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Mr. T. J. Pendergast,
1908 Main Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Pendergast:

This will introduce to you my friend Jesse M. Donaldson, who is an applicant for the position of Chief Post Office Inspector.

From the reports in newspapers it has been practically settled that Mr. James A. Farley will be appointed Postmaster General. Mr. Farley will have four assistants but probably the most important position to be filled by him will be that of Chief Post Office Inspector and it will be necessary for his success that he appoint the best qualified man that he can find. This appointment, under the civil service rules, has to be given to someone who is now in the inspection Department, and, as I understand it, the appointment is generally given to one of the fifteen inspectors in charge, and Mr. Donaldson is one of the two Democrats who now hold a position of Inspector in Charge.

Donaldson has been in the postal service for 28 years, but has only been in the inspection department during the last 19 years, having been appointed to that position during the Woodrow Wilson administration. Donaldson is probably the best informed man in the entire inspection department on all of the different departments of the Post Office Department in the United States. If Senator Francis Wilson was living, he could probably tell you more about Donaldson than any other man in this state. I have been acquainted with him for several years, having first come in intimate contact with him during the land fraud investigations, and I consider him the best investigator I ever saw.

I hope that you can have time to get thoroughly acquainted with what Donaldson has been doing in order that you may write a personal letter to Mr. Farley for him. I consider that you would be doing Mr. Farley a greater favor, by writing a letter to him to make a thorough investigation of this man, than you would be doing Mr. Donaldson himself.

There is no question about Donaldson being a Democrat, even though he resides at Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was thoughtful enough to return to Kansas City to vote the Democratic ticket the last election.

Sincerely yours,