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COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: AMERICAN GI FORUM
FBI # 62-96541
TO: MR. D. L. LADD
FROM: A. H. Belmont
DATE: January 31, 19

SUBJECT: AMERICAN GI FORUM OF TEXAS SPECIAL INQUIRY
WHITE HOUSE

Mr. David Stowe, Administrative Assistant to the President, requested of Mr. Roach that the Bureau conduct a name search through its files on the American GI Forum of Texas, located at Austin, Texas. Mr. Stowe stated that he had received considerable correspondence from this organization and desired to know what information the Bureau may have regarding it, both subversive and background data.

ACTION:
The Bureau files are being searched on this request, and you will be informed of the results and the information suitable for distribution to the White House.

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February 5, 1952

AMERICAN GI FORUM OF TEXAS

SUMMARY

No investigation has been conducted by this Bureau concerning the American GI Forum of Texas. However, a letterhead of the organization indicates that it is an independent veterans organization chartered under the State of Texas, with headquarters at 3054 Morgan Avenue, Corpus Christi, Texas. A check of our files reveals that the chairman and founder of this organization is Dr. Hector Perez Garcia, a dentist in Corpus Christi.

On September 16, 1949, I contacted this Bureau and advised that in a conversation she had had with

Information was also received in December 1949 that the Veterans Administration, Lubbock, Texas, that the Forum was connected with the GI Forum as a leader or representative and that the organization was critical of the Veterans Administration in its handling of Mexican-American veterans.

(44:9540-3) [redacted]

ORIGINAL TO WHITE HOUSE
August 21, 1952

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On April 12, 1950, in an interview with an agent of this Bureau, volunteered information concerning American GI Forum of Texas, a veterans organization founded in 1948, possessing approximately 10,000 members.

Another government agency advised this Bureau in August, 1950, that the American GI Forum was a Texas organization made up wholly of veterans of Latin American descent. This
agency advised that Dr. Hector Garola was a man who was known to have political ambitions and while up to the present time it appeared that his sole interest and objective in the organization was that of endeavoring to better the general social and economic standards, especially in Texas, of the Latin Americans, there was considerable doubt as to his complete sincerity.

This agency also advised that the American GI Forum was a well-organized group and that it was suspected that the group might be receiving indirect assistance in its direction and also financial aid from the Communists. This agency pointed out that the real potentiality of this organization rested primarily with its leaders, who were capable and well-educated men. However, it was believed that the activities of this organization would bear particular watching since it had potentialities which, if used in the proper direction, could be most beneficial in helping to solve the many problems which existed in Texas, but for the same reason, should the Forum be controlled by subversive leaders, the consequences could result in a problem of very serious proportions and perhaps ultimately have an adverse effect on the United States' relations with Mexico. (Report of American Consulate, Reynosa, Mexico, Dept. of State, dated August 21, 1950; 100-7254-377)

An article in the McAllen, Texas, daily newspaper "Valley Evening Monitor" for August 30, 1950, reported concerning the proceedings of the American GI Forum of Texas Convention which was held in McAllen on August 19 and 20, 1950. The speakers at this convention were Dr. Hector Garola, Dr. Carlos Castaneda of the University of Texas History Department, and Mrs. Adela Elliott of Austin, Texas, a leader in work for handicapped children.

The program of the American GI Forum, as pointed out by these speakers, included the stamping out of racial discrimination and the advancement of Texas of Mexican ancestry; the fighting of child labor by strict enforcement of the law; plus the sponsorship of a back-to-school movement; and the sponsorship of a health education program. Dr. Garola also pointed out that the Forum was at that time furnishing 40 college scholarships a year. (100-7254-377)

A check of this Bureau's indices concerning the speakers at this convention revealed no pertinent information concerning Mrs. Adela Elliott.
The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 76th Congress, Second Session, Appendix, Part II, lists Dr. Carlos Castaneda as one of the signers of the call for the First Congress of the Mexican and Spanish-American Peoples of the United States held on March 34, 25, and 26, 1939, at Albuquerque, New Mexico. This organization was cited by the House Un-American Activities Committee as a Communist front in 1944. (61-7582-1298, pg. 739)

On September 21, 1943, another government agency advised that an individual, who was connected with

(Censorship intercept IR-4000, 62-62736-2-13481)

The above information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check only, and is not to be construed as a clearance or non-clearance of the organization or individuals involved. This information is furnished for your confidential use only and should not be disseminated.
TO: The Director
FROM: D. M. Ladd
DATE: February 5, 1952

SUBJECT: AMERICAN GI FORUM OF TEXAS
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HERIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
PURPOSE: To advise you of the results of a file check concerning the American GI Forum of Texas.

BACKGROUND:

On January 31, 1952, Mr. David Stowe, Administrative Assistant to the President, telephonically requested any background or subversive information which this Bureau might have concerning the American GI Forum of Texas.

DETAILS:

All references concerning the American GI Forum of Texas have been reviewed. The Bureau files have also been searched for any available information concerning Dr. Hector Garcia, founder and chairman of this organization, and Mrs. Adela Elliott and Dr. Carlos Castaneda, speakers at the State Convention of this organization held in McAllen, Texas, on August 19 and 20, 1950.

No investigation has been conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning this organization or any of the individuals known to have been connected with it. Information concerning this organization and the above-named individuals has been summarized in the attached memorandum for the White House.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached memorandum, if approved, be forwarded to the White House via the liaison channels.
SAC, Houston 4-12-52

March 24, 1952

Director, FBI

AMERICAN GI FORUM OF TEXAS
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There are enclosed herewith for your information two photostats of a memorandum dated February 5, 1952, summarizing the material in Bureau files concerning the captioned organization.

On the basis of the information in this enclosure, it appears that the American GI Forum of Texas may possibly be a Communist or Nationalist influenced or dominated organization. You are hereby instructed to furnish the Bureau with background information concerning the organizational structure, leadership, and activities of that group.

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CHARACTER OF CASE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

AMERICAN GI FORUM established at Corpus Christi, Texas by charter filed in office of Secretary of State, Austin, Texas, 12-6-49, for period of 50 years. Dr. HECTOR PEREZ GARCIA, JOE MONTOYA and DON CORTEZ, all of Corpus Christi, Texas, were original incorporators. Stated purpose of organization is to establish charitable, educational and benevolent society to render aid and assistance to individuals in need in Texas in needy circumstances, to provide school lunches in elementary grades, to provide scholarships to worthy students and to seek improvement in educational facilities in general as authorized under Article 1302, Texas Revised Civil Statutes of 1925. AMERICAN GI FORUM dominated and controlled by Dr. HECTOR PEREZ GARCIA, Corpus Christi, with advice and help of others and does not meet with approval from all Latin Americans in Corpus Christi and vicinity. No evidence of subversive activity or infiltration by subversive groups in Corpus Christi.

DECCLASSIFIED BY:

DATE:

DETAILER:

AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

The AMERICAN GI FORUM was organized at Corpus Christi, Texas in 1946, by Dr. HECTOR PEREZ GARCIA, Corpus Christi dentist. An examination of Charter #1122 was made at the Secretary of State's Office, Capitol....

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1 ONI, 8th Naval District, New Orleans, Louisiana (RM)
4 Houston    (100-8638)
Building, Austin, Texas, which reflected the application for
the charter of the AMERICAN GI FORUM was filed in that office
on December 8, 1949, for a period of 50 years.

The Articles of Incorporation reflected the purpose of the
organization was to establish a charitable, educational and
benevolent society to wit: "To render aid and assistance to
those individuals in the State of Texas, who are in needy
circumstances; to provide scholarships for worthy students;
to provide school lunches in elementary grades; to seek
improvement of educational facilities in general, as
authorized under Article 1302, Texas Revised Civil Statutes
of 1925."

Article 3 of the Articles of Incorporation provide the business
of the corporation is to be transacted in Corpus Christi,
Nueces County, Texas and elsewhere.

Article 4 sets out the term of existence of the corporation
to be 50 years.

Article 5 states the number of Directors of the corporation
shall be 10, and the names and addresses of the Directors for
the first year are as follows:

HECTOR P. GARCIA, 634 Ohio Street, Corpus Christi, Texas;
ARSENIO RESENDIZ, 2213 Howard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas;
JOE MONToya, 1329 Laredo Street, Corpus Christi, Texas;
DION CONTRERAS, 904 19th Street, Corpus Christi, Texas;
JOSE CUEVA, Box 492, Robstown, Texas;
JOE ZAPATA, Box 464, Sinton, Texas;
FRANK CHAPA, 701 West Corpus Christi St., Beeville, Texas;
JOE ESPINOSA, Box 92, Woodsboro, Texas;
FELIX SANDOVAL, Box 337, Bishop, Texas;
ISAAC LARYAS, Box 43, Taylor, Texas.

The incorporators of this organization were listed as HECTOR P.
GARCIA, JOE MONToya, and DON CONTRERAS. The articles of
incorporation reflected they were drawn up in Bexar County,
December 5, 1949, and notarized before Notary Public JUAN A.
RODRIGUEZ, on the same date. The filing fee of $10.00 was
paid December 8, 1949, and a certified copy of the articles of
incorporation was mailed to HECTOR GARCIA, 219 International
Building, San Antonio, Texas.
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Veterans Administration, Lubbock, Texas, stated that Dr. NRCIA, representing the American GI Forum had been very critical of the Veterans Administration in its handling of Mexican-American affairs concerning veterans.
In August, 1950, T-4, of unknown reliability, advised the FBI that the American GI Forum was a Texas organization made up wholly of veterans of Latin American descent. It was further advised that Dr. HECTOR GARCIA was a man who was known to have political ambitions, and that while up to the present time it appeared his sole interest and objective in the organization was that of endeavoring to better the general social and economic standards, especially in Texas, of Latin Americans, there was considerable doubt as to his complete sincerity. It was advised the American GI Forum is a well organized group and that it was suspected the group might be receiving indirect assistance in its direction, and also financial aid from the Communists. It was pointed out the real potentiality of this organization rested with its leaders who were capable and educated men.
An article in the McAllen, Texas daily newspaper, "Valley Evening Monitor" dated August 20, 1950, reported concerning the proceedings of the convention of the American GI Forum held at McAllen, Texas on August 19, 20, 1950. Speakers at this convention were Dr. HECTOR GARCIA, Dr. CARLOS CASTENEDA, of the University of Texas History Department, and Mrs. ADELA ELLIOTT, of Austin, Texas, a leader in work for handicapped children. The program of the American GI Forum, as pointed out by these speakers included the stamping out of racial discrimination and the advancement of Texans of Mexican ancestry; the fighting of child labor by strict enforcement of the law plus a sponsorship of the back to school movement; and the sponsorship of a health education program. Dr. GARCIA also pointed out that the American GI Forum was furnishing 40 college scholarships a year.

The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, Appendix, Part IX, stated Dr. CASTENEDA is one of the signers of the call to the First Congress of the Mexican and Spanish-American Peoples of the United States held on March 24, 25 and 26, 1939, at Albuquerque, New Mexico. This organization was cited by the House Un-American Activities Committee as a Communist front in 1944.

On September 21, 1942, of unknown reliability, advised that an

On December 31, 1950, Dr. HECTOR GARCIA addressed a letter to the National Guardian, Murray Street, New York City, New York, as follows:
Dear Editor:

would you please stop sending me the Guardian. I do not know, who ordered it sent to me originally, but I did not. This Veterans Organization does not approve of your attacks on President Truman and General MacArthur.

A great percentage of the membership of this GI Forum is now back in the service of our country and perhaps many more will be called back. We are proud of our contributions to our country and we believe in national preparedness and also in universal military training.

It is true that we represent a minority group that has had suffering and hardships, but we have no quarrel or criticism with our Federal government since they have always been willing to help us with our problems. Certainly our present President as well as President ROOSEVELT did very much for the betterment of our people. We have implicit faith that in due time we will have complete justice with all people, as long as we have presidents like TRUMAN and ROOSEVELT.

The Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice is doing a good job and has always helped us with our problems. I believe that locally many things can be remedied, but we are definitely against attacks of our government on a national level. So please don't send me the Guardian anymore.

HECTOR P. GARCIA, M.D.
CHAIRMAN
AMERICAN GI FORUM OF TEXAS

CC: C.R.S. Dept. of Attorney General
    Local Fed. Bureau of Investigation
    U.S. Post Office, Postmaster General
    General Douglas MacArthur.

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LEADS

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS:

Will ascertain the background, sympathies and activities of [redacted] as regards the American GI Forum.

Will ascertain sources of information set forth in San Antonio memo to Houston dated 8-14-50.

AT AUSTIN, TEXAS:

Will ascertain background, sympathies and activities of [redacted], American GI Forum.


HOUSTON OFFICE

AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

Will report results of re-contact with confidential informants in Corpus Christi regarding the American GI Forum.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
T-4, is reported to be a government agency as set forth in Bureau memorandum February 5, 1952, furnished Houston by Bureau Memo, dated 3-24-52.

T-6, is reported to be a government agency, as set forth in Bureau memo dated February 5, 1952, furnished Houston 3-24-52.

REFERENCE

Bureau memo to Houston, dated March 24, 1952.
Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney
Criminal Division

July 28, 1952

Director, FBI

AMERICAN GI FORUM OF TEXAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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Enclosed is a copy of the report of Special Agent dated June 26, 1952, at Houston, Texas, concerning the activities of the captioned organization.

You may wish to examine this report in detail in connection with the provisions of Executive Order 9835.

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Recep of SA dated June 26, 1952, DTC

In accordance with the provisions of Section 67-D of the Manual of Instructions, six copies of future reports in this matter should be designated for the Bureau.

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In January 1952, GARCIA made address denouncing "anti-Communist witch-hunt" as "national malady". ED IDAR is State Chairman of GI Forum. Dr. GEORGE SANCHEZ was guest at State Convention of Forum in San Antonio 7/52.
 Claude L. Williams, National Director of the People's Institute of Applied Religion, corresponded with "H.C., Majestic Building, San Antonio, Texas. The People's Institute of Applied Religion was designated by the Attorney General of the United States as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The Daily Worker is an East Coast Communist newspaper. It's January 23, 1952, edition contained an article dated January 22, 1952, at Laredo, Texas, entitled "Laredo Lions Club Heats Plea Against War and Bias". This article stated "A plea for international understanding and peace, and a denunciation of the anti-Communist witch-hunt and of discrimination against the negro people, featured a Laredo Lions Club luncheon address by Gus C. Garcia, San Antonio Attorney. Garcia termed the witch-hunt the "national malady" and added: 'Here at home, what I consider to be the most serious problem of the day is this national hysteria in regard to subversive doctrines and elements.' He declared that 'People are tired of War, and except for a fortunate few at the top, they are tired of greed.'"

The January 29, 1952, edition of the San Antonio Evening News contained an article reflecting that Garcia made a speech before the National Congress for the United Nations in New York City regarding problems of the Mexican-Americans in the Southwest.

The San Antonio Light dated February 10, 1952, contained an article entitled "G. Garcia Rejects Alien Labor Post" wherein Gus Garcia, San Antonio, was identified as the General Counsel of the American GI Forum of Texas. According to this article, Garcia had been told that he could have a job as Special Assistant to the Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division of the U. S. Department of Justice but had declined the offer. The article reflected that Garcia was guest of honor at a meeting in the Senate Office Building that week where Washington representatives of 45 National organizations pledged "not to quit until a Federal Commission on migratory labor is established."

The San Antonio Express dated February 13, 1952, contained an article entitled, "G. Garcia to Report on Washington", which reflected that on the evening of February 13, 1952, Garcia was scheduled to "K. C. from Washington" and that among the out-of-town guests would be Dr. George L. Sanchez, editor of "El Tejano," Austin, Texas, State Chairman of the American GI Forum, and Dr. Hector P. Garcia, Corpus Christi, Texas, founder and Vice President of the American GI Forum.

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The San Antonio Evening News dated February 28, 1952, contained an article wherein GUS C. GARCIA was identified as a member of the San Antonio School Board. This article reflected that GARCIA was Chief Counsel for the American GI Forum and in a speech before that group in Del Rio, Texas, advised of his recent visit to Washington and conference with President TRUMAN regarding minority group problems in the Southwest.
Page 6 of this edition contains an article entitled "A Message From GARCIA" which quoted from an address delivered by GUS C. GARCIA, Delegate to a recent UNESCO conference, at his testimonial dinner in San Antonio, Texas. The article contained in part the following:

"What I consider to be the most serious problem of the day is this national hysteria in regard to subversive doctrines and elements which has in turn created an era called by a leading newspaper man 'the worst epoch of witch-hunting since the Middle Ages.' I am speaking, of course, of what has come to be the commonly accepted practice to classify as a subversive or radical or worse every person who is a non-conformist, or who disagrees with the opinion of the majority, or who does any original thinking of his own. Personally, I believe that the term 'witch-hunting' is not quite apropos. I think that this national malady can be more accurately described as a combination of the big -lie and name-calling. The latter can also be termed 'labeling'. We all know what 'the big lie' is - the technique cultivated by ADOLPH HITLER to its greatest effectiveness.

"It is a sad commentary indeed, when we have attained the highest scientific and industrial achievement in the history of man, our political life on a local, state and national basis is dominated for the most part by opportunists, patrioteers, fakers, phonies and demagogues of the lowest order.

"Human beings in Murmansk, Cairo, Manila and Pusan, in Des Moines and in San Antonio are seeking essentially the same thing: a better way of life. People are tired of war and, except for an avaricious few at the top, they are also tired of greed."
The San Antonio Light, on August 29, 1952, contained an article which reflected that GUS GARCIA intended to resign in the near future from the school board, and that he planned to reside in McAllen, Texas, and practice law in Edinburg, Texas.

called at the San Antonio Office and advised that he was concerned over the fact that some newspaper articles had accused the American Council of Spanish-Speaking People of being a Communist front. He advised that there is no Communist infiltration in either of these above-mentioned organizations, to his knowledge. He stated he is well acquainted with most of the Latin-American organizations in Southwestern and Western United States, and that the only interest of the organizations with which he is connected is to improve the conditions of the Latin-American element in the United States.

at Austin, Texas:

The following investigation was conducted by SA of known reliability, furnished the following information:
Continued, stating that the Daily Worker, date unknown, reported a "newly formed American Council of Spanish-speaking People to fight flagrant violations of the rights of Mexican Americans and to act as a clearing house for existing organizations in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, and California". This article, according to Informant, revealed that ED IDAR, JR., was Assistant Director of this newly formed organization.

He concluded by remarking that he had no reason to believe that either [redacted] have any Communist sympathies or are disloyal.

[Redacted] both of known reliability, and both of whom have some knowledge of Communist activities in Austin, Texas, advised that they had no information concerning any Communist activity on the part of either [redacted] and [redacted].

The July 3, 1952, edition of the San Antonio Express contained an article which reflected that Dr. GEORGE I. SÁNCHEZ had resigned from the Texas Council on Human Relations because lack of support made it unoperative. This article further stated that a copy of Dr. SÁNCHEZ's letter of resignation to Governor SHIVERS was sent to the American GI Forum. In his letter, according to the article, Dr. SÁNCHEZ stated that he works very closely with the American GI Forum, and that he valued most highly its good opinion and support.

The San Antonio Express dated July 3, 1952, contained an article stating that Dr. GEORGE I. SÁNCHEZ, University of Texas, was expected to be a guest at the State Convention of the American GI Forum in San Antonio on July 4-6, 1952.
Referred report requested the identity of the source of information set forth in San Antonio letter to Houston dated August 14, 1952, described in this letter as

The indices of this office have numerous references regarding . The information set out in this report pertaining to is only information reflecting his known association with the American GI Forum.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of San Antonio dated October 21, 1952, at San Antonio are identified as follows:

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| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: | IR. GARCIA, leader of AMERICAN G.I. FORUM at Corpus Christi, state no evidence of communist infiltration in Corpus Christi area and that forum taking active interest in local, state and national politics and also advised assistance rendered to local bus drivers on strike by way of moral support. | 67D | AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS | |

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1 - OSI, Kelly Field, San Antonio (RM)
2 - San Antonio (100-7642)
3 - Houston (100-8638)

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DETAILS:

... advised that recently DR. HECTOR GARCIA and JOE GARCIA, a Corpus Christi realtor, and member of the forum, addressed the striking members of the local bus drivers union in connection with a strike currently being conducted by the local chapter of the C.I.O. against the Nueces Transportation Company seeking higher wages and improved working conditions.

... stated that both DR. GARCIA and JOE GARCIA emphasized that in cities of comparable size to Corpus Christi, the transportation workers were not only better paid but received additional benefits such as paid vacations, retirement benefits and health and accident benefits but the local employees do not receive such benefits. He states those speeches were made to encourage the bus drivers who are largely of Latin-American descent, to continue their strike.

... stated that he believed the local officers of the Transportation workers Union were members of the forum and therefore induced DR. GARCIA and JOE GARCIA to address them.
Identity of Informants

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Copies of this and reference report are being designated to the El Paso, Dallas and Albuquerque Offices for information purposes in view of possible activity of the AMERICAN G.I. FORUM in these divisions.

LEADS

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE

At San Antonio, Texas

* Will ascertain the background, sympathies and activities of as regards the AMERICAN G.I. FORUM.


* At Austin, Texas

Will ascertain background, sympathies and activities of

* Will report any known association of with AMERICAN G.I. FORUM.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS state no further information of significance to report concerning activities of American G.I. Forum in Corpus Christi area. Information received that branch founded in El Paso, Texas, No evidence of Communist infiltration or influence reported.

DETAILS: At Corpus Christi, Texas.

He has detected nothing in the attitude of the leaders or members of this organization to indicate any Communist influence. He stated the organization has proceeded along the same lines as heretofore, that is, combating unfavorable reference to Latin Americans and drawing attention to any acts of alleged discrimination toward these people. He stated there have been no incidents of this nature come to his attention, however, since the date of the last contact by the reporting Agent.

who is believed to be reliable, stated there has been no incident of unusual outside activity come to his attention with reference to the American G.I. Forum, and stated it
that there have been no Communist influence exerted against the members or leadership of the Forum.

On October 15, 1952, the El Paso Office advised that El Paso, Texas, reported the American G.I. Forum, had been organized in El Paso by Dr. HECTOR GARCIA, and has approximately 86 members in El Paso. He stated the organization was attempting to gain new members.

The El Paso Office further advised that no information had been received by that Office indicating any un-American activities by the members or leaders of the American G.I. Forum in the El Paso area.
INFORMANTS

REFERENCE

STATE OFFICERS
AMERICAN GI FORUM OF TEXAS
INDEPENDENT VETERANS ORGANIZATION

Ed Idar, Jr., Chairman 310 Nalle Building
Austin, Texas

Trinidad Gonzales, Vice-Chairman
Edinburg

Mrs. Richard Pena, Vice-Chairman
San Antonio

Richard Casillas, Secretary
San Antonio

Lalo Campos, Treasurer
Austin

Frank M. Pinedo, Legal Advisor
Austin

Fr. Erwin A. Juraschek, Chaplain
Austin

Mr. Willard Kelly
Assistant Commissioner of Immigration
U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

May 15, 1953

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Dear Mr. Kelly:

In company with [redacted] of Rio Grande City, Texas, I am engaged in a survey of the Texas border from El Paso to Brownsville in connection with the Wetback problem. As part of our field work we have conferred with [redacted] at San Antonio and [redacted] at El Paso. We hope that our survey, which will include pictorial documentation, will be completed in time to be of value when the Congress reopens consideration of the McCarran Immigration Act.

One of the facts of the problem which we feel has not been explored adequately in the past is the threat which an open border, particularly from Del Rio to El Paso, poses to the internal security of the United States. We hope to explore this facet under the expectation that it presents an opportunity that can serve to arouse more interest in the Congress on the overall problem.

We have been advised that the Federal Bureau of Investigation recently released a report that shows the total number of aliens in the United States who are members of the Communist Party. We are wondering if your office has information at hand that could break this total down into the major nationality groupings such as Mexican and if such information could be released for use in our survey and eventual publication.

