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Honorable Francis M. Wilson,

Platte City, Missouri.

--- Confidential ---

Dear "France":

It is unnecessary for me to tell you I am delighted with the result of the primary. It came out just right.

You will remember our conversation a week ago in which I told you the important thing for you was conciliation. There are some very, very sore spots in this neighborhood.

According to my figures you lost seventeen wards in the city, and seven committeemen who were supporting you were defeated. Dearmont's majority in the city was approximately 6,000.

All three papers have hammered you for a month or six weeks, creating a very bad impression. All this can be overcome by a few men exercising tact and good judgment.

I would undertake the job for you myself, but must leave for a vacation. The doctor has ordered it.

Bennett is the idol of St. Louis. He is your warm personal and political friend. You can rely upon his judgment, and he can probably do more to straighten out your troubles here than anyone else, if he has the time.

He received 66,000 votes to Howell's 10,000 in St. Louis, without even having enough money to distribute cards at the polling places. Howell only carried one ward in the city.

Bennett knows the city and the political value of different men. I confidently expect him to add at least 60,000 votes to the ticket in November, and I hope he will be able to bring these votes to you.

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I was glad to get through without attacking Tom Pendergast or Kansas City, although I did hammer Howell rather vigorously because of his conduct in the campaign of 1928.

I will rewrite the conservation article on the train and send it to you at once. Am glad you are going to play it. It will bring many votes to you.

In haste, I am

Sincerely your friend,

Harry B. Hawes