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ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS

The June 13, 1967, edition of the Valley Morning Star, a daily newspaper published at Harlingen, Texas, carries an article on page one captioned, "Union Asks Halt in Arrests of Pickets', which states that a group representing the United Farm Morkers Organizing Committee (UFWOC) at Rio Grande City filed a patition in United States District Court, Brownsville, Texas, on June 12, 1967, asking that Texas Rangers and local law enforcement officers in the Rio Grande City area be injoined from "unlawful threads, searches and seizures, unlawful and groundless mass and individual arrests, detention, and confinement with complete disregard to due process of law guadanteed by the fifth and fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution."

The article function states that officials of the AFL-CIO affiliated UFWCO had outlined plans for a "long, vigorous union push and stepped-up civil rights action".

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June 14, 1967

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS.

Reference is made to FST, San Astunio, memorandua dated June 13, 1967, captioned as above.

The June 13, 1967, Home Edition issue of the San Antonio Light, a San Antonio, Texas, duily newspaper, carried the following article on page six.

"UNION FORCES BRING VALLEY RIGHTS SUIT

"A suit filed here Monday asks a federal judge to order law enforcement officials involved in the Starr County farm labor union dispute not to violate the civil rights of union members.

JU. S. Dist. Judge Reynaldo Garza, out of town when the suit was filed, was expected to return today.

"The court clerk said she will issue a summons for each of the defendents named in the suit. The suit, filed by the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO, asks for an injunction against five Texas Rangers, three Starr County officers, a special deputy sheriff and a justice of the peace.

"Doran Williams, a union lawyer, said the suit 'does not seek in any way to prevent those people from enforcing the valid laws of the state of Texas."

"Two Weeks?

"Another lawyer involved in the suit is Chris Dixie of Houston, Williams said.

*Williams said depositions in the suit, file: under the Civil Rights Act of 1966, will be taken from the defendents

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"'in the next day or two.'

"Named in the suit are Texas Ranger Capt. A. Y. Allee, Ranger Sgt. S. H. Denson, Rangers Jack Van Clevel, T. H. Dawson, and Jerome Preiss, Starr County Sheriff Dm. Rene Solis, Deputies Raul Fena and Roberto Pena, Special Deputy Jim Rochester, and Justice of the Parce B. S. Lepaz.

"Rochester is an employe of the Casita Farme, the principal target of the union's year-long organizational drive. The California-based union seeks a \$1.25 an hour minimum wage and union contracts for the field hands of Starr County.

"Rochester's brother, Ray, is vice president and general manager of the huge farm.

"Named as plaintiffs in the suit are Frank (Pancho) Medrano of Dalles, Esthy Baker, David Lopez, Gilbert Padilla, Magdaleno Dimas, Denjamin Rudriguez and the union.

"The Charges

"Defendants in the case are accused of 'unlawful harrassment, threats, searches and seizures unlawful and groundless mass and individual arrests, physical assaults and batteries and disregard for due process of law."

"Another allegation of the suit claims that Allee, Van Cleve and Preiss 'unlawfully and without warrants or justification,' arested some of the plaintiffs. The suit also alleges that private property was taken from some of the plaintiffs and contends that some of the property was destroyed.

"William Kircher, organization director of the AFL-CIO, is scheduled to meet with Gov. John Connall at 10 a.m. Weinesday in Austin, according to Williams.

"A union spokesman said Kircher expects to ilscuss the Starr County labor dispute with the governor.

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ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS

"Texas Rangers have been stationed in Starr County since the harvest of the million dellar melon crop began in early May. Local officials said they asked the Rangers for assistance.

"Houston Man

"The melon crop is almost harvested. Fare 's spokesmen agree that the harvest may last another two weeks.

"Union officers have made almost daily protests concerning the use of the Rangers and last Friday took their protest to the governor when he went to Laredo to speak at a banquet for a Mexican-American organization."

"Since the melon harvest began, 65 persons have been arrested in connection with union activities.

"Cesar Chavez, national director of the union, ordered a halt to all picketing in Starr County shortly after his arrival at Rio Grande City last week. Chavez said the picketing would remain halted while the union attempts to file some legal actions."

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The June 13, 1967, edition of the Velley Evening Monitor, a daily newspaper published in McAllen, Texas, carries an article captioned "Senate Group Resets Valley Labor Hearing", which states the Senate Subcommittee on Migratory Labor has rescheduled hearings in the Texas Rio Grande Valley for June 28, 1967.

The hearings, originally scheduled for May 25, 1967, were rescheduled at the request of Malter Ruther, President of United Auto Workers. The Supcommittee will meet in Rio Grande City and Edinburg, Texas, and, headed by Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr., Democrat, New Jersey, will include Senators Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat, Massachusetts; Gay Lord Nelson, Democrat, Wisconsin; Robert F. Kennedy, Democrat, New York; George Murphy, Republican, California; and Paul Fannin, Republican, Arizona.

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National Farm Workers Association MISCELLANEOUS-INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re San Antonio airtel to the Bureau, 5/27/6

Referenced airtel noted that captioned organization has become active in the Rio Grande Valley area and is involved in organizational and strike activities in Rio Grande City, Texas, directed against the fruit and vegetable pro-San Antonio noted that some of the leaders of the group were active in United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC) matters in the Los Angeles area and during the so called Delano Grape Strike activities at Delano, California, in 1964.

As the San Antonio Division is aware, the Bureau, by letter dated 3/22/67 captioned, "UNSUBS; United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, La Casita Farms, Incorporated - VICTIM, AR", noted that in 1966 the UFWOC merged with the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA). The Criminal Division of the Department of Justice was advised that the Bureau had received considerable information which in turn was furnished to the Department relating to communist infiltration of the NFWA and various demonstrations by such organizations in connection with its efforts to organize farm workers in Texas and California.

The Bureau concluded its memorandum by stating that no specific investigation was being requested at this time, but each Office should insure that any incidents which might arise relating to organizational attempts or other activities by the UFWOC be promptly submitted to the Bureau.

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In this connection the Los Angeles Division has made every effort to keep the Bureau fully apprised of any marches or demonstrations instigated or sponsored by the UFWOC.

San Antonio by referenced airtel dated 5/27/67 pointed out that the following individuals, all of whom have been active in the UFWOC at Rio Grande City, were believed to have been active at Delano, California. There follows herewith a summation of the information available concerning each of the individuals so named:

1. EUGENE NELSON, age 37 years, white male, UFWOC Organizer.

The files of the Los Angeles Division contain no further information concerning NELSON that is not already in possession of the San Antonio Office.

2. WILLIAM CHANDLER, age 30 years.

No further information is available in this matter concerning him.

3. DOMINGO ARREDONDO, age 31 years, white male, President, UFWOC, Rio Grande City, Texas.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office contain no information concerning ARREDONDO.

4. GILBERTO PADILLA, white male, about 35 years, National Vice President. UFWOC.

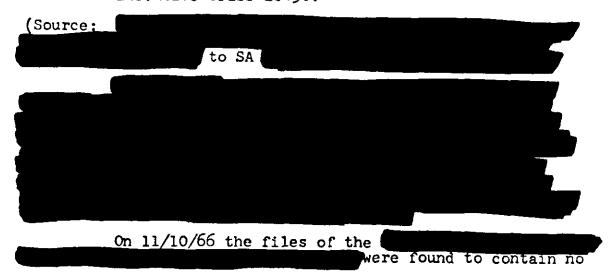
The indices of the Los Angeles Division contain several references pertaining to GIL PADILLA all of which connect him with the NFWA, Delano, California.

PADILLA of the NFWA spoke at the Annual Festival of all Nationalities which was sponsored by the Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights (See Appendix) on 6/12/66 at 330 South Ford Boulevard, Los Angeles (Source: to SA

PADILLA spoke before the Fellowship for Social Justice meeting on 5/6/66 at the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles. 2936 West 8th Street, Los Angeles (See Appendix) (Source:

PADILLA spoke before the Los Angeles Socialist Workers Party (SWP) forum at 1702 East 4th Street on 6/3/66 on the topic, "The Grape Strikers - How they are Building a Movement". PADILLA was introduced as the Vice President of the NFWA and the individual actively leading the grape strikers' boycott in Southern California. He recounted the history of the strike and the grievances of the strikers. Attendance at the meeting was disappointing, according to its sponsors.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



information identifiable with PADILLA. Moreover, the Tulare County Telephone Directory and Visalia City Directory did not mention PADILLA nor did the files of the for Tulare County or the City of Visalia.

There is being enclosed herewith for the information of the San Antonio Division a xerox copy of a report which was furnished to the Los Angeles Office on 6/16/67 by Pertinent portions of this report, which was obtained by SA may be used in a report providing the informant is fully protected by appropriate "T" symbol. The original is located in Los Angeles

The "Los Angeles Times", a large, daily, morning, metropolitan, Los Angeles newspaper, on 6/9/67 published an article concerning a forthcoming report to be issued by the California State Senate Sub-Committee on Un-American Activities which concerns itself in part with the 1966 Delano, California Grape Strike.

Senator HUGH M. BURNS, Chairman, said the report would indicate that there was some communist influence present during the 1966 Delano Grape Strike but "it was not a subversive activity as a whole". He told a press conference that the Delano situation "lent itself to participation by radicals and extremists". He added that Sub-Committee observers on the scene reported "indications of communist influence" and "individuals with subversive records present. But to say it was conducted by the Communist Party would not be correct." He noted that the strike had been called in a wake of a drive by the AFL-CIO, UFWOC led by CESAR CHAVEZ. He noted that CHAVEZ has conceded the organization includes some radicals but he insisted that there number was too small to affect policy.