If the information can be released, we would also like to know the total number of persons and their nationality who have been deported as illegal aliens and for subversive charges from the ports of entry along the Mexican border. Finally, in view of the increasing public concern about the infiltration of Communist elements into the government of Guatemala, we would like to know if any Guatemalan nationals have been deported in recent months. We know, for example, of one instance along the Mexican border recently where a carload of Guatemalan nationals traveling with false Mexican papers was detained and deportation subsequently effected.

Sincerely yours

/s/ Ed Idar, Jr.
Chairman
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(02-94541-10)
June 3, 1953

Mr. Ed. Idar, Ch., Chairman
American GI Forum of Texas
310 Holle Building
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Idar:

I am in receipt of a copy of your letter dated May 15, 1953, which you directed to the Immigration and Naturalization Service and which was referred to me by that Agency.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your request, I find that the recent statement which you attribute to the FBI was not made by any representative of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Houston (with copies of incoming and enclosure)
cc - San Antonio (with copies of incoming and enclosure)
cc - Dallas (with copies of incoming and enclosure)
cc - El Paso (with copies of incoming and enclosure)

...Bureau files reflect the American GI Forum of Texas is the subject of a closed Internal Security case, Houston origin, Houston file 100-8638, San Antonio file 100-7842. Report of SA in San Antonio, October 21, 1952, in this matter reflects...

Correspondent is State Chairman of this organization. In report of SA in Houston, June 26, 1952, there is set out information obtained from...
Statement to which correspondent refers and attributes to FBI apparently is statement made by the Attorney General on March 17, 1953, at annual dinner of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick at New York City to the effect that nearly ten thousand naturalized citizens and almost twelve thousand aliens are under investigation for possible red links in a campaign to rid the nation of subversives. According to press reports the Attorney General stated that nearly ten thousand naturalized citizens are believed to be or to have been engaged in subversive activities or affiliated with the Communist Party. (62-98134-191)

NOTE ON YELLOW ONLY:

Statement of Attorney General referred to above was subject of memorandum March 18, 1953, for information of the Director. (62-98134-191)

American GI Forum of Texas was established by charter filed on December 8, 1948, at Austin, Texas. Its purpose is to establish charitable, educational and benevolent society to render assistance to individuals in Texas in needy circumstances. (62-96541)
June 9, 1953

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter to Mr. Idar dated June 3. Mr. Idar is out of the city now and will not return until approximately June 18 or 19. On his return, his attention will be called to your letter for reply.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

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Nov. 20, 1953

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed you will find copies of letters that were sent to Attorney General Herbert Brownell concerning the [redacted] and the [redacted]. We believe that conditions here in Corpus Christi have not improved much as far as "Police Brutality" towards the American people of Mexican origin. We believe that there has been little or no improvement since the police beat up [redacted] last year nearly killing the man.

We respectfully and humbly request that your Department take action in investigating these two cases and if possible to take action so that the brutality and sadism of police officers in this city stop as soon as possible. Certainly when the police act like they did in the [redacted] they have no respect for anyone and they should not even be "Peace Officers".

We would like to take this opportunity first to thank you for the fine work that you have done in the protection of our country against the Communist enemies within and without our country. We believe that his country and all its people owe you and your Department so much that we would be unable to repay it in any way. We would like to encourage you to keep up your good work until the last Communist is gone. Secondly we would like to thank you for the fine attention, cooperation and help that your Department has given us in our "Civil Rights Case".

But more than all Mr. Hoover, we wish to thank you as a minority group for giving us the feeling that in spite of local prejudices against our people there is still a great, impartial, and just government in Washington and that Government for all people is represented to us typically in the person of J. Edgar Hoover.

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and the Department of Justice.

Our people's faith in our Government and in our institutions received great encouragement when an indictment was secured in Corpus Christi because of the flogging of one of our "Mexican-American Girls" in the Corpus Christi Area. However that case did not deter the city detectives from beating up an innocent minor as proven in the

We hope and pray Mr. Hoover, that after careful consideration in this matter that you send someone from your Department to help us with a very sad and serious situation here. I am sure that this is not the only time that such cases have been reported to your Department from this area. We beg you to please remember that our men, that is the Mexican-Americans are the most loyal to their country and they are the first to fight against Russia any time that our Government feels we should. Please remember that our faith in our country lies in our feeling and believing that although Justice may be slow we will always find it in the hands and in the hearts of men like you.

Respectfully yours,

Hector P. Garcia M.D.

Chairman Board of Directors American G.I. Forum of Texas.
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ENCLOSURE: 62-96541-12
November 2, 1953

Honorable Herbert Brownell, Jr.
Attorney General of the United States
United States Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Attorney General Brownell:

The American G.I. Forum of Texas, an organization of Veterans composed primarily of American War Veterans of Mexican Origin, kindly and respectfully request your office, your Department, and the Civil Rights Section of your Department to make an investigation of the [redacted]. We respectfully request that after a careful investigation that your Department take the proper action to bring the guilty officers to trial, since we believe that this is a clear cut case of violation of civil rights of our citizens as guaranteed by our American Constitution.

At the same time we would like to thank your Department for action in other cases that we have requested your investigation. However, in spite of your efforts, and investigations, etc., we feel that such cases are still too prevalent in Texas amongst citizens and more so against the American People of Mexican extraction. During the last year we have had at least six major cases where we believe that violations of constitutional rights of our people have occurred at the hands of Texas police officers. We feel that something must be done to stop this needless brutality, sadism, and ill feeling towards our people. We feel that the local authorities, in most cases, do not make effort to screen their officers as to their prejudices or feelings towards our people and consequently they hire a good number who still think that they can do what they wish with our people even as far as taking away their lives. About a year ago or so we reported the [redacted] wherein one of our citizens was severely beaten up by police of this city. I attended the citizen myself and still have photographic evidence of the brutal beating that he received. We reported the case to the local F.B.I., at that time. We also reported a killing of one of our citizens by [redacted]. We also asked investigation from your Department of a killing of two Vega Brothers in Taylor, Texas. The brutal picture goes on and on like that; and we feel that we should not be treated like that by any police officers.
After careful study of the matter we feel that the
had no authority or right to try to get a
man out of his home without a warrant! We feel he had no right to
trespass into their home, property and car! We feel that the
calling of 7 or 8 more police officers was unnecessary, and we
feel that the shooting of the tire and the breaking of the window
were brutal and sadistic. We feel that as well as the
other seven or eight officers were guilty of violation of the
rights and specifically their tactics were illegal and
unhumanitarian. We belive that the threat to life and to property
as shown by all the police officers was a poor spectacle for
so called "peace officers" to display. The fact that
was handcuffed and taken into the police car show that the arrest
was illegal. In our minds had done nothing to deserve this
police action, he had committed no felony or misdemeanor; he was
within the confines of his home and in the company of his family;
yet in spite of pleadings by his father that he would take
home the police still insisted on brutal tactics to display their lack of knowledge of our laws and also a good amount
of sadism. We feel that, if the individual had not been of Mexican
origin, the police would never have dared to act as they did!
Yet it is still a general feeling amongst the police officers of
this State that a "Mexican" does not have the same rights as his
other fellowmen.

Attorney General Brownell, we feel that we need the protection
of our Federal Government in cases like this. We feel that we can
always place our trust and our faith in our Federal Government.
We feel that as loyal citizens we will receive American Justice.
But please do not fail us, please send your best men to look into
this matter. We have at least another case since then and several
others in the past, but this one is such an unjust action by the
police that it surprises us. The police department locally could
stop this actions but the police department is not interested in
justice for all they are merely interested in arrests and prosecu-
tions whether they are illegal or not.

We have taken no local legal action in this case because we
are waiting and will wait for your Department to help us. We feel
that if the case warrants, prosecution of all the officers involved
will serve to stop such future actions not only in Corpus Christi
but in the State of Texas where they are still too common. I have
several copies of the affidavit which I will be glad to submit to
any of your Department members and others.

Again let me thank you and your Department for your very kind
and nice attention in previous cases and please accept our thanks,
respect, and admiration for the fine work that is being done by the
Department of Justice.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

[Title]
Chairman of Board of
November 20, 1953

Honorable Herbert Brownell, Jr.
Attorney General of the United States
United States Department of Justice
Washington, 25, D.C.

Attn: Civil Rights Section

Dear Attorney General Brownell:

On November 2, 1953 we requested your Department of the Civil Rights Section to look into the matter of the [redacted]. We have received your letter dated Nov. 16th, 1953 for which we wish to thank you. We again wish to thank you for your attention to the case and in view of the new case we hope that your Dept. will take action as soon as possible.

This is the [redacted] which we are respectfully requesting the Civil Rights Section of your Dept. to investigate. As I mentioned in my previous letter something must be done to stop the local police from violating the rights of the Spanish Speaking-American Citizens of this city. Such brutal and sadistic actions by the police departments of certain cities in this State have become practically accepted and accepted tactics by police officers based mostly on the fact that our people have been unable to defend themselves or express their feelings. This case is a clear cut case of police brutality and sadism employing "third degree" methods on a boy who was helpless in their hands.

Let me again assure that this is not an isolated case but happens with too frequently to satisfy us. The [redacted] CASE of last year was one of the most brutal cases of beatings that any man received at the hands of police officers. We wish that this type of brutality could be stopped. Incidentally I
took

to the local F.B.I. office to show your very nice and courteous and attentive agent the marks on

Body.

The American People of Mexican Origin are feeling somewhat perturbed about the frequency of police brutality and sadism against our people. In this case we would like to point our that the boy in spite of his age was taken to the City Jail where he was beaten up. We would like to point our that no formal charges were filed against him and that he was held in the children shelter as a prisoner and held incommunicado since his mother was refused permission to talk to him. I would like to point out that the boy was held for more than one and a half day in spite of the fact that he did not confess. It seems to me that if the police suspected him and they did, because of the pictures they had; it seems that they should have had a warrant for arrest which they did not. It seems to me that they had no right to beat him up at all; and that he should have been brought before a magistrate and also a Doctor which they did not. Incidentally this frequency of arrests without warrant is one of the pet moves of the local police department.

We would like to mention in passing that two very suspicious deaths have occurred in so called "drunk's tank" in the city jail. This suspicious tank or cell is supposed to be special cell for drunks but two mysterious deaths in those tanks have caused news papers in this area to point out the fact that perhaps the tank may serve other purposes.

We would again like to request you to investigate this case as soon as possible in order to prevent other recurrences of police brutality. We believe that if nothing is done the city police may think that they are working within their rights and will encourage them to be more brutal and sadistic. We are sorry to burden your F.B.I. offices with our problems, but Illinois Veteran's organization is very proud of your fine work in combating the Communist infiltration in our government and in our country. We are proud of your work and we ask you to keep it up until our country is rid of this menace. We wish to congratulate Mr. Hoeyer for his fine work in protecting our country in time of peace and in time of war.

We have faith that these two cases may bring an investigation from your Department since they are so close to each other. We are hoping that action is taken to stop any future action. We wish to thank you again for your help, attention, and courtesies. Please let us know if we can be of any help at any time.

Sincerely yours,

Hector Garcia M.D.

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62-96541-12
The following article appeared on the Corpus Christi Caller, on the date of November 19, 1953 (Thursday).

RAMON GONZALES, 18, CHARGED WITH BURGLARY

Ramon Gonzales, 18, of 1612 Coleman, was charged yesterday with burglary of Sanchez Drive Inn, 2102 Laredo, on Oct. 22.

The complaint was signed by City Detective L. E. Melton and filed in Justice of the Peace W. A. Gilleland's court.

Records in the office of Dist. Atty. J. D. Todd, Jr., showed that Gonzales was placed on probation for five years last April 7 on a burglary charge.

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in addition, has been in attendance at meetings of the American GI Forum, which was recently organized in Dallas, Texas. [redacted] contemplates joining this organization which, according to [redacted], is the target for Communist Party infiltration at the present time.

Accordingly, it is requested that approval for the
November 25, 1953

Dr. Hector P. Garcia
Chairman, Board of Directors
American GI Forum of Texas
3024 Morgan Avenue
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated November 20, 1953, together with the attachments therewith and to express my appreciation for your kind remarks regarding the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Regarding the matters which you inquired about, I wish to advise that the [redacted] is presently under investigation and the information furnished by you regarding the [redacted] has been forwarded to the Department of Justice for an opinion. In the event you desire additional information regarding these matters, I would suggest that you communicate directly with Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III of the Criminal Division Department of Justice.

I appreciate your bringing this situation to my attention and in the event you desire to furnish additional information, please feel free to contact the Special Agent in Charge of our Houston Office, 621 Niels Esperson Building, Houston 2, Texas.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: The attachments were removed in order that copies could be made to furnish to the Houston Division and to the Department. Matters referred to by complainant are cases entitled [redacted] and [redacted].
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For the information of the Houston Office, the Dallas Office by Letter dated October 27, 1952, entitled, 
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For the information of the Houston Office, the Dallas Office by letter dated October 27, 1954, entitled, the captioned organization is reportedly the target for Communist Party infiltration at the present time.

For the information of the Dallas Office, this organization was the subject of a security investigation by the Houston Office in 1952, which investigation was closed in such as no evidence of Communist infiltration or influence in this organization was developed.

It is desired that the activities of this organization be carefully watched by both the Houston and Dallas offices, and in the event any additional information is obtained relative to any Communist attempts to gain control of this group for the furtherance of Communist objectives, the Bureau should be promptly advised along with recommendations as to whether an active security investigation should be instituted. In this same regard, the Dallas Office is instructed to keep the Houston Office fully informed as to any additional information which may be obtained from relative to Communist attempts to infiltrate this group.

See - Dallas

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Dallas (100-9734)
DATE: 11/24/54

SUBJECT: AMERICAN G. I. FORUM
DALLAS BRANCH
INTERNAL SECURITY - 6

The above-captioned organization was organized in Dallas, Texas, on 9/29/54, and has since become a target for infiltration by the Communist Party, according to informants. This organization was formed for the purpose of enforcing the rights of Mexican-Americans in this area, and is supposedly composed of persons who have a service record.

Accordingly, an investigation is being conducted regarding this organization.

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Office Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-9734)

DATE: January 27, 1955

SUBJECT: AMERICAN G. I. FORUM
DALLAS BRANCH
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Remylet dated 11/24/54.

The above captioned organization continues to be active in Dallas, Texas, and has been infiltrated by the Communist Party in the Dallas area.

The G. I. Forum Organization was composed of approximately thirteen members as of November 15, 1954.

Informants have reported that only the Dallas Branch of this organization has been dominated and controlled by the Communist Party.

As the Bureau has been advised this group is composed principally of Mexican - American service men who are said to have banded together to stamp out descrimination of the Mexican - American people and to assist these people in various other ways. Informants have stated that the American G. I. Forum is non-political.

Accordingly, an active investigation is being conducted by the Dallas Office, UACB.
SAC, Dallas (100-9734)  

February 9, 1955

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AMERICAN G. I. FORUM
INTERNAL SECURITY - 6


It is noted that Reulet indicated that one copy thereof was being forwarded to both the Houston and San Antonio offices. Inasmuch as the original and three copies of reulet were received at the Bureau, however, it is presumed that the copies which should have been forwarded to the Houston and San Antonio offices were inadvertently attached. For the information of all offices concerned one copy of reulet is being forwarded herewith to the Houston and San Antonio offices.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-96541)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-9734)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN G. I. FORUM
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Remylet 1/27/55.

The Dallas Branch of this organization continues to be dominated and controlled by the Communist Party. There are said to be at present about 30 members.

A comprehensive report is presently being prepared concerning this matter by the Dallas Office, and will be submitted to the Bureau within the next two weeks.

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**TITLE**

*The American G. I. Forum of Texas, Inc.*
aka GI Forum, American G. I. Forum (Dallas, INTERNAL SECURITY - C Texas Chapter)

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

This group is composed principally of Mexican-American Veterans who allegedly have banded together to stamp out discrimination against Mexican-Americans, and to seek justice and equality for everyone. This organization said to be non-political.

Present membership is approximately 30 persons.
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The title has been changed to reflect the official name of this organization as set forth in the organization's constitution, and to show "GI Forum" as another name which can be used, according to the constitution. The title previously has been listed as "American G. I. Forum".

AT DALLAS, TEXAS:

I. ORIGIN AND BACKGROUND OF ORGANIZATION

Special Agent... advised that an organization known as THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM has recently been organized in Dallas, and that efforts were being made by... 

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.
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composed principally of Americans of Mexican descent. He expressed a belief that this organization may possibly be subversive. He said that this organization does not appear to put any emphasis on an individual member being a war veteran, but apparently is concerned considerably with discriminatory tactics aimed at Mexican-Americans. He said that a delegation recently had come to the County Juvenile Home to protest the jailing of approximately twenty Mexican juveniles, who were held over night and released.

By letter dated March 22, 1955, the GOOD NEIGHBOR COMMISSION of Austin, Texas, advised the Dallas Office that \( \text{[unreadable]} \), on March 15, 1955, wrote to the Mayor of Lamesa, Texas, protesting refusal of the Green Hat Restaurant, Lamesa, Texas, to serve U. S. citizens of Mexican descent. It is pointed out that acts of racial discrimination like that are not in accord with the Good Neighbor Policy, and stated that farmers in that vicinity employ many Mexican agricultural workers, which would not be available, in accord with the international agreement, where discrimination exists. Correspondence furnished by the GOOD NEIGHBOR COMMISSION included a letter from \( \text{[unreadable]} \), dated March 17, 1955, which letter stated that his files revealed considerable correspondence during October, 1952, about alleged discrimination at two other establishments in Lamesa, Texas. \( \text{[unreadable]} \) stated that the complaints had originated with local G. I. FORUM people who apparently went to the Austin Headquarters without first attempting local settlement.

advised Special Agents that the AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS was organized about eight years ago, with main headquarters in Austin, Texas. It was organized
in Dallas around October 1, 1954.

stated that other Chapters of the G. I. FORUM have been established in several other states, and have headquarters in each state, although they are under the guidance of the main headquarters of this organization at Austin, Texas. Advised that the Dallas Chapter of the AMERICAN G. I. FORUM is known to be dominated and controlled by the Communist Party in Dallas. Informant advised that the Dallas Chapter is the only Chapter known to be so controlled and dominated by the Communist Party.
II. OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP OF ORGANIZATION

State Chairman from San Antonio, Texas

RICHARD M. CASILLAS

Chairman Board of Directors Dr. H. P. GARCIA from Corpus Christi

1st Vice-Chairman from Ft. Worth, Texas

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Mrs. ELOISE CASTILLO

3rd Vice-Chairman from Corpus Christi

HERBERT HERNANDEZ

Secretary from San Antonio

ADOLPH A. GARCIA

Treasurer from Houston, Texas

ALFREDO M. CARDENAS
The "News Bulletin", October, 1954 issue, contains an article entitled "Fort Worth Delegates Finally Raise a Spark; Form Dallas Forum". This article stated that members of the G. I. FORUM and Auxiliary of Fort Worth under the direction of First Vice-Chairman GILBERT C. GARCIA organized a G. I. FORUM in Dallas on September 29, 1954. The article stated that this culminates an effort that GARCIA and others have carried on at various times for two or three years. The article identified the temporary officers who were elected and further stated that one individual of great help in organizing the Dallas Forum was GILBERT CASTILLEJA, cousin of State Chairman RICHARD M. CASTILLEJA of San Antonio. The article stated that the Fort Worth delegation included GARCIA and his wife, Mrs. HERLINDA GARCIA, Mrs. DOLORES CONTRERAS, PERCY PEREZ, MIKE BRISENO, and JIMMY BECERRA.
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III. STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

... advised Special Agents that the stated purpose of the AMERICAN G. I. FORUM is to seek justice and equality for everyone. Informant stated that this group is composed principally of Mexican-American Veterans, who are banded together to stamp out discrimination against these people, and to seek justice and equality for everyone. Informant has stated that the AMERICAN G. I. FORUM is non-political.
FBI, DALLAS (100-9734) 5-13-55 10:00 AM CST VIA AIRTEL
TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-96541)
THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC., AKA., GI FORUM,
AMERICAN G. I. FORUM (DALLAS, TEXAS CHAPTER); IS - C.

A report is being transmitted to the Bureau concerning captioned organization setting forth full details, and will arrive in Bureau next week.

MURPHY

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DATE: 8-5-55 BY SPECIALIST

MR. BELMONT

DOM. ENTR. DIVISION

Approved: ___________________  Sent: __________ M  Per: __________
For your information in connection with the activities of the captioned organization,

A review of our files reflects that this organization was formed at Corpus Christi, Texas, in 1949 to establish a charitable, educational and benevolent society to render aid and assistance to individuals in Texas in need circumstances, to provide scholarships to worthy students and to seek improvement in educational facilities in general.

The Bureau conducted a security investigation of this organization in 1952, and our investigative reports were furnished the Department at that time. This investigation was terminated in December, 1952, since there appeared to be no evidence of Communist influence or infiltration into this group.

The Dallas chapter is composed principally of Mexican-American servicemen who reportedly have banded together to stamp out discrimination of the Mexican-American people, and to help those people in various
Our security investigation of this organization has been reinstituted, and the results will be promptly forwarded to you upon receipt.

cc - 1 - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Temkins
Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

Director, FBI

THE AMERICAN C.I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.
Also Known As: C.I. Forum, American C.I.
Forum (Dallas, Texas Chapter)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
FBI FILE 62-96541

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent dated May 20, 1955, at Dallas, Texas, relative to the activities of the captioned organization.

You may desire to review the above report in connection with the provisions of Executive Order 10450 and the Internal Security Act of 1950.

[Signature]

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Director, FBI (62-96541)

THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

May 20, 1955, at Dallas.

It is desired that a thumbnail sketch of the captioned organization be promptly submitted to the Bureau in accordance with current Bureau instructions.

In view of the nature of this organization and in view of our responsibilities in connection with the Presidential Directive of September 26, 1939, it is desired that copies of resep, as well as copies of all future reports on this matter be afforded local dissemination to the intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces. For your information, resep has been classified "Confidential" at the Bureau and you are instructed to take appropriate action with regard to those copies of resep retained in your office as well as those disseminated by you.

It is further noted that as has stated on this same page that other chapters of this organization have been established in several other states. No further information, however, is set forth to indicate that such

It is desired that efforts be made to ascertain the identity of any additional chapters of this organization and appropriate leads set forth.
SAC, Dallas (100-9734)  
July 14, 1955

Director, FBI (62-96541)

THE AMERICAN C. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re: Bullet 6-9-55 captioned as above.

Expedite submission of information requested by relet, including a thumbnail sketch concerning the organization to reach the Bureau no later than 7-25-55.

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DATE 8/11/55 BY SPHJALMN

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Director, FBI (100-7254)

SAC, Dallas (100-0610)

AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.
THUMBNAIL SKETCH
INTERNAL SECURITY - 6


There are enclosed herewith an original and four copies of a thumbnail sketch on the Dallas Chapter of the American G. I. Forum of Texas, Inc.

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Careful consideration has been given each source concealed in this thumbnail sketch, and X-symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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THE AMERICAN C. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.

The following is an up-to-date thumbnail sketch concerning the Dallas, Texas Chapter of thecaptioned organisation.

The Dallas Chapter of the American C. I. Forum of Texas, Inc., was organized at a meeting at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas, on September 29, 1954. The group is composed principally of Mexican-American veterans, who allegedly have banded together to stamp out discrimination against Mexican-Americans, and to seek justice and equality for everyone. The organization is said to be non-political.

The American C. I. Forum publishes a "News Bulletin" which discloses its headquarters to be at Austin, Texas, and enumerates local chapters of the organisation in various towns in Texas, as well as chapters in New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Utah, and Kansas.

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62-96541-1
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (62-96541)
FROM: SAC Dallas (100-9734)
DATE: 7/22/55

SUBJECT: AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC., aka INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Origin: Dallas

The Dallas Office has prepared a thumbnail sketch concerning instant organization, which is being submitted to the Bureau by separate letter.

One copy of the report of SA 5/20/55, Dallas, has been disseminated to U. S. Army Intelligence, and U. S. Naval Intelligence, both at Dallas, Texas, and to OSI, Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, Texas, as instructed in referenced letter. Hereafter, reports concerning this organization will be disseminated locally to these three intelligence agencies.

