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SA W. HARLAN BROWN

DL-6-S

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On 9/11/61, DL-6-S, in person, furnished a handwritten report to SA W. HARLAN BROWN, which report is dated 9/3/61, and has been serialized as 134-1A-617.

That report reflected that a meeting was held at the Cortez Funeral Home, which meeting was the result of the work MARY LEE CASTRO, J. O. GARCIA, FRANK MEDRANO and JOE LANDIN have done in trying to organize the Latins. GILBERT GARCIA, American GI Forum State Chairman, was present. He is also an officer of PASO (Political Association of Spanish Speaking Organizations). The group present formed a local chapter of PASO. The temporary elected officers for this group are J. O. GARCIA, Chairman, JOE LANDIN, Vice-Chairman, LARRY HOCKBERG, an attorney, Secretary, and BUDDY KEYES, Treasurer. HOCKBERG is with the Young Democrats.

Informant's report further reflected J. O. GARCIA, who will run for State Representative in 1962, had a letter already written (supposedly written by the PASO group) urging President KENNEDY to appoint SARAH T. HUGHES as a Federal Judge. The letter criticized the consideration of HENRY WADE for that same position. GILBERT GARCIA said the letter was very well written, but asked GARCIA to delete the criticism of WADE. PASO, he said, did not work like that. GARCIA also urged the group to vote on the letter (after discussing it) and after it is corrected he and other officers would be glad to sign it.

The report further reflected that this meeting was planned because it was rumored that JIMMY TRUJILLO (former Chairman of the VIVA KENNEDY CLUB in Dallas and Chairman of a local ghost MAPA organization, was going to call a meeting that Sunday to

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form a ghost PASO. TRUJILLO allegedly started MAPA in Dallas, possesses a charter to prove it, but no membership. GARCIA assured the group that they would be duly recognized. JOE LANDIN suggested that GILBERT GARCIA speak at the coming 9/16/61 fiesta; that his speech should be informative with facts and figures concerning the economic, social and political plight of the Latin Americans. LANDIN also suggested that after GARCIA's speech, applications for joining PASO should be distributed, and that he would be willing to help with that if permitted. MARY LEE CASTRO and JOE LANDIN asked J. O. GARCIA to arrange it with AL CORTEN, President of the Federation of Mexican and Latin American organizations, sponsors of the 16th of September fiesta. GARCIA remarked that he would.

Informant had no additional information.