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Re San Antonio letter dated July 14, 1955, requesting the comments of the Legat Attache as to the background of Lic. JAVIER ROJO GOMEZ and Professors MANUEL HERRERA ANGELES and RODOLFO ENCISO.

U. S. Embassy files, Mexico City, reflect that JAVIER ROJO GOMEZ was born in Bondonjito, Hidalgo in 1898, of Spanish-Indian descent. He graduated from the National Law School in 1922. From 1922 to 1934, he held various minor positions in the District Courts in the State of Hidalgo and in Mexico City. When General LAZARO CARDENAS became President in 1934, the new administration used JAVIER ROJO GOMEZ as a candidate for the Governor of Hidalgo. (While Embassy files were not specific, it appeared that ROJO GOMEZ was elected Governor of Hidalgo.) This information further disclosed that during the campaign of President AVILA CAMACHO, ROJO GOMEZ supported this candidacy with all the available state funds, and he depleted the treasury but assured himself a position under AVILA CAMACHO. As a reward, he was made head of the Department of the Federal District which is variously referred to as Mayor or Governor of the Federal District.

Embassy files in a report dated November 19, 1943, stated that ROJO GOMEZ was charged with using his political position to profiteer on articles of prime necessity, such as charcoal, food, etc. This stated that he may be said to be a leftist but has no connections with international radical movements. It said he is a Catholic but not devout.

Former Confidential Informant [XMX-191] of unknown reliability, advised that on September 6, 1944, several leaders of the Mexican Communist Party interviewed several department heads of the Ministry of Education in order to secure the

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Let. to Director, FBI
Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF MEXICO
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August 29, 1955

"I would have recognized as my duty the assistance at her wake and accompanied her on her last sojourn, thus to comfort her family as is done among friends.

"I am called Red; I am not..."

The article described JAVIER ROJO GOMEZ as ex-regent of the city and one of the most vigorous personalities among the revolutionaries "a la Mexicana."

Confidential Informant [MEX-1] advised that while JAVIER ROJO GOMEZ was head of the Government of the Federal District, he was considered anti-Communist. He named his cousin, Colonel JOSE GOMEZ ANAYA, as Chief of the Secret Service and instructed him to use strong-armed methods against the Communists. According to this source, ROJO GOMEZ is not known to associate with the Communists or to be sympathetic with the Communists at the present time. (X)(u)

J. JESUS GALINDO VAZQUEZ, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is ex-Assistant Chief of the Mexican Secret Service Police, advised that he occupied this position while the first cousin of JAVIER ROJO GOMEZ, Colonel JOSE GOMEZ ANAYA, was Chief of the Secret Service and during the period that ROJO GOMEZ was head of the Government of the Federal District, which was from 1943 to 1946. GALINDO VAZQUEZ stated that JAVIER ROJO GOMEZ was very anti-Communist and under his instructions the Secret Service Police were sent out all the time to harass the Communists. GALINDO VAZQUEZ stated that ROJO GOMEZ was an enemy of VICENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO and referred to him as a simple charlatan. (X)(u)

GALINDO VAZQUEZ stated that during the time JAVIER ROJO GOMEZ was head of the Government of the Federal District, the Colonias La joyita and Bondonjito were formed and the land in these two tracts was sold at 2 pesos a meter to members of the police force and government employees. He stated he feels certain that JAVIER ROJO GOMEZ never gave any of this land to the Communist Party but stated it was possible that they could have secured some of the land through a member of the Party who was also a government employee or police officer. (X)(u)

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Former C.P. member

Regarding MANUEL HERRERA ANGELES, the Mexico City daily, "El Universal," dated May 20, 1941, stated that MANUEL HERRERA ANGELES, Secretary of Internal Affairs of the Schoolteachers Union, and three others had, on the previous day, sent to the National Congress of the Communist Party of Mexico their resignations as members of this Party. They gave as their reasons that the Communist Party of Mexico had not been properly organized, former vices had not been corrected, and they were not in accord with its policy regarding international affairs.

The Mexico City daily, "La Prensa," dated May 18, 1944, carried an article reportedly based on information furnished by some members of the Schoolteachers Union regarding the Communist Group within this union. This stated that at a secret session of the Communist teachers, some were awarded the Dionisio Encina "medal" as prizes. Among those listed by the article as receiving this medal were MANUEL HERRERA ANGELES and RODOLFO ENCISO. Mex

DIONISIO ENCINA has been Secretary General of the Mexican Communist Party since 1940. However, this office has never heard of a Dionisio Encina "medal," other than in the article mentioned above.

The files of this office contain information Mex attributed to SIS-239 in early 1945 that JACOBO HURWITZ was instrumental in the formation of a book club under the name of Club del Libro "Mexico." Among the numerous members listed was the name MANUEL HERRERA ANGELES, Rio Blanco #190, Mexico, D. F. HURWITZ has been identified as a long-time Comintern agent.

The files further reflect that RODOLFO ENCISO was one of the promoters of the American Continental Congress for Peace held in Mexico City September 5 - 11, 1949. Legat and Embassy files contain no additional information on either MANUEL HERRERA ANGELES or RODOLFO ENCISO. *MEX-14 has advised that neither of these men is believed to have any Communist connections or sympathies at this time.]X(u)

Additional copies of this communication are being enclosed for the information of the San Antonio Office (100-8061).

Pending.