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WILLIAM JAMES LOWERY
FORMER DL 2-S

JOE RODRIGUEZ MOLINA
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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Reurairtel of 11/2/66 advising that William James Lowery, a former security informant of your office, plans to testify as a defense witness in behalf of Dallas television station KRLD and the Columbia Broadcasting System during Joe Rodriguez Molina's civil suit.

Reairtel states that Molina seeks damages for defamation of his character because of television publicity reported shortly after President Kennedy's assassination. Reairtel points out that the names of DL 1-S and DL 6-S, who are current security informants of your office, could be disclosed in the trial since these two informants as well as Lowery were members of Communist Party at the time Molina was active in the Dallas chapter of the American G.I. Forum, which the Party had infiltrated.

Inasmuch as Lowery is a former security informant who testified before the Subversive Activities Control Board on 1/23/66, he should be recontacted in accordance with instructions forth in Section 107Q of the Manual of Instructions and advised that he must be completely truthful during testimony.

In view of the possibility that the names of DL 1-S and DL 6-S might be disclosed during the trial, you should contact the informants and point out this possibility to them. They should be advised that if such occurs they should make every feasible effort to maintain their relationship with the FBI in confidence. Point out to them that in similar situations informants, who made themselves unavailable to the news media after being described as communists, were able to avoid embarrassment and maintain their informant status.

Afford DL 1-S and DL 6-S close guidance and supervision. Keep the Bureau promptly advised of all pertinent developments in captioned matter.

1 - 100-376414 (DL 1-S)
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NOTE:

Molina, a former Texas School Book Depository employee, was questioned on 11/23/63 concerning assassination of President Kennedy. Following this, a Dallas television station commented on the police interrogation of Molina and added that according to the Dallas Police, Molina had a subversive record in that department. Molina is now suing the Dallas television station. He is not known to us to have had any subversive associations; however, the Dallas Chapter of the American G.I. Forum, a veterans' group comprised principally of Mexican-Americans, was subject of CP infiltration. Molina had been anticommunist and at no time participated in efforts of the CP. Reairtel points out that the defense for the television station through Lowery's testimony seeks to establish Molina's membership and activities in the Dallas Chapter of the American G.I. Forum during the time it was infiltrated by the CP. Furthermore, the defense anticipates developing evidence that would tend to show Molina had knowledge of the CP infiltration. DL 1-S and DL 6-S were cognizant of the CP efforts to infiltrate the Dallas G.I. Forum and were known by Lowery to be CP members. Reairtel states the trial may take place in approximately a month.

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