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SA W. HARLAN BROWN

DL-7-S

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On 9/11/61, DL-7-S, in person, furnished a typewritten report dated 9/11/61, to SA W. HARLAN BROWN, which report has been serialized as 134-4A-391.

That report reflected that a meeting was held on Sunday, 9/3/61, at the Cortez Funeral Home, which meeting was called by J. O. GARCIA, MARY LEE CASTRO, JOE LANDIN and FRANK MEDRANO. They formed a chapter of PASO - Political Association of Spanish Speaking Organizations, which will affiliate with the national PASO organization. Officers elected on a temporary basis were J. O. GARCIA, Chairman; JOE LANDIN, Vice Chairman; LARRY HACKBERG, Secretary, and BUDDY REYES, Treasurer.

The presiding officer was GILBERT GARCIA, State Chairman of the American G.I. Forum and an officer in PASO. He enumerated with facts and figures the economic and social and educational low standards of the Latin-American people. He assured the group that the Latins were alone, the liberals in time of need as well as labor deserted them. It was an illusion, he said, to believe the Negroes were with them. GARCIA cited the low percentage of Negroes that voted for HENRY B. GONZALEZ. He expressed disappointment in Senator YARBOROUGH, Vice-President LYNDON JOHNSON and President KENNEDY whom the Latins had helped a great deal. According to GARCIA, it seemed all they got from them was the "crumbs off the table." Therefore he added an independent powerful democratic PASO organization was needed. GARCIA was urged to bring this message to the public, perhaps at the annual September 16th fiesta. GARCIA said he was available for that night. JOE LANDIN and MARY LEE CASTRO asked the local PASO chairman to arrange for GILBERT's appearance at the 16th of September celebration.

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According to informant, the meeting was originally called because it was believed that a liberal renegade was calling a similar meeting to organize a local PASO chapter. This man, JIMMY TRUJILLO, former VIVA KENNEDY CLUB chairman, had already organized a MAPA chapter and had received the chapter's charter. He, however, did not really have any members in the chapter, and has been inactive since he organized it. For that reason, CASTRO, LANDIN, J. O. GARCIA and MEDRANO did not want PASO to fall into TRUJILLO's hands. GILBERT GARCIA assured them that the state and national office would recognize them.

Informant had no additional information.