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A copy of informant's oral report follows.

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September 6, 1962

The Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party (POC) Fifth National Conference was held September 1 and 2, 1962, at Estonian Hall, 2061 Lexington Avenue, New York City, with delegates attending from all branches, including Chicago, Cleveland, Philadelphia, New York, and the West Coast.

The conference began on September 1, 1962, at approximately 11:00 a.m. with [redacted] greeting those in attendance and making the opening remarks.

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[redacted] of Chicago was Chairman of the morning session.

The main conference report was made by ARMANDO ROMAN, National General Secretary. In a speech of about 3¼ hours in length, ROMAN analyzed POC activity for the preceding year. He indicated that POC work was progressing satisfactorily and all programs were being carried out. He reiterated the POC stand that Premier KHRUSHCHEV's policy proposes revisionism and that the people of the U.S.S.R. are being taken for a ride by the wrong party down the wrong road. He said the POC stands one hundred per cent for the policy stated and followed by Albania and Communist China. He discussed Latin America and criticized the attitude of the United States toward Latin American countries. He stated that after many years of deception from the United States the people are tired of waiting. He said the U.S. Alliance for Progress has been a failure, as the people do not understand it and are skeptical as under this new program the help is given in the same manner as before. He stated that the time has come and the POC is now trying to establish contacts in Latin America. He spoke of [redacted] of the New York POC and his trip to the Dominican Republic which has been very helpful in this respect. [redacted] has been working with revolutionary forces there and through this has contacted people from other Latin American countries. He said these and other contacts will be of

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great value to the POC. He said that following his tour earlier this year of POC branches, he was very optimistic for growth in the POC and a gain in recognition for the POC.

Following ARMANDO ROMAN's speech, the conference convened for lunch.

SANDY SMITH of Philadelphia was Chairman of the afternoon session and the organizational report was given by [redacted]. She discussed the members of the POC who have been controversial during the preceding year. She discussed [redacted] who stayed in the POC for a short period. She said he was a former member and believes he was sent to the POC in order to spy and try to infiltrate the POC with revisionist theory. She stated that [redacted] met with the POC staff three or four times because the staff wanted to know what his aims were. She said he took the opportunity of these meetings in order to bring out the policy of the CP and to try and convince the POC that they have to go along with the CP in order to achieve the aims of both organizations. She said that he found a lot of opposition to this and found it was impossible to change the minds of the POC members. She stated that as he failed on his mission he discontinued his POC activity and went back to the CP.

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[redacted] then discussed [redacted] the teacher, stating that he was petty bourgeoisie and had in his mind ideas which were not in accord with the struggle of the workers. She stated he was a very critical person and criticized the way the POC discusses the political policy of the United States Government. He also disagreed with the POC's criticism of Premier KHRUSHCHEV for trying to bring a new line into the international Communist movement. She stated his behavior was such that he was expelled from the POC.

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In discussing KENNETH BRUTON, [redacted] stated that his attitude toward the leadership of the POC was not friendly and he wanted to impose his own personal criterion concerning policy. When his position was not accepted he boycotted the POC by not assisting them. His personal demoralization was such that he had to be removed from his position and was replaced by [redacted] of the New York area.

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[redacted] in her report, also brought out the success of the POC in holding open air meetings in the Negro and Puerto Rican areas. She called on the conference to try to make the next year a better year on organization. She stated that after listening to ARMANDO ROMAN's report, she is confident the next year is going to be one when the POC is going to come out of its shell and become a real fighting political organization.

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[redacted] then gave the staff report. He discussed the open air meetings that have been held. He stated that numerous leaflets and papers have been distributed during the year, including 15,000 leaflets in an apartment housing drive made by District 65. He stated also that thousands of issues of "Lookout" have been distributed by the Waterfront Club and 4,000 "Vanguards" placed in homes throughout the area, from July to the present time.

[redacted] criticized Comrade BRUTON and reiterated [redacted] statement that BRUTON had been removed from the staff. He reported that the classes for new members that have been held during the previous year have been reorganized and are now being held every other week.

JAMES JACKSON of Cleveland gave a very short report in which he stated that ADMIRAL KILPATRICK was still in jail and they are still trying to get him out. He also indicated that he had news clippings from a Cleveland paper which discussed the POC and which indicated that because the POC is so close-mouthed and secret that they should be considered more dangerous than the CP. He indicated that some progress had been made in Cleveland but that it was very limited.

