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Mr. Jesse Barrett,
506 Olive street,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Because of the great interest in the Republican gubernatorial primary this year, I am deeply interested to know whether there is a probability of your entering the race.

I have heard here from some of your friends that you are giving serious thought to it. In Kansas City Winter seems to have some support, mostly those who aided him in the 1932 primary. Others here consider him too colorless for this campaign.

Quite a few whom I have interviewed are waiting to see whether you will announce. I would like to know how you feel about it. If you are not in position to make any statement for quotation, I would appreciate a confidential tip on the matter so that I may be guided by it to some extent in any general stuff I may write.

What I am getting at is this. You are aware of my personal friendly feeling toward you. I would like to leave the way open in a news sense for your candidacy, if assured you really were likely to get it.

If you find it convenient, drop me a line on this please, being assured I will keep any confidences imposed.

With personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,
Kenneth Middleton
K.P. Middleton