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Hon. Jesse W. Barrett,

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Dear Mr. Barrett:

I have your letter of October 1st. I was very glad to hear from you and very sorry that I missed seeing you when you were here in the city. On my return last Wednesday evening I got your message and I phoned the Muehlebach Hotel but was advised that

you had checked out and gone.

The election cases in which there were convictions in the District Court were appealed and they are all set for argument in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals beginning October 6th. The briefs have been made and served and I have received from the United States District Attorney a copy of the Government's briefs and I think the briefs answer all questions raised by the appellants. I feel certain that these cases will be affirmed unless reversed on some ruling made during the trial which might necessitate trying the cases over again. I feel certain that the indictments will stand against any objections that may be made by appellants.

The federal grand jury was adjourned the first part of September until October 5th. This was necessitated by the fact that the District Attorney's office wanted to devote their entire time to making briefs in the cases to be heard in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals on October 6th. But this brief work is now out of the way and I am sure that the federal

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grand jury will take up the investigation again beginning October 6th, and I feel certain that there will be a number of indictments returned in the near future. The work is hardly begun as we have not yet reached the higher-ups who planned this gigantic fraud. The citizens of this town will not be satisfied until the ringleaders are all in the penitentiary.

I am anxious concerning the election board that is to be appointed by the Governor. He has asserted time and again that he will appoint a first class election board and I do not believe he will be appointed to a cabinet position for some time, if ever. Those close to him advise me that they do not think there is any possibility at the present time of the Governor accepting an appointment as Secretary of the Navy.

I have been advised by close friends of the Pendergast organization that Mr. Pendergast has no idea whom the Governor will appoint as election commissioners. I think this information is correct. Pendergast is in a position where he has to stand behind the present election board and there is no possibility of this present board being reappointed.

I wanted very much to talk to you about a reorganization of the leadership of the Republican party in this county. It is absolutely necessary for the Republicans to reorganize our county committee and to get a Republican organization in the city for the coming spring city election. I have been quietly working on this matter for some little time and I hope a new leadership will soon be in charge of our party. I would like to have any suggestions you may think will be helpful.

I hope I may have the pleasure of discussing this matter with you personally in the near future.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,
I beg to remain

Yours very truly,
I. N. Watson
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