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Dear Sam:

I am hearing quite a good deal about prospective candidates for Governor. Among those mentioned it seems almost certain that Leub Gov. West is determined to make the race. I do not think he will be elected, but I am quite certain he will run.

His candidacy for the Governorship leaves the Lieut. Governorship without an incumbent. I am wondering if you would consider making the race. If you should let it get out from your close friends that you are considering making the race or that you are even keeping the idea of such an attitude on your part, would I believe have the effect of shutting off all other prospects. Even with active opposition, I feel certain you could be elected without any very great effort or worry.

If you will consider becoming a candidate,
and will allow me to so state, I think I
can practically present the City for you.

It is not my intention at this time to make
any definite announcements or do any big public
talking, but merely to drop it to get fully & timely
that you may become a candidate.

I am writing this letter in long hand
because I wish it to be a communication
strictly confidential between us.

I am sorry I could not support
your friend, Wells, in fact. I opposed
him openly, but it sometimes happens that
my friend's friends are not my friends.

Wells has never been popular in Boston
He never had any opposition before of any
consequence.

Let me hear from you.

Your friend
Joseph W. Whitwood