[redacted] of Philadelphia stated that during the preceding year the POC line has been disclosed as against the CP tactics and revisionist theories and a lot of people, including some CP members, have been approached who are starting to see things more clearly. He stated they have come to a conclusion that the leadership of the CP is corrupted and that this has brought about a weakening of the CP. [redacted] stated that after GIL was expelled from the POC in Philadelphia, they have been working there without any incidents. He stated the Philadelphia staff is doing very unified work and can report

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that they are not only growing in knowledge but also in members. He said they have been doing good work regarding united fronts and have been working with the Equal Justice Committee. He stated they have started an area paper called the "Whistle."

[redacted] of Chicago reported that after solving a lot of problems that were holding up the POC there, they have been able to consolidate the group and have concentrated on united front work. She stated that through this work they have been able to approach not only members of the CP and CP organizations but have had contact with liberal-minded religious leaders. She stated that the Chicago POC is trying to build cadres to develop leaders in order to carry on the work. She stated that they have been able to do a good job in the Negro Community through meeting with these various people concerning police brutality. She said they are also getting along fine with the Puerto Rican leaders who are engaged in the Movimiento Independentista de Puerto Rico of Chicago. She called on the people to make the new year one of struggle.

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[redacted] from California was called on to give a report concerning the West Coast area but when she started to speak found she had lost her notes. She became so excited that she started to cry and could not go on.

[redacted] from Philadelphia, but who came to the conference from San Francisco, then took the floor and gave a short report concerning activity there. His report was apparently taken from what recently appeared in the "Lumberjack and Unemployed News," and concluded the conference for that day.

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The September 2, 1962 session of the conference began at approximately 11:00 a.m. with [redacted] of Chicago as Chairman.

[redacted] of New York gave a report concerning youth work. She expressed thanks for the cooperation the older members have given the young POCers in carrying out their tasks and assignments. She discussed the distribution of leaflets and papers, carried on by the youth group during the preceding

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year. She indicated that their distribution of "Vanguard" has been so good they have received many congratulations from the staff. She stated that the youth group was able to be taken into consideration in the fund drive and had raised the quota assigned to them. She stated that the relations among the members of the POC youth have been very encouraging and during the year they only had difficulty with two members. She indicated that these two members, after doing some very good work, suddenly became lazy and did not attend meetings. They did not carry out their assignments and when this was called to their attention they gave many excuses. She stated that the staff of the POC youth found out that their excuses were lies and so these two members, whose names were not indicated, were dropped.

[redacted] in a short report, made an analysis of the Negro struggle. He also discussed the work being done by the "Freedom Riders" and the personal courage of the leaders in this movement in the South. He also discussed the work the POC has been doing in Harlem during the preceding year.

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[redacted] of Chicago gave a short report concerning POC work among the Negroes in Chicago. She stated that they have attended a number of mass meetings where they had a chance to bring out the policy of the POC and at the same time have unmasked the insincerity and demagogue of the white people who have been engaged in the Negro area. She stated they have been doing a good job in the united front work against police brutality. She indicated she was very sad that while the POC has been doing such good work among the Negroes the POC has no Negroes there to work with them in Chicago.

[redacted] of Philadelphia said that in the field of Negro work they have been able to do a very good job, especially working together with the Equal Justice Committee. She said they have grown in numbers and they are very optimistic that in the coming year they will be able to make out of the Philadelphia area a very strong organization.

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[redacted] of New York gave a report on the work done by the Puerto Rican Committee to Defend the Cuban Revolution. He stated that this committee was first organized under the temporary presidency of ANTONIO RIVAS but little work was done. He said that after the July 26 Movement was removed from

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the political scene in New York City, the committee was under the leadership of [redacted] as President. Since this time the committee has been doing everything possible in order to support the Cuban revolution. He stated that some indoor meetings have been held, contacts have been made and leaflets distributed. He stated that he felt even this had not been enough because the committee has not been able to rally round it those forces who can be capable of organizing a real mass movement to back the Cuban revolution. He stated that the Trotskyites and the members of the CP, disguised as various committees, have been using the Cuban revolution. He stated that these people, while saying they are for the Cuban revolution are actually trying to demoralize and antagonize the workers and those who sympathize with the Cuban cause. He called on the conference to give this committee its full support in order that the work can be done in the right way.

