

MEMORANDUM

August 28, 1950

TO: Mr. Harold G. Robinson

FROM: Mr. John N. McCormick

Today I conferred with Mr. Hurley Daily of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company and a former City Councilman. Mr. Daily stated that he has not been active in politics for some time and is not too well acquainted with the present day political situation in Kansas City.

Mr. Daily stated that in 1937 there were sixty thousand ghost votes on the Kansas City books. Mr. Daily stated that he had received information from a friend (Mrs. Leila Langley, 3900 Park Avenue) that prior to 1946 election, John Pew, a local attorney, had received fifty thousand one dollar bills from Bob Henegan for distribution amongst the ward captains for the purpose of buying votes. Mr. Daily said that it was a general procedure that in a primary, votes could be bought for fifty cents and general election one dollar.

In regards to the stealing of the ballots of which Morris "Snag" Klein is now in Leavenworth, Mr. Daily said it would be advisable to contact Edward C. Wright living on Maple Avenue, Independence, Missouri. Mr. Wright served on the Grand Jury and was a hard worker on this case. Mr. Wright is out of town at present and could not be contacted. He is expected back the latter part of this week.

Mr. Daily has given the Binaggio killing considerable thought and as a power of suggestion offered the following solution. He stated that some years back John Lazia had cut up Tom Pendergast and put him in the hospital. When Pendergast came out of the hospital it was reported that he paid \$2500.00 to have Lazia killed. When Lazia who at that time was the major domo of crime element in Kansas City, was killed, his spot was taken over by Charles Carrolla, under whom Charles Binaggio worked as one of his lieutenants. When Carrolla went to the penitentiary Binaggio took over his spot and became a power at once. When Carrolla left the penitentiary and attempted to gain his former status he was given a cold shoulder and chased out. Mr. Daily is of the opinion that Carrolla and Pendergast are the two men behind the scene. This is strictly hearsay. Nothing reliable, and is based on his opinion at the present time until looked into further.