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Mr. Amon G. Carter
Ft, Worth, Texas
My dear Sir:

Following some what your political views and being for anything or anybody who get on Jim ~~Ferguson's trail~~, I am suggesting that if possible get hold of the private records as Ghent Sanderford has them in his office. Mrs. Ferguson has done a lot more pardoning than the public records show. I have it from Mr. J. R. Reynolds who made a study of the prison system for his thesis for graduation from the University of Texas and this information is contained in his thesis for the period up to June first of 1925. There were about 2000 pardons and paroles and other uses of that power used up to that time. He had access to these records being on friendly terms with Sanderford. I am not at liberty to grant the use of Mr. Reynolds name in this, but the record is there in his thesis. I do not care to have my own name used because I am in a hotbed of Fergusonites, and I do not care to stir up trouble for myself. Mr. Reynolds got the information on the condition that the records would not be shown to reporters. If the records are run it might be found that the private secretary to the Governor is about as crooked as one could be. But the record is there.

I have given you names and dates that you might know that this is not any assumption. You will please not use my name nor Mr. Reynolds if you can use this information. If not it will be all right. I am for a clean government everywhere all the time.

very truly yours,

R. E. Morris