All five copies of the report of SA 5/20/55, Dallas, which were originally designated for the Dallas Office, which includes those being disseminated to the above-mentioned three intelligence agencies, have been stamped "CONFIDENTIAL". The El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio Offices are being requested by separate letter to classify their copies of this report as "CONFIDENTIAL".
Letter to Bureau
DL 100-9734

It is to be noted that the Houston Office, in 1952, was office of origin of an investigation entitled "AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, IS - O", Bureau file 62-96541, Houston file 100-8638. It appears that the Houston Office at that time was conducting investigation to determine if various chapters of this organization were subversive groups. It is noted that the Bureau, in a letter to Houston, dated 11/16/54, advised that the 1952 investigation by the Houston Office was closed, inasmuch as no evidence of Communist infiltration or influence in this organization was developed.

It is further noted from the October, 1954 copy of "News Bulletin", a publication of the American G. I. Forum, with headquarters at Austin, Texas, in an article entitled "Colorado G. I. Forum News", that there are numerous local chapters of this organization in various towns in Texas, and that there are chapters in New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Utah, and Kansas.

By separate letter, the offices covering areas in which other chapters of the American G. I. Forum are believed to be in existence, have been advised that the Dallas Chapter is under Communist Party control and domination, and that those offices should ascertain from appropriate informants whether any of the chapters in their areas are so controlled and dominated.
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (62-96541)
FROM: SAC, Dallas (100-9734)

DATE: 7/25/55

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC., aka: G. I. Forum, American G. I. Forum (Dallas, Texas Branch)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Origin: Dallas

Rebult to Dallas, 6/9/55.

Reprog of SAC to [illegible], 5/20/55, Dallas, copies of which were furnished to El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio.

Referenced letter advised that appropriate leads should be set forth for the purpose of determining if any chapters of instant organization, other than the Dallas, Texas Chapter, are controlled and dominated by the Communist Party.

For the information of offices receiving copies of this letter, the Dallas Chapter of the American G. I. Forum of Texas, Inc. was organized on September 29, 1951.

The G. I. Forum came into existence several years ago in South Texas, and its main headquarters are located at Austin, Texas.

From information obtained from Dallas informants and from an examination of the October, 1954, and the May and June, 1955 issues of "News Bulletin", a publication of this organization, which is published at Austin, Texas, it appears that there are chapters of the G. I. Forum in New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Utah, Ohio, and Arizona, in addition to those in various parts of Texas.

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Houston (100-8638)(RM)
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Phoenix (RM)
Salt Lake City (RM)
San Antonio (RM)

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Letter to Bureau
DL 100-9734

For the information of the San Antonio Office, a convention of the G. I. Forum was scheduled to be held at San Antonio, Texas, on July 1-3, 1955.

It is requested that the offices receiving copies of this letter contact appropriate informants within their respective divisions, to determine if any of the chapters of the American G. I. Forum located in those areas are controlled and dominated by the Communist Party.

The Bureau and the Dallas Office should be advised of the results of these contacts.

For the information of the El Paso, San Antonio, and Houston Offices, the Bureau, in referenced letter, instructed that referenced report of SA 5/20/55, Dallas, be classified "CONFIDENTIAL", and advised that the Bureau's copies have been so classified. The El Paso, San Antonio, and Houston Offices are requested to classify their copies of this report "CONFIDENTIAL".
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-96541)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-22515)

DATE: August 16, 1955

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC., aka
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Dallas letter 7-25-55.

Informants of the Cleveland Office were contacted and advised that they have no information concerning captioned organization. The following informants were contacted:

For documentation purposes, this letter may be indicated as the location.

All informants have furnished reliable information in the past.

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cc: 2 - Dallas (100-9734)(RM)

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DATE 8/16/55 BY APU 9/11/55
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[Handwritten notes and corrections]
To: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-95341)  
From: SAC, PHOENIX (120-4901)  
Date: August 16, 1955

Subject: THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.
Aka: G.I. Forum, American G.I. Forum
(Dallas, Texas Branch)
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(CC-DL)

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Re: Dallas letter to the Bureau, 7/25/55.

The indices of the Phoenix Division contain no reference to
the American G.I. Forum of Texas, Inc., also known as G.I.
Forum, American G.I. Forum. The following security informants
and potential security informants were contacted but had no
information concerning this organization:

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 14 Aug 22, 1955

CC: DALLAS (120-973) (REGISTERED)
BREAKING NEWS:

THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.,
aka G. I. Forum, American G. I. Forum
(Dallas, Texas Branch)

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CIs could furnish no information regarding The American G. I. Forum of Texas, Inc. Records of various veterans organizations in Salt Lake City, Utah, and of Utah, Secretary of State's Office revealed no information regarding this organization.

DETAILS: AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 15, 1955, he could furnish no information regarding The American G. I. Forum of Texas, Inc.

who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 16, 1955, they had no information regarding The American G. I. Forum of Texas, Inc. and did not know if such an organization was operating in Utah.

On August 16, 1955,

advised that all incorporated organizations in Utah are required to register with that office; however, her files contained no information regarding subject organization.

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- Salt Lake City (100-8960)

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On August 17, 1955, the subject organization and his files contained no information concerning it. He suggested that be contacted regarding this matter, inasmuch as he is closely connected with all veterans' organizational work throughout the State of Utah. Advised on August 17, 1955, he has had no information regarding the operation of subject organization in the State of Utah. was alerted concerning this organization and he assured that this office would be advised in the event he obtained any information regarding it.

On August 17, 1955, was advised he had no information regarding the operation of The American G. I. Forum of Texas, Inc. in the Salt Lake City area. He further stated this organization had no connections or operations at the University of Utah.

who has furnished reliable information in the past, was contacted by on August 23, 1955. stated he could furnish no information regarding the organization "The American G. I. Forum of Texas, Inc." and, to his knowledge, such an organization was not operating in Utah.
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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REFERENCES

Dallas letter to Bureau, dated 7/25/55.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-96541) (RM)
FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (100-11992)

DATE: 8/31/55

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.,
aka G. I. Forum, American G. I. Forum
(Dallas, Texas Branch)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(00: Dallas)

Re Dallas letter to Bureau, 9/25/55.

Confidential Informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are familiar with certain phases regarding Communist Party activities in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area, were contacted and could furnish no information relative to the existence of any local chapters of captioned organization in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area. Confidential Informants in the Dayton, Columbus, and Ohio Valley Section, Ohio, are in the process of being contacted and the results will be furnished to the Bureau and Dallas upon completion.

The indices of the Cincinnati Division contain no record identifiable with captioned organization.

cc: Dallas (100-9734) (RM)

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DATE 8/31/55 BY DPL

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58 SEP 8 1955
Re Dallas letter to the Bureau dated 7/25/55, and the report of SA dated 8/26/55, at Salt Lake City. Inasmuch as there appears to be no active group at this time in Utah, no further action is being taken in this matter, however, in the event a chapter is commenced in the future, the Bureau and Dallas office will be advised.
Re su letter dated 9/2/55.

Please correct su copy, send Dallas.

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DATE 8/19/55 BY DP68/11M
TO:  DIRECTOR, FBI (62-965141)

FROM:  SAC, DENVER (100-7540)

SUBJECT:  THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.,
Aka., G.I. Forum, American G.I. Forum
(Dallas, Texas, Branch)
(00-Dallas)

DATE:  9/15/55

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Re: Dallas letter 7/25/55.

Relat requested that offices having chapters of the American G.I. Forum within their division, determine if these chapters are controlled and dominated by members of the Communist Party.

Contacted SAC at Pueblo, Colorado. They advised that rumors had existed in Pueblo that the local chapter of the G.I. Forum was infiltrated by Communists, with the result that various recruits had declined to join the organization in view of this rumor. They advised that most of such comments concerned

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1 cc. Denver (100-6821)

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It is to be noted that the Constitutions of the American G. I. Forum of Colorado and of Pueblo, both contain under the membership section, the provision that "no person, veteran or not, who is a member of a Communist, Fascist or other conspiracy that advocates the overthrow by force of the Government of the United States shall be eligible to membership in the G. I. Forum." It is also to be noted that all present or prospective members of the G. I. Forum of Colorado must sign Non-Communist Affidavits.

No information has been received that any chapters of the G. I. Forum in Colorado are dominated or controlled by members of the Communist Party.

- HUC -
Office Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-96541)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (100-4712)

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.,
aka: GI Forum, American GI Forum
(Dallas, Texas Branch)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Origin: Dallas

Re Dallas let 7/25/55 to Bu et al.

A check has been made with security informants in the El Paso
Division and no information has been disclosed which would reflect
that the GI Forum which formerly was active in this area was at
any time controlled or dominated by the Communist Party.
Re: Dallas letter dated 7/25/55.

Orally advised that they were unable to furnish any information concerning Communist Party infiltration or control of the chapters of the G.I. Forum located within the State of New Mexico.

Orally advised that no information had come to their attention concerning the possible Communist Party infiltration or control of the G.I. Forum.

Orally advised that on September 14, 1955, the New Mexico Communist Party State Committee Chairman, stated that none of the chapters of the G.I. Forum located within the State of New Mexico are infiltrated, dominated, or under the control of the Communist Party.

RUC.
On September 19, 1955, the Salt Lake City Office received a special delivery package from containing a letter and the following literature:

1. Leaflet entitled, "AMERICAN G. I. FOPUM OF COLORADO".

2. Souvenir Program of the Third Annual Convention held June 17, 18, 19, 1955, at the American Legion Memorial Home, Denver, Colorado.


In the letter received from she explained that she had received a letter from a person with whom she was not acquainted but
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in addition to the above information,

wrote in her letter that in view of the warning she desired
the cooperation and protection of the FBI against any subversive
element which might endeavor to endanger the group which was
being formed in the State of Utah.

was contacted at

on September 20, 1955, by SAs

and

at which time she stated that she has been

in Utah about

and recently has been attempting to
stated that in the event any additional
information comes to her attention reflecting infiltration
of subversive groups or persons into subject organization,
she would immediately contact the Salt Lake City Office of
the FBI.

contacted the Salt Lake City Office on
September 20, 1955, and advised he

, and on September 19, 1955, he received
a letter fromrelative to possible subversive elements attempting to infiltrate into the Utah Chapter of subject organization. stated that the Utah Chapter of subject organization was organized August 22, 1955, for the purpose of bettering conditions for his race. He stated that the organization desires to be a loyal United States group and that the officers and members are definitely against Communism or any other subversive group. stated he would appreciate any protection that the FBI could give to his group and would immediately report any un-American activities which might come to his attention as a result of his position in subject organization.
Inasmuch as there appears to be no Communist infiltration of subject organization in Utah, no further investigation is contemplated in this matter at this time.

A copy of this report is being furnished the Denver Office for information purposes inasmuch as it contains information relative to the Colorado Chapter of subject organization.

Two copies of this report are being designated for the Salt Lake City Office inasmuch as it is possible that additional investigation may be required in the future.

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REFERENCE

Report of Salt Lake City, dated 8/26/55, at

Salt Lake City letter to the Bureau dated 9/2/55.
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-96541)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-7842)

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.
aka, G. I. Forum, American G. I. Forum
(Dallas, Texas Branch)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

00: DALLAS

DATE: 10/6/55

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RE: Dallas letter to Bureau 7/25/55 requesting San Antonio and other offices to contact appropriate informants to determine if any chapters of the American G. I. Forum within the respective division areas are controlled and dominated by the Communist Party.


It is noted that the above informants all have some knowledge of Communist Party activities in the San Antonio area.
Director, FBI
SA 1007942

This letter was from one... It was dated August 13, 1955.

This letter requested consideration in having... address a local meeting of the American G. I. Forum of Texas.

...cated to SA... that he intended not to support or have anything at all to do with any such speech which might be made by...

...ubsequently furnished the letter which he received (above) as well as other literature which had been enclosed with this letter.

...he files of the San Antonio Office reflect that on various occasions... has placed himself on record with this office as being against any type of subversive activity and has also offered his services in any way to curtail subversive activities.

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Office Memorandum  •  UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (62-96541)                DATE: October 31, 1955

FROM: SAC, Kansas City (100-10520)

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.
aka G. I. Forum, American G. I. Forum
(Dallas, Texas, Branch)
00 Dallas

Re: Dallas letter to Bureau 7/25/55, KC letter to Dallas 8/16/55 and Dallas letter to Kansas City 9/1/55.

In referenced Dallas letter dated September 1, 1955, Dallas set forth information to the effect that chapters of the G.I. Forum were now in existence in Dodge City, Arkansas City and Garden City, Kansas. Dallas further advised that information had been received indicating that efforts had been made to set up chapters of the G.I. Forum in Hutchinson, Newton and Wichita, Kansas.

Investigation conducted at Dodge City and Garden City, Kansas, reflects that chapters of the American G.I. Forum of Texas, Inc., have been organized. The names of the officers of these two chapters were searched through the indices of the Kansas City Office with negative results. Advised SA on October 25, 1955, that they can furnish no information concerning the American G.I. Forum of Texas or the officers of the respective chapters. Both informants are familiar with some phases of Communist activity in the Kansas City area.

Extensive investigation was conducted at Arkansas City, Kansas, and this investigation failed to indicate that a chapter of the above-captioned organization has been formed. Investigation is presently being conducted at Hutchinson, Newton and Wichita in an effort to determine if chapters have been formed in those cities.

The Bureau and Dallas will be advised of the results of this investigation.

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (62-96541) CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: SAC, Cincinnati (100-11992)

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.
aka. (Dallas, Texas Branch)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
CC: DALLAS

Remylet 8/31/55.

Confidential Informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activities in the Columbus, Dayton, and Ohio Valley areas were contacted regarding captioned organization and could furnish no information regarding the existence of any chapters of that group in those areas.

The informants contacted in this matter are identified as follows:

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From SAC, DALLAS (100-9734)
To: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-96541)

THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.
Aka. (Dallas, Texas, Branch)
IS - C

oo - Dallas

Re O-1 Form received by Dallas Office 11/22/55, by which Dallas Office advised Bureau that report would be submitted by 12/6/55.

This deadline cannot now be met, because Agent to whom case assigned engaged in urgent IS - R surveillance past several days.

Report will be submitted by 12/19/55.

MURPHY

3 - Director (AM) (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - Dallas (100-9734)

All information contained herein is unclassified.

Date 8/30/55 by ApD 1mm

Mr. Belmont

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Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-96541)

DATE: 12-13-55

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-10520)

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, Inc.
aka G. I. Forum, American G. I. Forum
(Dallas, Texas Branch)
IS-C
(00 - Dallas)

Reference is made to the Kansas City letter to Bureau dated October 31, 1955.

For the information of the Bureau and Dallas, extensive investigation was conducted at Wichita and Hutchinson, Kansas concerning the formation of chapters of the above-mentioned organization. This investigation failed to indicate that chapters of the subject organization are in existence in Wichita and Hutchinson. Information was received however that a chapter of the G. I. Forum of Texas had been formed at Newton, Kansas. Investigation is being conducted at Newton, Kansas to determine the officers of the chapter and to determine if any Communist influence is present in this chapter.

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1-Dallas (100-9734)(RN)
2-Kansas City (100-10520)

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I. ORIGIN AND BACKGROUND OF ORGANIZATION

A review of information previously reported reflects that the Dallas Chapter of instant organization was organized in Dallas on September 29, 1954.
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VI. MISCELLANEOUS

on November 23, 1955, advised that while attending he became acquainted with through the he was invited to join the GI Forum in Dallas.

He stated he met several individuals at those meetings, including an

He observed that most of the GI Forum literature appeared to deal with the problem of discrimination against Latin-American persons. He said that he was surprised to see several high-caliber persons interested in this organization, and he noted that the group did not appear to be interested in "screening" new members. He has not attended any meetings since about
Confidential Informants of the San Antonio, El Paso, Kansas City, Salt Lake City, Denver, Albuquerque, Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Phoenix offices who were contacted during August, September, and October, 1955, have advised that they have no information that any of the GI Forum chapters within those divisions are controlled or dominated by the Communist Party.
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The Confidential Informants of the San Antonio, El Paso, Kansas City, Salt Lake City, Denver, Albuquerque, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Phoenix offices mentioned under "VI MISCELLANEOUS" of instant report, have been identified for the Bureau's information in previous communications by each of those offices to the Bureau. Inasmuch as those informants are many in number and furnished only negative information, same are not being again identified in instant report for sake of brevity.

LEADS

SAN ANTONIO (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished San Antonio inasmuch as it contains information identifying...

HOUSTON

At Houston, Texas

Will report results of contacts with informants advising whether the Houston chapter or other chapters of the GI Forum within the Houston division are controlled and dominated by the CP. (Lead previously set forth in Dallas letter to Bureau 7/25/55.) (Houston also refer to Dallas letter to Houston 9/26/55.)

DALLAS

At Dallas, Texas

Will follow and report the activities of Dallas chapter, GI Forum.

Dallas letter to Bureau 7/25/55.
Dallas letter to Houston 9/26/55.

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SAC, Kansas City (100-10520)

December 20, 1955

Director, FBI (62-96541)

THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INCORPORATED

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re: Report October 31, 1955, in which you advised
that investigation was being conducted in an effort to
determine if chapters of thecaptioned organisation have
been formed in certain cities in your territory.

It is desired that the Bureau be promptly advi
as to the status of this matter in your office.

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62-96541-39

DEC 21 1955
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORT MADE AT
HOUSTON, TEXAS

DATE WHEN MADE
DEC 31 1955
9/14/20; 10/3/55
11/2, 22, 29; 12/16, 22/55

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE

REPORT MADE BY
KRS

CHARACTER OF CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.
aka G.I. FORUM, AMERICAN G.I. FORUM
(Houston Division)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

advised THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.,
has state organization headquarters at Austin,
Texas.

have no
information of G.I. FORUM group in Houston or knowledge of
any CP members active in such a group.

DETAILS:

reliable information in the past and

who has furnished

advised on

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OFFICE OF BUREAU (42-46, 541) RM

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1-Salt Lake City (Info.) (RM)
1-San Antonio (100-7842) (Info.) (RM)
2-Houston (100-8638)

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DETAILS (Continued)

November 22, 1955, that he has knowledge of captioned organization and its activities.

Dallas Group

Dr. HECTOR GARCIA of Corpus Christi, Texas, who is in the capacity of Temporary National President of what is known as a "Federation or Council of State G.I. Forums."
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whom have furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 13, 1955, and September 20, 1955, respectively, that they have not been aware of the existence of
any branch of the AMERICAN G.I. FORUM in the Houston, Texas, area, nor have they been aware that any COMMUNIST PARTY members in this area may have been connected with that organization. It is noted that [redacted] are individuals who have had knowledge of COMMUNIST PARTY activities in the Houston area during recent years.
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Houston is being carried as office of origin in this case since reports have previously been submitted by the Houston Office regarding investigation of the G.I. FORUM in the Houston Division.

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It is noted that [redacted] has indicated a desire to co-operate with the FBI in any way wherein he might be of assistance.

LEADS

DALLAS DIVISION

One copy of this report is furnished Dallas for information inasmuch as this report includes information pertaining to the activities of the G.I. FORUM in this division.

DENVER DIVISION

One copy of this report is furnished Denver for information inasmuch as this report includes information pertaining to the activities of the G.I. FORUM in this division.

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SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

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REFERENCES: Dallas letter to Houston, 7/25/55.

Dallas letter to Houston, 9/26/55.

[Redacted] Report of [redacted], Dallas, 12/16/55, entitled "THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC., aka. GI Forum, American G.I. Forum (Dallas, Texas Chapter); IS-C".

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SAC, Dallas

January 26, 1956

Director, FBI (62-96541)

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THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM
OF TEXAS, INC.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

For your information and completion of your files
there is enclosed one copy of a self-explanatory memorandum
dated January 23, 1956, which was received from the Department.

[Signature]

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DATE 8/30/56 BY SUBJA/11MW
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-96541)

DATE: 1-31-56

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-10520)

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, Inc.
aka G. I. Forum, American G. I. Forum
(Dallas, Texas Branch)
IS-C
00 Dallas

Reference is made to Kansas City letter to Bureau dated 12-13-55 and Bureau letter to Kansas City dated 12-20-55.

For the information of the Bureau and Dallas, investigation is presently being conducted at Newton, Kansas and information has been received that several meetings of the local G. I. Forum Chapter have been held in Newton. Information has been further received to the effect that this chapter is composed entirely of Mexican males who claim that the forum is merely a social organization.

Information was also developed to the effect that there are G. I. Forum members at Wichita and Hutchinson, Kansas, but to date this information has not been verified.

Investigation is continuing at Newton, Wichita and Hutchinson to develop the identities of the officers of these chapters.

(2) Bureau (62-96541) (RM)
1 Dallas (100-97341) (RM)
2 Kansas City (100-10520)

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DATE 1-30-56 BY Submitter

RECORDED 40 62-96541-42
Communist Party members, Dallas, Texas continue to have interest in the activities in the Dallas Chapter of GI Forum and

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

The Communist Party, United States of America, has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.
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The report of SA [redacted], Houston, 12/31/55, captioned "THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC., aka G. I. FORUM, AMERICAN G. I. FORUM (Houston Division)", reflects results of investigation by the Houston Office to determine whether any Chapters of the GI Forum in that Division are controlled and dominated by the Communist Party.

Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed in this report, and T symbols were utilized only where it was necessary to conceal these sources.
DALLAS:

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Will follow and report further efforts of the Communist Party to dominate and control instant organization.

REFERENCES

Report of [Name Redacted], Dallas, 12/16/55.
Office Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-96541)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-9734)

DATE: 3/7/56

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM
OF TEXAS, INC., Aka
(Dallas, Texas Branch)

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Re Kansas City letter to Bureau, dated 1/31/56.

Kansas City letters to the Bureau, dated 10/31/55, 12/13/55, and 1/31/56 reflect that considerable investigation has been conducted by the Kansas City Office to determine whether chapters of instant organization in Kansas are controlled and dominated by the Communist Party.

It is to be noted that there are many chapters of this organization in several States and to the present time the Dallas Office has no knowledge that any of the chapters of this organization are Communist controlled and dominated with the exception of the Dallas Chapter. The Dallas Chapter, during the early part of 1955, was so controlled and dominated, but at the present time such domination has lessened to the point where the Dallas Chapter at present is only infiltrated by Communist Party members. It is believed that it is not necessary to identify the officers of all G. I. FORUM Chapters to determine if there are any such chapters known to be under the control and domination of the Communist Party.

It is believed, therefore, that further investigation by the Kansas City Office is not warranted, since it appears from the above mentioned communications from Kansas City that confidential informants of that office have no information indicating Communist control and domination of G. I. FORUM Chapters in that area.

The Dallas Office will carry this case in a pending inactive status. Further efforts of the Communist Party to dominate and control instant organization will be followed by the Dallas Office through confidential informants.

2 - Director (62-96541)
2 - Kansas City (100-10520)
1 - Dallas (100-9734)

RECORDED 54 62-96541-44
March 12, 1956

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

First, again I want to thank you and congratulate you and your fine Department for the work that you have done in stopping Communism from infiltrating our Country. This organization from its beginning to the present time have thanked you and your Department for this work that we feel merits our gratitude and respect. This organization in the past as well as in the present wishes to express our feelings against all things that are Communistic, or communist led or dominated.

For the last two years I have felt that there have been efforts by Communists in trying to infiltrate our organization which I know have been unsuccessful. Besides this, I believe organizations like the "Colorado Committee to Protect Civil Liberties" in Denver, Colorado are Communist and will try to influence our people and by their own leadership movement may try to take over the Americans Of Mexican Origin in the U.S. In every case of suspicion we have always contacted the Local F.B.I. Offices and we have cooperated fully with them. I believe that, now, we need your help and your office.

We, as a minority group, know that we have our problems. However, we believe in solving the problems orderly and peacefully. We know that we have great faith in our Government and in the Democratic Processes. I believe that the best way to stop any inroads of Communist ideas, philosophy or leadership amongst the Americans Of Mexican Origin could be by your accepting our invitation to address any one of our State Conventions or preferably our National Convention which will be

"Education is Our Freedom and Freedom Should Be Everybody’s Business"
2--Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, March 12, 1956:

held in Colorado on June 23 and 24, 1956. We will have Four State
Conventions as follows:

Kansas GI Forum Convention......June 2 and 3.
New Mexico GI Forum Convention:June 9 and 10.
Colorado GI Forum Convention...(National Convention) on
June 23 and 24.
Texas GI Forum Convention......July 7 and 8.

