

September 25, 1950

WALT RAINEY

Walt Rainey came in today with George H. Maitland, his attorney, telephone Victor 4312. Rainey had little to add to testimony previously given. He did say that he enjoyed his "favors in the county territory", for the reason he was a member of the Rabbit Club. The Rabbit Club, he explained, is the Shannon political faction. One of the sheriffs in recent years had been a Shannon man and received in exchange for their political support the privileges of operating in the county territory. Rainey claims he has never been associated with the Italians until Binaggio came to power.

He is now under indictment in State Court for operating a policy game in connection with Jaben and Johnny Mag and is under indictment in Federal Court for tax fraud.

He stated he is anxious to leave town for Colorado, New York and other points in order to locate witnesses for his defense in the tax case. It was agreed that we would call his lawyer Wednesday and let him know whether he would be needed.

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