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Hon. Jesse W. Barret,
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Dear Mr. Barret:

I presume you have read in the St. Louis papers about our primary held here in Kansas City, Missouri, on March 8th, The Democratic machine put on a big drive at the primary in order to demonstrate its strength in Kansas City. I have confidential information, coming from sources we deem perfectly reliable, that this organization imported a large number of people from other cities to Kansas City to vote at the primary election in order to make a big showing. We are advised that fifty people or more left St. Louis on busses last Sunday night or Monday for Kansas City at the instigation and expense of the Pendergast machine, and they were distributed at various places in Kansas City on Monday evening, and Tuesday those parties voted in a number of precincts in Kansas City for the Pendergast ticket; and then departed from Kansas City that evening after the election was over. If it is not asking too big a favor, could you get in touch with the St. Louis Post Dispatch and advise them of the above information and ask if they can ascertain from bus lines operating between St. Louis and Kansas City whether there was any unusual travel over such lines leaving St. Louis Sunday night or Monday, their destination Kansas City, Missouri or beyond?

I am thoroughly convinced that the Democratic organization did bring in a lot of people outside of Kansas City to vote in last Tuesday's primary. There were only two tickets in

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the field to be voted for. One was the coalition ticket, the other the Pendergast organization ticket. The primary was a mere formality so far as results are concerned, as a vote on each side would have answered all purposes and nominated the respective candidates, but for a psychological effect, in order to influence sentiment in this city, the Democratic machine sought to put on this enormous drive Tuesday for the sole purpose of making an impression upon the people and thereby influencing people who are wavering between which ticket to support. If you can get any information for me along the

lines above suggested, I will be under great obligation to you for such information. I know you are interested in this clean-up and I am therefore taking the liberty of asking you the above favors, and any time I can serve you here please command me.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

I. N. Watson

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