With all due consideration and respect, we humbly petition you
to address the National Convention at Colorado on June 23 and 24. I
believe that you will do us more good in Colorado since, personally, I
believe that that is the State where the Communists are setting up to
break and infiltrate into our Minority Group. As you know the ANMA
(ASOCIACION NATIONAL MEXICO AMERICANO) had its headquarters there.
They are on your subversive list. Now, "The Colorado Committee to Protect
Civil Liberties" are in Denver. I believe that a warning by you at the
National Convention Floor against being taken in by their propaganda
that has already started, would nip their plans early and stop them.
Representatives from the following States from our organization would
be there: Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Ohio, Utah
and others. We could mimeograph your speech and distribute it after
you make it, to be taken back by all delegates to their respective
States. It would really be wonderful and helpful. I do hope that
you consider it and we beg you to accept.

Our organization is poor. This is the first full year we have
worked as a National Federation of State GI Forum groups. We can
definitely pay your expenses both ways by air, plus your hotel expen-
ses and a small fee for your services.

Senator Lyndon Johnson from Texas, Senator Dennis Chavez can tell
you of the fine work of Americanism, Citizenship and Patriotism that
we have done amongst our people. I feel that we have saved our minor-
ity group from being fooled or falling into the Communist hands. We
are a patriotic organization willing to lay down our lives against
Communism at any time. We feel that we need the help of a great Amer-
ican Leader and Patriot like J. Edgar Hoover. We know that your time
is limited and that your work is heavy, but we would be grateful and
honored by your presence and I know that your message would not only
be inspirational, but also perhaps even a God Sent to this Group of
Americans who have always honored and loved their Country and who
from their small and insignificant position have always looked up
to the F.B.I. for Protection, for Patriotism and for Heroism.

Submitted to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover with all respect, admiration
and faith from your friend and admirer.

AMERICAN GI FORUM

Hector P. Garcia, M.D.
National GI Forum Chairman
March 21, 1956

PERSONAL

Dr. Hector \textit{f.} Garcia  
National Chairman  
American G. I. Forum  
3024 Morgan Street  
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Your letter dated March 12, 1956, has been received, and I deeply appreciate the gracious invitation for me to address the National Convention or one of the State Conventions of the American G. I. Forum in June or July.

It would indeed be a pleasure to appear before your organization. I sincerely regret, however, that a large number of urgent matters demanding my close personal attention make it impossible for me to indicate an acceptance. My future schedule has been rendered extremely uncertain by these factors, and it is not possible for me to participate in such events for some time to come.

Your generous comments concerning the FBI and my direction of its activities are a source of real encouragement to all of us in this Bureau. I do hope that you will continue to contact our local offices whenever you come into possession of information which you feel would be of interest to the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

cc - Houston, with copies incoming

NOTE: Ruffiles reflect nothing to preclude this letter to Dr. Garcia. Ruffile 62-96541 reflects that attempts have been made by communists

(REF: NETT PAGE)
Dr. Hector P. Garcia

March 21, 1956

to infiltrate various chapters of the American G.I. Forum and that Garcia has circulated information to the various chapters of this group warning members against communists and communist-front organizations and urged members to report any pertinent information to the FBI.
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-96544)

DATE: 3/27/56

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-10520)

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM
OF TEXAS, INC., aka G. I.
Forum, American G. I. Forum
(Dallas, Texas Branch)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to Dallas letter to Bureau dated 3/7/56 wherein it was stated that it was not believed that further investigation by the Kansas City Office was warranted since it appears that investigation to date of the Kansas City Office has failed to indicate any Communist infiltration control or domination of the G. I. FORUM Chapters in the Kansas City territory.

For the information of the Bureau and Dallas, no further investigation is being conducted by the Kansas City Office in this matter.

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55 APR '56
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (62-96541)

FROM: SAC, Kansas City (100-10520)

DATE: 4/18/56

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.
akas: G.I. Forum, American G.I. Forum
(Dallas, Texas, Branch)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re KClet 3/27/56.

Transmitted herewith both to the Bureau and to
Dallas is a copy of a letter received by this office 4/18/56
from G. A. TORREZ, Acting State Chairman of the American G.I.
Forum of Kansas. The envelope bore the return address of
"G. A. TORREZ, Chairman, American GI Forum of Kansas, 424 E.
1st, Wichita 2, Kansas". This letter has not been acknowledged.

This letter is being brought to the attention of
the Bureau in order to determine if the Bureau desires that
it be answered in view of the information requested which
apparently emanates from the National Chairman DR. HECTOR P.
GARCIA of this organization. It is also noted in the last
paragraph of this letter that the National Chairman has asked
the Director to speak at the National Convention of this
organization at Denver, Colorado.

It is suggested that the Bureau may desire to
answer this letter at the same time that the Director acknowledges the invitation to speak at the National Convention.

No further action is being taken by Kansas City, UACG.

ENCLOSURE

2 - Bureau (62-96541) (encl. 1) (RM)
2 - Dallas (100-9734) (encl. 2) (RM)
1 - KC 100-10520

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DATE 8/30/56 BY spalzall/mm
AMERICAN GI FORUM OF KANSAS
Independent Veterans Organization
Post Office Box 936
Dodge City, Kansas

"Education is our Freedom and Freedom should be everybody's
business"

April 16, 1956

424 E 1st
Wichita 2, Kansas

802 J
Dodge City, Kansas

Agent-in-Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
401 N. Market
Wichita 2, Kansas

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8/30/56 BY APDJP/11mm

Dear Sir:

I have been ordered by our National Chairman, Dr. Hector
P. Garcia, to contact your office and inform you as to the
activities of this organization in Kansas and elsewhere.

We know that you have investigated at least one of our chapters here
in Kansas. We would like to know why, and what reasons there were for
such action. Was it initiated by some other vets organization, civil
group, or by persons of Mexican descent in or out of the Forum? At
Arkansas most of our members panicked and the impression was left with
some that we were subversive.

To inform yourself as to the character of the Forum in other states
you are to contact your Corpus Christi, Austin, Pueblo, and Denver
officers. This organization has helped the FBI wherever there was
suspicion of communism. We also ask your help so that we may keep
abreast of what organizations are on the Attorney General’s Subversive
list, and what persons in Kansas are leftists or Communists, especially
where persons of Mexican-descent are concerned.

We have chapters in Garden City, Dodge City, Newton, Wichita, and
Arkansas, and contacts in other cities. We can, if you deem it necessary
send you a list of all local officers and State officers. Also, their
non-communist affidavits they are required to sign.

This year our State Convention will be held at the Broadview
Hotel in Wichita, on June 2, 3. Our National Officers will be present
as will officers from other States. If you should want to have someone
present you are welcome.

62-96541-47

COPY

ENCLOSURE
I would like to know what information or what decisions you have reached as to the character of this organization in Kansas. If there is any doubt we would like to clear it up at once. I would also like to notify our Board of Directors of this.

Our National Chairman has asked Edgar Hoover to speak at the National Convention in Denver.

Sincerely yours,

G. A. TORREZ
Acting-state-chairman
April 26, 1956

Mr. G. A. Torrez
Acting State Chairman
American G.I. Forum of Kansas
P.O. Box 996
Dodge City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Torrez:

Your letter dated April 16, 1956, which was addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Wichita, Kansas, has been forwarded to me.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, I must advise that data contained in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and available for official use only in accordance with Departmental regulations. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this regulation and the reason for my inability to be of assistance.

Furthermore, I must advise that the FBI, as a fact-gathering agency, does not issue clearances nor disapproves of organizations under any circumstances.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director 4/22

Bufile 62-96541

cc: Kansas City (100-10520)(See Note, Page 2)
cc: Dallas (100-9744)(See Note, Page 2)

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Note on following page

May 8, 1956
Letter to Mr. G. A. Torrez
Acting State Chairman
American G.I. Forum of Kansas
Post Office Box 936
Dodge City, Kansas

SACs, Kansas City & Dallas:

Relet dated 4-18-56 Kansas City to Bureau, copy of which was designated for Dallas Office.

In regard to the last paragraph set out in the correspondent's letter, copies of which were forwarded by relet, the Director by personal letter dated 3-21-56 informed Dr. Hector P. Garcia, National Chairman, American G.I. Forum, Corpus Christi, Texas, that the invitation to address the national convention of the American G.I. Forum had to be declined because of the large number of urgent matters demanding the Director's attention.

Bureau files contain no information identifiable with correspondent.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

The correspondent's letter states that he knows his organization has been investigated and inquires what the basis for the investigation may have been. Correspondent asks what decision may have been reached about the character of the organization.

His letter states that the national chairman has invited the Director to speak at the national convention in Denver.

Copy of correspondent's letter was forwarded to Bureau by relet with suggestion that Bureau may desire to acknowledge at Bureau at the time the Director acknowledges the invitation to speak at the national convention of the organization.
Letter to Mr. G. A. Torres
Acting State Chairman
American G. I. Forum of Kansas
Post Office Box 936
Dodge City, Kansas

Files reflect that American G.I. Forum has been subject of security investigation. Communists have attempted to infiltrate various chapters of the organization and the organization's national chairman has circulated information to the various chapters of this organization warning members against communists and communist fronts and urging members to report any pertinent information to the FBI.
May 3, 1956

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 8/30/55 BY 4PUBJAILMW

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to thank you again for your very nice and gracious letter of March 21, 1956. Naturally, we are very sorry that you will not be able to address our Conventions. However, we feel that perhaps some other time we will have this great pleasure and honor.

Naturally, we will try to get another speaker, but we feel certain that no other Speaker would receive the reception and welcome that such a fine Citizen of your ability and honesty would have received from this group of the American GI Forum.

Again, let me thank you for your kindness, and attention, and let me again congratulate your Department and yourself for the fine work that you have done in the past and that you are doing now. I believe that without the Federal Bureau of Investigation, this Country would have been over-run by Communist activities and infiltration. The fact that it is now practically free of this menace, is in our opinion, due to your Department and yourself.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Hector P. Garcia, M.D.
National Chairman
National Officers
Hector P. Garcia, M.D., Chairman
Corpus Christi, Texas
Arthur Tafoya, 1st. Vice-Chairman
Colorado Springs, Colorado
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William Garcia, Dodge City
Estella Rodriguez, Dodge City
Linda Guillen, Garden City
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Iva Leal, Sandusky
Domingo Gonzalez, Port Clinton
Robert Zamora, Fremont

July 14, 1956

The American G.I. Forum will possibly organize some more of our groups in Utah under the guidance and direction of some of our officers in Ogden and Salt Lake City.

We are writing you this letter because we know that has been in Bingham Canyon, Utah trying to organize the people there into one of their groups "The Colorado Committee to Protect Civil Liberties."

We will move into Bingham Canyon because we feel that we owe our Country a duty trying to keep our American people of Mexican origin from falling into the clutches of the Communist groups.
Our National Chairman, Mr. Vicente Ximenez, Gabaldon and Mountain Rd. N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico, the National Board of Directors and myself, believe that with your help and guidance we could try to stop the communist encroachments into our groups.

We have instructed [redacted] to submit you a copy of all the application for membership in this organization from Bringham Canyon, Utah. That is if we are successful in getting organized there.

If there are any suggestions or recommendations that you would like to make to our organization, please feel free to do so. We know you have a job to do and are doing a fine job. We realize that we are taking a risk in setting up a group in Bringham Canyon but if we can block the Communist or Communist sponsored groups in any way, we feel that the risk is worthwhile.

With our faith in God and in our Country, and with the protection and guidance of the F.B.I. we feel that we can take care of the situation.

Yours very truly,

Hector P. Garcia, M.D.
Chairman Board of Directors

Encl.

cc: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Continental Bank Bldg. Salt Lake City, Utah
    Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Bldg., Corpus Christi, Texas
    Mr. Vicente Ximenez, National Chairman, American G.I. Forum, Gabaldon and Mountain Rd. N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico
The following information is furnished in regard to organizing in Bingham Canyon, Utah.

Bingham Canyon is a copper mining community with a population of approximately 7,000, of which a large majority are of Spanish extraction. Some thought has been given to organizing a Forum group there, however, the following is furnished for any delay:

A. References:

1. 

2. 


4. Letter to Dr. Garcia dated 18 October 1955.

5. Letter from Dr. Garcia dated 19 October 1955.

B. The foregoing references alerted and to further investigate Bingham Canyon prior to taking any action to organize there. The following information is derived from the investigation:

1. 

2. That there exists an organization called Sociedad Mutualista Mexicana De Miguel Aleman. (SMUMA). Said group was originate in Mexico and some of the residents started it in Bingham Canyon, sole for the purpose of gathering socially. Membership is restricted to men and the present group consists of approximately 75 members.
September 17, 1955

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Continental Bank Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Gentlemen:

I would like to inform you of an organization which has recently been organized in Salt Lake City and which is a part of a national organization called the American G.I. Forum.

The enclosed literature will give you some information about this organization.

Since the Salt Lake City group is now in its infant stage it needs the cooperation and protection of activities such as the F.B.I., particularly in regard to any subversive elements which could possibly endanger this group.

I am presently concerned after receiving a letter from

I do not know either

Also enclosed is a list of the names and addresses of the officers of the Salt Lake City Forum.

Your cooperation and action deemed necessary will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
Chairman, Board of Directors
American G. I. Forum
9024 Ferger Street
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Your letter dated July 14, 1956, with enclosures has been received. Your observations and the matters which prompted your communication are indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that my official position precludes me from rendering help, guidance, suggestions or recommendations to your organization. I am certain that upon reflection you will understand the wisdom and necessity of such a policy.

In the event you receive additional data which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agents in Charge of our Houston or Salt Lake City Offices located at 800 Federal Building, Houston, Texas, and 301 Continental Agent Building, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

[Handwritten notes and markings throughout the page]
Letter to Dr. Hector P. Garcia  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
American G.I. Forum  
3024 Morgan Street  
Corpus Christi, Texas  

SACs, Houston, Salt Lake City and Dallas:  

Correspondent's letter refers to efforts of  

Bingham Canyon, Utah, in trying to organize people  
there into one of "their groups." He sets forth  
that with the Director's help and guidance "we  
could try to stop the communist encroachments  
into our groups." Also if there are "any suggestions  
or recommendations that you would like to make to  
our organization, please feel free to do so."

Enclosures to correspondent's letter are as  
follows:  

Copy of a letter by  

[redacted], American G.I. Forum (AGIF),  
which pertains to  

[redacted]

Copy of a letter dated 9-17-55 directed to  
the Salt Lake City Office from  
which refers to  

[redacted]

Offices receiving this communication are  
cognizant of the investigation being conducted in  
connection with Communist Party efforts to control  
and dominate various chapters of the AGIF.

Inasmuch as correspondent's letter indicates  
copies were sent to FBI, Salt Lake City, and FBI,  
Corpus Christi, Texas, his letter and enclosures are  
not being reproduced unless desired by offices  
receiving instant letter.
Letter to Dr. Hector P. Garcia
Chairman, Board of Directors
American G. I. Forum
3024 Morgan Street
Corpus Christi, Texas

Salt Lake City and Houston should consider
instant information, together with any information
submitted directly to their offices, in connection
with the investigation of Communist Party infiltration
of chapters of the AGIF.

Files contain no pertinent additional
information not already known to offices receiving
this letter regarding individuals referred to in
 correspondent's letter.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Files denote certain chapters of AGIF
have been subject of security investigation.
Communists have attempted to infiltrate and the
correspondent has circulated information to various
chapters of AGIF warning members against communists
and communist fronts and urging members to report
any pertinent information to the FBI. Previous
cordial correspondence with Garcia.

(62-96541)
**CONFIDENTIAL**

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**CASE NO.**

**DALLAS**

**Office of Origin**

**DALLAS**

**Date**

8/17/56

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Instant opinion presently not controlled by CP members, but CP members, with no indication of instant organization and attend its meetings.

6-12, Dallas

Suppressed

**DETAILS: At Dallas, Texas**

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**Approved by**

[Signature]

**Special Agent in Charge**

[Signature]

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At Dallas, Texas

Will follow and report further efforts of the CP to dominate and control instant organization.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE
DALLAS
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DALLAS
DATE
2/27/57
INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
2/8-25/57

TITLE OF CASE
THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF
TEXAS, INC., aka, GI Forum,
American G. I. Forum
(Dallas, Texas Chapter)

CHARACTER OF CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

INSTANT organization at Dallas, Texas, is no longer controlled and dominated by CP members. Confidential Informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, have advised that they have no information that CP members have been attending meetings of the GI Forum in Dallas recently.

DETAILS: At Dallas, Texas

An article entitled, "JUAN LAING Elected GI Forum Chairman," which appeared in the September 7, 1956, issue of the "Dallas Morning News," a daily newspaper, reflects that JUAN LAING, 313 East 9th Street, Dallas, was elected Chairman of the Dallas Chapter of the GI Forum, a veterans' organization, at a meeting on the previous Wednesday evening, in the social room of the Little Mexico Village Housing Project. It further stated that other officers elected were as follows:

Vice Chairman -- JOE MOLINA
Recording Secretary -- MANUEL ALMAQUER

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The article further stated that the GI Forum's State Convention in Texas would be held in Dallas in July 1957.

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.
has received no additional information that would indicate CP members are now active in the affairs of the GI Forum in Dallas.

Inasmuch as the Dallas Chapter of instant organization is no longer under the control and domination of the CP, no further investigation is contemplated, and this case is considered closed.
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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report, and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where necessary.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted], Dallas, 8/17/56.
Director, FBI (62-96541)-5

THE AMERICAN S. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INCORPORATED

Rep HA dated 2-27-57 at Dallas. You should classify this report "Confidential" on the basis of information contained therein.

You are also instructed to submit a revised thumbnail sketch in this matter, setting forth a comment on the up-to-date status of captioned organization.

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COMM. FBI
Office Memorandum  UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

to  Director, FBI

DATE:  3/22/57

FROM: SAC, Dallas

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN GI FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.

THUMBNAIL SKETCH

INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Re Dallas letter to Bureau 7/22/55.

The case entitled, "The American GI Forum of Texas, Inc., aka, (Dallas, Texas Chapter), TS-C," Dallas Origin, Bufile 62-96541, was closed by report of SA [redacted], Dallas, 2/27/57.

There are enclosed herewith five copies of an up-to-date thumbnail sketch concerning the Dallas Chapter of The American GI Forum of Texas, Inc.

Careful consideration has been given each source concealed in this thumbnail sketch, and these sources were concealed only because of necessity.

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MAR 26 1957
THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.,
also known as GI Forum "American G. I.
Forum (Dallas, Texas Chapter)

The Dallas Chapter of The American G. I. Forum of Texas, Inc., was organized at Dallas, Texas, on September 29, 1954. This group is composed principally of Mexican-American veterans who allegedly have banded together to stamp out discrimination against Mexican-Americans and to seek justice and equality for everyone. This organization is said to be non-political.

The American G. I. Forum of Texas, Inc., publishes a "News Bulletin" which discloses its headquarters to be at Austin, Texas and enumerates local chapters of the organization in various towns in Texas, as well as chapters in New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Utah and Kansas.

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THE AMERICAN U.P. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.
DALLAS, TEXAS, CHAPTER
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Bureau 3-21-57 setting forth a suggested thumbnail sketch concerning captioned organization.

In the interest of brevity, the Bureau desires that you advise by return letter if you can furnish the information contained in paragraph 1 of your suggested thumbnail sketch. The Bureau believes that paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 can be combined into one shorter paragraph if the above-mentioned informant has furnished the information contained therein. You should eliminate paragraph 2 of your suggested thumbnail sketch as it is not pertinent.

Resubmit your thumbnail sketch on this organization in accordance with instructions set forth in Section 1, SAC Letter 57-3.

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  

TO: Director, FBI  

FROM: SAC, Dallas  

DATE: 4/30/57  

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.,  
a.k.a. GI Forum, American G. I. Forum  
(Dallas, Texas Chapter)  
THUMBNAIL SKETCH  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  

Rebulet to Dallas 4/1/57.  
Re Dallas letter to Bureau 3/21/57.  

There are enclosed herewith five copies of an up-to-date thumbnail sketch concerning the Dallas Chapter of The American G. I. Forum of Texas, Inc. This sketch was prepared in accord with the suggestions outlined in rebulet.  

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, was recontacted on [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED], written, and that informant furnished the information which, together with information furnished by him on [REDACTED] to SA [REDACTED] as set forth in paragraph 1 of the enclosed thumbnail sketch.  

The information contained in paragraph 2 of the enclosed thumbnail sketch is that furnished by [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past.  

Careful consideration has been given each source concealed in this thumbnail sketch, and these sources were concealed only because of necessity.  

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THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.,
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Honorable William Rogers
Attorney General of the United States
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Attorney General Rogers:

The American GI Forum of the United States a National Organization made up of American Veterans of Mexican origin wishes to congratulate and commend your Department and especially the FBI for its constant fight and action against subversive groups, elements, and communist front organizations. This American patriotic organization that I found and that I represent wishes again to pledge to you and your Department all cooperation and help in your constant vigilance and struggle against hated communist forces.

We are greatly concerned and worried about the activities of such organizations amongst our people especially in California. We ourselves are worried about possible infiltrations amongst our membership.

I would like to request your department to mail me immediately the most recent list of subversive groups and organizations in order that I may pass them down to each and everyone of our state and local groups. Naturally, any other suggestions or recommendations that you may take will be greatly appreciated by myself and the rest of the organization. Last year we invited the Honorable J. Edgar Hoover to be one of our speakers at our National Convention here in Corpus Christi. This year, I would like to invite you to be one of our speakers in our National Convention to be held in Los Angeles, California on August 13th, 14th, and 15th. I believe that this would be a great opportunity for all of our people, the California people, to officially hear from some one like you about the perils and dangers of Communism. As far as I can recall the American people of Mexican origin have never been honored with a speaker from your Department and I am respectfully requesting to please attend. Your presence in our National Convention would be inspiring to our people and at a unsual time offer us an opportunity to let everyone know that the American GI Forum stands by side by side and shoulder to shoulder with the United States Department of Justice for the fight against subversive and communism. Please receive our congratulations and admiration and respect, convey them to your Department and you many branches. Congratulations on a job well done, keep it up.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

[Address]
April 27, 1959

Dr. Hector P. Garcia
National Chairman
American G. L. Forum
of the U. S.
3024 Morgan Avenue
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Your letter to the Attorney General of April 16, a copy of which was sent to this Bureau, has been read with interest.

The kind comments concerning the FBI are certainly appreciated and my associates and I will continue to do everything in our power to merit the confidence shown in your letter.

Your activity in combating the evil forces of communism is one which should be commended to all patriotic Americans. An alert and educated citizenry is the true bulwark against this Godless menace.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

ATTENTION SAC: Presumably, the AG will decline to speak before this group at Los Angeles because of other commitments. The Bureau is weighing the possibility of sending a speaker in view of the special value presented by patriotic society of Mexican-American origin. Bufiles reflect Dr. Garcia has regularly spoken. (SAC note continued next page)
Dr. Hector P. Garcia

ATTENTION SAC: (Continued)

very highly of the Director and the Bureau and has previously made
a very complimentary request that the Director address the National
Conference of his group to discuss the battle against communism.
Several instances are also noted in Bufiles where Garcia and other
officials of his group have taken positive steps to prevent communist
infiltration. Bufiles further reflect that certain local chapters of this
group have previously been the object of attempts to infiltrate by
CP officials.

Follow-up made for 5-7-59.

NOTE: is confirming from the AG's office if he will decline
this speech invitation. This organization may (We’ll first collect full
facts.) present an excellent opportunity to present a speech tailored to
fit this minority group. In his incoming letter, Garcia says, "As far as
I can recall the American People of Mexican origin have never been
honored with a speaker from your Department..." If facts so indicate,
this matter will be developed fully in a later memorandum. This group
appears to have an extensive membership in the far west and southwest.
(62-96541)
Director, FBI  
SAC, Dallas  

THUMBNAIL SKETCHES OF SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS  
IS - C  

Rebulet to Albany dated 4/8/57.  

