



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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GEORGE GLENN HATCHER
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Hon. Joseph Harkins, Sr. and Jr.
Prestonsburg, Kentucky

Confidential

Dear Joe:

I expect to be in your vicinity in the next few days and if possible and convenient to you, I want to see you. If I should not be able to contact you as planned, I want to see you at an early date, either there or if and when you are in Frankfort.

It is important that we get our heads together before you and I commit ourselves concerning the Governor's race. There are many things which we should discuss before any definite course to pursue is decided upon.

I want you to be for me for Governor. If enough of my friends are for me and I have a chance to become a winning candidate, I can assure you that I will make a decision at the proper time. Much ground work has already been laid in many parts of the State during the past two or three years. Strong leaders and organizers say that I have the best chance of anyone to win on account of my Eastern Kentucky natural strength, and general connections with assurance of organized support in other strong Democratic centers. I have told my friends and organization leaders in other parts of the State that I might make myself available if assured of victory. By the solid backing of you and my friends in Eastern Kentucky, we have the opportunity of a life time to really help and serve our people. By organized promotion Eastern Kentucky can place me where I can win.

I want to talk these matters over with you. You are an important factor in determining my future course. Now is the time to "strike while the iron is hot". The favors which I would have to offer, should I run and be elected, are many and not promised. I would then be in a position to really help my friends and our section of the State. You would not have to deal with me "second handed" either. We must organize to win, regardless of publicity and actions of others.

A letter from you will be appreciated.

Best wishes until I see you.

Your old friend,

George Glenn Hatcher
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Have depending on you. An organized Eastern Kentucky means victory for me.