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On 8/15/61 SA W. HARLAN BROWN received, in person, a handwritten report dated 8/14/61 from DL-6-S. This report has been serialized as 134-1A-614.

Informant determined on 8/14/61 a regular meeting of the Dallas CP took place at the home of AUGUSTIN ESTRADA in West Dallas. Present were AUGUSTIN ESTRADA, BILL LOWERY and JOE LANDIN.

ESTRADA stated that coming down to business he did not see any logic in meeting any more. It was a waste of time for all involved including the state committee. The Dallas group had not functioned in more than five years, functioned properly that is.

BILL LOWERY agreed that the party had been at a standstill for a long time and attributed its shortcomings to the lack of the group getting together. Through the discussion he insisted that this was what had killed the organization. He cited some work he and LANDIN had done in different organizations explaining the local CP was not at a complete standstill. ESTRADA said he was referring to the CP as a group. The work they had done was on an individual basis.

1 - 134-1A-614A  
1 - 100-7995 (A. ESTRADA)  
1 - 100-7929 (B. LOWERY)  
1 - 100-8001 (J. LANDIN)  
1 - 100-671-5 (ORG)  
1 - 100-671-4 (MEMBERSHIP)  
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1 - 100-8749 (J. STANFORD)  
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Even at that, LOWERY replied the work could be credited to the CP.

ESTRADA stated that he wanted to quit mainly because of this reason: he had given much thought to what LOWERY said about protecting his boy. LOWERY's boy is in the service. In a previous meeting, LOWERY advised him he definitely did not want to be a delegate to the State Committee and would no longer attend State Committee meetings. His boy was in the service and if he (LOWERY) was ever identified as a big wheel in the CP, he was sure to ruin his son's career. He would rather remain just a member. For this reason, AUGUSTIN stated, how could they stand by and have JOHN STANFORD persecuted - when they as the local CP had not accomplished anything, there was no cause for it. LOWERY said he still stood by his decision if he remains a delegate when the time came for their exposure as CP members he was sure to be identified as the CP head of the State of Texas - it had happened to him before. Once in the past he was accused of heading the CP in Texas - he and ELWOOD ROSS, they claimed, were the state leaders - not ESTES. LOWERY did not specify who his accusers were. He asked LANDIN to give his opinion on the status of the Party. LANDIN said he would continue to work as usual. He was working on a project now. Before then he was working on another one. He had always managed to keep busy. While he worked on an individual basis. As LOWERY had said his work could be credited to the Party. The local CP, LANDIN continued, had not recruited anyone in years. He for one had a good number of Marxist books, pamphlets, etc. He didn't have any use for them - it was shameful too for he imagined active CP members could make use of them. As it was he was going to burn them. LOWERY said he had sold \$8.35 worth of Marxist literature.

He wanted to look through JOE's Marxist literature and pick up some of it he could sell. LANDIN said he could.

LANDIN asked what the status of the local CP was. Both ESTRADA and LOWERY said there was no use deceiving themselves there wasn't a Party. LOWERY felt the next thing to do was to take the subject to the State Committee. LANDIN asked for what, to notify them of AUGUSTIN's plans or to discuss it. His point was, would anything they or the committee say change his mind? ESTRADA said they were obligated to the State Committee. They had responsibility and he would in the near future meet with JOHN STANFORD and would, after that, contact JOE LANDIN and BILL LOWERY.

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BILL LOWERY reported he had attended a couple of meetings with the Forum, one a social, where he had heard J. O. GARCIA speak concerning the dinner-dance honoring Sen. GONZALEZ. He also reported that he had visited with JOHN STANFORD in San Antonio. STANFORD, LANDIN said, had moved and wondered how LOWERY contacted him. LOWERY said he called the operator from Dallas, got his number, and called to make sure he would be there. STANFORD was there. ESTRADA said he did not know STANFORD's address or phone number and did not know where to call him. If that was so, LANDIN asked, how could he contact him to meet with him. ESTRADA said he would write to another address and the letter would be forwarded to him.

LOWERY said the letter LANDIN wrote on Cuba (8/14/61, "DALLAS TIMES HERALD") was a good one. LANDIN said he regretted writing it, for while trying to point out the folly of war and the prejudiced views of some people, he had done more harm than good. His wife was terribly upset remembering the hysteria the last U. S. hijacked plane caused. She pointed out the harm the letter could do to their children. They would be ostracized or persecuted by the children at school, and what of their teachers? She added that after a letter by LANDIN approved in the press, some children (quite sometime ago) that played with their children, never returned to play again. LANDIN said he had not given it much thought, or else he would not have written it. LANDIN said his wife also brought up the question of crack-pots they could harm, and after all they lived in a corner, next door to them the house was vacant and an alley was behind them, in short they were exposed. LANDIN said that while others were free to write what they pleased he would not write letters of that nature any more. AUGUSTIN ESTRADA and BILL LOWERY said that if they could help in some way they would do it.

Informant had no additional information.