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Governor Stark: -

I really wanted to hear you last evening. But could not make it. I am a Republican worker, & do serve as a clerk in the 11th Ward. Your man Douglas is a real man, & I for one Republican, think him that. But he is sure to be counted out.

I have worked 14 years as a Judge or Clerk. I have known & seen too many counted out. The Democrats at a

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Primary here in KC insist in counting their own. Which they do as the Rep- Judges haven't gut enough to stand Pat They never do[.] Count the ballots, as we do. Just give each so much, & etc now. The election of Committee man & committee woman should never be at Primary time. They simply give the Democrats what they want in order to put over the parties in control.

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Now last night at our Republican meeting I heard Hazel Campbell & Lancaster was to beat Mrs Smith & her running mate because Mrs Campbell had a deal on with Tim Maran, give the Democrats what they wanted, to stuff ballot box for their man against Douglas so The Clark & Judges of Rep- party could do likewise for Mrs

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Campbell & Lancaster They have done this for years. Hazel appoints the Judges & Clerks, & in Return they are compelled to charge the Court in her favor. When they don't she takes them out. She personally interviewed each one with orders. She was only defeated once 2 years ago. When she fell out with Jim Pendergast, who is her neighbor. She has had that grafting position for past 12 years.

If you could

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communicate with Mrs Smith her opponent. You could get a list of names in City Election who she was supposed to payed not \$9000.00 money granted to ward. She & a Mr Woods has this information & not one person in lest she turned [MS. Illegible]

Now if you really wish a square Election, see new parties are

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appointed to Judges & Clerks in each ward where there are committee fights. I got my orders, but am going to ask for my vacation & be out of town. I won't pad any box, or miscount votes for her or any one else.

That has been a practice here, for the 14 years I've work on Elections & is City wide practice. the machine gets their man because they fix it so the Rep Committee man & woman get Elected. I do admire you & your man Douglas

Rep. Clerk-

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P.S. Jim Pendergast used to run the 11th Ward but since getting a better control of organization Tim Maran runs same, & does operate one of the worst dives in KC at 31 & Prospect, a Booze & gambling Joint where even minors can drink & play. I personally know of one minor, who spent his folks salary check, at dice tables in Tim Marans place, & this is the kind of a man who runs the 11th Ward

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for the Democrats.