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On 3/20/61 SA W. HARLAN BROWN received, by mail, a handwritten report dated 3/8/61 from DL-6-S. This report has been serialized as 134-1A-578:

Informant determined on 3/8/61 that on that date FRANK MEDRANO called JOE LANDIN and urged him to start a new pro-Senator GONZALEZ organization. He and LANDIN had discussed organizing one. They realized that JIMMY TRUJILLO, who headed a GONZALEZ headquarters in West Dallas, was just out for prestige, he had not contacted any of the members of his organization - yet he was supporting CABELL candidate for Mayor. He was at a standstill concerning GONZALEZ' campaign. LANDIN and MEDRANO had visited a number of times and had urged him to get to work on the GONZALEZ campaign, he would not even call a meeting. Recently Senator GONZALEZ had a "rally" in Dallas, 30 people showed up. TRUJILLO, who knew of GONZALEZ' visit, did not notify anyone. Informant determined that TRUJILLO is not respected by the people, he is morally dishonest and very ignorant. Members of the Viva Kennedy Club wrote his speeches, correspondence and did all the work. This made TRUJILLO popular and politicians who don't know him look him up.

Informant determined that on March 7, 8, 9 and 10, 1961, JOE LANDIN met with IDA MORENO, MARY LEE CASTRO and LYDIA LANDA. FRANK MEDRANO joined them on 3/11 and 12/61. They called a number of people and felt they had enough backing to start a new headquarters. FRANK MELNICK had offered them a

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place at 4626 Ross Avenue. They took him up on it. They officially opened on Sunday, 3/12/61. Rev. H. RHETT JAMES and JIMMY TRUJILLO were invited. Rev. JAMES is the minister that picketed downtown for seven weeks. Informant determined that when JIMMY TRUJILLO arrived at the Ross Avenue headquarters he became enraged and tried to convince some people to leave. Finally he used violent language and made derogatory remarks about Negroes being there. He left in a huff saying he was going to call the Senator and quit.

Informant further determined that later that afternoon GILBERT GARCIA from Fort Worth arrived. GARCIA is a G. I. Forum official and regional director of MAPA (Mexican Americans for Political Action). He refused to hear complaints against TRUJILLO, stating that his concern was helping the candidate. LANDIN advised him to listen for that headquarters was an independent organization - MAPA was not involved. In fact, the headquarters was established because of TRUJILLO's actions. GARCIA did not heed LANDIN's remarks. Later JOE LANDIN explained the situation to H. RHETT JAMES. He called the headquarters' officers, GARCIA and Mr. and Mrs. JONES and HARRY EVANS and told them what TRUJILLO had done. GARCIA listened and was convinced - but urged them to work with TRUJILLO as he had given him \$125 for a TV program. MEDRANO corrected him by saying TRUJILLO had given him \$125 out of what he collected. After this GARCIA calmed down and reestablished friendly relations with Mr. and Mrs. JOE LANDIN.

Informant stated that TRUJILLO in the meantime has not contacted any of the group.

On 3/14/61 informant determined that on that date BILL BRICE, JOE GEARY's law partner, called JOE LANDIN, ED REED, a member of the DCC, and the Dallas Unit Texas Council of Voters was also present. LANDIN talked to both of them. BRICE wanted LANDIN to help in JOE GEARY's campaign. LANDIN and GEARY were high school friends. BRICE asked LANDIN to meet him and REED at 5:30 PM, on 3/15/61.

On 3/15/61 informant determined that on that date JOE LANDIN met with BRICE and REED. BRICE wanted JOE to work precincts 403, 404, 405 and 406 in addition to precincts 158, 163 and 166. JOE LANDIN said he would contact FRANK MEDRANO and other people in these precincts. They are supposed to set up 750 GEARY lawn signs and set up a rally for the candidate preferably in West Dallas.

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LANDIN assured them he knew influential people in all of these precincts and warned them not to contact precinct chairmen of 166, ALBERT GONZALEZ. ALBERT GONZALEZ was unpopular with liberals and labor. In fact, during the presidential elections someone else was asked to work his precinct. BRICE told him that ALBERT had asked him for \$100 a week to work for GRARY. He was turned down.

On 3/16/61 informant determined that on that date ALBERT GONZALEZ called JOE LANDIN at work and told him he had heard that he, LANDIN, and MEDRANO were for GRARY. He was for CABELL - the best candidate and cited a list of wrongs the CCA had perpetrated through the years. He chided JOE LANDIN for being for GRARY.

Informant had no additional information.