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On 5/31/61, SA W. HARLAN BROWN, in person, received from DL-7-S a typewritten report dated 5/26/61, which report has been serialized as 134-4A-377.

That report reflected a regular CP meeting was held at the home of JOE LANDIN on Friday, 5/26/61. Those present at the meeting were JOE LANDIN, BILL LOWERY and AUGUSTIN ESTRADA.

At this meeting ESTRADA explained that JOHN STANFORD had been in Dallas recently and he (AUGUSTIN) had

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paid dues for the LANDINS and the LOWERYs up to February 1961. AUGUSTIN explained that STANFORD was on his way to New York and could not meet with anyone but him for he was pressed for time. For that reason, he (AUGUSTIN) had paid their dues. JOE LANDIN owed him \$6.00, BILL LOWERY \$7.00.

ESTRADA had with him a box of literature that he had gotten from JOHN STANFORD about a month ago. BILL LOWERY and JOE LANDIN looked through it and bought some. BILL LOWERY explained that he was almost sure he could sell what he purchased to the ROSSES and to DAVE FREED. JOE LANDIN suggested that some of the literature should be mailed out to people that belonged to the Forum or to the NAACP, that is, to people who have shown some interest in politics. The idea was to let as many people as possible read some of the literature. He also remarked that most ex-Party members knew what was happening locally and nationally. ESTRADA thought the idea was a good one and he suggested that two good persons that should receive some of the literature were Reverend RHETT JAMES and IDA MORENO. BILL LOWERY said that in the very near future they would do just that. They would spend a meeting mailing literature to influential figures. He suggested that PAULIA WEAVER be one of them. He reported that the LAWRENCES (JOE LAWRENCE and his wife) were so preoccupied making money that they no longer cared to talk to him about politics. They have a schedule of their daily social activities always ahead of time and it does not include politics. NATALIE ROSS, according to BILL LOWERY, had described the LAWRENCES as two unhappy companions, that JOE LAWRENCE had admitted he married his wife for her money.

Informant's report reflected that BILL LOWERY seemed concerned about the newspaper articles that dwelt with communists in Texas. He remembered that one of them had named AUGUSTIN ESTRADA, another had given JOHN STANFORD's name and his official position. None of the three present, he said, knew what position JOHN STANFORD or AUGUSTIN ESTRADA held. Then, the number of Dallas members had been given, the number had been six, while actually there are only five, according to LOWERY. He said he was sure that JOE LANDIN was innocent, but that he suspected the two other fellows (besides JOHN STANFORD) that made up the State Committee. JOE LANDIN said he was under the impression that only BILL LOWERY, AUGUSTIN ESTRADA and the new recruit MC KINNEY were aware that the membership had increased by one. LANDIN raised the question "Didn't BILL recruit MC KINNEY and asked him to meet with the Dallas group?"

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BILL LOWERY said that he had not and that they (the State Committee) had instructed him to recruit MC KINNEY and have him meet with the Dallas group. (MC KINNEY, according to informant, is a CP Negro member who lives in Fort Worth.) LOWERY said he suspected the members of the State Committee for the above reason. He urged AUGUSTIN ESTRADA to set a trap for them by giving them, at the coming State Committee meeting, some false information and then wait to see what happens. AUGUSTIN ESTRADA was not too enthusiastic about this and said that they might do it sometime in the future. JOE LANDIN said that he suspected MC KINNEY as being the one giving out information. He remembered that BILL LOWERY had recently told him how strange and suspicious MCKINNEY had acted once when BILL and AUGUSTIN were supposed to meet him. JOE LANDIN said he also did not believe that MC KINNEY did not know that he was not marrying a Negro woman. He seemed, JOE LANDIN added, by his actions to be dishonest. BILL LOWERY said that in spite of the fact that MC KINNEY had acted mysterious, he still believed that one of the two State Committee members was the agent.

According to informant, BILL LOWERY and AUGUSTIN ESTRADA are to meet sometime this week to finish up their report on the Mexican-American Question in Texas. ESTRADA assigned JOE LANDIN to write a report on the Cuban situation.

Informant had no additional information.