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Dear Jim:

Thanks for the supply of the new stationary which I think is great.

I sent you the 10-18-85 Salt Lake Tribune item reporting on the proposal of Merrill A. Cook for a split-tax property tax. Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Mr. Cook. City government elections are non-partisan for most Utah cities including Salt Lake City, but this does not prevent political party involvement. Cook is a Republican and he is running against a Democrat, Mayor Palmer DePaulis. Governor Bangerter is Republican and both the house and senate of the legislature have heavy Republican majorities. D. Michael Stewart, Chairman of the Salt Lake County Commission is also Republican. This leaves only DePaulis as a Democrat in a major office in the state. He is popular and of now in the polls he is leading Cook by a margin of two to one. The split-tax issue has the potential for making the Salt Lake City race a really interesting one for the last two weeks of the campaign.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated 10-16-85 sent by Mike Stewart to Governor Bangerter, sent to me as a blind copy. I will talk to our ISTA member, Harold Hiskey, about the idea of promoting Iron County as the rural county if a study is made, in analyzing a tax shift. Harold is Dean of the School of Business at SUSC, a member of the city council of Cedar City and a member of a state committee studying the property tax. Iron County is both an agricultural county and one with a potential mining future with its iron ore deposits, although the iron mines are now inactive. It appears that we may be getting new opportunities to advance understanding. I hope that we will be able to make the most of them.

Sincerely,

cc: Steve Cord
Bob Clancy ✓



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