The annual thumbnail sketch program for the Dallas Division is as follows:

I. ORGANIZATIONS DEFUNCT AND CONCERNING WHICH UP-TO-DATE SKETCHES WERE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE 1956 ANNUAL LETTER  

None.  

II. ORGANIZATIONS DEFUNCT AND CONCERNING WHICH UP-TO-DATE SKETCHES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED SUBSEQUENT TO THE 1956 ANNUAL LETTER  

American G. I. Forum of Texas, Inc., aka, GI Forum, American G. I. Forum (Dallas, Texas Chapter)  

See Dallas letter to Bureau dated 4/30/57.  

III. ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNING WHICH UP-TO-DATE SKETCHES ARE BEING SUBMITTED BY INSTANT LETTER  

None.  

IV. NEWLY FORMED ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNING WHICH INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION EXISTS AT THE PRESENT TIME TO PREPARE A THUMBNAIL SKETCH  

None.  

It is noted that a thumbnail sketch concerning the Dallas Branch of the American G. I. Forum of Texas, Inc., was submitted to the Bureau by letter dated 4/30/57 which was subsequently approved by the Bureau. This thumbnail sketch indicated this organization is infiltrated by a few CP members who attend occasional meetings. It is noted in the repo of SAC Dallas, dated 2/27/57 entitled as at out under II above, that the GI Forum is no longer controlled and dominated by CP members. This organization is currently in operation as a social organization. Inasmuch as an up-to-date sketch was submitted on 4/30/57 and approved by the Bureau, a copy of this sketch is not being enclosed, UACB.
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: [Redacted]

DATE: May 20, 1959

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DATE 1/3/59 BY SPUBY

SUBJECT: DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF THE UNITED STATES
3024 MORGAN AVENUE
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

Dr. Garcia has written numerous helpful and commendatory letters to the Bureau beginning in 1956 as National Chairman of the above group. In 1956 he made a very flattering request to the Director to speak before the National Convention of this group. The Director was unable to speak due to his heavy schedule. Dr. Garcia has written the Bureau on several occasions about his and other officer's efforts to keep communist influence out of this group. In a letter April 16, 1959, Garcia asked the Attorney General to speak at the National Convention to be held at Los Angeles, August 13, 14, and 15, 1959. The Attorney General declined this invitation.

RECOMMENDATION: A letter to SAC, Houston, is attached. It directs that it be discreetly ascertained from Garcia if he desires an FBI representative to speak at the Annual Convention. No assurance of a speaker is to be given. If you agree it will be sent.

Enclosure sent 5-21-59.

[Signature]

[Redacted]
GI Forum Urges Another Survey on Lunch Programs

The American GI Forum, an independent veterans organization, has urged another survey before federal lunch programs are finally rejected in Houston. Barrera said, "A hungry child, regardless of race or nationality, will not push aside the plate in front of him because he prefers something of a different taste."

In a letter to the Community Council's School Lunch Committee, Thursday voted 42 against a recommendation that the Houston schools be asked to participate in the three federal programs. Nicholas S. Barrera deplored the action. Barrera said Mrs. Dyer's statements and the committee's vote set back efforts of citizens with Spanish surnames to get more education for their children.

HE WAS CRITICAL also of a suggestion by the committee that cheaper soup-and-sandwich meals be substituted for higher-cost lunches. Barrera was critical of the need for free lunches. Barrera said the committee should bear in mind that it is not a dozen children but there were that many needy children that are involved." The children going without free lunches revealed lunches.

RE: DOCTOR HECTOR GARCIA
FOUNDER OF THE GI FORUM
SM - C
(Hofile 100-8638)

THE HOUSTON POST
5/11/59
Houston, Texas
On May 25, 1959, Dr. HECTOR P. GARCIA was interviewed in his offices at 3024 Morgan Avenue, Corpus Christi, Texas. During the course of this interview, Dr. GARCIA mentioned he had recently received a letter from the Bureau in response to his invitational letter to Attorney General ROGERS. He also commented that the Attorney General is unable to accept his invitation to address the National Convention of the G.I. Forum. Along the same line of conversation, he stated he was having difficulty in obtaining recognized and well known speakers for the Convention. He said the only speaker he is certain he has committed to date is Dr. [REDACTED], Bishop of the Bishop's Committee of the state of California. He said he does not know [REDACTED] and he did not arrange for his talk. He offered no background information about [REDACTED], but talked as if he knew nothing about him.

He also commented that he had addressed letters to Senator LYNDON JOHNSON and Judge HAROLD MEDINA in an attempt to obtain them as speakers but had been unsuccessful.
It was mentioned to him that he might care to address a letter to the Director requesting that he or one of his representatives address the Convention. He was told that no assurance could be given him relative to acceptance of the invitation but that it would be given every consideration in keeping with prior commitments and pressure of work. He appeared most appreciative for the suggestion and commented that if some California representative of the FBI could be designated as a speaker, this would be excellent. He said that he intended on corresponding with the Director in an attempt to obtain the services of some representative of the Bureau.

He said the dates of the Convention would be from August 13 through 15, 1959, with headquarters at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. He remarked that he anticipated 500 people from many states in the Union would be present for the Convention.

During the conversation, he again was most commendatory of the work of the FBI.

-RUC-
Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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DATE 8/50 by spc 0241

Dear Honorable Hoover:

I wish to sincerely thank you for your well expressed letter of congratulations to our organization on April 27, 1959. Certainly letters like yours are very encouraging to ourselves and the organization.

The list of subversive organizations sent to me by your department will be placed in the hands of all our National, State, and local officers.

Last year we had the honor of inviting you to be our Speaker at the National Convention, but unfortunately you were not able to attend. This year our National Convention will be held in Los Angeles, California, on August 13, 14, 15, and 16, 1959 at the Biltmore Hotel. We would like to respectfully invite you to be one of our Speakers in this occasion. We would feel greatly honored and privileged in having a man of your Americanism and of your stature to address our National Convention.

We will have representation and delegates from over 21 States.

We, as a majority group, would like to feel that not only have we contributed a great number of Congressional Medal winners in the United States, but we wish it could be possible to say that we do not have any communists amongst the American people of Mexican origin. However, I do notice that there are several subversive organizations that might affect our people and I also notice that recently there has been some activity in California and specifically around Los Angeles. We feel that your presence at our Convention would be very encouraging for our people in our fight against Communism, more so since the Convention will be held in California—a "hot bed" of Communist influences.
Honorale J. Edgar Hoover

Please do everything possible to attend and we certainly would be willing to help you with your transportation and hotel expenses. In case you are not able to attend, we would still appreciate it very much if you would assign someone from your staff who would give us a good pep talk and a good report. In case that will be impossible, we still would like to at least have someone from your Los Angeles or California offices. We respectfully request you to give this all your consideration as soon as possible and we know that you are very busy in your work. We still believe that your presence at our Convention would be a highlight at our Convention. Respectfully submitted.

Your friend and admirer as ever,

[Signature]

HECTOR P. GARCIA, M.D.
National Chairman and Founder of the American GI Forum of the U.S.

HPG:ah
cc: Local GI Forum officers
June 5, 1959

Dear Dr. Garcia:

I was thoughtful of you to write on May 29, 1959, extending me an invitation to address the members of your organization at the National Convention in Los Angeles, California, during the period August 13-16, 1959.

Although it would be a pleasure to be with you at this time, I must decline as the tremendous volume of work confronting the FBI makes my schedule most uncertain. All too frequently when I have tentatively accepted a speaking engagement of this nature, I have been forced to cancel it at the last minute because of some pressing responsibility requiring my personal attention in Washington. The present commitments and work load of my associates at FBI Headquarters preclude my designating a speaker from Washington. However, I am requesting Mr. William M. Alexander, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of our Los Angeles Office, to speak to the members of your organization during your convention in August.

You should feel free to communicate directly with him at 1240 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles 17, California, concerning any necessary final arrangements.

You have my best wishes for a very successful program on this occasion.

Sincerely yours,

1 - Houston - Enclosure (62-1448) Reelist 2-36-59
1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure 20 lb - RECEIVED - Edgar Hoover

ATTENTION ASAC: You are requested to personally fulfill this speaking engagement if the work load of the office permits.
NOTE: Dr. Garcia is Chairman of the American G. I. Forum of the U. S. with residence in Corpus Christi, Texas. By letter dated 5-5-59 the Houston Office determined that Garcia is a rather prosperous physician of Mexican origin and is very active in organizations which are devoted to the improvement of working and living conditions among the underprivileged people of Mexican descent. He is considered to be of good moral character and enjoys an excellent reputation and is felt to be a loyal American citizen.
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April 27, 1949

Dear [Name]

I certainly want to thank you for your letter of April 1. Certainly I agree with you that our organizations should do everything possible to keep communistic influences, communistic infiltration members from any of our organizations. I believe that we owe it to our country to keep our organizations completely free of any taint from such individuals either by association, by contact, or even by thought.

The American GI Forum is perhaps the greatest organization and the most patriotic organization of American people of Mexican origin in the United States. We are now working in 21 States. In Washington itself, we have a group of over 30 members. Every year we send a copy of the subversive lists furnished by the Attorney General's office of Washington to each and everyone of our members. We warn them about such conditions, about such organizations as individuals. We ask them to report any suspect to the local FBI. We have received letters of compliments and thanks from the Attorney General himself on various occasions for our work.

I believe the main reason why there are so few American people of Mexican origin who are communists is because the American GI Forum has shown them the way as to how to be good citizens, law-abiding citizens, and great patriots. We have several Congressional Medal of Honor winners in our organization. In fact, some of them are even Presidents of our local groups. Therefore, I am sending a copy of this letter to our State Chairman, Mr. Frank X. Paz, in order that he can communicate with you. See if there is anything that you and him can do on a State basis. On a State basis, we leave all of this work to the State Chairman and I feel confident and certain that Mr. Frank Paz will be able to handle any matter that arises concerning any subversive elements in that area and in that State.

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The organization committee for the protection of foreign-born is listed in the Attorney General's list of subversive groups and certainly I believe that any action by that group should be denounced by our own local and state groups. Certainly, it would be advisable if you and Mr. Paz could get together and issue a letter to the newspaper and send copies to the Attorney General's office and local F.B.I. denouncing any such actions by such groups because we feel confident that groups like the American GI Forum and the Beldevere Recreation Association can effectively represent the problems of our people in a democratic and American way. Even before anybody goes running to the United Nations, I believe that we can find justice through our local and state national groups. I for myself will say that untimely we have always found American justice in the national officers. Therefore, again receive my congratulations and thanks for your very nice letter. I am sending copies of this letter to our State officers of the American GI Forum of California and our National Executive Secretary, Mr. Vicente Ximenez.

I hope that in my visit to Los Angeles, California, I will have the honor and pleasure of visiting you and some other members of your fine organization.

Your friend as ever,

HECTOR P. GARCIA, M.D.

HPG: AH
CC: VICTENTE XIMENEZ
   FRANK P. FRAZ
   STATE OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA
SAC, Houston

Director, FBI

DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF THE UNITED STATES
3024 MORGAN AVENUE
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

Re: SAC Los Angeles

All information contained herein is unclassified.

Date 8/30/59 by slu jd

Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM: [DISTORTED NAME]

cc-Mr. Belmont
cc-[DISTORTED NAME]

DATE: July 17, 1959

SUBJECT: AMERICAN GI FORUM OF THE U.S.
INFORMATION CONCERNING (Internal Security - C)

On the afternoon of 7/17/59, Leon Ulman, Departmental attorney, called and stated that the Attorney General had received a letter from the captioned organization. He wanted to know whether we had any information in our files concerning this organization.

A search of our files failed to develop any information regarding the American GI Forum of the U.S. However, we did conduct an investigation, which was closed in 1957, of an organization known as "The American GI Forum of Texas, Incorporated." Our investigation was for the purpose of determining the extent of communist infiltration into this group.

I called Mr. Ulman on the afternoon of 7/17 and told him our files did not reflect any information concerning the organization he had mentioned. I told him, however, that we had conducted an investigation of alleged communist infiltration into "The American GI Forum of Texas, Incorporated," which was formed in Dallas, Texas, on 9/29/54. I told Mr. Ulman we had furnished reports on that organization to the Records Administration Branch dated 5/20/55, 12/16/55, 2/1/56, 8/17/56, and 2/27/57. I told him that on the basis of the information he had furnished, we were not able to state that "The American GI Forum of Texas, Incorporated" was connected in any way with the American GI Forum of the U.S. I suggested to him that he might wish to look at the reports we had sent to the Department and make his own determination as to whether there was any connection between the two organizations.

Mr. Ulman thanked me for the prompt service.

ACTION:

Inasmuch as we were not able to identify the American GI Forum of the U.S., it is suggested that no confirming letter be sent to the Department in regard to this matter.

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57 JUL 27 1959
FBI, Los Angeles
Date: 8/17/59

Transmit the following in

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Via AIR TEL AIR MAIL (Priority or Method of Mailing)

To: Director, FBI

From: SAC, Los Angeles (80-1)

Re: SPEECH MATTERS

Re Bulletin to Dr. HECTOR P. GARCIA, National Chairman, American G. I. Forum of the U. S., 3024 Morgan Avenue, Corpus Christi, Texas, and my letter of recent date indicating that ASAC ALEXANDER would appear before the National Convention of this group in Los Angeles on August 15, 1959.

Dr. GARCIA in his introductory remarks prior to ASAC ALEXANDER’s speech expressed his admiration and respect for the Director and stated that he considered the Director to be one of the outstanding Americans and paid a very glowing tribute to his leadership and to the organization which he has built. Dr. GARCIA also paid tribute to the Director for his staunch stand against the Communist conspiracy and his publications regarding same. He also took note of the Director’s warnings which have been issued concerning juvenile delinquency and the over-all crime problem.

In view of the above, it is suggested that the Bureau direct a letter to Dr. GARCIA thanking him for his expression of confidence in the Director and the FBI.

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3 - Bureau (AIR MAIL)
2 - Houston (AIR MAIL) (62-1448)
1 - Los Angeles

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DATE 8/15/59 BY a.p.b.8/11/1959

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

Sent M Per
August 24, 1959

Dr. Hector P. Garcia
National Chairman
American G. L. Forum of the U. S.
3024 Morgan Avenue
Corpus Christi, Texas

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DATE 8/30/59 BY CPD 85411

Dear Dr. Garcia:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the commendatory statements you made concerning this Bureau and my direction of its activities before the members in attendance at your National Convention on August 15, 1959. Mr. William M. Alexander, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of our Los Angeles Office, who represented me on that occasion, was most enthusiastic regarding the tributes you paid us in your introductory remarks. It is indeed heartening to have your support, and we are deeply grateful.

Sincerely yours,

Ir. Edgar Hoover

1 - Houston (62-1448) Re Los Angeles airtel 8-17-59
2 - Los Angeles (80-1) Re airtel 8-17-59

NOTE: We have had cordial relationship with Garcia.
Office Memoandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  DATE: 8/11/59

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (80-1-16534)

SUBJECT: SPEECH
AMERICAN GI FORUM OF THE UNITED STATES
AUGUST 15, 1959
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The American GI Forum of Texas

Rebuted to Dr. HECTOR P. GARCIA, National Chairman,
American G. I. Forum of the United States, 3024 Morgan Avenue,
Corpus Christi, Texas, dated June 5, 1959, a copy of which was
forwarded to the ASAC, Los Angeles.

ASAC WILLIAM M. ALEXANDER will appear before this
group on August 15, 1959, at the Biltmore Hotel in Los
Angeles.

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DATE 8/25/59 BY APF

Mr. W.W. Alexander
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
United States Dept. of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles 17, California

Dear Mr. Alexander:

On behalf of the American GI Forum National Convention, we wish to thank you for the very inspiring and instructive talk concerning the Federal Bureau of Investigation work and the responsibility in the internal security and criminal fields.

I heard a lot of very nice compliments after you left about the very fine delivery of your talk and the very able subject matter delivered to us. We feel honored and pleased in having a friend like you, Representative of the Great Department of Justice, being as our guest speaker.

If at any time the American GI Forum can be of any service to you, please feel free to contact us. We certainly are right behind you in fighting all of those enemies to our country in peace and at war time.

Receive my sincere thanks and congratulations and I remain,

[Signature]

[Stamp: FBI]

[Handwritten note: Hector P. Garcia, M.D.]

[Stamp: Local FBI Officer]

[Handwritten note: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Washington, D.C.]
September 11, 1959

Dr. Hector P. Garcia
National Chairman
American C. L. Forum
of the U. S.
3024 Morgan Avenue
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

I have received a copy of your letter dated September 3, 1959, to Mr. William M. Alexander, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of our Los Angeles Office, concerning his recent talk before your convention.

It was most thoughtful of you to write, and I am glad to know that you enjoyed his address. You may be sure that we are both grateful for your very kind and generous comments.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Los Angeles
1 - Personnel File of SA William M. Alexander - Enclosure

American GI Forum of the U.S.
Veterans Family Organization

324 Morgan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Residence: Ulysses 2-8761

November 27, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:

We are a Veterans and families organization of predominantly American of Mexican descent. Our official name is the G.I. Forum. We are well represented in Twenty-Three (23) States of our great Country, and believe in good Citizenship principles and practice it to the best of our abilities.

We feel we in this Country are at the crossroads of a Major decision. We feel it is time and our duty to organize and unite to fight a common enemy. This enemy needs no introduction. It is COMMUNISM.

Communism as we recognize it, represents the lowest form and degraded type of Government of humans that has ever existed. Within our limited facilities of proper information, the fallacy of our communities that "it can't happen here", henceforth the great disinterest of learning the basic fundamentals of a neurotic enemy, we the members of the G.I. Forum are challenged to the call of orientating unlimited amounts of citizens.

In order to properly expedite this program, and to properly indoctrinate our American Citizens of Mexican descent, we humbly but emphatically ask your help by contributing us with all possible simple explained literature that you might help us. It is a matter of great importance and we feel that your great organization, of which we have the utmost of respect, will heed our call of help.

May God give you the needed and proper foresight for a great success in your endeavors.

Sincerely Yours,

Guadalupe Valdez Jr.
District 3 Chairman
G.I. Forum of Texas

Mr. Toland
Mr. Bonds
Mr. Belk
Mr. Collins
Mr. DeLay
Mr. O'Hare
Mr. Murphy
Mr. McGuffey
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tann
Mr. Trotter
Mr. W. C. Sullivan
Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram

Miss Carr
December 2, 1960

Mr. Guadalupe Valdez, Jr.
2216 Roslyn Street
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Mr. Valdez:

I have received your letter of November 27, 1960, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

I have always believed that the struggle to preserve our society against the inroads of communism can best be achieved if we constantly alert and inform our people concerning the nature of this menace. The efforts of you and your organization in pursuing a program of this type are most reassuring.

In response to your request, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you. These publications are available in quantity, and if you will advise us of your requirements, we will be pleased to furnish additional copies.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (7)
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
Director's address 10-18-60 before American Legion National Convention
Director's address 10-3-60 before IACP Annual Conference
March, 1960, LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention of CP, USA
Communist Target - Youth
Exposé of Soviet Espionage
(En respuesta a una Nación a Comunismo)
Letter to Mr. Guadalupe Valdez, Jr.

NOTE: It is noted that correspondent's letter was written on the letterhead of the "American GI Forum of the U.S., 3024 Morgan Avenue, Corpus Christi, Texas." Correspondent indicated that he was Chairman, District 3, GI Forum of Texas. Buffles contain no information regarding correspondent. Buffles likewise contain no derogatory information regarding his organization. In August, 1959, a Bureau speaker was provided for this group. The organization is made up mostly of Americans of Mexican descent. We have enjoyed cordial relations with its chairman, Mr. Hector P. Garcia.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-106)
FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (100-9260)

DATE: 2/28/61

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF MASS ORGANIZATIONS; IS - C

Re SU letter dated 8/29/60.

A review has been made of information available to the Salt Lake City Office and informants have been contacted in order to identify mass organizations which are targets of the Communist Party in this area.

I. DATA CONCERNING COMMUNIST PARTY PROGRAM

No specific information has been received from informants during the past six months which names specific targets of the Communist Party. It is, of course, known that on a nation-wide basis the National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People (NAACP) is a specific target for the infiltration of the Communist Party.

The Utah Council For Constitutional Liberties is a Communist front organization in the Salt Lake City, Utah, area. In connection with its meetings it has indicated a desire to seek the cooperation of the American Civil Liberties Union, the NAACP, the American GI Forum, and a group referred to as Senior Citizens. It has also mentioned the Unitarian Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, but this has been primarily as a possible meeting place. No information sheet will be submitted pertaining to the Unitarian Church.

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8 - Salt Lake City
(1-100-818, CP, USA)
(1-100-9508, American Association of University Women)
(1-100-1465, American Civil Liberties Union)
(1-100-9522, Co-op)
(1-100-8960, American GI Forum)
(1-100-3482, NAACP)
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II. ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNING WHICH DATA PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED

No data has been furnished to the Bureau pertaining to organizations under this program since the submission of referenced letter.

III. ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNING WHICH DATA BEING SUBMITTED BY INSTANT LETTER

1. American Association of University Women - Utah Division, Bureau file 100-378977.

2. American Civil Liberties Union - Utah Chapter, Bureau file unknown.

3. Cooperative Service Station, Bureau file unknown.


5. National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People - Salt Lake City Branch, Bureau file 61-3176.

6. Senior Citizens, Salt Lake City, Utah, Bureau file unknown.

Two copies each of information sheets pertaining to each of the above organizations are submitted herewith for the Bureau.
AMERICAN GI FORUM
(AGIF)
Salt Lake City Branch

a. Name and Address of Organization:

The correct name of this organization is as set out above. It has no permanent address and meets at various places in the Salt Lake City, Utah, area.

b. Extent of Communist Infiltration:

In August, 1960, the Utah Council For Constitutional Liberties (UCCL), a Communist front organization in the Salt Lake City area, decided to plan a public meeting for early in October, 1960, and to seek the support of other organizations, including the AGIF.

c. Recommendation:

It does not appear that the extent of Communist infiltration at this time warrants active investigation.

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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-106)

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (100-9260)

DATE: FEB 26 1962

SUBJECT: COMECON OF MASS ORGANIZATIONS IS - C

Re Salt Lake City letter 8/29/61.

A review has been made of information available to the Salt Lake City Office and informants have been contacted in order to identify mass organizations which are targets of the Communist Party (CP) in this area.

I. DATA CONCERNING COMMUNIST PARTY PROGRAM

No specific information has been received from informants during the past six months which names specific targets of the CP in Utah. The Utah Council for Constitutional Liberties (UCCL), which is a Communist front organization in the Salt Lake City, Utah, area, has exhibited an interest in United World Federalists through joint sponsorship of peace broadcasts. The UCCL has also discussed the possible joint sponsorship of a panel discussion with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in this area. It is known that on a nation-wide basis the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is a specific target for the infiltration of the CP.

16 - Bureau (Enc. 14) (REG. J.M.)
1 - Omaha (100-6345, World Peace Broadcasting Foundation) (Enc. 1) (REG.)
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   (1 - 100-818, CP, USA)
   (1 - 100-9506, American Association of University Women)
   (1 - 100-1465, ACLU)
   (1 - 100-8960, American GI Forum)
   (1 - 100-3482, NAACP)
   (1 - 100-7578, United World Federalists)
   (1 - 100-9590, Utah League for the Abolition of Capital Punishment)
   (1 - 100-9552, World Peace Broadcasting Foundation)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-106)  DATE: 8/30/63

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (100-9260)(P*)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF MASS ORGANIZATIONS IS - C

Re SU let 2/27/63.

A review has been made of information available to the Salt Lake City Office and informants have been contacted in order to identify mass organizations which are targets of the Communist Party (CP) in this area.

I. DATA CONCERNING PARTY PROGRAM

No specific information has been received from informants during the past month which names specific targets of the CP of Utah. The President of the Utah Council For Constitutional Liberties (UCCL) is a member of the Utah Citizens Organization For Civil Rights (UCOCR) as a representative of the UCCL. The UCCL is a Communist front organization in the Salt Lake City, Utah, area. ROBERT ARCEULETA, a CP member and official in Utah, is also a member of the UCOCR as a representative of the American GI Forum (AGIF). It is known that on a nationwide basis the National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People (NAACP) is a specific target for the infiltration of the CP.

