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Honorable Jesse W. Barrett,
506 Olive Street,
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My dear Jess:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 21st, and I appreciate your frankness more than I can tell you. I am very much interested in you and your future. For some reason or other, I feel very close to you. I suppose it is because we have a common background, and have had similar experiences and think along the same lines.

My attitude toward the so-called election commissioner crowd is not in any sense Republican factionalism. I have been against Pendergast for thirty years, and I am against anything which he controls or influences. That is not factionalism, that is political decency.

The Republicans of Kansas City have had factions in the past, but they are better united now than they have been for years, and 98% of the real Republicans of Kansas

City, are against a small group of so-called Republicans who are fraternizing with Pendergast, and who really constitute a sort of Democratic Aid Society.

I can join hands with any true blue, loyal, Republicans in working for the cause. I can do this, regardless of race, creed, color or residence, but I will not Join hands with Pendergast or any of his cohorts or lieutenants whether they carry the Democratic banner or wear Republican garb.

I want you to understand my position, and I will not change. I may get worse, but will never change in this regard. I want to see you at the earliest possible date.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

David M. Proctor

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