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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Confidential informants have advised that Dallas Chapter of G. I. Forum was controlled and dominated by persons known to them to be CP members from its inception in Sept., 1954, to Summer of 1955. According to these informants, this chapter is still infiltrated with CP members and CP still has desire to control it, but CP members no longer control and dominate it. At present, no CP members hold office in Dallas Chapter, G. I. Forum. RUTH LOWERY and NATALIE ROSS, CP members, now officers in Ladies Auxiliary of instant chapter. Over past several months, 8 CP members, JOE LANDIN, MARGARET LANDIN, WILLIAM LOWERY, RUTH LOWERY, EDWOOD ROSS, NATALIE ROSS, FELIX BOTELLO and VIRGINIA BOTELLO have been very active in affairs of instant Forum chapter. At present, 5 CP members are still so active. AUGUSTIN ESTRADA, head of CP in Dallas, still attempts, through CP members who attend Forum meetings, to influence other G. I. Forum members.

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Meeting of G. I. Forum, Dallas Chapter  
August 22, 1955

T-4, on August 23, 1955, advised that the Dallas Chapter held a meeting at 2500 North Harwood on August 22, 1955, which was presided over by EDMUND VILLASANA, Chairman. Informant stated that 10 persons were present and that of the 10, 2 were CP members. At this meeting, a discussion was held concerning the Travis School issue on which no action was taken. A committee was appointed to check into the recent accidental deaths of 4 Latin-American workers who were killed in the cave-in of a ditch in West Dallas.

T-1, on August 23, 1955, advised that the Ladies Auxiliary of the Dallas Chapter, G. I. Forum, held its meeting on August 22, 1955, which was attended by 5 individuals. The group discussed means of securing additional members. At this meeting, VIRGINIA VILLASANA, wife of G. I. Forum Chairman EDMUND VILLASANA, made the remark that it is possible the G. I. Forum in Dallas did not have more members because it had a lot of "pinks" in it and she mentioned the name of AUGUSTIN ESTRADA.

Meeting of Ladies Auxiliary, G. I. Forum,  
Dallas Chapter, October 12, 1955

T-3, on October 31, 1955, advised that the Ladies Auxiliary of the G. I. Forum, Dallas Chapter, met at 2500 North Harwood on October 12, 1955, at which meeting the group discussed socials to be held in the future.

Meeting of G. I. Forum, Dallas Branch  
October 25, 1955

T-2, on October 31, 1955, advised that the Dallas Chapter met at 2500 North Harwood on October 25, 1955. Informant advised that 14 persons were present including 2 CP members. Informant advised that the meeting was opened by EDMUND VILLASANA and after a short discussion, new officers were elected, JOE MOLINA being elected as

INFORMANTS

IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT TO WHOM FURNISHED	FILE NO. WHERE LOCATED
T-1 DL-19-S	Support of GI Forum by Rockefeller Foundation and AFL donation	4/12/55 ✓	SA W. HARLAN BROWN and SA JAMES P. HOSTY (oral)	134-51A-31
	July, 1955, CP control and domination of Dallas chapter GI Forum	7/14/55 ✓	SA EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL (oral)	134-51A-48
	May-July, 1955, WILLIAM F. CALLEJO and ADELFA CALLEJO, sister and brother-in-law of CP member, FELIX BOTELLO, were GI Forum District 9 officers and resigned	12/12/55 ✓	SA EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL (oral)	Instant report
	December, 1955, current degree of CP control of Dallas chapter, GI Forum and its Ladies Auxiliary; identity of CP members currently active forum affairs	5/18/55 ✓	SA JAMES P. HOSTY (oral)	134-51A-38
	December, 1955, current degree of CP control of Dallas chapter, GI Forum and its Ladies Auxiliary; identity of CP members currently active forum affairs	12/12/55 ✓	SA EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL (oral)	Instant report
	June, 1955, bylaws of Dallas chapter, GI Forum	6/21/55 ✓	SA JAMES P. HOSTY (oral)	100-9734-1A11
	5/1/55, District No. 9 meeting GI Forum, Wichita Falls, Texas	5/18/55	SA JAMES P. HOSTY (oral)	134-51A-38
	8/22/55, meeting of GI Forum, Ladies Auxiliary, Dallas	8/23/55	SA JAMES P. HOSTY (oral)	134-51A-51

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	4/15/55, AUGUSTIN ESTRADA's instructions to FELIX BETELLO re a federation, possible political arm of GI Forum	4/15/55	SA W. HARLAN BROWN (oral)	134-51A-37
T-2 DL-2-S	December, 1955, financial standing of the GI Forum in Texas	12/12/55	SA EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL (oral)	Instant report
	July, 1955, CP control and domination GI Forum, Dallas	7/14/55	SA EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL (oral)	134-3A-221B
	4/11/55, WILLIAM LOWERY elected Treasurer, Dallas chapter, GI Forum	4/27/55	SA JAMES P. HOSTY (written)	134-3A-207A
	10/25/55, newly elected officers, GI Forum, Dallas	10/31/55	SA W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	134-3A-244A
	11/6/55, newly elected officers of District 9, GI Forum	11/15/55	SA W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	134-3A-248A
	December, 1955, Dallas chapter, GI Forum, currently infiltrated only and not controlled by CP	12/12/55	SA EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL (oral)	Instant report
	4/24/55, GI Forum picnic, Dallas	5/2/55	SA W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	134-3A-209A
	5/9/55, GI Forum meeting, Dallas	5/16/55	SA JAMES P. HOSTY (written)	134-3A-213A
	6/6/55, GI Forum meeting, Dallas	6/21/55	SA W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	134-3A-216A

