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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, DALLAS (134-4A-403A) DATE: 11/14/61
FROM : SA W. HARLAN BROWN
SUBJECT : DL-7-S

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On 11/13/61, DL-7-S, in person, furnished a type-written report to SA W. HARLAN BROWN, which report is dated 11/13/61, and has been serialized as 134-4A-403. (JFK)

That report reflected that a regular CP meeting was held at the home of AUGUSTIN ESTRADA on 11/6/61. Those present were AUGUSTIN ESTRADA, BILL LOWERY and JOE LANDIN.

According to the report, ESTRADA had received a letter from JOHN STANFORD of San Antonio, which was signed "J." The letter informed that MAUDERUSSELL is available as a speaker; that MAUDERUSSELL has spent several months in Red China and is thoroughly acquainted with the true living conditions there. Her talk would be on China. The letter further indicated that MISS RUSSELL charges, for expenses, \$25. for a group of 30 people and \$5. extra for each additional persons. MAUDERUSSELL, the letter continued, was going to be in San Antonio area soon and it was suggested that if the Dallas group wanted to arrange a meeting with her, that she could be reached at this address: "MAUDERUSSELL, Palo Alto, California." If MISS RUSSELL was to appear in Dallas, it was suggested a place be found for her to stay.

- 1 - Dallas (134-4A-403A)
- 1 - Dallas (100-7995 (A. Estrada)
- 1 - Dallas (100-7929 (B. Lowery)
- 1 - Dallas (100-8001 (J. Landin)
- 1 - Dallas (100-8749 (J. Stanford)
- 1 - Dallas (100-671-1 (Funds)
- 1 - 100-8160 (J. Lawrence)
- 1 - 100-9974 (D. Lawrence)
- 1 - 100-8242 (N. Ross)
- 1 - 100-8171 (E. Ross)
- 1 - 100-671-5 (Organization)
- 1 - 100-9734 (G.I. Forum)
- 1 - 100-671-34 (Mass Organizations)
- 1 - 100-New (Maude Russell)
- 1 - San Antonio (RM) (John Stanford, IS-C, SA #100-7232)
- 1 - San Francisco (RM) (Maude Russell, SM-C)

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Informant's report further reflected that AUGUSTIN ESTRADA remarked that he had spoken to two persons regarding MAUDE RUSSELL, and that as a result, he had obtained \$10. Therefore, he said, the fee to have MISS RUSSELL as a speaker presented no problem. He added, that while they could raise the funds, they (he especially) could not sponsor MISS RUSSELL. The logical persons to do it were JOE LAWRENCE and his wife. ESTRADA and LOWERY had also suggested NATALIE ROSS as sponsoring MISS RUSSELL. The ROSSES, they remembered, have been having family trouble and she has a selling job that keeps her away from home. BILL allegedly said that if the LAWRENCES could not do it, he would ask NATALIE if she could spare her house (for the meeting), even if she could not attend. BILL LOWERY gave instructions to AUGUSTIN on how to contact JOE LAWRENCE. First, BILL would talk to LAWRENCE, after that AUGUSTIN would call LAWRENCE at his place of business. LAWRENCE would at that time tell AUGUSTIN he would meet him at "No. 1 in 15 minutes." That meant that AUGUSTIN should call JOE LAWRENCE at "No. 1." "No. 1" meant a public telephone number. BILL LOWERY supplied that number to AUGUSTIN. BILL LOWERY asked ESTRADA that if MISS RUSSELL was sponsored by NATALIE or LAWRENCE, would it or would it not be a CP affair. He said he had to know because they (NATALIE and LAWRENCE) had, in the past, asked him that about other affairs. ESTRADA's reply was that it would not be a Party affair.

AUGUSTIN, who seemed to have been drinking, got into a lengthy, senseless discussion with BILL LOWERY about fallout and the outlawing of the CP. ESTRADA contended that while the Supreme Court's decision to outlaw the Party was a severe blow to the Party, the Party would go on. After all, the CP's headquarters have been just a front for years. Besides, if LOWERY was ever arrested his friends in the American G.I. Forum and in the Dads' Club would help him. They would identify him as an honest, conscientious worker. These people surely would consider the fact that their organizations could be next in being outlawed. He and LOWERY recalled that the Boy Scouts had been called as belonging to a communist organization. According to informant, JOE LANDIN disagreed with them, saying he doubted seriously if anybody in the mentioned organizations would come to the aid of an arrested CP member. They would, he added, most probably would isolate him or her.

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JOE LANDIN allegedly remarked that it was not probable that PTA's, Dads' Clubs and the Boy Scouts would ever be outlawed. Besides it could not be proved that these organizations were communists. He urged them to talk seriously and make constructive suggestions. BILL said that working in different organizations, knowing people was the only defense they could develop for themselves. Their co-workers in these organizations had to come to their rescue. He cited JOE LAWRENCE's interest in the outlawing of the CP and assured him that there were others like him. JOE LANDIN said he understood what he meant.

Informant had no additional information.