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Ambassador Hotel

Washington, D. C.

January 18, 1937.

Miss Marie Plummer

Kansas City Court of Appeals

Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Marie:

Your air mail letter of the 15th received. I also have received the magazines which you returned and which reached me in good condition and the clipping about vegetables and flowers growing in California without soil, and the clipping concerning the indictments for frauds in elections. I am VERY MUCH INTERESTED in the work of the Grand Jury and in the trial of those indicted and I hope you will send me all newspaper articles you see concerning them.

Concerning your position:

1. I did not send the Judge's letter to his house but dropped it in the mail at the same moment I put yours in. I do not know why they did not reach the Court at the same time.

2. I advise you to be very cautious about making threats. It would not cost over \$50 to have you assassinated, and if you were certainly nothing would be done about it. And I believe it very important that you should not go about, either day or night, for several weeks unless you have someone with you.

3. I really believe you might be happier out of the Court even though you might have to work for a far less salary and at a job where the work would be harder. You have been under a nervous strain at the Court now for a good while, and certainly since this

blow-up you will have no peace of mind there. All the experts seem to think the country is headed for a boom and you might be surprised in the character of place you could secure in business channels. Of course, I must say, it would be a surprise to me if you were able to get a satisfactory place that would pay you over \$100 a month.

4. I hope you may be able to get some outside influence, but I do not expect it. I think you are going to have to depend entirely on Judge Bland. I do not quite see what good a letter from the Governor would do, but perhaps it would be of assistance.

5. You say Judge Bland asked you if you thought I would approve of you obligating yourself to the Pendergast faction. I would NOT approve of anyone obligating himself to that corrupt outfit and I urged Judge several years ago to have nothing to do with them.

6. I did not intend for you to let the Judge know that I sent you a copy of my letter to him. The indication that a copy was sent to you was put

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only on the carbon and not on his letter. However, I do not see that it makes any difference. But I do want the carbon which you have returned to me and I enclose an envelope for that purpose, and I do want you to be most careful hereafter not to mention any of the contents of the letter.

7. I do not know of another thing I can do in your behalf. If I did I certainly would do it. But I am in very bad grace with all the gang, not only in Kansas City but through the state and it would do you more harm than good if I tried to influence any of them.

8. I suggest this: That you try to have it agreed that you must stay until October 1st. If this cannot be done, get as much time as you can — a month, month and a half, or two months, with the understanding that you may have some time off to look for a job.

9. If the worst comes to the worst and you have to leave, I earnestly suggest that you go in and tell Judge Bland that you are grateful to him for the ten years you have had in the office. There is no doubt that holding this position for the particular ten years was of much benefit to you. You certainly would have been at great disadvantage with an ordinary position during the years when your mother required so much attention and expense. Moreover, if you had been on the outside during the past seven years of the depression, any job which you could have secured would have paid you far less and during that time you have had a good salary although prices were exceedingly low. If you do not thank the Judge, I think he will have grounds for criticizing you which I would rather he would not have, and also it is really the decent thing to do.

Don't fail to let me know promptly if you think of anything else I can do. Good luck!
Hastily yours,