The Los Angeles Division will attempt to secure sufficient number of copies of the Sub-Committee's report upon its release at which time the Bureau and San Antonio Division will be furnished the report.

As the San Antonio Division is aware, SAM KUSHNER, Los Angeles Editor, "People's World", has been in the Rio Grande City area and has filed reports with the "People's

World" concerning the developments in that area. Angeles Office does not know of any other individuals from this area with known communist backgrounds other than KUSHNER in the Rio Grande area at this time.

There is being submitted herewith for the information of the San Antonio Division a xerox copy entitled, "A Summary Outline of a Method of Organizing" by BOB SOLODOW, which is based in part on the teachings of CESAR CHAVEZ and FRED ROSS dated October, 1966. This summary was furnished to SA

on 4/19/67 and is

filed in Los Angeles

<u>APPENDIX</u>

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES

A source advised on July 25, 1966, that the premises of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, 2936 Vest 8th Street, Los Angeles, California, have been utilized for meetings by Communist Party members and sympathizers over a period of years. Speakers and lecturers at the church frequently espouse Communist causes or follow the Communist Party line. Communist front group literature is distributed at the church. The courch is used by some Communist Party members for "mass concentration" work.

This same infiltration extends to adjuncts of the church such as the Unitarian Public Forum and the Fellowship for Social Justice, formerly known as the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship for Social Justice.

STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN has been minister of the church since 1948.

Reverend STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN is described in the Fourth Report, Un-American Activities Committee in California, 1948, page 115, as a very active "Communist fronter" and connected with numerous "Communist front organizations and activities."

Membership in the First Unitarian Church does not, of itself, sonnote membership in or sympathy with the Communist Party.

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LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS. formerly known as Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights and Protection of Foreign Born

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations", revised December 1, 1961, pp. 103-104, describes this committee as follows:

of Foreign Born found to be under the 'actual management, direction and supervision' of Communist Party members. The Los Angeles Committee was reorganized in October, 1950, and reported that it 'shall be affiliated to the national organization known as the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born ***' The American Committee and the 'various area or local committees * * * constitute * * * one organization within the meaning of the * * * statute (Internal Security Act)' under which the Subversive Activities Control Board found the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born to be a 'Communist-front organization' and ordered it to register as such with the Attorney General."

(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 109-53. Report and Order with respect to the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, June 27, 1950, pp. -1, 8, 12, and 51.)

2. "Cited as a 'regional' organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born and one of its 'most complex affiliates." 'The Committee on Un-American Activities found that in early publications the local affiliates frankly identified themselves as chapters of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born'; their representation of themselves as independent groups came only after enactment of the Internal Security Act which would have required them, as affiliates, to register as Communist-front organizations'.

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"Control of the local organizations * * * was made possible primarily by virtue of the fact that the leaders of the local group were Communist Party members and therefore, subject to the discipline of the Party * * * The local affiliates * * * were actually little more than administrative staffs, whose purpose it was to implement the program of the Communist Party in their respective areas.

"The Lamp of January, 1950, reported that the Los Angelas Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born had been established on November 29, 1949. Fublicly identified Communist ROSE CHERNIN served as 'the operation head' since the time of its organization.

"(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1182 on Communist Political Subversion, August 16, 1957, pp. 86, 87, 55, 33, 54, 58, and 59; also sited in Annual Report for 1956, House Report #53, February 11, 1957, p. 5.)"

The "People's World", a West Coast communicat newspaper, issue of 4/23/66, contained an account of results of the 16th Annual Conference of the Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights and Protection of Foreign Born which was held 4/16/66. The accomplishments include a change of name for the organization to Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights, inasmuch as Defense of the Bill of Rights is all inclusive.

A source advised on 4/25/66 that the Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights, still referred to by many individuals as the Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, is currently active in the Los Angeles area.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution, are: "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all democratic elements in our country, composed essentially of the working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people.

Over the Labor Day weekend, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois, and a new slate of officers was elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the DCA. Since Labor Day, 1965, identities of those serving on the NEC has varied; however, according to a third source as of May, 1966, thirteen of the fifteen members of the NEC were members of the CP in the San Francisco Bay area.

As of July, 1966, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 180 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Antonio, Texas

June 16, 1967

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

The June 15, 1967, edition of the Valley Morning Star, a daily newspaper published in Harlingen, Texas, carries an article on Page 1 captioned, "Texas Rangers Start Pullout From Starr," which states that a spokesman from the office of Texas Governor John Connally had announced the previous day that Texas Ranger Captain A. Y. Allee had begun withdrawing Texas Rangers from Starr County since, in his judgment, things had quieted down enough to do this.

The same newspaper carries a second article on its front page captioned, "Attorney General Asked to Send Federal Marshals to Valley," which stated that Domingo Arredondo, President of the Rio Grande City Chapter of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC) had, on the previous day, directed a telegram to U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark requesting Federal Marshals be sent to the Rio Grande Valley to protect UFWOC members and their families from "the intimidation, violence, and violation of our constitutional rights by local law enforcement agencies and the Texas Rangers."

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June 30, 1967

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

The June 28, 1967, edition of the Valley Morning Star, a daily newspaper published at Harlingen, Texas, carries an article on its front page captioned "Suit Is Filed On Rangers" which states that a suit seeking an injunction against Texas Rangers and Starr County, Texas, law enforcement officers and charging violation of civil rights had been filed in Federal District Court at Brownsville, Texas.

Plaintiffs in the suit are the Texas Council of Churches, a Reverend Edgar Krueger and his wife Mrs. Esther Krueger of Pharr, Texas, Alejandro Moreno, Jr. of Mercedes, Texas, and Manuel Becerra, Jr., of San Benito, Texas. Defendants in the stat were named as Ranger Captain Alfred Y. Allee, Rangers Jack Van Eleve and Tyler Dawson, Dr. Rene A. Solis, Sheriff of Starr County, and Roberto Pena and Raul Pena. Starr County Deputy Sheriffs.

The June 29, 1967, edition of the Valley Morning Star, supra, contains an article on its front page captioned "Senators Set to Open Valley Hearings Today" which article states Senator Harrison Williams, (Republican, New Jersey), and Senator Ralph Yarborough (Democrat, Texas) had arrived in Harlingen, Texas, on the previous evening in connection with hearings to be held in the Rio Grande Valley by the Senate Sub-Committee on migratory labor. These hearings are scheduled for June 29 and 30, 1967.

The same edition of the Valley Morning Star also carried an article on its front page captioned "Order Bans All La Casita Picketing" which states that State District Judge C. W. Laughlin at Rio Grande City, Texas, on June 28,

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1967, had issued a temperary injunction prohibiting all picketing at La Casita Farms, which firm had been a principal target of organizing activities of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Antonio, Texas

June 27, 1967

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MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

The June 20, 1567, edition of the San Antonio Light, a daily newspaper published at San Antonio, Texas, carried an article on Page 12 captioned "Three Unionists Meet Connally," which states that Gilbert Padilla, a vice president of the United Farm Organizing Committee, Pancho Medrano of the United Auto Workers, and H. A. Moon of Dallas, also of the United Auto Workers, met with lexas Governor John Connally on the previous day at Austin, Texas, to discuss the Rio Grande Valley farm labor situation.

According to the article, Padilla said Connally rejected his suggestion that the Governor make a statement urging a union representation election supervised by the National Arbitration Association at La Casita Farms, Rio Grande City.

The article quoted Moon as saying that the Governor had said he was neutral in the dispute, as are the Texas Rangers assigned in the Rio Grande City area.

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ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

The June 30, 1967, edition of the Valley Morning Star, a daily newspaper published at Harlingen, Texas, carries an article on page one captioned "U.S. Senators Show Favor to Unionizing" which states members of the Senate Sub-Committee on Migratory Labor holding hearings on the previous day at Rio Grande City, Texas, showed open favor to unionizing farm lawor and that most of the session was given to contentions from union members that Texas Rangers used brutality in making arrests during the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC) organizing campaign in Starr County, Texas.

The same newspaper carried a second article on page one captioned "Sub Panel Men Rated Mostly Labor-Liberal" which states that the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA' in 1986 rated Senator Ted Kennedy (Democrat, Massachusetts) as having voted "right" one hundred per cent of the time. The rated Senator Harrison Williams (Democrat, New Jersey), Character of the above-mentioned Senate Sub-Committee, as Laving v tod "right" nine-five per cent of the time. They reced a third member of the Sub-Committee, Senator Paul Fannin (Ropiblican, Arizona) as having never voted "right".

The article states that COPE, the notices rotion arm of the AFL-CIO, rated Senator Ted Kennedy's Mar. A sames during 1966 as one hundred per cent right: Schater Wood ams! performance also was rated as having voted one bundled concent right; while Senator Fannin was rated as harmy ever voted right.

