yet organization in politics is frowned on by opponents of the Kansas City Organization. Regardless of all this I feel that your campaign offers an unusual opportunity to weld together and thus organize the various factions in out-state Counties. I am confident that any effort along this line will meet with your hearty approval.

Trusting that your candidacy is meeting with as fine response in other sections of Missouri as well as Northwest Counties and assuring you of my intention to work with Dr. Whitsell in building up an organization throughout Northwest Missouri which will function 100%, I am

Sincerely yours,

A Reed.