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Mr Halley:

The following information rc'v'd today from Dominick Binaggio, Bro. of Chas. (deceased) & Victor, Son of Dominick.

On a Sunday – about one week or ten days before B's murder (April 5), B received a telephone call from *[written in margin * - Moran was big time gambler here under Rule of Both Prendergasts. Said to be close to Boyle & other Natl. political figures.] Tim Moran at Washington & Victor & one other reliable person, an informer of mine, were present at B's home when the call was rc'v'd.

After the conversation on the 'phone B told these people Moran had instructed B to support the Prendergast ticket (Allison) & retire to the 5th Ward. In exchange, Moran is alleged to have said, Goldschein's Grand Jury would fold up – Lococo, Gizzo, Balestrere, & others of the inner circle would either not be indicted at all – or else would only have to pay a small fine on their tax violations. Moran was supposed to have been relaying these orders from Boyle. B. Said he would seriously "consider" this – believing then he too was about to be indicted - & this inspired the story of his projected move to New Mexico, where he actually was negotiating with Chavez, et al, on the pumice deal.

Since B's death the entire mob has switched from Hennings (B's candidate) to Allison, the movement being spearheaded by Gizzo. The reward for this, if Allison is elected, is to be the

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washing out of the tax cases – pending & projected, against all concerned.

This political about face is not strange in any case as the boys had formerly deserted Prendergast for Binaggio & there is no point in riding a dead horse.

Hennings, with aid of his friend Tom Bash, one time Sheriff & Italian mob foe, plans to make a vigorous fight at the Aug 1 primaries in the 5th (north side Italian) Ward although his workers have been warned to stay out of the Ward on election day. Henning's workers expect considerable violence that day.

Dominick B. also said he blamed the Jews (Spitz, Klein, Jaben, et al) for his brother's death as the dominant Italians of the Organization bitterly resented their build-up, fat partnerships, protection, etc., afforded them by Binaggio. Dominick says Spitz was liaison with the police for B. & also probably handled most of B's political campaign assessments during the Smith Campaign. My information says B. stated publicly he spent 150,000.00 in that election. Spitz is also supposed to have stolen some of this money & received a bad time from B. as a result. This may be where the missing St. Louis money went.

Dominick B. is 51 yrs, family man, proprietor of Soap & insecticide factory here. Under the Late, unlamented John Lazia, he occupied a position

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similar to that of his bro., Charlie, but got out of rackets & cleaned himself up (he says) about 1937. He is bitter against The Mafia element here which he says is headed by Jim Balestrere. He says there is no doubt but that the Italian witnesses we had before the Com. here controlled the city criminal elements. Dominick states he has no doubt whatsoever that Sheriff Purdone not only knows full details of the actual Ballott Theft, but that he won probably also in on the planning of the job. Purdone is also supposed to have fixed his tax case. He belongs to the Shannon faction, now aligned with Prendergast behind Allison.

Dominick says all “decent” Italians here are convinced the fix is in & that the Mafia has once again demonstrated they are stronger than law & order. Of Sam Wear, U.S. Atty., he says he is Prendergast’s Boy, so that young Jim won’t need to walk further than the court house for the fix is Max Goldschein does not return. Goldschein’s departure is said to have been predicted by Prendergast & his following following the recapitulation of the Binaggio forces. Apparently Max created a terrific impression hereabouts – had all the hoodlums terrified they were to be next.

D. B. says Riman was killed by the Blando forces over a Schenly whiskey franchise. Blando is close relative of D. Giovanni’s. Both

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Take orders from Balestrere, as do the Delucas.

Most of these Mafista lied blatantly to the Com. re their background, finances, criminal records, etc., & it would have a most wholesome effect if we could take the time to cite them for perjury during the next hearings.

J. DeLuca gave the reporters the Sicilian “son of a bitch” sign in the corridor & was photographed doing so. Scarface DiGiovanni gave a Star Reporter the throat slitting sign – all of which demonstrates the arrogances [*text stricken through*] and self confidence of these entrenched criminals.

Dominick will not testify to anything – nor will any other [*text stricken through*] informed Italian here. They know it would be sure & sudden death & they have no confidence in the ability of the gov’t to protect them (And I don’t blame them).

As to Police Chief Johnson, Dominick scoffs at any allegation he is honest, saying the Chief was frequently a guest in the homes of Both Binaggio & Gizzo.

I am convinced of the sincerity of these informants in their belief considerable violence will occur in the 5th Ward Aug 1 & it might, therefore be considered advisable to alert the FBI (as it is a Natl. election) on the chance they might seize this opportunity to nip

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another Ballot Fraud in the bud.

If you consider we have any jurisdiction I’d be glad to pose as a Henning worker, for example, & see who tries to intimidate me & how. But I suppose that’s a FBI core, if anyones.

Received a call from Mohler of St Louis telephone Box today (Sunday). He said Lou (Red) Smith had just returned from his "vacation" & would gladly accept service of subpoena. I told him I'd try & get around to Red sometime next week.

I'm to get busy on locating Burke & Burns, CPS characters involved in the TransAmerica changeover in '46 & will try for an explanation of why The Sheriff & Police of both KC & St Louis suppressed the complaints of violence at that time. – Pls get as much of a run down from Virgil Peterson on these personalities as available.

Dominick & I worked our way thru a bottle during the foregoing recital & I feel he was trying to tell the truth insofar as he knew it. I forgot to mention he believes Charley's knockoff was planned (& maybe executed) by Gizzo, or similar close associate after getting the ok from Chicago & St Louis hoods.

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I can always use Mike Malone if you don't have something more important for him to do.