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Gov. Guy B. Park
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Dear Gov:

I am writing this letter as the risk of being misjudged and misunderstood. My interest is and concern for "The Democratic Party", its present and future welfare, prompts me.

The entire administration is being unmercifully "pawed" by two of the three Papers – this occurring daily – Public Speakers, addressing non-political assemblages, more repeated objectives to the character of appointments made by yourself, the Legislature is being bitterly condemned because of its failure to accomplish anything worth while – particularly are they being condemned because of the passage of "The Buford Bill", we act authorizing the sale of delinquent tax bills ect. Hundreds of other things, that time and space prevent my mentioning

A lot of Democrats are bitter in their attitude, and free, very free, with their criticisms, they openly spoke, of the hand of Pendergast and Moreso thier disgust, openly & publicly, all of which does not look good for the future.

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Now Gov. – you may feel that this is inspired by my disappointments over failing to receive the appointment at Boonville – that perhaps I am sore, disgruntled, ect. And that I want to say some thing mean – I hope you will not so regard this letter.

I made speeches, in and outside of my ward, defending you, defending Mr. Pendergast, whom I know to be a good man, and did all I could for the party – I am trying to [control?] these attacks, as every opportunity will continue but it is hard, especially so, when most of them come from Democrats. The comments, the sneers, the d-ed meanness coming from Republicans does not hurt less coming from the Democrats. They do hurt.

I could not get the one place I wanted – I was disappointed, but I did not and will not let this office my loyalty to my party. I am asking for nothing else so that I have “no axe to grind”

Get your ear to the ground – Grab the reins and so some driving – Tell the Legislators what to do. More then do it & more then like it. Exercise the veto – God Knows it should be done – and don’t let a little group of City politicians ruin your Administration and our Party. This is written from my heart and in all sincerity.

Sincerely
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A letter just received from a prominent Atty at Boonville this morning say’s –
“I am afraid our wonderful victory is Nov will not help us two years from now. There is a tremendous lot of dissatisfaction around here – It is just two bad” –

Please Gov – do not attribute this to resentment upon my part. My communication is intended as a loyal act of friendship – it is an honest desire to help you & to advise you of grownig discontent – Our party is on the griddle.

Follow the dictates of your own concience – you will not go wrong. Be entirely independent realize that I am “small fry” & you may resent this but my motive is honest & sincere. I want to help not hurt.

Blakey