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Hon. Ralph F. Lozier,

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Bear Mr. Lozier:

No doubt you have noticed the recent comment in the newspapers concerning the possible candidacy of Aylward for Senator, and while I have no inside information it looks to me as though Pendergast has made up his mind to have a real candidate, and furthermore there is evidence that Mayor Dickmann of St. Louis is in on the deal, and that if Aylward enters he will have these two powerful machines behind him.

I haven't talked to Mr. Hulen for several days, but if Aylward gets in I don't believe that Hulen will announce, for I think he believes that in the latter event the picture which existed previously will have been materially changed.

It is possible that I will have to be in Washington during the next two or three weeks, and then we will talk the whole matter over first hand, and meanwhile I will be glad to have any confidential comments you may care to send me. With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

William Hirth

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