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Hon. Jesse .W. Barrett

506 Olive Street;

St. Louis Missouri;

Dear Mr. Barrett.

Further relative our conversations on telephone, and correspon dence about abolishing Pendergastims, in Missouri.

I have contributed sincere and continued efforts in this direction for past few Years, much has been accomplished, but not enough to satisfy me, much more would have been accomplished yesterday, but for the reason that some of my good friends in the Democratic Party hang back on disclosing to the Public facts that should go out.

I desire that the Hon. Judge Frank be returned to the Supreme Court, and as you know his Democratic opponent is a hand picked Pendergast Henchman, Albert Clark Member of the State Senate, and the fact that he is a State Senator and his name being Clark is the principal reason that he did not have more opposition in the Primary, as a fight on him would have injured Bennett Clark.

I also desire that Gov. Caulfield be elected over Bennett Clark, I supported Davis in the primary, I knew from the outset that Meredith was put in the race by the Clark Management, in fact Meredith worked for them from some time last Year, trying to keep any qualified man from entering the race.

I dont know anything about your Candidate for Sup't of Schools, but presume he is a good man, as I always give the Republicans credit with exercising fairly good judgement in the selection of candidates, much better Judgement then the Democrats do. I dont like to see a Pendergast Henchmen Supervise the Schools in Missouri, and I told some of our Gullable leaders that we should oppose him this time, and that the opposition would at least keep him out of the Douglas - Billings fight, but some our all wise fellows felt that he would not indulge in this, but he did oppose Judge Douglas as I predicted he would, I also would like to see him retired from the Public Schools, and that he might go over to K.C. and get a job as R.E. O'Malley did.

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Through hard efforts on the part of a few of us Democrats, we have cracked the Kansas City Machine, also the Dickman Machine, and Victories gained to date are to precious to lose, and in order to prevent the good work from being retarded, I will co-operate with your party this Year, am a Democrat, but I dont owe anything to any faction, am favorable to the National Administration, and thankful to Roosevelt for giving us the Re-appointment of Maurice Milligan, and Pendergast Murray would have long since been gone from the WPA, but some of the Gullable Democrats who really oppose Pendergast to the best of their knowledge and ability, failed to go along with me in this movement several Months ago, this was another move to aid Bennett Clark.

I feel that the State issues are so vital, that it is time for Missourians to dis-regard party lines and National issues and complete the, job of abolishing Pendergastism in the State Government, after which time our State will command more prestige abroad, and the lives

Liberties and properties of the Missouri Citizens will be more safe.

John Hamilton and Jim Farley dont have to live in Missouri, if they did, their attitude might be somewhat similiar to mine, and while the Citizens of this State Both Democrats and Republicans are bending efforts to rid the State of an outright menace to good Goverment, I dont think that they should tell us what to do, or how to do as we surely we Missouris know more about our situation, then they do.

I have an abundance of data, have connections information and also general knowledge of the situation, and I feel that something can be accomplished in the Supreme Court rase and in the U.S. Senate race, I know all about Bennett Clarks Large primary majority, and also just how he come to recieve same. This letter further confirms my statements to you several weeks ago, and you are to know that I dont speak any idle words, I owe my first obligations to my State and to my Nation, and to American principles, I first desire to preserve these liberties which American soldiers have given their earthly all for in three wars, then I will think about preserving some Political Party, or Party organization. I am sincere in my convictions and not like Bennett Clark, when he made a lot of noise about some matters in Congress, and at the same time he was doing more then any other one man to build Pendergastism in Missouri. Only for the fact that we had him busy in his own race, he would have come out in the open for Billings, he did aid Billings all he could under cover.

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Sheet #3.

Within a short time, whenever we have had sufficent time to study the Primary returns, and gather some additional data, I will be glad to see you, and go into the matter of assisting in Mr. Caulfield and Judge Franks election, as in my opinion we can get plenty of Democrats to scratch Clark & Clark, I think I know how to get them. Am merely writing you this letter, that you may know that you can depend on me, and I dont wear gloves in these campaigns, and the Pendergast fellows are all aware of this fact, and I dont want

any of their bribe money or anything else they have to offer, and they have found that I dont get scared out either.

Very soon within the next day or two, I will telephone you for an appointment relative some legitimate Damage Claims I have, and will arrange to bring with me an investigator, which I have on the job assembling evidence and gathering information pertaining to the claims, and these are claims which should in my opinion run into large figures, I can not afford to have an Attorney on them who has any connections with Kansas City or St. Louis Democratic machines , therefore I have decided to discuss the matters with you, as I know that you are not connected with those fellows.

Very Sincerely Yours

Chas. L. Dunham

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