

December 7, 1937.

Hon. Harry S, Truman, United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Harry:

I assume that you have seen the enclosed article which was written by Duke Shoop, and which appeared in the Kansas City Times of December 1, 1937. If this article is no more authentic than some of the articles that Duke wrote on how London was sure to win the 1936 election, then this is just another article.

Of course, you are aware of the fact that the Kansas City Star and the St. Louis Post Dispatch are especially interested in seeing Milligan retained as United States attorney at Kansas City, and, of course, I know that you are anxious to see him go because he is not your appointee and you certainly are entitled to this patronage.

The newspapers, however, are trying to implant in the public mind that you desire the removal of Milligan for the purpose of stifling the prosecution of the election fraud cases. They are thus preparing to make it appear that if you demand the removal of Milligan you are an exponent of election frauds and, of course, they will want this as an issue to be used against you in your campaign for re-election in 1940. All of this I am quite sure is quite clear to you.

It seems to me that a shrewd move on your part would be to request the President to appoint a United States attorney at Kansas City, a man of your choosing, but with the request that Milligan be retained as special prosecutor of the vote fraud cases. In making this request of the President you could issue a statement denouncing election frauds and, by personally requesting that Milligan be retained as special prosecutor of these cases, you will, in my opinion, deflate the newspapers who are attempting to build you up as an exponent of crooked elections. By pursuing the above course I think the public will readily understand that you are entitled to name a United States attorney and a United States marshal at Kansas City of your own choosing and that you do not countenance crooked elections. If you should pursue the above course, I don't see how it would be possible for the President to turn you down in your request for the appointment of a new United States attorney.

I am offering you the foregoing suggestion for whatever it may be worth. I believe it is

the practical my to handle this natter and to accomplish your desire to have Milligan removed and at the same time deflate the newspapers in their attempt to smear you in your campaign for re-election.

I do not knew whether this suggestion is worth anything or not, but I am offering it for your consideration.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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