

August 16, 1932.

Colonel Bennett Clark,  
506 Olive St.,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Bennett:

Well, Ike Dunlap came in to see me this morning. He showed me just two things:

One was what he claimed was an excerpt from a letter he had written in which he had been so generous as to recommend me to Roosevelt for a cabinet job.

The other was about a five line letter from Roosevelt in which Roosevelt said some complimentary things about me, and added that he hoped T.J. would come to see him, or sane words to that effect.

Ed Villmoare talked with me over the phone and said he thought Dunlap had several other letters, but if he has them, he did not show them to me.

This important gentleman also said that he expected Roosevelt to make a trip through the State. He was going to invite you and me, and one or two others were named. Whom I have forgotten, to accompany Roosevelt on the trip. Manifestly, he was assuming the position of representative of our candidate. I told him that I was much obliged, but was not looking for anyone to intercede for me with Mr. Roosevelt on any matter, and whether I joined the contemplated trip or not would depend cm the character of the invitation I would receive.

Of course, Dunlap is simply a plain damn fool. But he managed to make some trouble before, and unless he is pretty thoroughly squelched at National Headquarters, he may make us some trouble here.

I have a letter from Mrs. Maude V. Henderson of La Plata, whom you know. She says she would like to take an active part in the campaign in this state, and asked me to call your attention to her desire. I think she is an unusually bright woman, and that she can be of some genuine service.

Sincerely yours,