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Kansas City, Missouri

December 20, 1935

General Jesse W. Barrett

506 Olive Street

St. Louis, Missouri

Dear General:

Your inspiring letter of the 14th inst., gives me new life. I am slowly regaining health and hope to be on the firing line soon. Thanks for your expressions of hope and good will.

It is glorious to know you would run if the Republicans want you. They certainly do and you would gather more votes to the fold than any other candidate. And above that you would make a real governor - one who knows the state and understands its people and needs

There are many conditions here that will need careful attention. In the first place there is the 80,000 fictitious votes of the Democratic machine that will be cast and counted against you. The machine will cast 60,000 honest votes and 80,000 fraudulent votes as it usually does.

Then there is the endless petty jealousies that permeate the Republicans here. Whenever you come here be sure you don't let anyone go around with you to call on Republicans or let anyone attach himself and officiously do the introducing. I can give you the necessary information to have you avoid making enemies - and they are made very easily here.

Strictly confidential.

If Hirth don't run I think I know how it would be possible to corral the support of the farmer's organization.

The plank in our platform that will bring the most vote; to the party will be the anti-Pendergast plank. It should be plain, strong and bitter. And under the Pendergast system the huge surplus of fraudulent votes constantly increases - we must plow them under. I will talk with you about this menace to the freedom of the citizens of the state. Kansas City is completely cowed and business men don't dare to criticize the system. I can give you much inside information. The conditions are almost beyond belief.

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The coming year is going to be a Republican year so get in; the water is fine. I cannot tell you how pleased I am at the prospect of your candidacy.

Mrs. Walmsley joins me in wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a perfect '36.

Sincerely,

H. R. Walmsley

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Since writing the above I have received The Missouri Farmer of December 15. Your article is unanswerable and should please most of farmers. I write pretty regular for this paper. Don't think much of Caulfield's article.