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7 - Salt Lake City
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(1--100-9508, AAUW)
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(1--100-3482, NAACP)
(1--100-9326, UCOCR)
(1--100-9522, Co-op Service Station)
SU 100-9260

II. ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNING WHICH DATA PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED

No data has been furnished to the Bureau pertaining to the organizations under this program since the submission of referenced letter.

III. ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNING WHICH DATA BEING SUBMITTED BY INSTANT LETTER

1. American Association of University Women - Utah Division, Bureau file 100-378777.


3. Cooperative Service Station - Salt Lake City, Utah, Bureau file unknown.


5. Utah Citizens Organization For Civil Rights - Bureau file unknown.

Two copies each of information sheets pertaining to each of the above organizations are submitted herewith for the Bureau.
II. ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNING WHICH DATA PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED

No data has been furnished to the Bureau pertaining to organizations under this program since the submission of referenced letter.

III. ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNING WHICH DATA BEING SUBMITTED BY INSTANT LETTER

1. American Association of University Women - Utah Division, Bureau file 100-378777.

2. American Civil Liberties Union - Utah Chapter, Bureau file unknown.

3. American GI Forum - Salt Lake City Branch, Bureau file 62-96541.

4. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - Salt Lake City Branch, Bureau file 61-3176.

5. United World Federalists - Salt Lake City, Utah, Bureau file unknown.

6. Utah League for the Abolition of Capital Punishment - Salt Lake City, Bureau file unknown.

7. World Peace Broadcasting Foundation - Des Moines, Icwa, Bureau file unknown.

Two copies of information sheets pertaining to each of the above organizations are submitted herewith for the Bureau.

One copy of information sheet pertaining to World Peace Broadcasting Foundation is submitted herewith for Omaha.
American GI Forum
(AFIA)
Salt Lake City Branch

a. Name and Address of Organization.

The correct name of this organization is set out above. It has no permanent address and meets at various places in the Salt Lake City, Utah, area.

b. Extent of Communist Infiltration.

The American GI Forum. This organization takes an official, positive stand of Anti-Communism.

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e. Recommendation.

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69-96541 ENCLOSE
It does not appear on the basis of the above information that active investigation of the AGIF should be undertaken at this time.
Bureau files reflect that The American G.I. Forum of Texas, Inc., is the subject of a closed Internal Security - C case. Considerable investigation was conducted by the Kansas City Office of the Bureau to determine whether chapters of this organization in Kansas were controlled and dominated by the Communist Party, which investigation failed to indicate any communist infiltration, control or domination. Dr. Hector P. Garcia, National Chairman, American G.I. Forum, by letter 3-12-56 invited the Director to address the National Convention at Colorado on June 23 or 24. This invitation was declined by letter 3-21-56.
AMERICAN GI FORUM
(AGIF)
Utah State Organization
and
Salt Lake City Branch

a. Name and Address of Organization.

The correct name of this organization is as set out above. The Utah State Organization has no permanent address and meets at various places in Utah. The Salt Lake City Branch has no permanent address and usually meets at the residences of its members.

b. Extent of Communist Infiltration.

The organization itself adopts a positive anti-Communist point of view.

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e. Recommendation.

It does not appear on the basis of the above information that active investigation of the AGIF should be undertaken at this time. It is considered that the purposes of the Bureau can be accomplished through the investigation pertaining to...
August 25, 1964

AMERICAN GI FORUM

This organization was organized at Corpus Christi, Texas, in 1946 to establish a charitable, educational and benevolent society to render aid and assistance to individuals in the state of Texas in needy circumstances, to provide scholarships to worthy students and to seek improvement in educational facilities in general. Subsequently, several chapters of this organization were formed in various states primarily throughout the Southwest. (62-96541-5)

In the past communists have attempted to infiltrate a few chapters of the organization and the organization's national chairman has circulated information to the various chapters warning members against communists and communist fronts and urging members to report any pertinent information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Records of this Bureau contain no information to indicate that the national organization has ever been infiltrated or controlled by the Communist Party, USA. (62-96541-45)

In the Fall of 1954 a chapter of the American GI Forum of Texas, Incorporated, an affiliate of the American GI Forum, was organized at Dallas, Texas. The Dallas Chapter was composed primarily of Mexican-American servicemen who reportedly banded together to stamp out discrimination of Mexican-American people and to help these people in various other ways. The Communist Party sought to infiltrate this chapter at the time of its inception and for a brief period in 1955 controlled and dominated the Dallas Chapter. Subsequent to October, 1955, the Dallas Chapter continued to be infiltrated by a few communist members; however, no Communist Party control or infiltration of this chapter has been reported since December, 1956. (62-96541-53)

GROUP 1
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NOTE: Letterhead prepared for dissemination to President's Commission on Assassination of President Kennedy in connection with their inquiry in letter dated 7/7/64 in which they asked if American GI Forum was considered subversive. Our files show that such is not the case. "Confidential" to protect current informants who supplied data concerning the CP infiltration.
Reference is made to your letters dated July 7 and July 8, 1964, dealing with

In response to the requests in letters of reference there are enclosed two copies each of a report concerning dated August 20, 1964, at Dallas, Texas, and a memorandum of evaluation of same data relating to the sources concealed in the report. There are also enclosed two copies of a memorandum captioned "American GI Forum" dated August 25, 1964.

With specific reference to question number one in your July 7, 1964, letter, we have been advised by the Department of Justice that a review of the files of that Department has disclosed no information concerning . In addition, we have been advised by Mr. Sidney B. Rawitz, Deputy Associate Commissioner for Security, Immigration and Naturalization Service, that a search of the records at the Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service, failed to disclose any information in the files of that agency identifiable with . We would further advise that was never the subject of an investigation by this Bureau prior to November 22, 1963, and that at no time has this Bureau furnished any information to the Dallas Police Department concerning any alleged subversive activities by .
Honorable J. Lee Rankin

The enclosed material and the information set forth herein conclude our inquiry into the matters outlined in your letters of reference.

Upon detachment from the classified enclosures, this letter may be regarded as unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten: L. Edgar Hoover]

Enclosures (6)

NOTE:

 Classified "Confidential" as Dallas report and letterhead so classified in order to protect current confidential informants who furnished information concerning CP efforts to infiltrate the GI Forum in Dallas in 1955 and 1956.

Referenced letters requested limited inquiry into

The parent body of the American GI Forum has since its inception been strongly anticommunist and, while from informant coverage we know the members of CP, USA, in Dallas attempted to infiltrate the Dallas Chapter in 1955 and were successful in controlling that chapter for a brief period, there has been no reported CP infiltration of the chapter since 1956.

Specific reference in outgoing to Commission question 2 - number one in its 7-7-64 letter deals with their request to be advised if Justice Department or any of its agencies had a file on
October 3, 1963

HONORABLE ROBERT KENNEDY
ATTORNEY GENERAL
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
WASHINGTON D.C., U.S.A.

Sir:

We take this opportunity to commend the leadership of the various arms of our internal intelligence forces. We feel it is the duty and obligation of agencies assigned this responsibility to spare no effort in obtaining all information possible to insure the security of our country.

Intended as Constructive Criticism We submit the following:

A. We feel that names of organizations or individuals investigated should not be made public unless or until there is sufficient evidence, the Group or person is subversive.

B. We feel that people employed should be of high Caliber and intelligence with ability to decide between subversive actions and Bonified Action Groups working to improve and enrich our democratic society.

As you well know an investigation in the eyes of the public tends to prostitute the Group or Activity being investigated. The American G. I. Forum has been prostituted unjustly. In evidence We submit several newspaper clippings.

Your reaction to the above comments is appreciated.

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DATE 11/3/65 BY SUBlagen

C. C.

J. F. Kennedy
L. Edgar Hoover
Dr. Hector Garcia

The American G. I. Forum
of San Marcos
P. O. Box 110
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CONGRATULATIONS, YOUR RACIST STATEMENT CONCERNING MEXICAN AMERICANS
HAS PRODUCED RESULTS. BROWNSVILLE DEPUTY SHERIFF MURDERS MEXICAN
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MR. SULLIVAN FOR THE DIRECTOR

CC: Mr. Bishop
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AMERICAN GI FORUM UNANIMOUSLY PASSED RESOLUTION DEMANDING FORCED
RESIGNATION OF J. EDGAR HOOVER FOR HIS RACIST STATEMENT CONCERNING
MEXICAN AMERICANS AS QUOTED IN TIME MAGAZINE OF DEC. 14, 1970,
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POLICIES ABOAD. YOU NEVER HAVE TO BOTHER ABOUT A PRESIDENT BEING
SHOT BY PUERTO RICANS OR MEXICANS. THEY DON'T SHOOT VERY STRAIGHT.
BUT IF THEY COME AT YOU WITH A KNIFE, BEWARE." UNQUOTE. SUCH
PREJUDICE CANNOT HELP OUR FACE IN OUR COUNTRY AT ALL.

DR HECTOR P GARCIA FOUNDER AMERICAN GI FORUM OF THE US

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December 19, 1970

Honorable Richard R. Nixon
President Of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 9/13/68 BY Ajbhaj/111m

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing this letter to express our dissatisfaction of the remarks made by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover against the Mexican Americans and Puerto Ricans. We politely, but strongly, recommend that you use your influence on this matter to force Mr. Hoover to retire for his sarcastic remarks, which not only insulted the Mexican Americans and Puerto Ricans, but all Latin Americans.

This is probably one of the main reasons why we now have some Latin American countries that are turning away from the United States, because of people like Mr. Hoover in high positions within the Federal Government who makes derogatory remarks about Latin American people. His remarks are obviously racial in nature.

We presume that in order for us to gain dignity and respect, we must do what the Afro-American soldier did during World War II in Finch Heaveen New Guinea. We Mexican Americans have served our country faithfully during all WARS, including Vietnam and have had more than our fair share of casualties. During World War II we participated in every battlefield as combat troops and by that we do not mean quartermaster, Engineer, and Port Battalion, who were considered rear echelon troops. This is also the reason our percentage of casualties are high and our record also stands true in Vietnam. It is unfortunate that there is no justice for us Mexican Americans, because it makes no difference how right we are, we are always wrong, while on the other hand the Afro-American, no matter how wrong he is he is always right.

Just as a matter of record, this is to inform you that we are not communist. Advise of action taken.

cc: John N. Mitchell
Hector P. Garcia M.D.
Joseph J. Juarez
National Chairman-GI Forum
Cabinet Committee on Opportunity

Sincerely yours,
San Antonio
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DATE 9/13/70

J EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHDC

YOUR RACIST STATEMENT CONCERNING MEXICAN AMERICANS HAS PRODUCED

RESULTS. BROWNSVILLE TEXAS DEPUTY SHERIFF MURDERS MEXICAN AMERICAN

YOUTH QUOTE "THOUGHT HE HELD A KNIFE IN HAND" UNQUOTE, RESIGNATION

OVERDUE, PLEASE RESTORE OUR TRUST AND FAITH IN F.B.I. BY RESIGNING.

YOU WILL DO A GREAT SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

DR HECTOR P GARCIA FOUNDER AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF THE U.

S. AND TEXAS STATE CHAIRMAN AMERICAN G. I. FORUM

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ORIG: MR. SULLIVAN FOR DIRECTOR

62-9654
December 21, 1970

62-96541

Dear Dr. Garcia:

I have received your telegram of December 16th and your telegram to the Attorney General has been referred to this Bureau and was received on December 17th. You may be sure I understand the concern which prompted you to contact me.

The specific portion of the extensive interview to which you make reference was only part of a general discussion of a number of topics, including assassinations, violence, threats against public officials and civil disorders. Had the entire text of my interview been reported, I am confident there would have been no misinterpretation of my comments.

Over the years it has been my privilege to associate very closely, both within and without the FBI, with many persons of Puerto Rican and Mexican origin or descent for whom I have the utmost respect. Please be assured that I had no intention whatever of criticizing, demeaning or casting aspersions on law-abiding citizens of any ethnic group or national origin.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles disclose the American G. I. Forum was established in 1946, as a charitable, educational, and benevolent group to aid and assist individuals in needy circumstances.
December 29, 1970

Honorable William Mitchell, Attorney General of the U.S.
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I wish to call to your attention the ridiculous and repugnant remarks attributed to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover by Times magazine, a national publication.

He has impugned the character of millions of American of Puerto Ricans and Mexican-Americans descent.

Since Mr. Hoover has proven by his irresponsible remarks that he is unfit to direct an agency, urge you to take action immediately and dismiss him.

Perhaps Mr. Hoover has forgotten or simply ignorant of the fact that thousands of those "knife" wielding Mexicans gave their lives to preserve our country. The millions of Mexican-Americans that have given sweat to enrich and make the Southwest great, will cheer and welcome his dismissal.

Respectfully,

Louis M. Cortez
Department Chairman
January 7, 1971

Mr. Louis M. Cortez
Chairman
Department of California
American GI Forum of the U. S.
37028 Lassen Street
Fremont, California 94536

Dear Mr. Cortez:

Your letter to the Attorney General regarding the "Time" magazine article, "J. Edgar Hoover Speaks Out With Vigor," was referred to this Bureau and received on January 5th. I readily understand the concern which prompted you to write.

The specific portion of the extensive interview to which you make reference was only part of a general discussion of a number of topics, including assassinations, violence, threats against public officials and civil disorders. Had the entire text of my interview been reported, I am confident there would have been no misinterpretation of my comments.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in files. His organization was organized in 1946 as a charitable, educational and benevolent society to render aid and assistance to needy persons in Texas. It was the subject of an Internal Security-Communism investigation based upon attempted Communist Party infiltration of various chapters. The attempt was unsuccessful and we have enjoyed correspondence with various members of the organization.
December 30, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to my attention by many people of an article in Time magazine, the December 14 issue.

As National Chairman of the American GI Forum, the largest Mexican-American organization of the U.S., I would like to indicate to you, sir, that I resent very, very much your remarks about the Mexican-American and Puerto Rican. First of all let me say that I think as servicemen and very loyal servicemen in this country, the Mexican-American for which I am speaking, have proven to do justice in the defense of our country. I might also inform you that as an ethnic group, during World War II and the Korean conflict, we received more Congressional Medals of Honor than any other ethnic group. And I can assure you that this was not accomplished by being very poor shots and certainly that doesn't indicate that they specialized in stabbing.

It grieves me very much to think that a man of your stature and character, to date, would think of making such a remark of two groups of people who are having problems enough, social and economic, without having to tolerate any other abuse from our Presidential appointed personnel. I would hope since you are a man of great moral character and integrity that you would have the human decency to make a public apology to the Mexican-American and also to our brothers, the Puerto Ricans.

I hope that you will give me the courtesy of a personal reply.
Kr. J. Edgar Hoover  

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December 30, 1970  

and not dictate to one of your subordinates to answer this letter.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph J. Juarez  
National Chairman  
American G I Forum of the U.S.  
6312 South 30th Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68107

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JOSEPH J. JUAREZ
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American GI Forum of U.S.
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and Freedom Should be Everybody's Business"

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62-96541-68
January 11, 1971

Mr. Joseph J. Juarez
National Chairman
American GI Forum of the U.S.
6312 South 30th Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68107

Dear Mr. Juarez:

I received your letter, with enclosure, on January 6th and can readily understand your concern.

The "Time" magazine article, "J. Edgar Hoover Speaks Out With Vigor," followed an extensive interview covering many matters. The specific portion to which you make reference was only part of a general discussion of a number of topics, including assassinations, violence, threats against public officials and civil disorders. Had the entire text of my interview been reported, I am confident there would have been no misinterpretation of my comments.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: In going 1/7/71 we reply to a similar inquiry from Mr. Louis M. Cordero, Chairman of the Department of California of this organization. It was the subject of an Internal Security-C investigation based on attempted Communist Party Infiltration of various chapters. The attempt was unsuccessful and we have had cordial correspondence with various members. Juarez enclosed a business card.
January 5, 1971

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Sirs:

Information as to the loyalty status of the veterans' organization, the American G. I. Forum would be much appreciated.

I have membership in two of the major U. S. Veterans' organizations. Both the constitutions and principles of these organizations prohibit them from forming an alliance with a subversive organization or taking in subversive members. Several times in the past year I have heard questions raised about the loyalty status of the American G. I. Forum, and no one has been able to give a concrete answer. To me this is an unhappy situation and unfair to both sides.

My hope is that you can clear the G. I. Forum in regards to subversive activity, but in any case information from you would clarify the situation, and I would be most grateful.

Thanks you.

Most sincerely,

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535
January 13, 1971

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DATE 9/3/69 BY SBQY A11mW

Dear [Redacted],

In reply to your letter which was received on January 11th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted]

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: The American GI Forum of the U.S. has been the subject of an Internal Security-C investigation based on attempted Communist infiltration of various chapters. The attempts were unsuccessful and we have had cordial correspondence with members of this organization.

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REMARKS:
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DATE 9/3/64
Dear Mr. Hoover:

25 January 1971

I am writing this brief letter to obtain a clarification on a complaint that was brought up at our regular American GI Forum meeting 24 January 1971.

It was stated by several members that you had apologize through the news media to the Puerto Ricans ONLY and not to the Mexican-American community.

I personally did not read nor heard it over the news media. But if it is true, this is adding insult to injury, to supposedly your previous statement concerning the Mexican-Americans and Puerto Ricans.

Please comment to said statement?

Sincerely yours,

Honorable
J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau Investigation
Washington, D. C.

cc Hector P. Garcia MD

Cabinet Committee on Opportunity for the Spanish Speaking

ST 104
62-96541-71
February 1, 1971

Central American GI Forum of Bexar County
111 Goodwin Avenue
San Antonio, Texas 78204

Dear [Name]

Mr. Hoover has received your letter of January 25th and asked me to send you the enclosed copy of his December 21st letter to Dr. Garcia, the contents of which may not have been called to your attention previously.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

Enclosure

1 - San Antonio - Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Bufiles disclose one prior outgoing to correspondent, 4-26-68, regarding Martin Luther King and James Earl Ray. Sent the Bureau a copy of his letter to the President on 12-19-70 regarding a recent "Time" article following an interview with the Director. This copy was not acknowledged. Dr. Garcia is identified in Bufiles as a founder of the American GI Forum and we have acknowledged other inquiries from members of this organization regarding this article.
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SAC, DENVER (105-3958) (C) 7/9/71

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-176238)

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MEXICAN-AMERICAN MILITANCY IS - SPANISH-AMERICAN

DATE: 5/14/71 BY DCM 10/17/71

Re Bureau airtel to Denver 6/17/71 captioned "CRUSADE FOR JUSTICE (CFJ) IS - SPANISH AMERICAN;"Denver letter to Bureau 11/5/70 and airtel and LEM 6/25/71 captioned "THIRD ANNUAL CHICANO CONFERENCE, DENVER, COLORADO, 6/17-20/71, aka; IS - SPANISH AMERICAN."

Last referenced airtel and LEM shows the original estimate of persons who would attend the conference was inflated. As previously indicated, only one source attended this conference but additional coverage by observation was afforded.

The following are Mexican-American organizations in this field division on which the Denver Office has separate files in addition to the CFJ:

UNITED MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS (UMAS):

1. Bufile 100-451531
2. Denver file 100-9878
3. The total membership of UMAS among the five major colleges and universities in Colorado has probably increased since the submission of referenced Denver letter in view of increased activities, particularly at the main campus of Colorado University at Boulder (CU), Colorado where they now claim that three percent of the student body are Mexican-Americans, a 30-fold increase since UMAS began recruiting Mexican-American students for that college in 1969. This figure
also was probably inflated in view of a memorandum prepared at CU dated 5/11/71 by the office of the Director of Institutional Research, wherein they indicate a total of 786 students had Spanish surnames at CU. This person furnished this statistic on 6/24/71.

Said the percentage of UMAS students run about 60 percent of the total Mexican-American enrollment. He estimated that the percentage would run approximately the same at the Boulder, Colorado campus. He also estimated that the total UMAS membership at the two University of Colorado campuses mentioned, plus Metropolitan State College in Denver and the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, as well as the Colorado State University at Fort Collins, Colorado, would not exceed 400 in total. He stated that a recent policy change of state colleges in Colorado no longer requires that student organizations accredited at the colleges file lists of officers, members, and statements of purpose under the minorities studies program at the various colleges. UMAS, along with other groups representing minority students file lists of individuals who are eligible to receive funds or indirect financial assistance by elimination of fees, etc., as filed by their respective minority student groups. These figures, however, are not indicative of actual membership in the respective organizations; but merely an approximation of the number of representatives from various ethnic groups at the institutions.

4. Coverage of UMAS at the various campuses in Colorado is presently through racial and security sources and established contacts on the campus affected. No specific sources are members of UMAS. The activities of the organization (see report of SA dated 9/29/70 at Denver) do not appear to be of interest to the Bureau on an organizational level.
5. Denver has no present plans to extend coverage into this student organization primarily because investigation in this case does not indicate subversive or New Left activities. There has been no change in the basic character of the group since the submission of FICF report on 6/22/75.

LA RAZA UNIDA (LRU) (UNITED RACE):

1. There is no Bureau file in this case.

2. Denver file is 100-10126, and is used for channelizing information relative to the LRU, which could have possible intelligence interest. It was organized and was and is directed by the CFJ. Its candidates are all CFJ adherents but the LRU recently failed to elect
candidates for the school board, the mayor's office, and other local offices in Denver, Colorado. In the general elections in November, 1970, they failed to qualify and continue as a political party for general election purposes, since they did not achieve 10 percent of the popular vote. In fact, they were substantially under that percentage. LRU is, however, a legitimate political party.

3. There is no figure as to the approximate membership. They have publicly admitted failure to register 10 percent of the population of the State of Colorado for the electoral process.

4. There are no LRU members per se among present sources.

5. As a policy, failing sources within the area will be instructed not to participate in LRU activities and register with that party. Plans for improving coverage of the LRU will reflect greater coverage of the LBU.

AGIF:

1. The AGIF has no Bureau file of record in Denver.

2. Denver file is 100-5821 and has been used for channelizing information concerning AGIF, shortly after it was founded at the end of World War II. It has never been actively investigated since it is a legitimate chartered veterans organization. No information has been channelized to that file since referenced Denver letter of 11/3/70 and there is no change in its status. It is noted that clippings in the file reveal various speakers for the AGIF have publicly disavowed any association with
3. No information is readily available as to AGIF membership. Press clippings in the file testify to the existence of a state chapter in Wyoming, as well as the Colorado Chapter. The national conference reported in August, 1969, was held in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where they expected to draw 500 representatives. It is noted that this organization was founded in Corpus Christi, Texas, in 1948 to assist Mexican-American veterans. Participants identified in channelization to the file have been reputable public officials as well as Mexican-American leaders.

4. Denver has no specific AGIF coverage.

5. Denver does not plan to extend coverage into this organization at present.

IEU, AGIF, and UMAS were listed above since they were submitted to the Bureau in the above report on 11/5/70. It is not intended to indicate they are considered to be militant Mexican-American organizations but merely to indicate there is no change in their status. The facts available at the present indicate the only group which could be termed militant in this field division is the CFJ. Time devoted to developing background and sources in the other organizations would seem to detract from Denver's primary goal of obtaining additional live coverage at the CFJ.

It is felt also that if any other Mexican-American groups in the Denver Division developed a potential for violence, this fact will be uncovered through increased coverage at CFJ and present coverage in subversive groups that might become interested in the Mexican-American field.

Denver will submit a letter to the Bureau outlining present coverage and what steps are being taken to improve it and the CFJ by 7/21/71.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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☐ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

\[ 62-96541-78 \]
Gil Castorena: A Worthy Son of the Cinco de Mayo

REMARKS
OF
HON. LIONEL VAN DEERLIN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 30, 1968

Mr. VAN DEERLIN. Mr. Speaker, within a few days, our good neighbors in Mexico will celebrate Cinco de Mayo, an anniversary that stirs deep emotions on both sides of the border.

For it was on the 5th of May, in 1862, that a gallant band of Mexican patriots routed an invading French Army at Guadalupe Heights in the city of Puebla. The Mexicans, under the inspired leadership of Benito Juarez, gave the hemisphere and the world a lesson in the indomitability of freedom when confronted by a foreign tyranny.

