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Mr. Jesse W. Barrett,
506 Olive Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear General Barrett:

First I want to congratulate you on entering the race for governor. Both of the Kansas City Papers, which you probably saw, had over a column announcing it Sunday.

George Wallace had a story about your candidacy Monday stating that the Kansas City Republicans would probably divide, the old guard, headed by Homer Mann, for Winter and the younger fellows for you.

I do not believe that this is exactly true because there are almost as many factions in Jackson County today as there are Republicans, but I do know that the most powerful Republican influence in Jackson County and Western Missouri is the Kansas City Star, and if you have not already done so I am going to suggest to you that you make an appointment to call on Mr. Roy Roberts of the Star and talk with him about your candidacy. I would not make this a casual appointment and I would not take any one with me when I went to see Roberts, but I would let Roberts think that you had come to

Kansas City especially to see him. Roy is very susceptible to flattery and this visit would be bound to do you a lot of good.

I do not believe that the Star is for Winter, but in view of the fact that he is a newspaper man it might be easy for the Star to be for him, but if you can make Roy think that you came especially to Kansas City to see him, knowing his disposition as I do, it might not be hard to get the Star support.

I am enclosing an editorial, which you probably have already seen, which appeared in the Times this morning.

With best personal regards, I am

Yours truly,
Frank Hilmes
FH:DC
Encl.