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The July 1, 1967, edition of the Valley Morning

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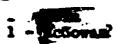
Star, supra, carries an article on page one captioned "Starr Officials, Allee Target of Williams" which states that Senator Harrison Williams, supra, Chairman of the Senate Sub-Committee on Migratory Labor, on completion of hearings at Edinburg, Texas, on June 30, 1967, had stated he planned to turn the transcript of the hearings over to the Justice Department for study in regarding alleged injustices to members of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

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MR. DeLOACH

July 7, 1967

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ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mrs. Mildred Stegall called from the White House this afternoon. She advised that Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, is under the impression that the PBI has investigated and prepared a report on a series of incidents involving farm workers in Rio Grande City, Texas. I told Mrs. Stegall that I had no recollection of any overall investigation of this situation but that I would check and we would send over a memorandum.

As a matter of background, the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, also known as the National Farm Workers Association, has been involved in organizational and strike activities in Rio Grande City for some time directed against fruit and vegetable producers. We have received and disseminated considerable data regarding this situation. We have also conducted several civil rights inquiries as a result of allegations of mistreatment and denial of civil rights by law enforcement officers in connection with the strike of fam workers in that area.

ACTION:

The General Investigative Division should prepare a concise, factual memorandum reviewing the background of this situation in Rio Grande City, indicating the extent and nature of our investigative activity in connection with the situation. A cover letter should be prepared to Mrs. Stegall forwarding the memorandum in response to her request. This should be expedited.

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July 10, 1967 DATE:

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SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS INFORMATION CONCERNING

> Attached for approval is a letter to Mrs. Mildred Stegall of the White House Staff, enclosing a letterhead memorandum setting forth information pertaining to the Farm Workers Strike situation in Rio Grande City, Texas.

On the afternoon of 7/7/67, Mrs. Stegall contacted Mr. Donahoe in Mr. DeLoach's Office and stated that Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, is under the impression that the FBI investigated and prepared a report on a series of incidents involving farm workers in Rio Grande City, Texas. Mrs. Stegall was advised by Mr. Donahoe that he would check on it and a memorandum would be sent over.

Enclosed memorandum to be furnished Mrs. Stegall sets forth information as to the background of the strike situation in Rio Grande City, Texas, which had its origins in the Southern California area when the National Farm Workers Association in September, 1965, joined a strike against local grape growers. Inquiries conducted by the Bureau disclosed that the National Farm Workers Association was not controlled by communists, but some of its activities relative to the strike against the grape growers were communist supported.

In May, 1966, Eugene Nelson of the National Farm Workers Association was organizing farm workers in Rio Grande City, Texas, assisted by Charles McKinley Smith, From 7/4/66 through Labor Day 9/5/66, about one-hundred members of the National Farm Workers Association marched from Rio Grande City to Austin, Texas, to

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Re: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE

protest low wages paid to grape pickers, and since that time the strikers have engaged in a number of protest marches, auto caravans, and other incidents which have received publicity in that area.

The Department and other agencies have been kept apprised on a current basis of developments obtained by the Bureau through sources and news media. No active investigation has been requested by the Department in connection with the strike situation under the Anti-Racketeering Statute. The civil rights investigations conducted of allegations against law enforcement officers arising out of the strike situation in Rio Grande City have all been completed and results submitted to the Department for consideration.

ACTION:

If approved, the attached letter to Mrs. Stegall with its enclosed letterhead memorandum will be forwarded.

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July 11, 1967

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall The White House

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

With reference to the conversation between Mr. Sterling B. Donahoe and you on July 7, 1967, forwarded herewith is a memorandum containing information relating to activities in connection with the strike of farm workers in the Rio Grande City, Texas, area which may be of interest.

While no active investigation has been requested by the Department of Justice in connection with the strike situation under the Anti-Racketeering Statute, the Department and other agencies have been kept apprised of information of interest to them on a current basis relative to developments obtained by this Bureau from sources and news media. In addition, this Bureau has conducted several civil rights investigations based on allegations of mistreatment as well as other deprivations of civil rights allegedly suffered by striking farm workers at the hands of law enforcement officers. The results of such investigations have been furnished to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

The Attorney General has not been provided a copy of this communication

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July 10, 1967

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS

Background:

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that on September 8, 1965, the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO, declared a strike against grape growers of Tulare and Kern Counties, California. On September 19, 1965, the National Farm Workers Association joined the strike. This action brought Mexican and Puerto Rican farm workers into the labor dispute. The purpose of the strike was to demand an increase in wages for the grape pickers. (100-444762-72)

In response to an allegation that various officials of the Mational Farm Workers Association in the Delano, California, area had subversive backgrounds, inquiries were made by this Bureau which disclosed that while the union was not Communist controlled, Communist Party members or sympathizers had furnished support to certain activities concerning the strike against grape growers in California. (100-444762-48, 32)

During May and June of 1966, Eugene Nelson of the National Farm Workers Association was organizing farm workers in the Rio Grande City, Texas, area. Nelson reportedly had previously been active in organizing grape pickers in Delano, California. During the first few days of organizing activity in Rio Grande City, Nelson was assisted by Charles McKinley Smith. Smith is a resident of Austin, Texas.

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ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS

On July 4, 1966, about one-hundred members of the Mational Farm Workers Association began a march at Rio Grande City, Texas, which was terminated on Labor Day, September 5, 1966, at Austin, Texas. The purpose of this march was to protest low wages paid to migrant farm workers. (100-444762-44,73)

On October 24, 1966, Eugene Melson and a group of strikers proceeded to the center of the International Bridge spanning the Rio Grande River between Roma, Texas, and Ciudad Miguel Aleman, Mexico, where they stopped vehicles carrying farm laborers into the United States thus blocking traffic. Melson was arrested after which about fifteen members of the group lay down on the bridge completely blocking traffic, and they were also arrested. (100-444762-74,75)

During 1966, the Mational Farm Workers Association merged with the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee and retained the latter name.

On February 1, 1967, the Starr County Sheriff's Office, Rio Grande City, Texas, arrested ten individuals on charges of disturbing the peace when they entered the La Casita Farms and harassed non-union workers. Reportedly two of those arrested were connected with the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC). Subsequently, during the spring and summer of 1967, there has been a series of incidents including the alleged harassment of non-union workers by members of the UFWOC. In one incident in May of 1967, Eugene Nelson was arrested at Rio Grande City, Texas, after he allegedly threatened Texas Rangers by stating there would be some dead rangers unless they left the UFWOC pickets alone. Melson was jailed in lieu of a two-thousand-dollar bond. (100-444762-104)

The Department of Justice and other government agencies have been kept apprised of pertinent information regarding this situation of interest to them which has come to the attention of this Bureau through news media and other sources. No investigation under the Anti-Racketeering Statute has been requested by the Department in connection with this situation. However, a number of civil rights inquiries have been conducted based on complaints of alleged mistreatment and denial of civil rights by law enforcement officials in connection with the strike situation in the Rio Grande City, Texas, area. The results of these investigations are summarized hereunder.



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NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION, PAMPHLET DISTRIBUTION, FEDERAL BUILDING, DEARBORN AND ADAMS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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Mr. DeLoach

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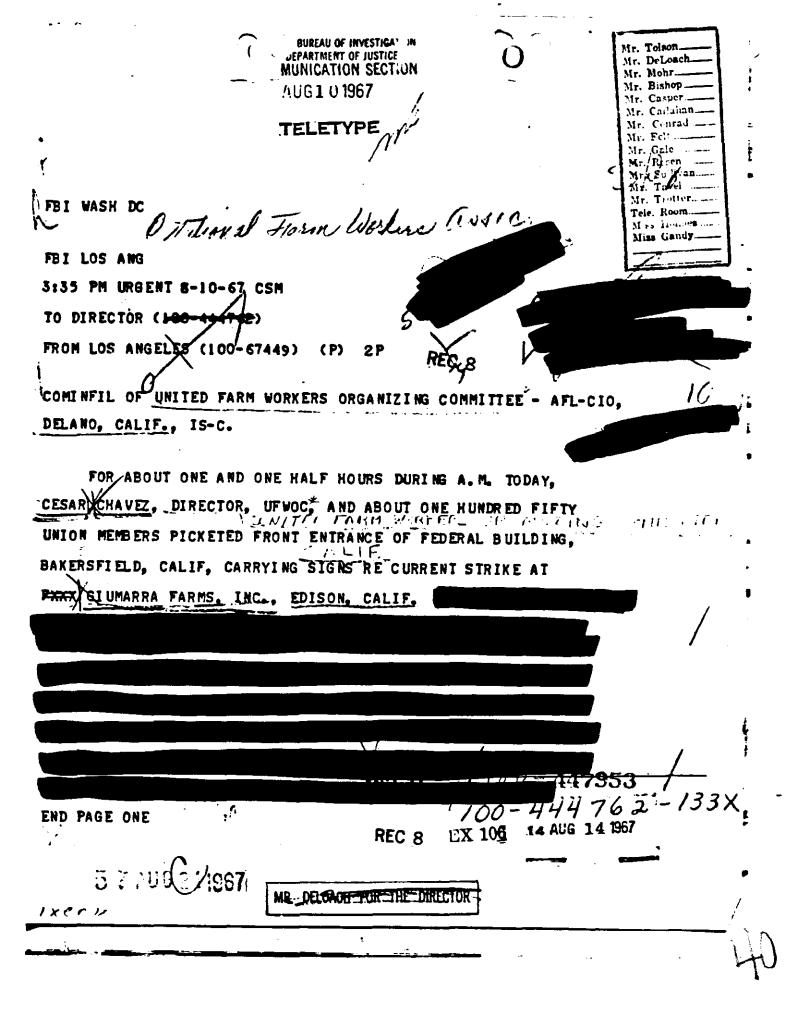
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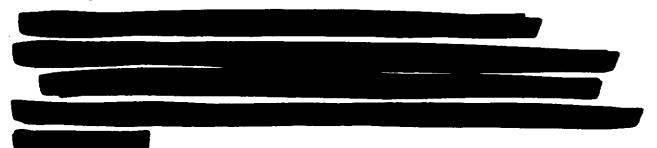
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NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION, PAMPHLET DISTRIBUTION, FEDERAL BUILDING, DEARBORN AND ADAMS, CHICAGO, ILLENOIS INFORMATION CONCERNING

On August 10, 1967,

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that sex unknown individuals, three white males and three white females, were observed passing out panellets in the vicinity of the Pedeval Building from 5:30 p.m., to 6:30 p.m. He stated the purpose of the panellets was to encourage the public to write Secretary of Labor Wirth or Attorney General Clark protesping attempt by California growers to break Farm Workers Union through the use of Mexican nationals, aliens, with work permits.

also adviced that there were no disturbances or incidents and that to his knowledge no arrests were made.