In my district, in the city of San Diego, resides a man who is a spiritual descendant of the great Juarez.

His name is Gilbert Castorena. He has told me that he is proud of the Mexican blood in his veins, "but proudest that I am an American."

Like the Cerro Guadalupe warriors of 106 years ago, Gil Castorena has demonstrated his courage and patriotism. Mr. Castorena's chance to prove his mettle came during World War II service with the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. As a pharmacist's mate first class, he served with the 6th Regiment, 2d Marine Division, in Iceland, New Zealand and Guadalcanal. His unit saw some of the heaviest fighting as the United States began the mighty campaign to push the Japanese invaders back across the Pacific. From his detachment of two doctors and 20 corpsmen, only one doctor and four corpsmen came back when the fighting was over.

Even now, this fine American recalls his combat days with a mixture of nostalgia and regret—nostalgia for the camaraderie of the wartime bivouac and regret for the comrades who did not return. His affection for the Marines promises to extend through his lifetime and beyond. He has said:

When the good Lord calls me, I hope my burial team will be made up of United States Marines.

Since the war, Gil has compiled an outstanding record of service both to his community and his country. He is one of the rising stars of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, an organization which enables him to maintain his interest in, and support for, a new generation of fighting men.

In California, where transiency is practically a way of life, he has been a virtual rock of stability, residing all his life in the home in which he was born at 3957 Alabama Street, San Diego.

Gil has been chairman of the San Diego chapter, American GI Forum; president—twice—of the Council of Latin American Clubs of San Diego County, and chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Committee at the North Island Naval Air Station.

For this last service, Mr. Castorena received a hearty "well done" from his uniformed superiors. Said one:

"It is through the interest and efforts of persons like you that the idea of equal employment opportunity is translated into reality."

In a letter to me, Gil as always hopeful, and concerned about the well-being of others, described his experience on the North Island panel in the following words:

"Even though some of it has been hard, heartbreaking work, it's a wonderful feeling to know that you've contributed a little to help solve and overcome one of our biggest social problems. I honestly feel that we, as Americans at all levels, will approach and solve our problems like gentlemen and not with a chip on our shoulder."

Never before in my own years of public service have I endorsed a candidate for nonpublic office.

But now Gil Castorena is running for junior vice commander of the 62,000-member California department of the VFW. Since Gil is such an exceptional person, I am making an exception of his case—I am taking this opportunity to urge his election.

In his 24 years with the VFW, Gil has prepared for the department office he now seeks by serving at various times as chairman of his post—Don Diego No. 7420—his county council, and his district. At the department level, he has been a member of important committees, including budget and service. Currently, he is the department's assistant chief of staff and one of three members of the Loyalty Day Committee appointed by the National VFW.

Last year, he was named the outstanding district VFW commander in California, and an all-American district commander by the national organization.

With these credentials, Gil Castorena is patently well qualified to begin climbing the ladder leading to the top office of the California Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Junior vice commander is the first rung on the ladder.

If Mr. Castorena makes it, I understand that he will be the first American of Mexican descent to hold elective statewide office in the California VFW.

His forefathers, the patriots of Cerro Guadalupe, would indeed be proud of Gilbert Castorena.
To: SAC, San Diego

From: Acting Director, FBI

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RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND CRIME RESEARCH)

BUDED 6-25-73

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Attached are two copies of a letter and its enclosure received from captioned individual who is not identifiable in Bufiles. (Name of individual) indicates he has been in contact with your office. You should furnish the Bureau a summary of pertinent information appearing in your files concerning this individual for use in evaluating future correspondence from him. Submit reply no later than 6-25-73.

Enclosures (2)

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FBI

Date: 6/21/73

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Via AIRTTEL

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (100-18554)(C)

SUBJECT: RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND CRIME RESEARCH)

Buded 6/25/73

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DATE 9/3/73 BY SPYDALLMW

Re: Bureau airtel to San Diego, 6/14/73, captioned as above.

On June 8, 1973, [redacted] appeared at the San Diego FBI Office and discussed with the office Complaint Clerk his dissatisfaction with the direction in which the American GI Forum was proceeding at this time and also recent committee appointments made to that Forum. [redacted] however, was not specific about his dissatisfactions and proceeded to elaborate on his personal accomplishments and involvements during and since World War II.

[redacted] mentioned that he was going to send the San Diego FBI Office a copy of the Congressional Record setting forth some of his accomplishments as he had mentioned during the June 8th conversation; however, he was apparently confused as to where to send it and inadvertently sent it to Washington FBI Headquarters.

[redacted]
No further information re captioned individual or is contained in the files of the San Diego Division. Therefore, this matter is considered closed.
April 17, 1975

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
9th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Late last July, while billing our 1974 National Convention's exhibitors, scheduling information was provided regarding our 1975 National Convention in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and our 1976 one in Denver, Colorado (celebrating both the U.S. and Colorado bicentennials).

Dates for the 1975 National Convention in Cheyenne are August 6-10 at the Hitching Post Inn. The price for an 8'-by-10' exhibit will be $475. (A discount may be arranged for payment in advance of the Convention.)

We intend that the price cover roughly the same elements (partitions and drapery, table and two chairs, lettered sign identifying exhibitor, an electrical outlet, etc.) as in 1974. Final details with the decorator, and the drayage firm, are still pending and will be forwarded as early as possible.

Setup of exhibits is scheduled for Wed., Aug. 6, and we understand that the U.S. Civil Service Commission will have a workshop for an estimated 300 federal Spanish Speaking Program Coordinators also there on that date. Main Convention activities are scheduled for the next three days, Aug. 7-9. Disassembly of exhibits will occur either late on Sat., Aug. 9, or the following morning.

Our National Chairman, Mr. Antonio G. Morales, and I are working fully with Mr. Stanley Regensberg, Chairman of the 1975 National Convention, who is resident in Cheyenne. Please send all-relevant correspondence directly to me, and I will mail contracts, agenda, registration materials, etc., as early as possible.

Cordially,

Fenn Ellery
National Communications and Development Director

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[Signature]

MAY 2, 1975
To: SAC, Denver
   ADIC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

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American GI Forum (AGIF)
National Convention
Denver, Colorado
July 6 - August 1, 1976

For information of receiving offices, captioned
organization will be holding its national convention at the
Regency Hotel, 3200 Elati Street, Denver, Colorado.
SA [redacted], the FBI's Equal Employment Opportunity
(EEO) Officer, FBI Headquarters, will attend the AGIF
Convention as the Bureau's representative. In addition,
SA [redacted] Los Angeles Division, is also
authorized to attend captioned convention. Both SAs
have attended AGIF Conventions in the past as
well as the national conventions of other organizations
representative of the Spanish-Speaking community.

Bureau representation at these conventions has been
considered most productive in demonstrating our interest in
EEO and in providing a point of identification for individuals
who may not have recognized the opportunities potentially
available for them in the FBI.

The AGIF is comprised predominantly of American
veterans of Hispanic derivation and is one of the largest
national organizations which represent the Spanish-Speaking
segments of our population.

SA [redacted] who is currently assigned to the
Los Angeles Office, performs collateral duties as the Spanish-
Speaking Program Coordinator for that office and is
responsible for maintaining liaison with Hispanic organizations
including the AGIF, which is headquartered in Los Angeles.

NOTE: By memorandum Burns to Walsh dated 4/26/76, it was
proposed and approved that Bureau representatives attend a
series of minority oriented conventions and conferences.
Among the recommendations approved was the attendance at
the American GI Forum by SA [redacted] FBIHQ, and SA
of the Los Angeles Division.
Airtel to SAC, Denver
ADIC, Los Angeles
Re: AGIF NATIONAL CONVENTION
DENVER, COLORADO
JULY 8 - AUGUST 1, 1978

Details concerning the attendance of FBI representatives at this convention will be furnished the Denver Office as they are formulated. Any information bearing on the attendance of Bureau personnel at this convention should be immediately brought to the attention of the Office of EEO Affairs, Finance and Personnel Division, FBI Headquarters.
Airtel

To: SAC, Denver
ADIC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

AMERICAN GI FORUM (AGIF)
NATIONAL CONVENTION
DENVER, COLORADO
JULY 28 - AUGUST 1, 1976

Reference Bureau airtel dated 6/16/76.

A review of the proposed schedule of events for captioned convention discloses that a Seminar for Federal Government Spanish-Speaking Program Coordinators is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 1976, from 8:00 until 5:00 p.m. Denver is requested to contact the Denver Regional Civil Service Commission Training Office and determine the cost and other specifics concerning this Seminar. In addition, determine what forms should be submitted to nominate attendees as it is anticipated that both SA FBI Headquarters, and SA Los Angeles Division, will be in attendance at this Seminar.

NOTE: By memorandum Burns to Walsh dated 4/26/76, it was approved that Bureau representatives attend captioned convention. Based on prior experience, the Seminar for Federal Government Spanish-Speaking Program Coordinators is considered worthy of attendance and, on receipt of specifics from the Denver Office concerning this Seminar, appropriate recommendations will be made.
American GI Forum of U.S.
National Convention - "76"

American GI Forum of Colorado
MILE HIGH CHAPTER
4142 and 4134 Tejon Street
Denver, Colorado 80211
(303) 433-8636

National Convention Committee:
John J. Padilla, Chairman
Sarah Barela, Co-Chairman
Lawrence Martinez, Co-Chairman

Clarence Kelly
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Avenue & 9th Street NW.
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Kelly:

On July 26 through August 1, 1976, the American GI Forum will be holding its national convention in Denver, Colorado at the Regency Hotel, located at 3901 Elati, phone 303/458-5511.

During the convention, workshops on economic development, veterans' programs and benefits, housing, justice and law enforcement, and other relevant subjects will be held to enlighten the participants of services available.

The Community Relations Service (CRS) of the U.S. Department of Justice, has been asked to assist in an effort to secure national speakers from the Department of Justice and other law enforcement agencies to participate in the justice and law enforcement workshop. CRS believes this is a worthwhile endeavor which would do much to give Hispanics an insight to law enforcement and other aspects of the criminal justice system. It should also be a major stepping stone in enhancing communications and relationships between Hispanics and law enforcement. The workshop is scheduled for presentation on Friday afternoon, July 30, 1976.

CRS feels your expertise would be invaluable for the justice and law enforcement seminar. With these considerations in mind, we respectfully request your participation.

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It is anticipated that from 1,200 to 1,500 Forumers from throughout the United States will be in attendance. Also, this year we are introducing a Commerce and Industry Show featuring exhibits from government, private industry and community, this show plus other events will be open to the public.

4 JUL 1976
Please feel free to contact [Redacted] or Ms. Sarah Barela at the above listed address or telephone number on any questions regarding the workshop.

In order that our office can make the necessary lodging arrangements at the Regency, an early reply would be appreciated. Also, should you be able to participate, please forward to us, as soon as possible, a biography and picture to be used for publicity and introduction. This information can be mailed to the above listed address.

Your interest and consideration is appreciated, thank you.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

Enclosures
GI Forum Brochures

cc: Special Agent in Charge
Theodore P. Rosack
P.O. Box 1229
Denver, CO 80201
Thank you for the kind invitation of June 29th for me to address the justice and law enforcement seminar at your national convention in Denver on Friday afternoon, July 30th, at the Regency Hotel. While I would certainly enjoy being with you on that date, my already heavily committed schedule precludes me from doing so. However, I will be pleased to designate one of my top assistants here in Washington to make this appearance if this is agreeable with you.

Please let me know if this meets with your approval and I will make the necessary arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

Q. M. Kelley
Director

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

NOTE: The American GI Forum was organized in 1946 to establish a charitable, educational and benevolent society to render aid and assistance to individuals in needy circumstances. Deputy Assistant Director Homer A. Boynton, Jr., will be designated to make this appearance if requested to do so.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTN: OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AFFAIRS
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: ADIC, LOS ANGELES (80-826)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN GI FORUM (AGIF)
NATIONAL CONVENTION
DENVER, COLORADO
JULY 28 - AUGUST 1, 1976

Re Bureau airtels dated 6/16/76 and 6/29/76.

SA Los Angeles Office, will attend captioned convention and is scheduled to depart Los Angeles on 7/27/76 at 11:45 a.m. via United Airlines Flight 574, arriving in Denver, Colorado, at 2:44 p.m.

Bureau and Denver will be advised of any changes.

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Bureau
Denver
Los Angeles
(1-66-5188) (Minority Recruitment)

U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
TO: DIRECTOR
FROM: DENVER (88-477) (P)


AGIF, DENVER, ADVISED JULY 12, 1976.

THE FREEMAN DECORATOR COMPANY, DENVER, IS IN CHARGE OF ASSEMBLING AND PREPARING THE EXHIBIT SPACE IN THE EXHIBIT AREA OF THE REGENCY HOTEL, 3900 ELATI STREET, DENVER. ADVISED EXHIBIT SPACE IS AVAILABLE AT PRICE OF $500 PER BOOTH.


 ADVISED IT IS NECESSARY TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR EXHIBIT SPACE, AND SHE RECOMMENDED THAT IN ORDER TO INSURE AVAILABILITY OF SPACE, A COMMITMENT SHOULD BE MADE BY JULY 16, 1976.

END TELE
TO SAC, DENVER

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

AMERICAN GI FORUM (AGIF) NATIONAL CONVENTION, DENVER, COLORADO, JULY 28 - AUGUST 1, 1976

REURTEL 7/12/76,

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACT FOR EXHIBIT SPACE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CAPTIONED CONVENTION. EXHIBIT IS BEING FORWARDED SEPARATELY FROM FBIHQ. BILLING FOR EXHIBIT SHOULD BE SENT TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION, FBI HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535.

NOTE: By memorandum Burns to Walsh 4/26/76, it was proposed and approved that Bureau representatives attend a series of minority oriented conventions and conferences. Captioned organization is among those for which approval was received. Attending will be SA FBIHQ, and SA of the Los Angeles Division. By teletype 7/12/76, Denver respond to inquiry from our EEO Officer, advising that exhibit space at a price of $500.00 per booth is available and that a commitment should be made by July 16, 1976. In view of the location of this convention in an area representative of Spanish-Speaking people and the fact that we have previously displayed an exhibit at thei convention in Los Angeles, it is recommended that we again do so and that the SAC, Denver, be authorized to make appropriate arrangements.

The above teletype so authorizes the SAC.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (80-New)(P)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN G. I. FORUM (AGIF) NATIONAL CONVENTION DENVER, COLORADO 7/28 - 8/1/76

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Re Bureau airtel to Denver, dated 6/29/76; and Los Angeles letter to the Bureau, dated 7/2/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Los Angeles is one copy each of AGIF National Convention brochure.

... EEO Office, U. S. Civil Service Commission, Denver, Colorado, advised on 7/8/76 that the U. S. Civil Service Commission is sponsoring a Federal Government Spanish-speaking program coordinators workshop on 7/28/76 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Regency Inn, 3900 Elati Street, Denver, Colorado. The registration fee for this workshop is $15.00 per person and the appropriate form for registration is U. S. Government Optional Form 37 which should be submitted by each attendee by 7/23/76.

EEO Office, U. S. Civil Service Commission, Building 20, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80224. Attention: EEO Office. The enclosed

Bureau (Enc. 1)(AM, RM) ENCLOSURE ATTACHED
2 - Los Angeles (66-5188)(Enc. 1)(AM, RM)
3 - Denver

OF 170 prep. and sent 7/20/76.
AGIF National Convention brochure includes pre-registration forms which should be submitted to the AGIF of the U.S. - "76", 4130 Tejon Street, Denver, Colorado 80211.

The Denver Division is in receipt of a copy of a letter dated 6/29/76 directed to CLARENCE KELLEY, Director, at FBIHO from [redacted]. This letter is an invitation to Mr. KELLEY to attend the AGIF Convention and requesting an early reply from Mr. KELLEY.

The Denver Division has arranged for guaranteed reservations for SA [redacted] and SA occupants for period 7/27 to 8/1/76.
Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

The American GI Forum of the U.S. is a civic, veterans' family organization with nationwide membership. One of the major activities of our organization is to identify current issues that impact on the lives of Hispanics, study their terms and implications and develop recommendations. This requires an interchange of ideas and information with the community at large, and particularly with Government administrators and managers responsible for implementing programs mandated by law.

To provide a vehicle for this interchange of ideas and to raise the level of awareness and understanding, once a year we hold an issues symposium. This year's symposium, sponsored by the American GI Forum of Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia, will be held on May 11 and 12, 1978, at the International Inn in Washington, D.C.

We wish to extend you an invitation to attend our symposium. Our program will include top level officials that will give us an insight into issues that are very relevant today. We will deal with provocative questions such as:

"How is the reorganization of Federal EEO activities going to impact on the mission and responsibilities of various agencies and ultimately on the individual?"

"Do the President's proposed changes to the immigration law go far enough in providing human rights for the undocumented worker?"

"Does the surge in allegations of police violence against minorities merit new legislation?"

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"The new Urban Policy initiatives—what do they mean to minorities?"

A copy of our program is attached that gives you further details on the issues, speakers, panelists, and registration.

We sincerely hope you will be able to join us, as well as other staff members of your agency that due to their program responsibilities would benefit from our symposium. Should you have any questions with regard to our program, please call me at 755-0515.

Sincerely,

Lupe Saldana
Chairman
April 25, 1978

Mr. Lupe Saldana
Chairman
American GI Forum of the U.S.
Post Office Box 952
Arlington, Virginia 22216

Dear Mr. Saldana:

Your communication of April 5th inviting representatives of the FBI to attend your symposium being held in May has been received. I regret that the pressure of my duties and those of my associates who would participate in such programs is such as to preclude our accepting your invitation. I do appreciate your thinking of us in this manner.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster
Director

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October 5, 1978

PERSONAL

Dear [Redacted]

I have learned of the excellent coverage you gave FBI career opportunities at the recent National Convention of the American G.I. Forum in which my representatives participated. Thank you for making this time available to us and we certainly appreciate your generous comments and staunch support.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster
William H. Webster
Director

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Dear [Redacted],

I express appreciation, on behalf of the FBI, for your covering the FBI booth at the American G. I. Forum National Convention. We believe your endeavors in featuring our recruiting efforts for employing Hispanics aided in the success of this program, and we are most grateful for your cooperation and assistance in spite of the technical difficulties you experienced.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster

William H. Webster
Director

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Dear [Name],

My representatives who attended the American G.I. Forum National Convention in Corpus Christi have advised me of the cooperation you provided by broadcasting interviews and informing area residents of employment opportunities with the FBI. I feel very strongly that we must have minority representation in law enforcement if we are to gain the confidence and trust of all citizens and we are most grateful for your assistance in bringing our message to the Hispanic community.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster

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Director

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"Home of the 1979 National Convention"

January 31, 1979

Mr. William H. Webster
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
9th St. and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Webster:

The American G I Forum of the U.S. will hold its Thirty-First Annual National Convention at the Detroit Plaza Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, during August 15-18, 1979. Over 3,000 persons attended last year's convention and this year we are expecting a greater attendance from the various Hispanic population groups from throughout the country. Our theme this year will be "Hispanic Ethnic Display of Unity".

The American G I Forum is a veterans' family organization vitally involved in promoting the civil and human rights of all people in the United States, and particularly Hispanic Americans. In the past, Hispanics have been excluded from participating in the mainstream of American society, and special efforts are now required to improve this history of exclusion. We believe the workshops, activities, and interactions generated by our Convention are an important part of this effort.

One of the highlights of our Convention this year will be our Commerce and Industry Show. From past experience, we have found that due to the level of involvement of the audience in current issues of our Government, they are desirous of information and literature on Federal programs and activities. Since this will be an excellent opportunity for your Agency to reach a large segment of the Hispanic population of our country, we are extending you an invitation to sponsor an exhibit booth. Our booth fee is $600.00. Please sign and return the enclosed form as soon as possible, but no later than June 15, 1979, if you would like to reserve a booth space. Upon receipt of the completed contract form, which is enclosed, you will be forwarded additional information.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Lupe Saldana
Exhibit Coordinator

"Education Is Our Freedom and Freedom Is Education"

Veterans Family Organization • Founded March 26, 1948
March 1, 1979

Ms. Lupe Saldana
Exhibits Coordinator
American G.I. Forum
5705 West Lafayette
Detroit, Michigan 48209

Dear Ms. Saldana:

I am in receipt of your letter to Mr. Webster dated January 31, 1979.

I am pleased to advise you that we plan to participate in your 1979 Convention by sharing with the Department of Justice in rental of booth space. Mr. Jones of the Department of Justice will be in contact with you regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara E. Dean
Equal Employment Opportunity
Conference Coordinator

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April 24, 1979

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C. American C. R. Bauman Post Office Box 952 Arlington, Virginia 22216

Dear [Name]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 1, 1979, in which you requested the FBI to participate in your symposium, at the Quality Inn, Pentagon City, Arlington, Virginia, on May 9-10, 1979.

I am pleased to advise that Special Agent [Name] will participate in above-mentioned symposium, and his registration fee of $65 will be paid at the door.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for extending the invitation to the FBI to participate in your symposium.

Sincerely yours,

Homer A. Boynton, Jr.
Inspector in Charge
Public Affairs Office
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN GI FORUM
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Memorandum

TO: Clarence M. Kelley, Director
    Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Henry S. Ruth, Jr.
      Deputy Special Prosecutor
      Watergate Special Prosecution Force

DATE: May 9, 1973

SUBJECT: Campaign Contributions Investigation - National Hispanic Finance Committee

During the course of our investigation into possible violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 600, 599, 201, and 371, and the federal election laws, information has come to our attention which may constitute violations of these statutes.

1. On September 12, 1972 Charles Wallace, President of Wallace & Wallace Fuel Oil Co., Inc., 205-28 Murdock Avenue, Hollis, New York 11412 (telephone: 212-464-3737; 212-464-3335), sent a letter and a questionnaire to government contractors who had obtained so-called 8(a) contracts, which are contracts set aside from the normal competitive bidding process for companies owned by members of minority groups. The letter urged the recipient to work for the re-election of the President. Attached to it was a letter to Mr. Wallace from the President indicating support for the 8(a) program. Also included with the letter was a questionnaire asking the recipient to indicate whether he would "get out and help the President be re-elected so that he can continue" the 8(a) program. We request the Bureau to interview Mr. Wallace to find out how it was that this letter came to be written; how the names of 8(a) contractors were obtained; who was shown or given access to the results of the questionnaires; and what was done as a result of those questionnaires. You should be advised that the questionnaires had an identifying number on them so that the identities of respondents were not secret. The Bureau should pursue all reasonable investigative leads which arise from this request.
Urban Tech., Dallas, Texas. Rodriguez and Marumoto assisted this firm with a $300,000 grant at the Department of Labor.

Mariscal and Associates, Los Angeles, California. President, Bob Mariscal, obtained a $100,000 grant from OMBE in August, 1972.

Gilda Cjurich, Los Angeles, California. Was assisted in August, 1972 by Rodriguez in obtaining a contract from Department of Transportation. She also has alleged that Benjamin Fernandez offered to assist her in obtaining a contract if she would support the re-election of the President.

Nick Reyes and Associates, Washington, D. C. President, Nick Reyes. Marumoto recommended this firm for a $50,000 contract at HUD over two other firms because Reyes had been helpful to Carlos Conde, an assistant at the White House to Herb Klein.

League of United Latin American Citizens, Houston, Texas (LULAC) President, Pete Villa. Obtained a large grant with the assistance of Marumoto and Rodriguez.


OMAR, Chicago, Illinois. President, Marcellino Miyare.