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[redacted] of New York started her report by saying that she was very happy to be back in New York after being in Puerto Rico. She stated her trip there could not be called a pleasure trip because the only things she did there was to engage herself in contacting people whose names and addresses were given to her by persons with whom she is friendly. She stated that during her stay in Puerto Rico she ascertained that the only group in Puerto Rico that can be counted on in all sincerity is [redacted]

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[redacted] She stated that she had many discussions with students and student groups at the University in Puerto Rico. She stated that through her discussions she had found out that the CP is sending several people to Puerto Rico in an attempt to build up the Party there and they will probably use the same tactics and policy as the labor internationals have by imposing on them leaders from the mainland.

[redacted] of New York gave his usual annual report concerning the martime movement which consisted of a repeat of all the things he has said in the past and reflected no new activity.

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[redacted] of California gave a report on the West Coast. She stated she was very happy to report that they

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have been able to do a very good job and this has been so because they have been approaching the people there on day to day problems. She stated through the work concerning housing that they have done they have been able to contact old CP members, followers of the CP and also people who have never heard of this kind of politics. She stated that as unemployment is such a big problem there and growing, they have been able to do a good job working in the unemployment situation together with various welfare agencies. She stated because of this work there can be no doubt that the POC will become a very strong and fighting group. She stated that the connection of the POC with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has not been so successful as the NAACP leaders are more interested in giving the cause of the NAACP lip service instead of action. She indicated however, that the POC is now studying to find out a way in which they can push these leaders into turning their doubletalk into action. She stated that when she returns to the West Coast she will be able to give a good report on the conference because she has been impressed with the sincerity, the unity and the willingness to work that exists among the delegates from the different areas at the conference.

[redacted] an invited guest, stated it was with great satisfaction that he received the invitation to attend the POC Conference because he sees in the POC an organization which turns into action what the leaders of the organization preach. He said that before he had the pleasure of meeting the POC leadership he did not realize how many mistakes, politically and organizationally, he had been making. He stated that by meeting ARMANDO ROMAN he has learned in such a short time more than he learned during his previous political career. He stated that he wanted to say that the teaching and cooperation given him by the POC's great leader, ARMANDO ROMAN, has resulted in the creation of a real fighting organization as it is today, the MLPR. He stated that he has been criticized for being so close to a Communist group but that he feels the criticism comes from those who are not able to realize that the progress made by the MLPR has been as a result of the counseling received from ARMANDO ROMAN.

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[redacted] of New York reported on the work done by the Negro concentration club, the West Side Club. He stated that this club had been having difficulty under the policies of KENNETH BRUTON, who kept insisting on revisionist and delaying tactics. He stated that after BRUTON was dropped the club went on doing its work and he was glad to report that it had gone over its quota on the fund drive, had been able to distribute leaflets on the streets of Harlem, had held open air meetings and had members in some Negro organizations. He stated that we have been able to prove that the statement that it is improper to assign white people to do work in Negro organizations is incorrect. He stated this club has assigned white people and cited as an example [redacted] in Negro organizations and they have done a very good job. He stated that they have made a couple of mistakes in trying to get into these organizations. He stated that after joining some organizations they found out the leaders were opportunists and were only using the groups to collect money for their own benefit. He stated that after realizing this they not only abandoned the groups but have been trying their utmost to tell the people about these so-called Negro liberation leaders. He stated that this club will continue its work and will grow during the coming year because they have found the proper approach to their problems and are learning every day.

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[redacted] an invited guest from Chicago, who was introduced as the leader of a new Puerto Rican independence group and [redacted] JULIO PINTO GANDIA. [redacted] spoke in Spanish with [redacted] translating into English. He stated he was glad to have been invited to participate in the conference and said he was President of the Association for Independence of Puerto Rico. He discussed the development of his organization and the activity of JULIO PINTO GANDIA in trying to disrupt its organization. He stated that PINTO GANDIA attended one of their meetings and created great discontent among a group which had previously been unified. He stated that PINTO GANDIA has become an element of disruption and is engaged in trying to destroy rather than build the independence movement. [redacted] also cited the activity of [redacted] of Chicago, who is working with PINTO and who attends all of the meetings called in Chicago. He indicates a willingness to work but as soon as he becomes involved, he uses the same tactics and attitude as GANDIA.