Attached herewith is a copy of the threwaway pamphlet passed out during the above period.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the following agencies:

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois

U.S. Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois

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MEXICAN NATIONALS ARE BREAKING THE DELAND STRIKE OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTES, AFL-CIO!!

After being on strike since September 1965 and after winning three major contracts, the Delano farm workers must contend with thousands of illegal strike breakers. The powerful California growers, are attempting to break the strike with Mexican Nationals. Right now they are recruiting "green card holders," aliens with work permits, in Calexico, California. Once across the border, they will be sent to Delano's grape fields.

On July 10, 1967 a Justice Department regulation (Number 8CFR211.1 to Public Law 414, the Naturalization and Immigration Act of 1952) prohibited the use of green card holders when the Secretary of Labor declared a labor dispute exists.

The California Labor Department, an agent of the U.S. Labor Department, has certified that bona fide labor disputes exist in Delano.

This attempt by growers to break a union must be stopped. Won't you please help by telegraming or writing Secretary of Labor Wirtz c/o U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D. C. or Attorney General Ramsey Clark c/o U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. or contact your Congressman. This could mean the life or death of the Delano Novement. We need your help to secure justice for the workers in the fields. Please help us before it is too late.

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Los Angeles, California August 11, 1967

PICKETING OF FEDERAL BUILDING BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST 10, 1967, BY UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, AFL - CIO

Between approximately 9:20 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., August 10, 1967, approximately 150 persons representing the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO, (hereinafter referred to as UFWOC), main headquarters, Delano, California, appeared at the main entrance to the Federal Building, 800 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, and began an orderly and peaceful picket operation lead by Cesar Chavez, Director of UFWOC. Participants carried picket signs, some of which read "Huelga, Giumarra, UFWOC-AFL-CIO," "Wet Backs Break our Strike," "Throw Out Wet Back Scabs," "Imigrate Enforce the Law," and "Justice Now for Foreign Workers."

Members of the Bakersfield Police Department were notified and on hand, but there were no incidents in connection with the picketing and all activity ceased when the participants left the vicinity of the Federal Building at 10:45 a.m., August 10, 1967.

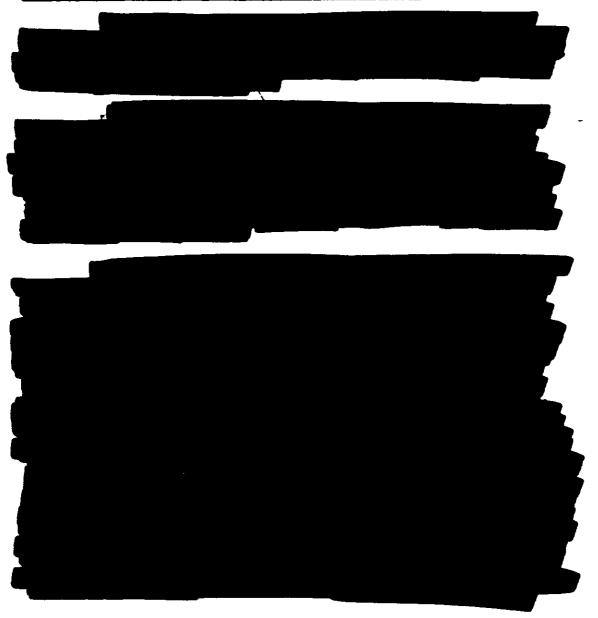
Approximately one week ago, UFWOC went on strike at Giumarra Farms, Inc., of Edison, California, and currently maintain picket lines at this location, although a recent local court injunction has limited the number of participants in the picket line at any given time. The purpose of the strike is allegedly to force Giumarra to recognize UFWOC as the bargaining agent for farmyard and packing shed workers.

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San Antonio, Texas

August 15, 1967

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS' STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Monitor, a daily newspaper published at McAllen, Texas, carries an article captioned "PASO Calls For End To Rangers, Connally Defeat", which article states that at a convention of the Political Association of Spanish Speaking Organizations (PASO) at Austin, Texas, on August 13, 1967, a resolution was adopted opposing the renomination of Texas Governor John Connally for a fourth term. The resolution stated Governor Connally sent Texas Rangers to the Rio Grande Valley to serve as "strike breaking thugs" in the farm labor dispute there, and the Rangers have shown they lack the necessary intelligence required to deal with human beings.

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August 29, 1967

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS' STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

The August 27, 1967, edition of the Valley Morning Star, a daily newspaper published at Harlingen, Texas, carries an article on page one captioned, "Farm Union Official Who Accused Texas Rangers Held in Marijuana Case", which article states that Magdaleno Dimas, an official of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), was being held in jail in Torreon, Mexico, on a charge of possession of marijuana.

The article states Dimas and another member of the UFWOC, Oracio Carrillo, of Corpus Christi, Texas, were arrested in a hotel room at Torreon, Mexico, the night of August 23, 1967, with 26 small packets of marijuana in their possession.

Gilbert Padilla, Vice President of the UFWOC at Pio Grande City, Texas, according to the article, had stated that Union will probably consider Dimas' arrest a personal matter unless he was arrested illegally or the drugs were planted.

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SHORTLY AFTER SEVEN AM TODAY, THE MARCHERS LEFT NEW BRAUNFELS, EN ROUTE TO AUSTIN. MARCH CONSISTED OF SOME TWELVE PERSONS. MARCH WILL CONCLUDE LABOR DAY IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, WHERE RALLY IS PLANNED.

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"it may have swelled to 200 before the night was over.

"The rally was set to whip up interest in the march starting at 7 a.m. Friday in New Braunfels and winding up Labor Day in Austin.

Among speakers Andrade said would be on hand who didn't show were San Antonio's State Sen. Joe Bernal, former State Sen. Franklin Spears, Fr. Antonio Gonzalez, one of the leaders of last year's march, and Dr. Hector Garcia, founder of the American G. I. Forum. In fact, Andrade and Rev. James Navarro, the other leader of the 1966 march which wound up with a massive rally in Austin, were left to perform the speaking chores.

"Andrade unveiled two huge granite markers, one proclaiming 'Here Lies The Arrogance of the Texas Governor, Sept. 1, 1966,' and the other reading 'Es Mejor Morir de Pie que Vivir de Rodillas!' (It is better to die on your teet than to live on your knees.) The first inscription referred to Gov. John Connally's and former Atty. Gen. Wangoner Carr's confrontation with the marchers in New Biginters in 1966.

"Andrade explained to the crowd that both Bernal and Spears had told him they would be present.

Ruben Ruiz, state chairman of the American GI forum, told the group he could not at this time commit the Forum to the march. Mike Ferdin, a member of the GI Forum also a representative of the Bexar County Equal Employment Opportunity Council, retorted that was the first time the Forum was unable to commit itself to a cause of benefit to the Mexican-American people, and he assured that there would be representatives of the BCEEOC on the march.

"The Forum failure to stand with the marchers, which position may be changed as the march progresses, also triggered Fr. Sherrill Smith to remark that he's a member

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"of the Forum and that he doesn't know why it or any other organization would hesitate to support the march.

"'One last little thing, my brothers,' Smith asserted. 'Until you get over being afraid of your own shadows, you're going to be walking in the shadows.' Smith did not make a speech.

"Andrade explained the theme of the march is 'Progress, Not Poverty,' and the marchers seek \$1.25 an nour minimum wage plus interest.

"Navarro, who got out of a sick bed to attend the meeting and left afterwards for a hospital and blood transfusion, told his listeners they should register to vote in 1968. He described the poll tax as a shotgun for bear hunting.

"'Let's go bear hunting in 1968,' Navarro said.
"'Let's get some top officials in Austin that will lead us.'

"Navarro implored supporters not to let the spirit of the march die, and he described the march of 1966 as 'the greatest thing the Mexican-Americans ever had in the state of Texas.'

"The Houston minister said the Mexican-American is tired of being a reservoir of cheap labor for the state of Texas, and wants the same social, economic, and political opportunities enjoyed by every other citizen as guaranteed by the constitution. He urged that the 1967 march be a replica of the 1966 parade to Austin from Rio Grande City.

"Reporting he is not an advocate of violence, Navarro said violence is not the pathway to freedom and to social, political, and economic justice. He added the Mexican-American wants advancement and progress and knows he can secure it within the framework of the law of the land. He said the 1966 march was a virtual revolution in

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"that it kindled hope and caused elected officials to become more representative. Navarro discounted any significance in the relatively small crowd at the rally, pointing out the 1966 march started with only a handful and wound up with 20,000 to 25,000 at the Austin rally.

