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Hon. C.A. Leedy, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Leedy:

I have not heard from Senator Dearmont since writing him. I thought when I informed him that the only time I have seen him in Kansas City was when he was with Mr. Howell and Mrs. Halterman that he would let the matter drop. I do not think it wise to have any controversies between Senator Dearmont and supporters of Senator Wilson in Kansas City. Dearmont would simply tell the people that it was Mr. Pendergast speaking. For that reason I hope there is no publicity given the matter.

I think Senator Wilson is going to be nominated easily. Perhaps Dearmont has gained some votes, but I think he will lose from now on. The thing to do is to consider the fall election. We usually stop and fail to use good judgment after the primaries. The National ticket may be as strong as many people think it is, but I don't think so. I think we should make a straight Missouri fight and have as our issue the redemption of Missouri from Republican misrule. Show the great increase in office holders and taxes in Missouri. The people of Missouri pay very little Federal taxes, but they pay a tremendous state, county and city tax. Headquarters should be at Jefferson City, and should be completely divorced from National headquarters. If we allow the National committee to embroil us in

a National fight and make us the tail of the National kite, we will probably lose Missouri. If we make a straight Missouri fight with a strong chairman and a strong state committee we can carry Missouri.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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