McKenzie, Alexander January 27, 1890

Hill to Hon. Gilbert Pierce, U.S. Senate

"I saw Alex Saturday night and after going carefully over the whole ground, we both concluded that Thomas was decidedly the best man for the place and Ball next, if he can be confirmed. Personally I have nothing against him but should opposition bring out the latter's connection with both roads in Northern Dakota the result would probably defeat him and put your friends in wrong position making it bad all round. Alex left last night for Bismarck."

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