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Mr. Jesse. W. Barrett

506 Olive Street

St. Louis Missouri;

Dear Mr. Barrett;

The writer has at all times been a Democrat Politically, am yet so far as National affairs are concerned, I have been active in the past in organizing for and supporting the National and State Tickets. I have never even asked them for an appointment, as my interests have been entirely for what I thought to be for better Government, But I come to realize about three Years ago, that a dangerous situation existed in the State. Since that time I have done some things about it, all that I could.

I was active in removing, or causing the removal of R. Emmett O'Malley from the State Insurance Dep't. Also it is my honor to be one of the original organizers for Maurice Milligans Re-appointment, also I was active in stopping Dwight Brown's build up for Governor, and in my opinion he is stopped, if not, we have plenty on him to finish the job.

This is an off Year, and I have decided to support some Republicans, am in position to

give them real support, but I desire to know that the one's I support have no direct or in-direct connections with the outlaw Pendergast organization, or with their Henchmen or subjects. For the past three Years I have been refusing to tolerate the Insurance Scandals, WPA scandals and various other scandals, all of which I have made investigations of and am familiar with, and certain Democratic leaders have refused to co-operate to expose these scandals, as they involve Bennett Clark and many other present Democratic officials.

It is true that we independent Democrats have made some progress in house cleaning, but not sufficient to be satisfactory, as it is necessary that all Pendergast subjects and henchmen be removed from public office, as men who accept orders from the headquarters of the Public enemies should not be permitted to serve in Public offices. Since our State Government, is the most corrupt one in the entire Nation, I feel that it is time for us to forget National affairs until such time, as we have made our own State safe for Democracy, and in this connection, Democrats and Republicans alike should in my opinion co-operate.

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I appreciate your attitude, with respect to the President's action in re-appointing Maurice Milligan, it was very fine that the President granted the request of the people, and that he turned thumbs down on Pendergast and his two lousy United States Senators. There was many efforts put forth over a period of several Months, to insure Milligans Re-appointment and it was a real victory.

For your information I was one of the original organizers for Clark in 1932, and we put him over, with Pendergast opposing him, and then he sold out to Kansas City Life and Pendergast, which is one and the same organization. He perhaps is the greatest asset that Pendergast has today, and he is in neck deep on the Insurance and on other scandals, all of which can not be answered, and we have the goods on him, and with him

heading the State ticket this Year being an off Year, will be the golden opportunity for to elect some good Republicans, and break up the organized corruption in the State.

I was quite a contributor to Tuck Milligan's Senate Campaign in 1934, and Clark sold us out to Pendergast, this in spite of the fact that Clark put him in the race, and the Milligan Supporters all over the State have been deprived of patronage, as Clarks patronage or about 98% of it has been placed at the disposal of Pendergast, E.S. Villmoare Jr. who is the Son of the Vice Pres. of K.C. Life has handled all of the patronage, even the majority of the original Clark men, have been deprived of Patronage, as Pendergast got it thru the K.C. Life and in reciprocation therefor, Pendergast with his man O'Malley, favored the K. C. Life by making them the official fence for the huge Insurance thefts.

It is a fact that the Assets of several solvent Insurance firms have been lodged with K.C. Life, O'Malley and his crooked Lawyers and certain Pendergast Trial Judges, took these holdings from their rightful oweners, this under the False pretense that the firms were insolvent, and that they were acting to protect the policy holders. The entire proceedure is so rotten that no one can tolerate it, and I for one refuse to be a party to covering up such rot, instead I prefer to expose it. The right kind of men nominated on the Republican ticket should be elcted this Year, as many of us Democrats will assist and no doubt, we are in position to furnish information, relative to the vast scandals, which you people dont have the information on. For your further information, I am responsible for the exposure of Dwight Browns irregular handling of the Deposits of State funds, more then a Year ago.

I note that you have voiced your opposition to Pendergast Proceedure many times, and since we are both interested in the same objectives, though happen to be identified with different Political parties, am taking the liberty of writing you, and a sure you that I will co-operate to make the State safe for people to do business again.

Very Sincerely Yours

Chas. L. Dunham