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Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY, Dallas, Texas Police Department, advised that neither the U. S. Department of Justice nor any of its agencies gave the Dallas Police Department any information concerning subversive or related activities of JOE R. MOLINA, an employee of the Texas School Book Depository, Dallas, Texas.

Chief CURRY related that the Dallas Police Department Special Service Bureau, Intelligence Unit, had maintained a file on the G. I. Forum in which appeared JOE MOLINA's name. Chief CURRY related that this file reflected that on May 19, 1955, the first information came to the Dallas Police Department from a confidential informant of JOE R. MOLINA's having attended a meeting. At this meeting, WILLIAM LOWERY, believed by Dallas police officers to be a Communist Party member, was also present. On August 1, 1955, and August 15, 1955, according to CURRY, the Dallas Police Department file on the G. I. Forum reflected that MOLINA attended meetings which were attended by one AUGUSTIN ESTRADA, JOE IANDIN and DAN YARBOROUGH. The Dallas Police Department had reason to believe from confidential informants that these individuals were also members of the Communist Party. CURRY related that on September 13, 1955, MOLINA attended another meeting of the G. I. Forum at which WILLIAM LOWERY was present, and on September 26, 1955, MOLINA attended a meeting of the G. I. Forum at which JOE IANDIN and WILLIAM LOWERY were present. CURRY related that on October 25, 1955, MOLINA attended a meeting of the G. I. Forum, at which WILLIAM LOWERY and ELMWOOD ROSS were in attendance. CURRY stated that, from confidential sources, the Dallas Police Department had reason to believe ELMWOOD ROSS was a member of the Communist Party. On December 6, 1955, MOLINA again attended, according to CURRY, a meeting of the G. I. Forum, at which ELMWOOD ROSS, JOE IANDIN and WILLIAM LOWERY were in attendance. On February 26, 1956, MOLINA attended a meeting of the G. I. Forum, at which JOE IANDIN was in attendance. On March 9, 1956, MOLINA attended a meeting of the G. I. Forum at which WILLIAM LOWERY and RUTH LOWERY were in attendance. CURRY stated that on March 20,

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1956, and April 4, 1956, MOLINA attended meetings of the G. I. Forum and both times WILLIAM LOWERY was in attendance at these meetings. On June 5, 1956, MOLINA, according to CURRY, attended a meeting of the G. I. Forum at which WILLIAM LOWERY and JOE IANDIN were both in attendance.

CURRY advised that on July 4, 1956, WILLIAM LOWERY nominated MOLINA for Chairman of the Dallas group of the G. I. Forum, after which MOLINA was elected Chairman of this group but, as far as the Dallas Police Department files reflect, MOLINA never actively served as a Chairman of the Dallas group of the G. I. Forum. CURRY related that the G. I. Forum Yearbook for 1958 and 1959 revealed that the Chairman of the Dallas Chapter was JOE R. MOLINA; that WILLIAM LOWERY was Sergeant at Arms, and JOE IANDIN was an active member of this group. Chief CURRY advised that on October 15, 1961, a discussion meeting of the G. I. Forum was held in Dallas and MOLINA was an active member at this meeting. Chief CURRY related that on November 23, 1963, MOLINA gave an affidavit to Detective WILLIAM S. BIGGIO, of the Dallas Police Department, to the effect that he was instrumental in forming the G. I. Forum in 1955 with the help of one Mr. JESSE GARCIA, of Fort Worth, Texas, who was from the Fort Worth G. I. Forum. Chief CURRY related that MOLINA had stated in this affidavit that the following individuals became charter members of the Dallas G. I. Forum group:

EDMUND VILLASANA
FELIX ROTELLO
BILL LOWERY
JOE IANDIN
AUGUSTIN ESTRADA

In this affidavit, according to CURRY, MOLINA stated he did not renew his membership in the G. I. Forum after July, 1962.

Chief CURRY related that Captain W. P. GANNWAY, of the Special Service Bureau, of the Dallas Police Department, went

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by Special Agent VINCENT E. DRAIN and
M. JAMES WOOD /anh/jtf Date dictated 7/16/64

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to MOLINA's home in the early morning hours of November 23, 1963, with other officers of the Dallas Police Department and talked with MOLINA. Chief CURRY related that Captain GANNAWAY had told him that, when GANNAWAY arrived at MOLINA's home, MOLINA told GANNAWAY he had been expecting him or officers from the Dallas Police Department. During the time that GANNAWAY talked with MOLINA, MOLINA gave a voluntary consent of search to GANNAWAY and MOLINA's home was searched. CURRY related that MOLINA appeared voluntarily at the Dallas Police Department on November 23, 1963, for questioning since he was an employee of the Texas School Book Depository. CURRY related that MOLINA was never under arrest at any time when he was at the Police Department. CURRY related that many employees of the Texas School Book Depository were asked to come to the Dallas Police Department for help in any way concerning the assassination of the President.

CURRY related that he did not recall talking about MOLINA to the press and that if he did make any mention it was probably concerning the G. I. Forum. CURRY stated from his memory he could not recall anything he might have said, but he did not recall calling MOLINA by name and, therefore, as far as he knew no retraction or efforts to correct anything that MOLINA may have construed as allegations against him were necessary by the Dallas Police Department.

CURRY related that it is his understanding MOLINA has filed a lawsuit against Radio Station WRR, which is owned by the City of Dallas, for false statements made by the Dallas Police Department, which were allegedly quoted by Radio Station WRR. He stated this suit is No. 86946-B, filed April 30, 1964, in the court of Dallas District Judge JULIAN HYER. However, CURRY stated he could not furnish any details of the lawsuit since he was not acquainted with same.

CURRY 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.

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
 General Counsel
 The President's Commission
 200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In your letter dated September 19, 1964, you inquired as to whether any flame was visible at the muzzle of the 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, Serial No. C2766 when this weapon was fired under daylight conditions.

The rifle was fired both in direct sunlight and in full shade and no flame was visible. A small amount of white smoke was visible; however, the pale orange flame from burning gases emitted from the muzzle would be visible only at night or in a darkened room.

The results of these tests were furnished by telephone to Mr. Norman Redlich of the Commission staff on September 21, 1964.

Sincerely yours,

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