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On 7/21/60 SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., received a typewritten report from DL-7-S, dated 7/20/60. This report has been serialized as 134-4A-333.

Informant determined that on 7/20/60 BILL LOWERY called JOE LANDIN and informed him he could not make the regular CP meeting that night. He said he would call LANDIN later in the week and let him know about a meeting night. LANDIN agreed. BILL LOWERY said he had something of interest that he and G. I. Forum State Chairman, GILBERT GARCIA, had discussed recently. He added it was not too important and it could wait until they had their regular meeting. JOE LANDIN reminded BILL LOWERY that GARCIA had called LOWERY during their last meeting and since he called at 10:00 they thought GARCIA had bad news. Therefore they agreed that if he did have bad news, BILL LOWERY was to call AUGUSTIN ESTRADA or JOE LANDIN, no matter how late. This call was the week before and JOE LANDIN stated he wanted to know about it immediately if it concerned him. BILL LOWERY said it did concern JOE LANDIN and consented to tell him about it.

GILBERT GARCIA was disturbed because LANDIN had praised CASTRO. Allegedly, some Dallas forum member had contacted him about it. He said GARCIA was afraid this (CASTRO being praised) would scare members away. The person who supposedly complained was ALBERT OROZCO, a school teacher who teaches in Ft. Worth.

JOE LANDIN assured BILL LOWERY that the CASTRO article in question was a poem which he had sent to GARCIA recently. He clearly remembered that when he gave the CASTRO article to the forum members, only one eye-brow was raised, that of VINCENT TORRES. OROZCO was the person who had explained to TORRES that in the forum there were conservatives as well as liberals. About that time, LANDIN recalled, CASTRO was very well liked in the world; he was even invited by some newspaper organization to speak in the states and he did.

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