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Hon. Jesse W. Barrett,  
Attorney at Law,  
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Dear Mr. Barrett:

I received the copy of your letter written to Mr. Lowell R. Johnson, dated January 11th, suggesting that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Byrum file a contest with the House

Committee on Elections to contest the election held here on November 3, 1936. I made that suggestion shortly after the election was over but the parties did not care to go into any such contest. On receipt of your letter some of the parties talked to me about a contest, and in looking up the statutes I found that the time for serving notice had expired. I do not know whether you have been keeping in touch with the grand jury proceedings in Jackson County. Already some fifty-six persons have been indicted and a number of others will no doubt be indicted. The grand jury is now in session and they have not completed the investigation of one ward. They have impounded the ballots and ballot boxes in every ward in the city, and the United States District Attorney announced that these indictments already returned were just a start. I have been furnishing information to the Government men, and I feel confident that before we get through with this investigation we shall get the higher-ups in this fraudulent scheme. It will involve republicans as well as democrats. It is clear from recent developments that the Republican Party should start a housecleaning and place new leaders at the head in this county.

I will keep you advised from time to time of the progress made. I would be glad to have suggestions from you at any time. Talk this matter over with Republican State Chairman and other influential republicans and let me know your views.

If you are in the city, call and see me. I should be glad to see you any time. I have been paid up for a couple of weeks with the flu.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

I. N. Watson

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