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Dear Uncle:-

I have seen Judge Weld. I told him that you had devoted 30 years to politics briefing others, and had never asked for an office of any kind before, that you had a host of friends over the state who were much interested in your success in getting the nomination.

He complimented you briefly, said you were a "fighter" etc. He said that he was committed to no one for congress, not even Shannon, that it is a long time to Aug. primary and that when the time come for making commitments, he would be interested in some State offices and no doubt, he

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can, when the time comes make some kind of a trader with you. This is the Best I could get out of course, as I wrote you before, Aylward said he thought that he likely could get Welch for you. Welch said that Jim had talked to him about it.

Casey told me that everyone who in St Louis, who could make a [MS. Illegible], wanted to run for Congress, that while the St. Louis leaders were for Wilson for Gov. were making demands on Pendergast for Candidates for Congress and that Pendergast might have to do something for them in order to hold them in line; that St Louis now has but one Dem. congressman whereas, under the 1930 Census, that were entitled to 4 Congressmen.

The talk is going around that the county people are arguing that they must have their present Dem Congressmen sent back; that some of these Congressmen

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have been in Congress for some time, always lead their tickets in elections and even were one adverse landslides: that unless these men are re-nominated there will be great dissatisfaction in their present districts.

It is better than an even bet that the next President will be a Dem. And that Hay will be the next Mo Senator. There are some fine jobs to be handed ought by the Pres. And, as Hay will be the only Dem. Senator from the States, he ought to be able to hard at least a few of them for his friends; these jobs will be for 4 years. Congress is 2 years I think you ought to think over

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the proposition of managing up campaign. While that would be work it wouldn't require half as much work and worry as running for Congress and for less expenditure of money.

Fay is no better. The Dr. wants her to go to the Hospital for treatments. She will probably go there in a day or two

Remember me to Aunt Maude

Yours truly,

Ewing C Bland

[P.S.]

Some friends pat you on your back when you express a desire to run for office, and tell you “sure, you will win.” But these are not true friends I have written you my view of the situation after carefully thinking over the situation and talking it over with others. I have no motive in telling you what I think except to advise you as a friend. There is no me who I would rather see realize an ambitious like this and if you decide to run you can count on my help whatever it may amount to.