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Following the above reports, the conference elected a balloting committee for the election of the National Committee, which consisted of [redacted]

[redacted] RAMON ACEVEDO, [redacted]

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Following the selection of this committee, a presiding committee, which was selected at the beginning of the conference, but whose names were not announced, was given the floor and ARMANDO ROMAN as spokesman presented the recommendations of the presiding committee. ARMANDO ROMAN stated that the presiding committee recommended the following people to be members of the POC National Committee:

[redacted] New York
ADMIRAL KILPATRICK, Cleveland
[redacted] Chicago
DOROTHY (LNU), a Negro female from Philadelphia
[redacted] New York
JAMES JACKSON, Cleveland
[redacted] New York
[redacted] West Coast
[redacted] Philadelphia
[redacted] Chicago
[redacted] Philadelphia
[redacted] New York
TOM SCRIBNER, West Coast
WINIFRED BELL, New York
[redacted] Philadelphia
[redacted] New York
[redacted] New York
BILL VILGA, New York
[redacted] Philadelphia
ARMANDO ROMAN, New York

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ARMANDO ROMAN then explained to the conference why [redacted] a member of the National Committee during the previous year, was not being recommended at this time. ROMAN stated that during the past year [redacted] became so imbued in his personal approach to things and has taken a negative trend in attitude toward working in accord with the collective group. ROMAN stated that [redacted] had taken on himself the writing of

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articles which, after publication and discussion, were discovered to contain many mistakes and confusion and as a result of this many arguments have occurred. ROMAN stated also that [redacted] personal behavior toward the female members of the staff has been such that he has not tried to stop using obscene language in their presence. ROMAN stated they have found that this attitude of [redacted] and his mistakes can be changed as they know he is a devoted Communist who has made many sacrifices toward the cause. ROMAN stated that the presiding committee would not recommend him but at the same time he will be given assignments and work to do so that the National Committee can watch him and if a change occurs in his attitude he will be called back as a member of the National Committee.

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ROMAN explained that before anyone votes he wanted to make it clear that the POC was an organization that was opposed to any kind of hypocrisy. He stated that no one in the POC was going to hold a position for any long period because this creates in the individual the belief that he owns the organization or the position. ROMAN stated he has been General Secretary of the organization for five years, that when he accepted this position it was during the founding caucus, because at that time he thought and those with him thought that he was the most experienced in this type of organizational work. He said that he was not going to retire but would probably do more work than before but it is necessary that we keep on developing our comrades and give them the chance of promoting themselves in order that no one in the POC thinks he is the only one that can hold important positions. He stated that in order to give young blood, an active and healthy leader and one who has proved himself able, the presiding committee was recommending [redacted] as the new General Secretary of the POC. ROMAN stated that with this recommendation he wanted to point out that [redacted] not only is accepting many sacrifices, but the first sacrifice is that he will be compelled to move to New York no matter how hard he may find this to do, as New York is the center of POC activity.

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ARMANDO ROMAN stated that the presiding committee recommended [redacted] as the next National Educational Director as he has proved himself a real fighter, willing to work and contribute, which he is proving now by being in the Dominican Republic doing work for the cause.

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ROMAN stated that [redacted] has sacrificed much of her time and effort to the POC and has in fact given more than five years of her life to the cause. He stated she has been doing the job of Finance Director since that office was left vacant and has done a good job. He said the presiding committee recommends her as the National Financial Director. He stated the presiding committee, considering personal sacrifices, preparation, knowledge of all types of work, her great experience in organization al work, proven to be one of the best in the POC and the old Party, recommended [redacted] as National Organizational Secretary.

ROMAN stated that considering his personal sacrifices, such as time, help and money, and as he has done a magnificent job as editor of "Vanguard", the presiding committee recommends BILL VILLA for National Editor of "Vanguard."

Following ROMAN's recommendations, the ballots were cast and the whole slate as recommended was accepted by the conference.

Following the election of the National Committee the conferenced ended.

There were approximately 75 members and invited guests at the conference.

The following individuals were in attendance at the conference:

Chicago

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[redacted] not a POC member

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Philadelphia

[REDACTED]

DOROTHY (LNU)

[REDACTED]

SANDY SMITH

[REDACTED]

(FNU) DAVIS, who is now believed to be a POC member

Cleveland

JAMES JACKSON and wife

West Coast

[REDACTED]

New York

ARMANDO ROMAN

[REDACTED]

ROMAN ACEVEDO and wife

[REDACTED]

ANTONIO VILLAR

[REDACTED]

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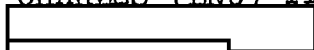
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CHARLES (LNU) from British Guinea



and an unknown Puerto Rican
male, both from the MLPR

attended on Sunday only

