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Hon Geo W Stewart

Visalia, Cal.

Dear friend:--I have been intending for some days to write you again about the Congressional matter, but one thing and another has delayed it from day to day.

When in San Francisco some time ago, I saw some people of influence, and find that I have good support in that direction. A week ago I was in Los Angeles and gained some further information that was fairly satisfactory. Some matters there are still unsettled, but I think they will turn out my way. Am going down again tomorrow night and will go over the ground some what again.

On the whole the out look is encouraging, and I think I will begin to do some systematic work. I feel that I should be getting something done by the press, and in that direction I need some assistance and suggestion. I wish you would advise me where I can get some work done and how to go about it. I am handicapped by having an ownership in the ECHO. Some of my friends here have been going over the matter with me and they think something along the line of the enclosed article should be published in some good Republican paper and generally circulated, to be followed by other rather impersonal articles. What do you think of the idea?

I do not know how far you want to mix in my affairs. Certainly not enough to injure yourself in anyway. But if you feel like advising with me some on the quiet, I will arrange for a conference at an early date.

Very truly
S. C. Smith