Among other groups represented were the Political Association of Spanish-Speaking Organizations, Lulac Council No. 2, and the Federation for the Advancement of the Mexican-American. Among other San Antonians present were Pete Tijerina, Tom Cahill, Laverne Redwine, and Joe Guerra, Jr., vice-chairman of the Bexar County Republican Party. New Braunfels Mayor Elliot Knox welcomed the group to the city.

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September 5, 1967

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Reference is made to FBI San Antonio memorandum dated September 1, 1967, captioned as above.

The September 5, 1967, issue of The Austin American, a daily newspaper at Austin, Texas, in an article entitled "Marchers Claiming 'Sell Out'" set forth in part that the Mexican-American marchers seeking a minimum wage law claimed a "sell out" by some of their own leaders as they staged a second Labor Day rally at the Capital; that Erasmo Andrade, the final rally speaker, stated "They've proven by their absence that they have sold out to the sources who want to elect Big John (Governor John Connally) to a fourth term"; that Andrade, head of the San Antonio Valley Farm Workers Committee, lead the fortyseven mile, four day hike from New Braunfels to Austin; and that GI Forum, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), and the Texas AFL-CIO, all principal sponsors of the 1966 march, failed to support this year's demonstration.

The above article also set forth that Mike Ferdin of San Antonio, a member of the Bexar County Employment Opportunity Council, stated, "You have found out today who your true leaders are and who has been pulling the wool over your eyes. They are not here for one excuse or another, but the real reason is they are politically committed. Don't listen to those who are not here today or you will be marching again next year. Ferdin later said he was referring to the above mentioned groups who did not participate in this year's rally.

The article continued that a much-applauded speaker was Reies Tijerina, leader of the Federal Alliance

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of Free City States in New Mexico, a group of Spanish-Americans who assert they are heirs to millions of acres in the Southwest due to old Spanish land grants; that: Tijerina, who spoke in Spanish, said he and his brother Cristobal stopped in Austin while en route home from Chicago where they were delegates to the Conference for New Politics.

The article concluded by indicating that the march began Friday (September 1, 1967) with only fourteen walkers braving the humid weather with occasional rain; that about fifty reached the Austin city limits on Sunday; and that more than two hundred persons walked the last few blocks down Congress Avenue in downtown Austin to the Capital on Monday.

No incidents were reported.

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The September 7, 1967, edition of the Valley Morning Star, a daily newspaper published at Harlingen, Texas, carries an article on its front page captioned, "Farm Union Ousts Marijuana Case" which article states that on September 6, 1967, the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee at Rio Grande City, Texas, had voted to expel two union members, Madgalena Dimas and Horacio Carillo, who had been recently arrested in Torreon, Mexico, on a marijuana charge.

The article states Dimas has entered a guilty plea on the marijuana charge and has cleared Carillo of any involvement. Carillo has been ordered to Mexico City by Mexican officials for possible deportation as an undesirable.

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Reference is made to FBI San Antonio memorandum dated September 5, 1967, captioned as above.

The September 12, 1967, issue of the <u>San Antonio</u> <u>Light</u>, San Antonio, Texas, a daily newspaper, carried the following front page article:

"Farm Workers Oust President

"The Valley Farm Workers State Assistance Committee -- irked at a restaging of the minimum wage march on the state capital -- has kicked President Erasmo Andrada, San Antonio, out of office, it was announced today.

"AFL-CIO Equal Opportunity Director Henry Munoz Jr. said the committee took the action over the weekend because of the 'fiasco' Labor Day march and the invitation by Andrade to Reies Tijerina of New Mexico to appear."

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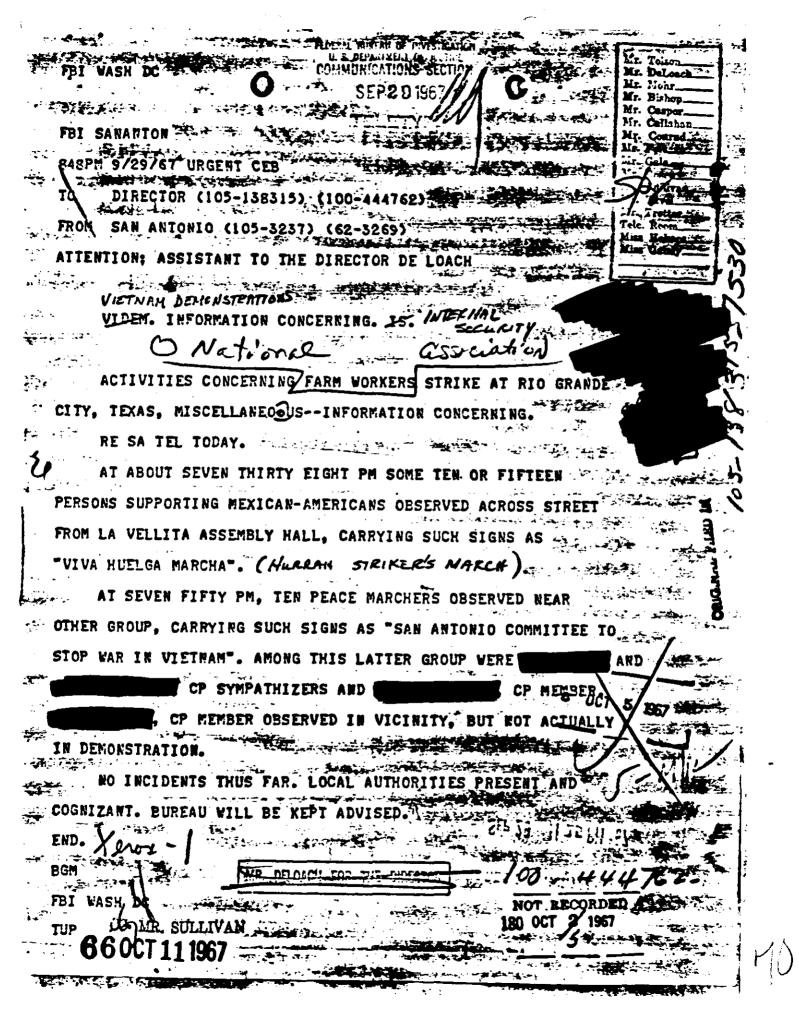
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Enclosed to the Bureau are 25 negatives of photographs taken during the demonstration. It is to be noted that these photographs are filed in San Antonio file 105-3237-1A3.

The Bureau is requested to make six (6) prints of each negative and return the prints and the negatives to San Antonio. R. Aldar

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11:14 a.m., Mr. JIM JONES, Presidential Assistant

2:27 p.m., MARIE SECHMER, President's secretary at the LBJ Ranch, by SA

It is to be noted that on the last contact with the ranch, Mr. JONES was in conference with the President at that time and Miss SECHMER indicated she would convey this message to Mr. JONES when he was available.

The Special Agents of the FBI observing the demonstration were SAS and SAC 4. MYERS COLE and SAC 4. MYERS COLE coordinating.

Inasmuch as the activity concerning the farm workers strike at Rio Grande City represents a continuing labor-political-religious dispute, it is being followed through established sources.

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ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS

DEMONSTRATION PROTESTING UNITED STATES INTERVENTION IN VIETNAM

The September 28, 1967, issue of the <u>San Antonio Light</u>, a San Antonio, Texas, daily newspaper, carries an article that the Twenty-first Annual National Legislative Conference involving 1,600 State law makers is presently meeting at La Villita Assembly Hall, San Antonio, Texas. The article points out that President Johnson was due in Texas for an aerial inspection of the floodstricken Rio Grande Valley.

According to the article, the President has been invited to address the National Legislative Conference.

The September 29, 1967, issue of the San Antonio Express, a San Antonio daily newspaper, carries a front page article that President Johnson will address the National Legislative Conference state dinner Friday evening, September 29, 1967. According to the article, the state dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. at La Villita Assembly Hall.

SA T-1 (9/29/67)

Source advised that a group of Mexican-Americans who were interested in raising the standard of living of all Mexican-Americans, including the farm workers in the Rio Grande Valley, plan to picket the National Legislative Conference starting at 7:00 p.m. on September 29, 1967, at La Villita Assembly Hall.

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The following persons were furnished the above information on September 29, 1967, at times indicated by special Agent

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11:10 a.m.,

San Antonio, Texas

12:05 p.m., Intelligence Group, San Antonio

At 11:18 a.m., Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, Austin, Texas, was advised by Special Agent

The September 29, 1967, issue of the <u>San Antonio</u> <u>Light</u>, supra, contains an article indicating that <u>President</u> <u>Johnson</u> will deliver a major address on the question of Vietnam before the Twenty-first Annual National Legislative Conference at La Villita Assembly Hall, San Antonio, on the night of September 29, 1967.

3A T-2 (9/29/67)

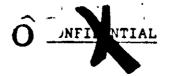
On September 29, 1967,

San Antonio Committee to Stop the War in
Vietnam (SACSWIV), advised that date she received a telephone
call from a representative of the United Texas Committees
to End the War in Vietnam. This call came from Austin, Texas.
The United Texas Committees to End the War in Vietnam is an
ad hoc collection of peace groups in Texas.

indicated
she has been asked to call the membership of the SACSWIV to
request them to take part in a demonstration on the evening of
September 29, 1967, at La Villita Assembly Hall during
President Johnson's speech.

