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Hon. Jesse W. Barrett,

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My dear Jesse:

I received your good letter about two weeks ago. I have been unable to reply on account of a case of the grippe. Your reference to Homer Mann and the mis-information which has been circulated was most interesting.

I notice in the paper where Ed. Winter has announced for governor. Nearly all of the leading and active Republicans around Kansas City feel very friendly toward him. Personally, I have always felt that I would rather see you run and be elected governor than most any man in the state on account of our pleasant relations for more than 20 years. However, the so-called election commissioner crowd in Kansas City, I understand, are the ones who are locally favoring your candidacy.

It may be that you are not advised about this. This crowd is under the domination of Pendergast. The election commissioners have sold out the Republican Party. They are traitors. I have never capitulated to Pendergast yet, and will not start in now. If you should enter the race and if the election commissioners and some of their Pendergast lieutenants should support your candidacy, as much as I would regret it, I would not be able to support you, because I will not get in bed with some of our local traitors.

I thought that I owed it to you to tell you freely and frankly just how I felt. There are a great many other good Republicans in town, many of whom are friendly to you who feel as I do. Our crowd conducted the city campaign in 1934, and, with the opposition of the so-called Republican election commissioners, they certified for our ticket 85,000 votes. The election commissioner crowd had complete charge of things in the fall election, 1934, and they polled about 30,000 votes.

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A number of times I have urged you to come to Kansas City and let me talk to you and you have never come. What I am now writing to you in this letter is what I wanted to say to you, personally.

I believe that we Republicans, if we use our heads, and not make any mistakes and not get out and wage bitter primary campaigns like those of 1932, can nominate and elect a Republican ticket in Missouri this fall. If we have a bitter primary campaign smearing up our own men then we will lose this fall.

With kindest personal regards in which Dayse and David Junior join, I am

Yours sincerely,
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