3. Jose Gomez of the National Economic Development Association (NEDA), 3807 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700, Los Angeles, California attended a meeting in 1972 in Chicago with James Lynn then of the Department of Commerce, and two other representatives of NEDA. It has been alleged that NEDA was threatened with the loss of its Department of Commerce funds unless they supported the nomination of Cipriano Guerra for Deputy Director of the Office of Minority Business Enterprises. Mr. Gomez may also have information concerning a National Hispanic Finance Committee fund-raising dinner in Chicago in which some of the funds that were raised disappeared. Please interview Mr. Gomez about these two incidents. Do not interview Mr. Lynn. In connection with the Chicago dinner.
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Long
FROM: [Redacted]

DATE: 3/31/77

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ATTENDANCE AT CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES OF MINORITY AND WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

SYNOPSIS: The Department has furnished a tentative schedule of conventions and conferences of major minority and women's groups at which it intends having representation and possibly displaying an exhibit. Each bureau and service is encouraged to likewise send representatives and join in the Department's exhibits in furtherance of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) responsibilities. The FBI has in the past year, as in previous years, attended a variety of conventions, conferences and seminars such as the National Urban League, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, IMAGE, American G. I. Forum, League of United Latin American Citizens, Federally Employed Women and other community action organizations. We propose to recommend that we again attend the aforementioned conventions. Details concerning each conference are not yet final. Selection of personnel for these conventions is tentative as some of the events are scheduled five months in advance. Utilization of Inspector's Aides and has been coordinated with the Planning and Inspection Division. In view of the number of such affairs and the necessity to make last minute arrangements, we further propose that the Assistant Director, Finance and Personnel Division, be authorized to approve final arrangements for those conferences we are authorized to attend.
Memorandum to Long
Re: PROPOSED ATTENDANCE AT CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES OF MINORITY AND WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

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E. American G. I. Forum
   Albuquerque, New Mexico
   August 10 - 14, 1977
   Los Angeles, and
   EEO representative from FBIHQ,
   to attend as done
   so in the past. ADIC, Los Angeles,
   concurs.

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APPROVED:

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTN: EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY OFFICE

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (80-826)

DATE: 4/22/75

SUBJECT: NATIONAL CONVENTION
SPONSORED BY THE
AMERICAN G.I. FORUM
OF THE UNITED STATES
8/6-10/75-
CHEYENNE, WYOMING
PUBLIC RELATIONS MATTER

Enclosed is copy of letter received by the Los Angeles Office from the American G.I. Forum regarding their 1975 National Convention in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Copy of letter is being furnished for Bureau's information as the Bureau may desire to participate in the United States Civil Service Commission workshop for Spanish Speaking Program coordinators.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
April 17, 1975

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Building
11000 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90024

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Cordially yours,

Fenn Ellery
National Communications and Development Director

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TO DIRECTOR
ATTN: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
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TWO FORMER SAN MARCOS STUDENTS ARRESTED DURING BOYCOTT CHARGED WITH WILLFULLY DISRUPTING THE CONDUCT OF CLASSES AT OWEN GOODNIGHT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. THE PRINCIPAL ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN THE BOYCOTT ARE MEXICAN-AMERICAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION (MAYO), CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR QUALITY EDUCATION (CLOSELY AFFILIATED WITH MAYO), SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER, AND AMERICAN GI FORUM. THESE GROUPS, UNDER INFLUENCE OF HAVE ENCOURAGED STUDENTS TO BOYCOTT CLASSES UNTIL GRIEVANCES CONCERNING THE CORPORATION OF BLACK AND CHICANO LITERATURE IN LIBRARIES, FREEDOM OF DRESSON CAMPUSES, STUDENT ELECTION REFORMS, ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE, COUNSELLING AIMED AT COLLEGE, AND THE HIRING OF BLACK AND CHICANO HISTORY TEACHERS AND COACHES ARE ACKNOWLEDGED.

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GLOSSARY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC., also known as GI Forum, American G. I. Forum (Dallas, Texas Chapter)

The Dallas Chapter of The American G. I. Forum of Texas, Inc., was organized at Dallas, Texas, on September 29, 1954. This group is composed principally of Mexican-American veterans who allegedly have banded together to stamp out discrimination against Mexican-Americans and to seek justice and equality for everyone. This organization is said to be non-political.

The American G. I. Forum of Texas, Inc., publishes a "News Bulletin" which discloses its headquarters to be at Austin, Texas, and enumerates local chapters of the organization in various towns in Texas, as well as chapters in New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Utah and Kansas.
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Memorandum

TO: Mr. Mohr
FROM: C. D. DeLoach
SUBJECT: Gonzalez (D-Texas) called and spoke to me in my office.

He said that the organizations are the American G. I. Forum, the Political Association of Spanish Speaking Organizations and several Unitarian Churches, wanted to know what the FBI could do to help.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (105-2358) (C)

DATE: 9/20/71

SUBJECT: CONFERENCIA DE UNIDAD Y ACCION (CONFERENCE OF UNITY AND ACTION), EL PASO, TEXAS, JULY 16-18, 1971

INTERNAL SECURITY-Spanish-American
CO: EL PASO
Re El Paso airtel to Bureau, 7/12/71.

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Those present at the conference included members of the Mexican-American Political Association (MAPA), the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (Chicano Student Movement of Aztlan) (MECHA), and MAYA, as well as adult members of the community representing such organizations as the League of United Latin-American Citizens (LULAC) and GI Forum.
and a member of the GI Forum in El Paso, talked about the work which the GI Forum had been doing in the past. He talked about concessions which had been obtained from the Housing and Urban Development Agency of the Federal Government as a result of the work done by the GI Forum. He also
CONFERENCIA DE UNIDAD
Y ACCION (CONFERENCE OF
UNITY AND ACTION), EL PASO, TEXAS,
JULY 16-18, 1971

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The GI Forum, also known as the American GI Forum, is a national organization made up primarily of Mexican-American citizens which combats discrimination and attempts to resolve problems facing the Mexican-American people.
The GI Forum and LULAC were asked to pass resolutions sustaining and supporting the conference, but representatives of these two organizations indicated that they would be willing to support only some of the resolutions passed at the conference.
Report of: August 20, 1964

Field Office File No.: 100-9847

Synopsis: was charter member of Dallas chapter of American GI Forum, formed in September, 1954.

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II. ACTIVITIES IN THE AMERICAN
GI FORUM

The Dallas Board of the American GI Forum (AGIF) is a chapter of the AGIF of Texas, Incorporated, with headquarters in Austin, Texas, which in turn is an affiliate of the AGIF of the United States, with headquarters in Corpus Christi, Texas. described the AGIF as a veterans' organization comprised principally of Latin Americans. The AGIF, according to was founded for the purpose of furthering the rights of citizens of Latin American extraction in the United States.

(Hereinafter the Dallas Chapter of the American GI Forum will be referred to as GI Forum.)
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he was asked questions concerning his membership in the American GI Forum. He stated there was no reason to believe the American GI Forum was not a legitimate organization because the Attorney General of the United States had delivered a speech at the Chicago convention of that organization. He said the radio, television, and news media referred to him as [REDACTED] but did not mention his name, nor did they mention the American GI Forum.

on 11/30/64 at Dallas, Texas

by Special Agent [REDACTED] File # DL 89-43

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Date dictated 11/30/63

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On March 25, 1964, was again interviewed and furnished the following signed statement:

"Dallas, Texas
March 25, 1964

"I, , freely furnish the following voluntary statement to and , who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am a white male, born at Dallas, Texas and presently reside at . I am presently employed as . Prior to this employment I was employed as ."
"I have read this statement consisting of this page and two other pages, and have initialed each page and this statement ___ ___ and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ __________________________

"Witnessed:
"/s/ __________________________ Special Agent, F.B.I.,
Dallas, Texas 3-25-64
"/s/ __________________________ Special Agent, FBI, Dallas,
Texas, 3/25/64."
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In connection with the interview of [redacted] on November 30, 1963, in which he stated he had been questioned by Dallas Police on November 23, 1963, at which time a Secret Service man was present, advised during the interview on July 15, 1964, that he was interviewed on that date by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and police, and that no Secret Service man was present.
III. INTERVIEWS WITH

"AFFIDAVIT IN ANY FACT"

"The State of Texas
County of Dallas

(I attended an organizational meeting of
the G. I. Forum, was present and assisted
us in forming the Dallas G. I. Forum. The following
"I am no longer a member of the G. I. Forum. I have been members of the G. I. Forum. I is no longer an active member.

"/s/ [Redacted]

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of November A.D., 1963.

"/s/[Redacted]

"Added statement affirmed.  

"/s/[Redacted] /s/[Redacted]
that they did have a file concerning the American GI Forum, and that name was therein as a member of that organization. He said they had no information to indicate that had been affiliated with any other organizations.
Concerning his affiliation with and knowledge of the American GI Forum. This took about thirty minutes.
except a list of the members of the American G.I. Forum and the names of these members were copied.

Concerning his membership in the American G.I. Forum. As I remembered, said that he had been a member of that organization for many years but was not a member during...
"Dallas, Texas
August 19, 1964

This letter is concerning the American G.I. Forum, Dallas Chapter, which reflects my interest and involvement in the organization. I was a member of the Dallas Chapter.
Nothing was found except some papers concerning the American G. I. Forum. Among those papers was a 1958-59 yearbook of the American G. I. Forum which contained a list of names and addresses of members and officers of the Dallas Chapter of that organization. It reflected that chapter was organized in September, 1954.

Nothing was found in that search that established was a member of or active in any subversive organization.
from him pertaining to his association with the American G. I. Forum. I recall that told me he had been a member of the G. I. Forum for many years but was not a member during
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related that he did not recall talking about to the press and that if he did make any mention it was probably concerning the G. I. Forum.

stated that although he refers to the organization as the G. I. Forum he knows this organization to be identical to the American G. I. Forum.
during the period of their affiliation with the American G. I. Forum, and were in the American G. I. Forum upon instructions of
He denied to her that he had ever been a member of any subversive group and stated to her that he had only been a member of the G.I. Forum and that this was not a subversive group, and he never knew LEE HARVEY OSWALD.
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It should be noted that on 5/25/61 a thumbnail sketch of the Dallas chapter of the American G. I. Forum was submitted to the Bureau. By letter, dated 6/7/61, the Bureau advised that the thumbnail sketch was not approved, as this organization is a legitimate organization, which at one time was infiltrated by Communist Party members. Accordingly, no characterization of the G. I. Forum is being included in the appendix pages of this report.
In response to the requests in letters of reference there are enclosed two copies each of a report concerning a memorandum or evaluation of same date relating to the sources concealed in the report. There are also enclosed two copies of a memorandum captioned "American GI Forum" dated August 25, 1964.
Sincerely yours,

E. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (6)

NOTE:

Classified "Confidential" as Dallas report and letterhead so classified in order to protect current confidential informants who furnished information concerning CP efforts to infiltrate the GI Forum in Dallas in 1955 and 1956.

He was associated from 1955 - 1953 with the Dallas Chapter of the American GI Forum, a veterans group comprised principally of Mexican-Americans. The parent body of the American GI Forum has since its inception been strongly anticomunist and, while from informant coverage we know the members of CP, USA, in Dallas attempted to infiltrate the Dallas Chapter in 1955 and were successful in controlling that chapter for a brief period, there has been no reported CP infiltration of the chapter since 1956.
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AMERICAN GI FORUM

This organization was organized at Corpus Christi, Texas, in 1944, to establish a charitable, educational and benevolent society to render aid and assistance to individuals in the State of Texas in needy circumstances, to provide scholarships to worthy students and to seek improvement in educational facilities in general. Subsequently, several chapters of this organization were formed in various states primarily throughout the Southwest. (62-83541-5)

In the past communists have attempted to infiltrate a few chapters of the organization and the organization's national chairman has circulated information to the various chapters warning members against communists and communist fronts and urging members to report any pertinent information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Records of this Bureau contain no information to indicate that the national organization has ever been infiltrated or controlled by the Communist Party, USA. (62-83541-45)

In the Fall of 1954 a chapter of the American GI Forum of Texas, Incorporated, an affiliate of the American GI Forum, was organized at Dallas, Texas. The Dallas Chapter was composed primarily of Mexican-American servicemen who reportedly banded together to stamp out discrimination of the Mexican-American people and to help these people in various other ways. The Communist Party sought to infiltrate this chapter at the time of its inception and for a brief period in 1955 controlled and dominated the Dallas Chapter. Subsequently in October, 1955, the Dallas Chapter continued to be infiltrated by a few communist members; however, no Communist Party control or infiltration of this chapter has been reported since December, 1955. (62-83541-23)

NOTE: Letterhead prepared for dissemination to President's Commission on Assassination of President Kennedy in connection with their inquiry in letter dated 7/7/64 in which they asked if American GI Forum was considered subversive. Our files show that such is not the case. To protect current informants who supplied data concerning the CP infiltration.

ENCLOSURE 105-R0355-T1
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am writing to inform you that Lee Harvey Oswald has signed a statement concerning his affiliation with an organization called the American GI Forum.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-41)

SPANISH-AMERICAN POLITICAL ACTION RALLIES, RACIAL UNIT
WALSENBURG, PUEBLO AND CIVIC CENTER, DENVER, COLORADO, 5/14/66
DENVER, COLORADO, 5/21/66
INFORMATION CONCERNING RACIAL MATTERS

Re: Denver airtel 5/11/66.

All information contained herein is unclassified.
SPANISH-AMERICAN POLITICAL ACTION
RALLY, WALSENBURG, PUEBLO AND
CIVIC CENTER, DENVER, COLORADO,
MAY 14, 1966

"Pueblo Star-Journal," Pueblo, Colorado, daily newspaper issue of May 13, 1966, contained an article which stated a permit for a parade and peaceful demonstration outside Pueblo City Hall was issued Friday by Chief of Police Roy F. Harper, to representatives of the American G. I. Forum. The Forum plans a motorcade, starting at Walsenburg and proceeding to Colorado Springs and Denver on Saturday. It will conclude at the State Capitol.

The article continued the Pueblo event will be from Noon to 1:00 p.m., and Chief Harper will be the principal target of the demonstration. He will be under fire, according to the sponsors of the demonstration, for "expressing discriminatory attitudes and prejudices against citizens of this community."

The Pueblo paraders will circle City Hall then hold their demonstration on the parking lot at the rear of the building. Speakers will include the State Chairman, Joe Herrera of Denver, State Officers of the G. I. Forum and Rudolph "Corky" Gonzales of Denver.

The article states Louis R. Trujillo, District 2 Chairman for the G. I. Forum said "We in the American G. I. Forum do not advocate irresponsible actions, extremism or segregation as many are led to believe, but we do believe, as Americans, in exercising our God-given rights under the Constitution of the United States, whenever it becomes necessary to correct deplorable conditions that must be brought to public attention. We further believe that the rights and dignities of others should be respected by individuals and must be respected by all public servants and we ask the support of all citizens towards these goals.

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"The Crusade Against Injustices has become a necessity and a reality and we can no longer tolerate or condone abusive attitudes and prejudices in this great country of ours."

The "Pueblo Star Journal" issue of June 10, 1956, described the American GI Forum as a veterans organization interested in citizenship, education and charity. Founded in 1948, the Forum has members located in nearly all communities having a concentration of Spanish-speaking residents.

It was observed at approximately 9:45 a.m., May 14, 1966, at Walsenburg, Colorado, that about 75 persons, principally of Spanish-American extraction, marched six abreast from First and Main Streets to the Huerfano County Court House, Walsenburg, Colorado. The march was led by about 20 men wearing American G. I. Forum caps. Signs carried included the following:

"HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD NEEDED IN WALSENBURG"

"WE'RE BEHIND YOU CORKY"

"TITLE I - PROGRAM MISUED"

"OUR VOTES HAVE BEEN TAKEN FOR GRANTED"

Several cars brought up the rear of the parade with banners "ON THE HISPANO MOVE," "CHICANO ON THE MOVE - CRUSADE FOR JUSTICE."

The meeting on the Huerfano County Court House lawn at Walsenburg lasted about fifteen minutes, with five speakers.
SPANISH-AMERICAN POLITICAL ACTION RALLY

wearing G. I. Forum caps speaking through megaphones. They advocated more political recognition and more offices of the executive, legislative, city council, school board and mayorship type.

The meeting disbanded at about 10:30 a.m., with the entire proceedings being orderly and without incident.

At 10:50 a.m., a caravan of less than 20 automobiles left Walsenburg and arrived at Pueblo, Colorado, about 11:40 a.m., where several additional automobiles joined the caravan.

About 12:05 p.m., May 14, 1966, a parade of approximately 90 to 100 persons, carrying signs used at Walsenburg, marched twice around City Hall block and thereafter about six persons wearing American G. I. Forum caps, including Rudolph "Corky" Gonzales, lead a chant "Harper must go." They carried the following additional signs:

"CHIEF OF POLICE HARPER MUST GO"

"REMOVE HARPER"

"JUSTICE DELAYED IS JUSTICE DENIED"

"INVESTIGATE CHIEF HARPER. HE MUST GO"

They then made speeches advocating more recognition and better jobs. The Pueblo meeting was orderly with no incidents. One speaker expressed disappointment with the small Pueblo turnout, noting Pueblo has 40,000 Spanish-Americans.

The caravan left Pueblo at approximately 12:53 p.m.

It was observed that about 100 individuals gathered in front of the Denver City Hall, Denver Civic Center, on Saturday, May 14, 1966, at 3:45 p.m. Several individuals stood on the steps of City Hall and gave short speeches concerning the history of Spanish-American people in Colorado and demanding equal opportunities for Spanish-American people. The crowd increased to approximately 150 by 5:00 p.m., at which time all participants left the area.

A Denver Police Department official advised on May 14, 1966, that the Denver Police Department had originally planned to escort the motorcade from Pueblo to Civic Center.
SPANISH-AMERICAN POLITICAL ACTION RALLY

from the Denver City limits, however only 25 automobiles were involved and the escort was cancelled. He advised no incidents occurred at the demonstration.

"Denver Post," Denver daily newspaper issue of May 15, 1966, contained an article which stated about 70 members of the American G. I. Forum visited three Colorado cities Saturday in a "crusade for justice." A motorcade of 28 automobiles left Denver at 6:00 a.m., and drove to Walsenburg where they picketed the County Court House to protest alleged inequalities in the County School System. They then went to Pueblo where they demonstrated near the Police Building, asking the ouster of Chief of Police Roy Harper for alleged discrimination against Spanish surnamed people. At 3:40 p.m., the group was back in Denver where they picketed in front of City Hall, demanding equal opportunities. The day's crusade ended at a dinner dance at Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall where Rudolph "Corky" Gonzales delivered the main speech.

"Rocky Mountain News" issue of May 15, 1966, stated Rudolph "Corky" Gonzales on Saturday delivered a short talk to the American G. I. Forum headed by his nephew, Joe Herrera, at the City and County Building, Denver. Gonzales was quoted as saying in his speech "We're not going to antagonize anybody."

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Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Denver (157-35)

DATE: June 18, 1968

SUBJECT: LIAISON WITH GROUPS SPONSORING INTEGRATION
RACIAL MATTERS — Denver

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17 JUN 20 1968

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The following legitimate civil rights organizations have alternative informant coverage and there appears to be no necessity to develop additional sources at this time:

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The correct transcript of the press conference, taken from an audio
tape supplied by station WBAP, Fort Worth, is as follows:

A. Wade: A lady. He then—the bus, he asked the bus driver
to stop, got off at a stop, caught a taxicab driver.
Q. Where?
A. In Oak Cliff. I don't have the exact place—and went to
his home in Oak Cliff, changed his clothes hurriedly and left.\(^{223}\)

In this manner, a section of Dallas, "Oak Cliff," became a non-
eexistent taxicab driver, "Darryl Click." Wade did not mention the
cabdriver by name at any time. In transcribing the conference from
the sound tape, a stenographer apparently made an error that might
have become permanently imbedded in the literature of the event but
for the preservation and use of an original sound tape.

Though many of the inaccuracies were subsequently corrected by
the police and are negated by findings of the Commission included
elsewhere in this report, the publicizing of unchecked information
provided much of the basis for the myths and rumors that came into
being soon after the President's death. The erroneous disclosures
became the basis for distorted reconstructions and interpretations of
the assassination. The necessity for the Dallas authorities to correct
themselves or to be corrected by other sources gave rise not only to
criticism of the police department's competence but also to doubts
regarding the veracity of the police. Skeptics sought to cast doubt on
much of the correct evidence later developed and to find support for
their own theories in these early police statements.

The immediate disclosure of information by the police created a
further risk of injuring innocent citizens by unfavorable publicity.
This was the unfortunate experience of Joe R. Molina, a Dallas-born
Navy veteran who had been employed by the Texas School Book De-
pository since 1947 and on November 22, 1963, held the position of
credit manager. Apparently because of Molina's employment at the
Depository and his membership in a veterans' organization, the
American G.I. Forum, that the Dallas police considered possibly
subversive, Dallas policemen searched Molina's home with his
permission, at about 1:30 a.m., Saturday, November 23. During the
day Molina was intermittently interrogated at police headquarters for
6 or 7 hours, chiefly about his membership in the American G.I.
Forum, and also about Oswald. He was never arrested, charged, or
held in custody.\(^{24}\)

While Molina was being questioned, officials of the police depart-
ment made statements or answered questions\(^{24}\) that provided
the basis for television reports about Molina during the day.
These reports spoke of a "second suspect being picked up," insinuated
that the Dallas police had reason to suspect another person who worked
in the Texas School Book Depository, stated that the suspect had been
arrested and his home searched, and mentioned that Molina may have
been identified by the U.S. Department of Justice as a possible subversive.\textsuperscript{244}

No evidence was ever presented to link Molina with Oswald except as a fellow employee of the Texas School Book Depository. According to Molina, he had never spoken to Oswald.\textsuperscript{245} The FBI notified the Commission that Molina had never been the subject of an investigation by it and that it had never given any information about Molina to the Dallas police concerning any alleged subversive activities by him.\textsuperscript{246} The Dallas police explained in a statement to the FBI that they had never had a file on Molina, but that they did have one on the American G.I. Forum.\textsuperscript{247}

Molina lost his job in December. He felt that he was being discharged because of the unfavorable publicity he had received, but officials of the Depository claimed that automation was the reason. Molina testified that he had difficulty in finding another position, until finally, with the help of a fellow church member, he secured a position at a lower salary than his previous one.\textsuperscript{248}

If Oswald had been tried for both murders of November 22, the effect of the news policy pursued by the Dallas authorities would have proven harmful both to the prosecution and the defense. The misinformation reported after the shootings might have been used by the defense to cast doubt on the reliability of the State's entire case. Though each inaccuracy can be explained without great difficulty, the number and variety of misstatements issued by the police shortly after the assassination would have greatly assisted a skillful defense attorney attempting to influence the attitudes of jurors.

A fundamental objection to the news policy pursued by the Dallas police, however, is the extent to which it endangered Oswald's constitutional right to a trial by an impartial jury. Because of the nature of the crime, the widespread attention which it necessarily received, and the intense public feelings which it aroused, it would have been a most difficult task to select an unprejudiced jury, either in Dallas or elsewhere. But the difficulty was markedly increased by the divulgence of the specific items of evidence with which the police linked Oswald to the two killings. The disclosure of evidence encouraged the public, from which a jury would ultimately be impaneled, to prejudge the very questions that would be raised at trial.

Moreover, rules of law might have prevented the prosecution from presenting portions of this evidence to the jury. For example, though expressly recognizing that Oswald's wife could not be compelled to testify against him, District Attorney Wade revealed to the Nation that Marina Oswald had affirmed her husband's ownership of a rifle-like that found on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository.\textsuperscript{249} Curry stated that Oswald had refused to take a lie detector test, although such a statement would have been inadmissible in a trial.\textsuperscript{250} The exclusion of such evidence, however, would have been meaningless if jurors were already familiar with the same facts from previous television or newspaper reports. Wade might have influenced prospective jurors by his mistaken statement that the paraffin test showed that Oswald had nitrate traces on his hands, whereas in fact, he had not fired the rifle.\textsuperscript{251}

The disclosure of evidence in support of numerous respon- dents of Oswald's guilt, Captain Fritz "cinched." Curry reported, to an Associated Press story that "the case."\textsuperscript{252} Curry announced that Wade told the public that he would make the names of all Oswald's associates public. The American Bar Association "widespread publicizing of O wnsly by officials and public opinion would have made it extremely difficult for the accused to be found, even when the officials had extremely malicious motives.\textsuperscript{253} The problem of disclosure of the news policy, of course, further complicates the problem of the public's right to know.

In explanation of the news policy, Chief Curry observed that "it is the general public to know about the cases."\textsuperscript{254} He continued, "I do not believe that the general public has a right to know about the investigation of the cases until they have been completed."\textsuperscript{255}

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