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ACTIVITIES RE FARM WORKERS STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY

ELIZABETH LYTLE

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"Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a 'progressive' weekly. ******
Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia." (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, p. 12)

The Worker

The Worker is an East Coast communist newspaper.

SACSWIV

A characterization of the San Antonio Committee to Stop the War in Vietnam is contained in the Appendix hereto.

SA T-3 (9/29/67)

This source can substantiate in part information furnished above by SA-2.

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The following individuals were contacted on eptember 79, 1967, and furnished information set forth above trributed to SA T-2 by Special Agent

1:52 p.m., supra

2:07 p.m., supra

2:12 p.m., San Antonio, Texas

At 2:28 p.m., U. S. <u>Secret Service</u>, Austin, Texas, was advised by Special Agent

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed the following in the vicinity of La Villita Assembly Hall, San Antonio, on the evening of September 29, 1967:

At about 7:38 p.m., 10 or 15 persons supporting the Mexican-Americans were observed congregating across the street from La Villita Assembly Hall carrying such signs as "Viva Huelga Marcha".

At 7:50 p.m., ten peace marchers were observed congregating near the other group, carrying such signs as "San Antonio Committee to Stop the War in Vietnam." Among this latter group were

At 8:05 p.m., 12 individuals were observed in the peace demonstration, including was observed in the vicinity of the peace marchers but was not actually in the demonstration.

At 8:15 p.m., 10 individuals were observed in the Mexican-American demonstration and 15 individuals observed in the peace demonstration.

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SITIVITIES RE FARM WORKERS STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY

At 8:21 p.m. President Johnson arrived at La Villita Assembly Hall. As the President arrived, the Mexican-American demonstrators yelled out, "Box 13, Box 13".

At 8:25 p.m. was observed in the peace demonstration. At that time there were 16 peace demonstrators and approximately 15 persons in the Mexican-American demonstration.

At 8:43 p.m. 24 individuals were observed in the peace démonstration and 10 individuals in the Mexican-American demonstration.

At 8:53 p.m. 23 individuals were observed in the peace demonstration. These individuals chanted, "Stop the war, stop the war."

At 9:00 p.m., Fresident Johnson emerged from La Villita Assembly Hall and after entering his car, the car drove by the location where the peace demonstrators were standing and the peace demonstrators chanted louder, "Stop the war, stop the war."

At 9:03 p.m. both demonstrations terminated after the President left the vicinity.

There were no incidents.

FSA 7-2 (9/29/67)

Source advised that in addition to the above the following individuals took part in the peace demonstration:

member, SACSWIV

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In addition to the above, source advised that as observed in the vicinity of the peace demonstration but did not actually take part in the demonstration.

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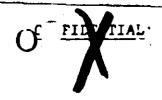
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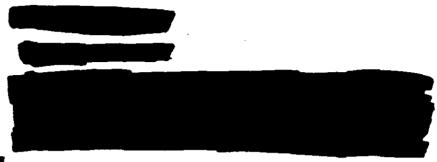
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Source also advised that during the demonstration was somewhat upset due to the fact that she had called many people to participate in the peace demonstrat. In and these people indicated that they would. However, many of the people she called did not show up.





ACTIVITIES RE FARM WORKERS STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE CITY



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TAN ANTONIO COMMITTEE TO STOP THE WAR IN VIETNALL HOAUSWIYN HOST Office Box 27-7 HAN Antonio, Texas



A source advised that on January 26, 1967, an organizational meeting of a new group to be known as the San Antonio Committee to End the War in vietnam was held in the Texas Room of the Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

Plans for forming this group were initiated and doordinated by John Stanford of San Antonio, Texas. Stanford provided the majority of the names and addresses of persons who were sent letters inviting them to attend this meeting. Stanford helped to compose the preamble and draw up the constitution of the commutate. Stanford used the constitution of the Communist Party, U.S.A. (CHUSA) as a guide for the constitution of this committee.

On Tebruary 23, 1963, the name of the organization was changed to San Antonio Committee to Stop the War in Sietnam (SACSWIV).

A second source advised that the constitution was presented in rough draft form at the tirst meeting on an ary 75, 195 amended at that meeting and at the next meeting, and finally adopted at the february 20, 196 meeting of the organization.

The prolamble of the constitution reads as follows:

"Believing that peace is of ittue importance to everyone, we have formed a group that will ofter an opportunity to study and promote the achievement of a world without war. Feath is above tolitical, economic, relial, or religious distinctions. We welcome into our organization the individual conterned with life instead of death, with health instead of injury, with building indicad or destroying, with decempment instead of degradation, with

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SAN ANTONIO COMMITTEE TO STOP THE WAR IN VIETNAM



"humane instead of barbaric acts. The war in Vietnam makes imperative the immediate organization of a peace group in San Antonio. Peace must win, or we will sacrifice ourselves, our children and grand-children to a senseless military machine never before equalled. The insane waste of war and preparations for nuclear war will create the eventual destruction of all humanity if not stopped. PEACE MUST WIN!!!"

A third source advised that on May 29, 1966, at the Texas CP Convention held at San Antonio, Texas, John Stanford was elected chairman of the CP of Texas. On June 26, 1966, during the 18th National CP Convention, Stanford was elected a member of the National Committee, CPUSA.

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ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE AT RIO GRANDE

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DEMONSTRATION PROTESTING UNITED STATES INTERVENTION

IN VIETNAM

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Reference

San Antonio memorandum dated

and captioned as above.

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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)

11/29/67

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Re San Antonio let to the Bureau, 10/4/67.

Due to Hurricane Beulah, which severely damaged the Rio Grande Valley, on 9/20/67, and resulting floods. there has been little agricultural activity in that region. Since almost all crops were destroyed by the storm, the seasonal influx of farm workers has not occurred and, therefore, no strike activity has been initiated at Rio Grande City, Texas.

The next scheduled agricultural season is the melon crop June. 1968.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No. San Antonio, Texas

December 22, 1967

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

The December 21, 1967, issue of the San Antonio Light, a San Antonio, Texas, daily newspaper, carried the following article.

"Dope Charge Filed on Farm Activist"

"Benito Rodriguez, 27, of 158 Gladstone, active last spring in the Rio Grande Valley farm labor movement, was in jail Thursday in lieu of \$10,000 bond after being charged with unlawfully receiving, concealing and transporting marijuana.

"Customs agents reported they arrested Rodriguez Tuesday on a downtown San Antonio street.

"Four pounds of marijuana, which he allegedly brought illegally into the United States, was confiscated.

"Rodriguez was jailed in lieu of bond after a hearing before U.S. Commissioner Frank Baskin.

"Rodriguez took part in the activities in Starr County last spring of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO.

"Another farm union organizer, <u>Magdaleno Dimas</u>, was convicted in Mexico earlier this year for possession of marijuana. The union has canceled his membership."

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Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)

DATE: 3/13/68

SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3269) (P)

SUBJECT:

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO

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Pe San Antonio airtel to the Bureau dated 12/22/57.

Enclosed for the Eureau are ten copies of an LHM reflecting information received regarding new activities of Reverend IDGAR ALLEN KPUEGER BAKER , and FROBEN LOZADA at Donna, Texas.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Antonio, Texas

March 13, 1968

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On March 12, 1968,

advised that recently Reverend Edgar Allen Krueger, Kathy Baker, and Froben Lozada established at Donna, Texas, in the old Donna Hotel an office allegedly under the auspices of the Texas Council of Churches. The name of their particular organization is the Yalley Community Service and they occasionally distribute free groceries to needy Mexican-American families and disseminate VISTA literature.

A membership drive by Krueger, Baker, and Lozada is recruiting many Mexican-American high school students and some adults from the general area. Meetings are held each Friday night and each member is paid \$1.00 monthly as encouragement to attend the meetings.

nas advised nim that in the meetings the group discusses general abuse and discrimination of the Mexican-American element by "Anglo" Americans and by the Federal Government. Frequent reference is made in the meetings to the successful unity of Mexican-Americans in the Rio Grande City, Texas strike of 1967.

stated that other local high school students whom he knows to be members will not discuss the organization in any way and has provided the above information confidentially and reluctantly.

advised that as the membership (which he did not estimate) grows, the organization is ring divided into "councils" of 16 members each.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 1-UNITED STATES GOV N. EMT PEMORANDUM

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DATE: 4/30/68

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ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE

CITY, TEXAS

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Re San Antonio letter to the Bureau dated 3/13/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of an LHM reflecting information received regarding activities of Reverend EDGAR ALLEN KRUEGER , and FROBEN LOZADA

Also enclosed for the Bureau are two clippings from a high school civics class film, "Anarchy, U.S.A." furnished by on 4/26/68,

containing photographs of a Negro speaker identified by

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AT DONNA and SAN JUAN, TEXAS: Will continue to follow activities of individuals referred to herein.

Information copies of this communication are being furnished Miami, Jacksonville, and Tampa in view of their possible interest in this matter, along with one copy of LHM.

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San Antonio, Texas

April 30, 1963

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS

Continuous weekly contacts were maintained

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It is noted

It is further noted that has become active in the Valley Community Service, an organization established by Reverend Edgar Aller Krueger and Proben Lozada at Donna, Texas, and subsequently moved on April 17, 1963, to San Juan, Texas. Weekly meetings were formerly held at the group's office at the old Donna, Texas, Hotel and at the Assembly of God Church, Donna, Texas.

