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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Dallas Chapter of THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC., was organized at a meeting at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas, 9-29-54, with CP members present, 2 CP members being temporarily elected to offices. Informants advised this organization, since prior to its organization, was a target of the CP in Dallas for infiltration. The 2 CP members who held offices were later elected permanent officers, and at present, one still holds office. President of the Women's Auxiliary of instant organization, also is a CP member. Informants have advised that Dallas Chapter is under the control and domination of the CP, that AUGUSTIN ESTRADA, Dallas-Ft. Worth organizer of the CP, has been active in instant chapter, and has directed the efforts of six other CP members concerning the controlling of this group. Informants advised this group is composed principally of Mexican-American Veterans who allegedly have banded together to stamp out discrimination against Mexican-Americans, and to seek justice and equality for everyone. This organization said to be non-political. Information has been received that this group will eventually become defunct because of financial failure, unless additional funds become available. Present membership is approximately 30 persons. Informants have no knowledge that Chapters other than Dallas have been controlled or dominated by CP.

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work on VILLASANA and for LOWERY to pretend to be friendly with VILLASANA and against FELIX BOTELLO. Shortly after this conversation, ESTRADA and BOTELLO were observed returning to the meeting. Informant stated that BILL LOWERY and JOE LANDIN were not present at this meeting.

Meeting of Executive Board, G. I. Forum, Dallas, Texas, January 27, 1955

T-6 advised Special Agent CHARLES S. RITZ on February 8, 1955, that captioned meeting was held at the home of JOE MOLINA in Dallas, and was attended by four individuals, one being a Communist Party member. The purpose of this meeting was to draft local bylaws for the G. I. FORUM. Portions of the bylaws dealing with the installation and removal of officer and absentees were drawn up.

Meeting of G. I. Forum, Guadalupe Church, Dallas, Texas, January 31, 1955

T-6, on February 8, 1955, advised Special Agent CHARLES S. RITZ that four members of the Communist Party in Dallas met on January 30, 1955, where those persons rewrote and drew up the draft of the proposal to be presented by AUGUSTIN ESTRADA to the G. I. FORUM, concerning the educational program. Informant further advised that on January 31, 1955, a G. I. FORUM meeting was held at the Guadalupe Church in the Social room with FELIX BOTELLO acting as chairman. Other persons present were AUGUSTIN ESTRADA, JOE LANDIN, and eleven other persons. During this meeting, the bylaws, which had been drawn up by the Executive Board were discussed, but not accepted, and ESTRADA introduced his draft for the proposal that the G. I. FORUM back a draft to the State Legislature requesting passage of a law which would allow underprivileged persons to borrow funds from the State to obtain a college education, providing the person met certain basic requirements. The proposal was accepted by the group after debate, and a committee was established to compose the final draft to be forwarded to the Executive Board of the State G. I. FORUM. Informant advised that the committee so designated met on February 7, 1955, to draft the final resolution referred to above. That committee included FELIX BOTELLO, VIRGINIA BOTELLO, Mr. and Mrs. JOE LAING, Mr. and Mrs. W. CALLEJO, EDMUND VILLASANA, AUGUSTIN ESTRADA, and a Mr. MALLUM. EX

T-5 advised Special Agent CHARLES S. RITZ, on February 8, 1955, that a meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the

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	11-30-54, CP Control and Domination	12-6-54	W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	DL 134-3A-169
	1-9-55, CP Control and Comination	1-24-55	W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	DL 134-3A-181A
	1-18-55, CP Control and Domination	1-24-55	W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	DL 134-3A-184
	1-25-55, CP Control and Domination	2-7-55	CHARLES S. RITZ (written)	DL 134-3A-185
	2-10-55, CP Control and Domination	2-14-55	W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	DL 134-3A-188
	2-15-55, CP Control and Domination	3-1-55	W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	DL 134-3A-190
Dallas Confidential Informant T-2 DL - 6 - S	9-23-54, CP efforts to infiltrate	9-23-54	W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	DL 134-1A-137

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Dallas Confidential Informant T-3 DL - 1 - S	9-29-54, Organizational meeting of GI FORUM, Dallas	10-4-54	W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	DL 134-2A-111
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	3-17-55, CP Control and Domination	3-21-55	JAMES P. HOSTY, JR. (oral)	DL 134-2A-132
Dallas Confidential Informant T-4 DL - 7 - S	10-4-54, CP Interest in GI FORUM, Dallas	10-4-54	W. HARLAN BROWN and CHARLES S. RITZ (oral)	DL 134-4A-73
	9-29-54, Organizational meeting, GI FORUM, Dallas	10-7-54	W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	DL 134-4A-74
	1-3-55, GI FORUM meeting, Dallas	1-11-55	W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	DL 134-4A-81
Dallas Confidential Informant T-5 DL - 19 - S	11-8-54, Organization of Women's Auxiliary, GI FORUM, Dallas	11-18-54	W. HARLAN BROWN (written)	DL 134-51A-7A

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	4-28-55, Identity of CP members who are also Forum members, Dallas; Identity of permanent officers and total membership, GI FORUM, Dallas	4-28-55	EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL and JAMES P. HOSTY, JR. (oral)	Instant report
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	2-19-55, CP Control and Domination	2-23-55	CHARLES S. RITZ (written)	DL 134-50A-39A
Dallas Confidential Informant T-7 DL - 15 - S	10-54, List of State Officers	11-29-54	W. HARLAN BROWN (oral)	Instant report
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