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	7/26/55, AUGUSTIN ESTRADA's interest in GI Forum, Dallas	8/1/55	SA W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	134-25A-105A
	7/1-3/55, GI Forum convention, San Antonio	7/18/55	SA EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL (oral)	134-25A-103B
T-4 DL-18-S	July, 1955, CP con- trol and domination of Dallas GI Forum.	7/14/55 ✓	SA EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL (oral)	134-50A-67
	June, 1955, identity officers and members GI Forum, Dallas	6/8/55 ✓	SA JAMES P. HOSTY (written)	134-50A-59
	4/11/55, GI Forum meeting, Dallas	4/12/55 ✓	SA W. HARLAN BROWN and SA JAMES P. HOSTY (oral)	134-50A-50
	5/23/55, GI Forum meeting, Dallas	5/24/55	SA W. HARLAN BROWN (oral)	134-50A-54
	6/20/55, GI Forum meeting, Dallas	6/21/55	SA JAMES P. HOSTY and SA W. HARLAN BROWN (oral)	134-50A-61
	7/18/55, GI Forum meeting, Dallas	7/26/55	SA JAMES P. HOSTY and SA BENJAMIN S. HARRISON, JR. (oral)	134-50A-65
	8/1/55, GI Forum meeting, Dallas	8/3/55	SA JAMES P. HOSTY (oral)	134-50A-66
	8/14/55, District No. 9, GI Forum meeting, Dallas	8/15/55	SA JAMES P. HOSTY (oral)	134-50A-70
	8/22/55, GI Forum meeting	8/23/55	SA JAMES P. HOSTY (oral)	134-50A-71

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6/25/55, ELWOOD 6/8/55 SA JAMES P. 134-50A-59A  
 ROSS and FELIX  
 BOTELLO scheduled  
 to attempt establish  
 new chapters, GI  
 Forum at Tyler, Marshal  
 and Longview, Texas;  
 AUGUSTIN ESTRADA in-  
 structed BOTELLO to  
 attempt to get two per-  
 sons in GI Forum in Dallas

August, 1955, no 8/23/55 SA JAMES P. 134-50A-71A  
 knowledge Wichita  
 Falls or Ft. Worth  
 branches GI Forum  
 controlled or dominated  
 by CP

9/10,11/55, AUGUSTIN 9/14/55 SA JAMES P. 134-50A-74A  
 ESTRADA identified  
 ISIDORO CRUZ as mem-  
 ber GI Forum, Houston

1955, MAURY MAVERICK, 7/26/55 SA JAMES P. 134-50A-65  
 JR. said to be member  
 GI Forum, San Antonio,  
 and close friend of CP  
 member HERSCHEL BERNARD,  
 San Antonio

T-5 5/23/55, GI Forum 6/6/55 SA EDWIN D. 134-35A-4A  
 WILLIAM meeting, Dallas KUYKENDALL  
 EARL (written)  
 WILSON, 5317  
 Reiger St.,  
 Dallas, Texas  
 (former PSI of Dallas office)  
 (requested identity be kept confidential)

T-6 7/11/55, meeting 7/19/55 SA JAMES P. 134-4A-98  
 DL-7-S of Executive Committee, HOSTY and SA  
 GI Forum, Dallas EDWIN D.  
 KUYKENDALL  
 (written)

4/20/55, interest 5/4/55 SA W. HARLAN 134-4A-92A  
 of CP members in BROWN (written)  
 Dist. No. 9, GI Forum  
 election

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	6/14/55, AUGUSTIN ESTRADA's interest in GI Forum, Dallas	6/24/55	SA W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	134-4A-96C
T-7 DL-6-S	3/15/55, GI Forum matters discussed at CP meeting, Dallas	4/4/55	SA W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	134-1A-174A
	4/1/55, forthcoming election of officers, GI Forum, Dallas, dis- cussed at CP meeting	4/4/55	SA W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	134-1A-176A
	4/8/55, GI Forum election discussed at CP meeting, Dallas	4/20/55	SA W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	134-1A-177A
	5/30/55, AUGUSTIN ESTRADA's interest in GI Forum, Board of Directors con- vention at Houston, Texas	6/14/55	SA W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	134-1A-184A
	6/21/55, CP meet- ing at which GI Forum discussed, Dallas	6/28/55	SA W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	134-1A-189A
	10/28/55, AUGUSTIN ESTRADA's interest in GI Forum, Dallas	11/4/55	SA W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	134-1A-219A
T-8 DL-16-S	September, 1955, Ft. Worth chapter, GI Forum not controlled and dominated by CP	9/20/55	SA JOHN W. FAIN (oral)	Instant re- port
T-9 DL-17-S	September, 1955, Ft. Worth chapter, GI Forum not controlled and dominated by CP	9/20/55	SA JOHN W. FAIN (oral)	Instant re- port

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