

UNITED STATES SENATE

Washington, D.C.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Major Lloyd C. Stark

Louisiana, Missouri

Dear Lloyd:

I am very much interested in the appointment of Harold Brown of Nevada, present Adjutant General of Missouri. I served with him on the National Guard throughout the war and know him to be a man of the very highest caliber, a fine soldier and lawyer. I was entirely responsible for his appointment by Governor Park and I believe that he has made a fine record in the office. I do not think that there is any question whatever upon that score.

I understand that General E. M. Stayton of Kansas City is out gunning for Brown and has proclaimed that he is going to put over Ray Johnson of Boonville.

I don't know how well you know Stayton but I can tell you he is very hard man to lay your finger on. Confidentially, Tom Pendergast and I took it upon ourselves to go together to see the proper authorities to prevent him being PWA engineer in the State.

I do not wish to ask you for any commitment in the matter but I do want to ask you not to commit yourself on the matter until I have had an opportunity to talk with you.

With kindest regards, I am

Your friend

(Signed) Bennett C. Clark