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Hon. I. N. Watson,
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Kansas City,
Missouri.

Dear Mr. Watson:

I have just taken your letter to Governor Caulfield and talked with him about it. He appreciates it very much and has borrowed it to show, confidentially, to some others. I think he intends to write you as soon as he has given it some thought, but he says to tell you that you should have no hesitation in writing to him direct, and he will appreciate your doing so. His address is - 506 Olive Street.

I quite agree that Governor Stark and his friends should be equally interested in the purge. They have the same incentive that we have. But, in addition, Governor Stark is charged with the responsibility of providing honest elections, and I think he sincerely desires to do so.

Judge Douglas has a strong committee in St. Louis. Maybe they are the ones to start an organization. I am not sure whether a bi-partisan effort can succeed, since it might lead to charges that Republicans and Democrats had a secret deal for cooperating in the primary contests.

In St. Louis, we, likewise, have a pad of 25,000 or more. Almost all of it is in excess registrations in private dwellings, and most of those private dwellings are the homes of employees at the City Hall. Canvassers are told that all of the registered parties live at the places where they are registered, and it is virtually impossible to get the names off the books.

In this connection, let me record an observation which I think important. In 1936 I was credited with 772,000 votes. The grand jury revelations in Kansas City show that I must have received many thousands of votes which were counted for Governor Stark. If I received only 15,000 which were not counted for me, I then was given the largest number of votes ever cast for any Republican candidate in the history of our State. Nevertheless, I was supposed to have been defeated by 250,000 votes. The total credited to Stark was 1,031,000. That would indicate that Missouri, with a population of 3,600,000 cast a vote of 1,800,000. This, of course, is virtually impossible, and entirely out of line with the experience in other states. When that vote, however, is broken down by counties and cities, it would indicate that in some cities two-thirds of the entire population voted. When it is broken down still

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further into wards and precincts, we have many instances where the vote was 150% of the total population.

I have been trying to impress on Republican leaders the futility of debating issues, drafting high-class candidates, or talking about getting out our own vote, when elections are being stolen in this wholesale manner. Obviously, the very first thing to be done is to eliminate fraud both in the registration and in the count.

And what a wonderful job you have done in Kansas City toward that end. I wish the public knew how much they owe to your own splendid efforts.

With best personal regards,
Cordially yours,

JWB/CH