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Dear Farris:

Now that the excitement is over and the Republicans have taught us how to politic in Pinellas County, it seems to me that it might be wise to start working up your committee in Pinellas County for your race for governor in '56.

If there is any assistance that I can give you, I, of course, want you to call on me. Just by way of suggestion, I thought that it might be wise as soon as possible for you to contact your known supporters in and around St. Petersburg and build up a nucleus of an organization, assign each of your known supporters a definite territory to be responsible for and have him go into that territory and organize it, eventually carrying the organization down to a city block.

One of the big troubles with the Democrats that I have observed here is the lack of organization, particularly on the precinct level, and I find it totally lacking below the precinct level. If such an organization were started now, with plenty of time to work and no pressure, in my opinion, it would be ready to go when the campaign starts in January of '56. Also, it seems to me that if the organizational work were started now, a much smaller demand on the time of any individual would be made when it is time to go to work in January '56.

If you agree with these sentiments, I want you to know that I am ready to accept any responsibility that you want to place on me and do anything that I can to assist.

We enjoyed having dinner with you and Julia and are sorry that you were so pressed for time and had to leave so soon.

Sincerely,



J. A. McClure, Jr.