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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
OFFICE OF THE PROBATION OFFICER Western District of Missouri

July 17, 1940

Hon. Merrill E. Otis U. S. District Judge U. S. Court House Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Judge Otis:

Reference is made to your letter of July 10, 1940 calling the attention of this office to an article which appeared in the press to the effect that Thomas J. Pendergast has violated the terms of probation in that he has participated, directly or indirectly, in political activities since his period of probation began, and particularly that he has, through his nephew, Jimmy Pendergast, directed the political campaign of Hon. Harry Truman, candidate for Democratic nomination for United States Senate.

This is to advise that I have made careful inquiry and investigation of all information brought to the attention of this office, and have also investigated rumors and intimations and have made inquiry of persons who might be in a position to have knowledge of any such political activities, and I have been unable to discover any evidence competent in any court to prove that Mr. Pendergast has either directly or indirectly taken part in any political activities.

In the future this office will continue to make investigations of any reports or information received, to be certain that all of the conditions of probation imposed in this case shall be complied with strictly and faithfully.

Respectfully,

Lewis J Grout

Chief U. S. Probation Officer

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A. L. ARNOLD, Clerk

By M. C. Hawkins, Deputy