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Major Lloyd C. Stark

Louisiana, MO

Dear Friend,

I was talking to Mr James McCormick who is all of 60 & has lived here most of his life. A man that has been a Democrat all his life & a man that has a good education & owns considerable property here. [MS. illegible] up the subject of the next Govoner for MO & he did not hesitate to say he was not for you on account of Pendergast being for you & would pull the string same as he has done with Park. I explained the situation to him like this. I told him the reason Pendergast was for you was because he was afraid to bring a man out against you as he knew you were very popular & he would be defeated with his man & of course he did not want to be on the loosing side which he would certainly be if he tried to defeat you. He said he had never heard it expressed in that way before. I told him to think it over & I would see him again which I did. Then I showed him the letter you wrote me Oct 31st 25 in which you said (I do not intend to be the candidate of any faction or section but of the whole Democratic party in MO or not at all)[.] He returned the letter to me & said you have converted me for Stark & for me to keep the letter as he could use it to advantage for you. So I will keep up the good work in a quiet way until you are nominated & elected Govoner of MO which I am satisfied you will be. Boss Tom has very few in this section that are for him. I will tell you more when I see you again. With best wishes from your friend

F.X. Teasdale

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[P.S.]

I told Mr McCormick I lived in your home town for 17 years & I knew you to be straight in every way & a man of your word. So he seemed very much pleased when the conversation was finished

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