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TO: RUDOLPH HALLEY

FROM: JOHN M. McCORMICK

DIGEST TESTIMONY MORRIS "SNAG" KLEIN

States that he was in partners with Charles Binaggio in the following companies:

Missouri Electric and Construction Company
Ace Sales and Equipment Company

He also was in partners in a gambling operation with Binaggio at Green Hills. Stated that he is a partner in the Stork Club, Council Bluffs, Iowa, in partners with Charles Hutter, George Beskas and Eddy Spitz. He was alleged to have bought a one-half interest for \$20,000 and the following day sold 50% interest to four other fellows for \$20,000.

Was a partner in the Last Chance Gambling Casino, his percentage at various times depending upon the number of partners involved. Some of the partners were Spitz, Lococo, Gargotta, Frelander and McElroy. Was engaged in the wire service business along with Spitz, Gargotta and Lococo. He sold his interest in the wire service for \$3,000 just prior to his entering federal penitentiary.

Stated to his knowledge James Balestrere never had a financial interest in the Green Hills Gambling Casino. Has known Charles Binaggio for twenty years and has worked for him as a precinct captain and has also handled advertising, securing of cars, gasoline and having ballots printed.

He was also engaged in a crap game at 1711 E. 9th Street and also at 9th and Main Street, at the Kay Hotel. He has a brother by the name of Gus Klein, who along with Homer Cooper purchased from Mickey Cohen, known hoodlum, Tony's Barbeque Stand, previously known as the La Brea Club in California. Snag Klein stated he loaned his brother money to purchase equipment, whiskey, etc.

Denied any knowledge of knowing the Fischetti's, Accardo, Joe Bitters or any of the Capone mob. However, he did state that Frank Capolla, recently deported, had frequented his club on one or two occasions.

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