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On 11/23/59, SA W. HARLAN BROWN received a handwritten report from DL-6-S in person, dated 11/16/59, which has been serialized as 134-1A-487.

Informant advised that on Monday, November 16, 1959, MRS. IDELLA ROWDEN telephoned JOE LANDIN and told him that the St. John's Baptist Church was having their 29th Senior Ushers annual White House dinner and he had been selected to introduce the speaker, the Honorable HENRY B. GONZALEZ, Senator from San Antonio. LANDIN agreed to do this, and MRS. ROWDEN advised him the dinner would be at the Moorland Branch of the YMCA, 2700 Flora, and the dinner was \$2.00 per person.

Informant said he learned there ^{were} about 200 people at the dinner, including DAN YARBOROUGH, who had received a pass to the dinner from AUGUSTIN ESTRADA. The program started a little after 9 and lasted until 12 P.M.

Informant advised that previous to the dinner, LANDIN had invited some members of the Forum to the affair. Most of them had already committed themselves to other affairs. BILL LOWERY works late on Thursdays and could not go. LANDIN called ESTRADA and found out he was sick in bed. ESTRADA said he had two passes to the dinner and if he could not go, he would make good use of them.

According to informant, JOE LANDIN identified Senator GONZALEZ as a man truly of the Twentieth Century. He stated that GONZALEZ, like ELEANOR ROOSEVELT and MARTIN LUTHER KING, as well as a host of other Americans, were responsible to a great degree

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