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Dear Farris:

I congratulate you on the fruitful meeting held last Saturday. I feel that you have things well organized and am ashamed that we have not contributed more effort and kind locally, a situation which will soon be remedied.

I talked at length with Jack Laurance yesterday and asked him if the group of contractors that we met with on September 24th had made a decision. He advised that the group had decided to wait until all the candidates had been announced and then would pool their money and efforts on behalf of the one selected. He told me very emphatically that everybody was much impressed with you and he felt confident that you would get the group's support. He individually will be a part of our organization and promises a contribution before long. He said that the group would not contribute until after February 15th.

The enclosed list will show the names and addresses of those persons you met and talked with. At your convenience, please write them your usual fine letter.

When the St. Petersburg group selects its chairman and other committee heads, I shall meet with them and co-ordinate our efforts with theirs. I can promise you a friction-free county wide organization. I would be in agreement to let the South Pinellas boys dominate the picture in order that some unpleasant experiences of the past can be avoided. We shall have a local organization composed of leaders from Largo, Clearwater and Dunedin, and a separate organization in Tarpon Springs.

I have received a copy of Stuart Mann's October 8th letter inviting you to speak to the Dunedin Democratic Group on Monday, January 25th, and also to talk to the Dunedin Rotary Club the next day. At about that time, doubtless you will have several hundred different places you should be and if so, a letter from you to Stuart and I shall supplement it by telling them of your busy schedule. However, if it does work into your program, we

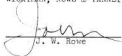
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could plan a big meeting for Monday night, a breakfast the next morning for workers, you could speak to the Rotary Club at noon and be on your way early afternoon. Frankly, I don't think it is necessary, but we could use the opportunity to meet with your campaign workers.

Best of luck to you, busy boy, and keep going.

Cordially

WIGHTMAN, HOWE & TANNEY



J. W. Rowe

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F.S. Farris, for Gawd's-sake, let's sweeten the pot of pork chop.

J.W.R.