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Mr. Hector Burleigh,  
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Dear Friend:

Thanks for your letter of yesterday. When I told the voters about the corruption of the Pendergast machine I think they thought part of it was just political talk. Since the Kansas City prosecutions and the statements of Governor Stark have convinced them that what I said was true, the way they lined up behind Judge Douglas shows that Pendergastism is on the way out.

I am glad not to be a candidate this year, for one cannot afford to run every time, but we must do the best we can for Governor Caulfield and the others on the ticket. I know you will do your part; then I believe in 1940 we will have the chance to take control at Washington and we can have a happy and prosperous Nation once more.

Hope you are well and that everything goes fine. It was nice to hear from you..

With best wishes,

Yours as ever,

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