Contacts with the above individuals developed the following information:

The organization, sponsored by the Texas Council of Churches, for the assistance of the poor Mexican-American population in south Texas, is also estensibly spensored by the VISTA organization under a project described as "VISTA Minority Mobilization Project for Texas," Headquarters, Southwest Regional Office of VISTA, Manager, Bill Hale, San Antonio, Texas. Actually in charge of the local project at Donna, Texas, is Reverend Krueger, a resident of Pharr, Texas, who received much help from Prober Lozada, a Donna, Texas, resident. The organization's avowed objective is to establish chapters similar to the Donna, Texas, chapter at Pharr, Rio Grande City, Bluetown, Gainesville, Santa Rosa, San Benito, Elsa, Banta Maria, Laredo, Banta Cruz, Laferia and Harlingen, Texas.

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President of the Donna chapter is Pablo Diaz, age 50. Vice president is Brigida Castillo, female, 40 years of age. Second vice president is Jose Escamilla. Treasurer is Joe De la Rosa. Susan Lau, an "Anglo," described as a white female American, age 20, reddish-blonde long hair, 5'5" tall and always wearing a necklace of shells, is very active in the local group as is (First Name Unknown)

who is presently residing at

told and that he knows very little or nething about VISIA but is in south Texas to help the poor and to participate in any future "marches."

Members of the group, including Froben Lozada and Reverend baseger, attended "La Raza Unita" meeting at Laredo, Tekan, on March 24, 1968, to hear Senator Edward Kennedy speak.

Other members of the Donna chapter, Jose Escamilla, Joe De la Rosa, and three others, left Donna, Texas, at 4:00 a.m. March 24, 1968, and dro∍e to Bartow, Tallahassee, Florida, and another unknown city in Broward County, Florida, to attend meetings. At these meetings in Florida, they spoke with many school teachers, two teachers from Missouri, two teachers from Washington, D.C., and many teachers from Florida. Several Mogro speakers, using an anti-white theme, spoke to them in the different Florida locations, exact cities, meeting places and dates unknown The strike of the Florida teachers was a prominent topic of discussion _ was last year's farm labor strike at Rio Grande City, Texas. Many of the speakers in Florida, identities unknown, allegedly stated they would come to San Antonic and Austin, Texas, next year to assist in teacher strikes there. The Donna, Texas, chapter group returned home on March 29, 1968.

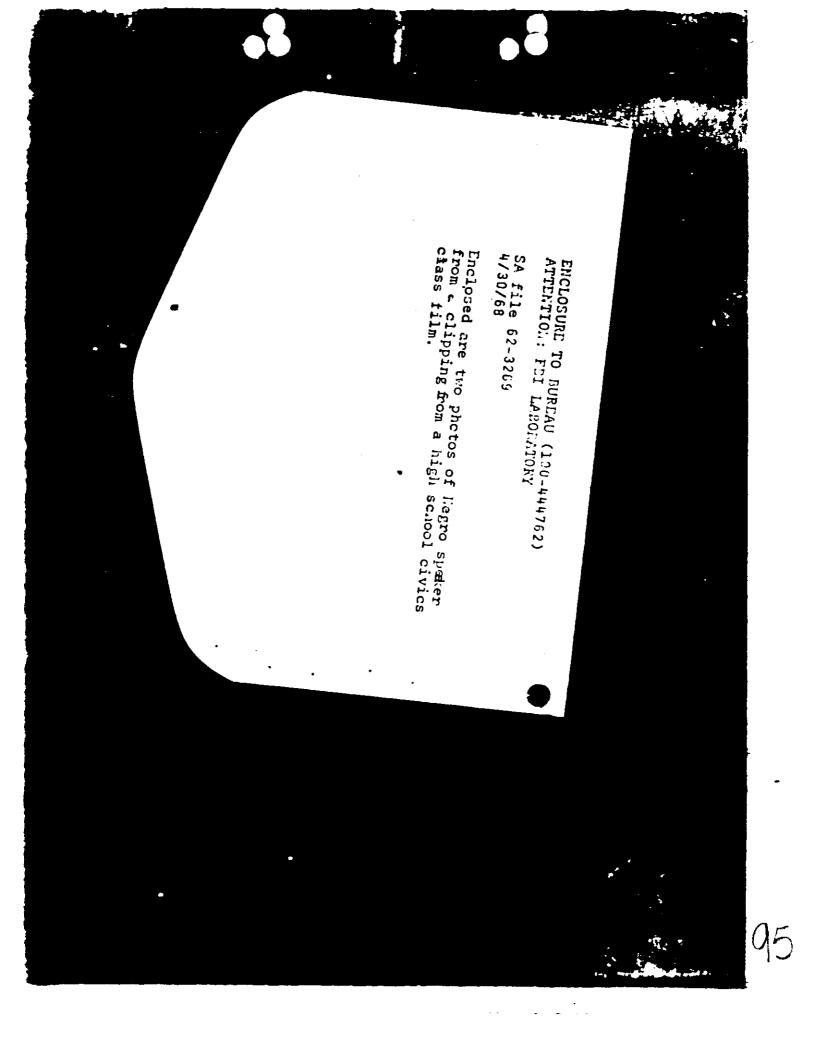
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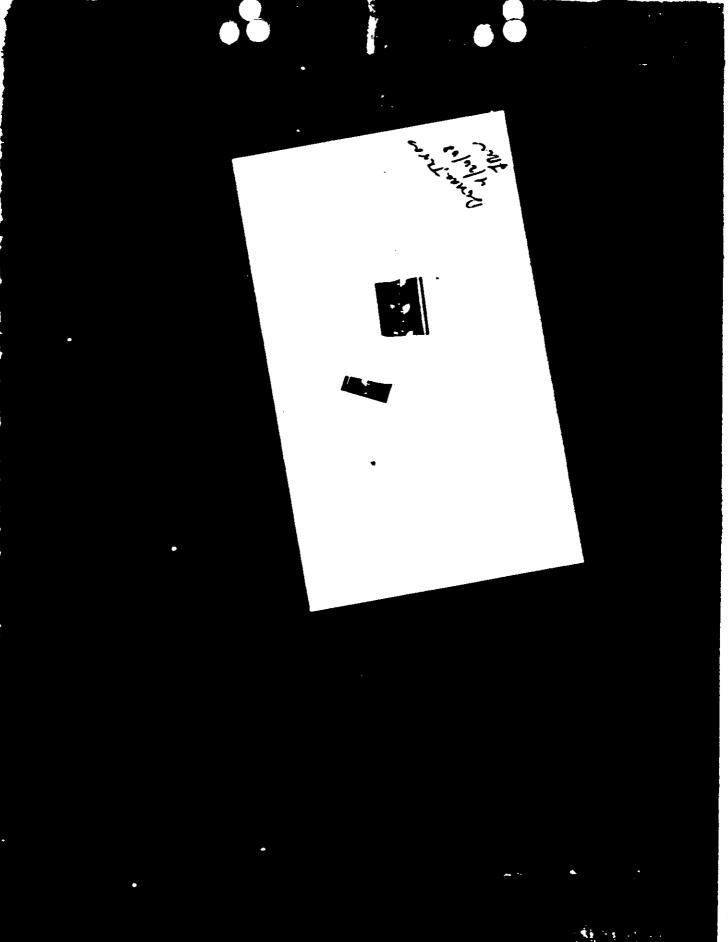
that copies of a Spanish language newspaper, "Inferno," are distributed frequently at the local meetings and described the newspaper as an anti-war, sometimes anti-"Anglo" newspaper. They also stated that Reverend Krueger, Froben Lozada and Susan Lau speak frequently of Cathy Baker, a San Antonio girl who helps the group but neither nor has met her or seen her at a meeting. They described Froben Lozada as vehement in his opposition to the Vietnam War, the Federal Government, and "Anglos" who abuse the Mexican-Americans and Negroes. Lozada frequently reminds the group that Mexican-Americans and Negroes are dying in Vietnam at a much greater rate than white Americans.

On April 25, 1988, during the showing of a film "Anarchy, U.S.A " in the civics class of Donna High School, Donna, Texas, identified one of the Wegro speakers in the film as being identical to the of the speakers his group heard during one of the above-described meetings in Florida. The film, a few hours later, was destroyed on the projector by an unknown individual at the Donna, Texas, High School.

chapter officers seem to be mere figureheads and that Reverend Krueger and Froben Lozada supervise the group almost entirely.

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Memorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)

DATE: 5/15/08

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SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3269)(P)

SUBJECT:

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

00: San Antonio

Re San Antonio letter to the Bureau dated 4/30/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of an LHI reflecting information received in captioned matter. One copy of this LHH is enclosed for information of Tampa.

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San Antonio, Texas

May 15, 1968

ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FARM WORKERS STRIKE IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On May 1, 1968,

Community Service Cause

advised that was discontinuing his association with the Donna, Texas, chapter of the Valley

and the adverse publicity he rewived arrer has been a handbill. The handbill, he stated, denounced the Vietnam war and accused white Americans of being responsible for the slaughter of Mexican-Americans and Negroes in Vietnam and for the murder of Rev. Martin Luther King. Loseda stated he was leaving Texas because freedom of speech no longer exists in that state and intends to go to California where an individual can honestly express himself.

