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Mr. James Pendergast

1107 Commerce Trust Building

Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Jim:

I have been making inquiries since my return to Washington about the possibility of your renewing your commission in the Army. They are taking applications here for reinstatement, but as yet have not made any appointments—I understand a few have been made, but generally speaking, practically none.

I have obtained from Lieutenant Colonel John Uncles, a personnel officer for the Field Artillery, the enclosed questionnaire which is to be addressed to the Adjutant General. I believe that better results can be obtained by your mailing it back to me. If you would be interested in immediately taking active duty, I wish that you would airmail the application back to me and also your comments on just when you would be able to report for active duty. We would have to know your decision in the matter and take it up with the General not later than Wednesday or Thursday.

There is a man here in Washington who is our friend who has just been made a Brigadier General and is to be placed in charge of a new department pertaining to operations in the Far East. This General is in a position of being able to request certain Qualified men to be on his staff, and I believe (and so does the Senator) that we could have your application acted upon favorably and a commission as Major issued. However, as I stated before, it would scan immediate duty with the possibility of such duty being in the actual combat zone.

I read with particular interest your talk down on 15th Street, and it looks like it really is going to be a good old-time hot campaign, but with the other side split, I sure do hope our people get in. I have heard from Tommy Walsh and understand our club is going along in good shape.

Jules Kohn called me the other day about the possibility of his representing some concern and coming on to Washington if he could depend upon receiving assistance here. I wired him back to come on and that the Senator and myself would help him in

every way. Since then I have been watching for his arrival so if he has not left, tell him to drop me a note about his plans.

When Walsh was up here with Jules he was full of promises about giving us some patronage, so the Senator sent in the names of some of our people but, of course, they have not received any appointments.

Leon Henderson said that he was going to consult both the Senators on the civilian personnel, particularly on the state director, but as yet hasn't done so.

Well, Jim, let know immediately on how you feel about this Amy commission. It is not certain that it can be obtained for you; however, I believe it entirely possible and very probably that it can be arranged. So if you desire to take a shot at it, return this questionnaire to me at once by return airmail.

The Senator sends his best regards.

With best personal regards to you and your family,

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Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM M. BOYLE

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