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MRS. W. W. HENDERSON, Director  
  
CARROLLTON, MISSOURI

October 16, 1935.

Major Lloyd Stark,  
Louisiana, Mo.

Dear Major Stark:

I was very pleased to hear that you are to have the backing of the Kansas City organization in your race for Governor. If it were not for the organization of Democrats in western Missouri I think the party would be in a very bad shape, despite the fact that so many outstate people seem to think that the Kansas City organization is a "big bad wolf"

I sincerely hope that we can have you as the only candidate on the Democrat ticket and can keep down any split in the party. Last week I was approached by one of McKittrick's men in Jefferson City and ask me to support him, for he intended to come out, even if you did get the Kansas City support. I hope he can be diverted in other channels and be kept out of the race.

With the following that you have outstate among the rural sections and with the Kansas City voting strength we should pile up a big Democratic majority. I wrote to Mr. Pendergast about what McKittrick is doing, I run onto a lot of it out state, especially in the Dearmont section.

I wish I had more time and not so much work, but instead of the work getting less it seems to be piling up more, we are handling about twice as many children with 1/3 the force that the previous administration had to care for them.

If there is any information that I can get for you or do any work, I will be glad to help what I can do on my trips out state.

Respectfully  
Josephine Lay

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