On May 3, 1968, advised that the telephone number for the Valley Community Service, recently moved to San Juan, Texas, is ST 7-5421 and the address is 103 West Fifth St. noted that the organization is also often referred to by its members as the Valley Service Committee and Colonias del Valle. noted that Jose : la Rosa resigned his position as treasurer of the organization and is quite disgruntled because he believes Rev. Edgar Krueger and Froben Lozada were "leading him on" and were not going to help him join VISTA. further noted that many of the members of the Valley Community Service joined that group because they believed it was affiliated with, or was a prerequisite for, also advised that Jose de la Rosa had VISTA. informed him that when he and four other members of the group made the recent Florida trip, they had gone to the Florida Christian Migrant Minority Office at Bartow, Florida, where Rev. Ben Fraticelli was director. Stated that De la Rosa was very confusing in his description the Florida trip the Florida trip

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and had also told that Reverend Fraticelli was located at 100 Liberty Avenue, Orlando, Florida. At these sites, the group, with similar groups from Missouri, Washington, D.C., and Florida discussed the Rio Grande Ly, Texas, farm workers' strike, teachers' strikes in Florida, and potential future teachers' strikes in Missouri and San Antonio and Dallas, Texas.

further stated that Reverend Nehemras (Ned) Garcia, formerly of the Second Presbyterian Church at Harlingen, Texas, had joined the Valley Community Service as a representative of the Migrant Minority Department of the Texas Council of Churches. Stated that Reverend Garcia has a wife and four children and now resides at McAllen. Texas, and is being used by the organization as a frequent speaker at invitational dinners and meetings. Reverend Garcia and Leo Nieto were the chapter's representatives for the funeral of Martin Luther King at Atlanta, To Georgia.

On May 8, 1968, advised that Froben Lozada departed Donna, Texas, on May 6, 1968en route to the San Francisco, California.

that the Varley Community Service was sending representatives to the Poor People's March on Washington, D. C., and has issued a call for volunteer vehicles and individuals. He emphasized to her that the struggle of the Negro is the struggle of the Mexican and predicted that both would eventually be victorious.

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POSSIBLE PICKETING OF U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK BY UNITED FARM WORKERS, MAY TWENTY-NINE, NEXT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.: RM SAJA と リンパガテント

ON MAY TWENTY-IWO, LAST, ADVISED THAT ONE FRANK BYER, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF CESAR CHAVEZ, DIRECTOR OF UNITED FARM WORKERS. AFL-CIO. A LEADER IN THE GRAPE STRIKE OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS AT DELANO. CALIF., STATED THAT THE FARM WORKERS INTENDED TO PICKET U.S. AG RAMSEY CLARK DURING HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORKERS AT EIGHT THIRTY P.M., MAY TWENTY-NINE NEXT AT THE CIVIC AUDITORIUM, SAN FRANCISCO

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RECENT DECISION INVOLVING IMMIGRANT LABORA

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REPORTED. SF PD AWARE; SECRET SERVICE AND APPROPRIATE
INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES BEING ADVISED.

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May 24, 1968 The Attorney General 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop 1 - Mr. A. Rosen POSSIBLE PICKETING OF UNITED STATES 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore UNITED FARM WORKERS, MAY 29, 1968 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA advised our San Francisco Office that he had received information that the United Farm Workers intend to stage a picketing demonstration during your appearance before the National Conference of Social Workers in San Francisco, California, stated that he received on May 29, 1968. the information from an individual who identified himself as a representative of Cesar Chavez, Director of United Farm Workers, American Federation of Labor and Congress of (Industrial Organizations, a leader in the agricultural workers strike at Delano, California.

advised that his source state the picketing demonstration is to protest a recent ruling advised that his source stated regarding immigrant farm workers. The above is being furnished for your information, and you will be advised of any further pertinent developments. 1 - The Deputy Attorney General 1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak Assistant Attorney General l - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr. Assistant Attorney General all ahan CAP:dls **- (12)** SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

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The Attorney General

NOTE:

By teletype dated 5/23/68, San Francisco advised that had furnished information concerning the possible picketing at the appearance of the Attorney Generals of the National Conference of Social Workers advised that the National Conference is scheduled for 5/26-31/68 and that the Attorney General is scheduled to talk on 5/29/68. According to the Attorney General will be staying at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco. Our San Francisco Office is following this matter and will advise the Bureau of any pertinent developments.

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Memorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM /

SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-197) (RUC)

POSSIBLE PICKETING OF U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK BY UNITED FARM WORKERS, 5/29/68 San Francisco, California

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DELIVERED TO HILTON HOTEL SAN FRANCISCO WITHOUT INCIDENT THIS DATE.

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FOLLOWING:

"QUIT DRAFTING STRIKE BREAKERS." "U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INJUSTICE." "SUPPORT DELANO (CALF.) FARM WORKERS." THE PICKETS WERE CHANTING "DON'T BUY GRAPES." PICKETS WERE ORDERLY, WELL DRESSED. AND OBEYED SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT. REQUESTS OF SFPD.

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Memorandum

: Director, FBI TO

5/27/58

SAC, Los Angeles (157-2385)(RUC)

SUBJECT:

POSSIBLE PICKETING OF

U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK BY UNITED FARM WORKERS

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

5/29/68

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Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau dated 5/24/68.

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May 29, 1968

TEXAS RANGER CAPTAIN ALFRED Y. ALLEE; RANGER JACK VAN CLEVE; ET AL; EDGAR ALLEN KRUEGER; ESTHER GUEVARA KRUEGER; DOUGLASS GRAYBILL ADAIR, III; ET AL -VICTIMS

On May 25, 1968, the following story appeared on page one of the Valley Morning Star newspaper, Harlingen, Texas:

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FOR ENFORCING LAW IN VALLEY LAST SUMMER

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The other suit was to come up for trial in federal court in Brownsville in mid- May, but has been postpooed until June 11. That will make it pending for about a year, since it was filed on June 12 last year by the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee against the Rangers and officers of the Starr County steriffs department. It is to be heard before a three-judic court.

Defendants

The suit names specifically Ranger Capt. A. Y. Allee, Texas Rangers S. II, Denson, Jack Van Cleve, Jerome Preiss and T. H. Dawson; Sheriff Dr. Rene Solis, Deputy Sheriffs Raul and Roberto Pena and Special Deputy Sheriff Jim Rochester, all of Starr County, and Justice of the Peace B. S. Lopez, also of Ris Grande City.

They were charged by members of the UFWOC with depriving members of the "unlaion" of their constitutional
rights under the Fifth and
Fourteenth Amendments of the
Constitution.

The "deprivation" was in connection with arrests and detention of "union" members during the months - long picketing of Starr County produce farms.

Among the plantiffs is Gilbert Padilla, vice president of the "union" who was an associate of Cesar Chavez, founders of the California farm union of which the Texas organization is splinter. Padilla now is in charge of the Valley "union" and last summer in Rio Grande City staged a rally to pro-test the presence of Rangers there during picketing action and other demonstrations. Members of the union were arrested following numerous incidents. Violence was rampant in the long months of unionization effort, a railroad bridge was burned, cars were burned, citizens were threatened and trains were delayed. Rangers had to ride shotgun on the trains going out of the Valley carrying mélons.

The Judges who are to hear the case are Federal District, Judge "naldo Garza of Brown of the Fifth Circuit U. S. Court of Civil Appeals, New Orleans, and Judge Woodr ow Seals, of the Southern District Court in Houston.

Because of weather conditions which have caused the melos crop to be late and small, little unionization effort has been observed this spring. A big union ization effort was to have un dertaken this spring and simmer, with the advent of the sev melon crop, some of the fun ionites" had indicated.

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San Francisco, California

May 31, 1968

POSSIBLE PICKETING OF U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK BY UNITED FARM WORKERS, MAY 29, 1968, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Reference is made to a memorandum dated May 24, 1968 captioned as above.

Copies of this memorandum are being distributed locally to the Army, Navy, Air Force, United States Attorney, San Francisco and Secret Service, San Francisco.

Picketing at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel began at 7:30 p.m. by the United Farm Workers AFL-CIO in preparation for the address to be given by U.S. Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK. At 7:45 p.m. pickets numbered 67. The maximum number of pickets was reached at 8:45 p.m. when 367 encircled the entire hotel. Approximately one-half of the pickets were wearing badge credentials of the National Conference of Social Welfare whose convention the U.S. Attorney General was addressing. Picketing ended at 9:05 p.m.

Signs carried by pickets included, "Quit Drafting Strike Breakers," "U.S. Department of Injustice," and "Support Delano (California) Farm Workers." The pickets were chanting "Don't Buy Grapes." Picketing was orderly and obeyed request of the San Francisco, California Police Department in regard to areas of picketing and blocking of entrances.

The pickets entered the Continental Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel and from 9:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. the picket leader, with the aid of a power bullhorn, interrupted the speech of the U.S. Attorney General demanding Federal enforcement of laws against strike breakers. RAMSEY CLARK was speaking on "legal rights for all." The individual with the bullhorn recited a

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pledge not to buy grapes and requested audience participation in the pledge. The majority of the audience resented the interruptions. The speech was terminated at 9:35 p.m. The audience was estimated at 2500.

No arrests were made. In the ballroom each seat had literature on it put out by the United Farm Group charging that the government is allowing Mexican laborers issued green cards to work on farms involved in labor disputes despite a regulation prohibiting the alleged strike breaking.

This confirms information furnished orally to Mr. Account 16600.

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