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Our files indicate that subject organized and participated in a demonstration on November 5, 1960, in front of the Spanish Consulate in New York, New York, to "celebrate the twenty-fourth anniversary of Spanish resistance to Nazi-Fascism." The demonstration was orderly and it was estimated that approximately 35 persons participated in the demonstration. The demonstrators carried placards reading as follows:

"Amnesty for Spanish Political Prisoners"

"Stop All Aid to Franco"

"Strikes are Illegal in Spain"

"Spain Allows No Political Meetings"

"Franco Heir to Hitler"

"Franco Supplied Bases to Hitler in Spain -World War II"

"Free Labor Unions Outlawed in Spain"

For additional background information concerning the subject, you are referred to the visa records of the Department of State and particularly the visa applicant case of Maria Luisa Ricoy for whom the subject appeared as a witness in 1944.

NOTE: CIA letter advises that a source indicates that subject who is president of the organization, Americans for Civic Action with headquarters in Jersey City, New Jersey, is reportedly the leader of "manifestations" in the United States against Spain. This source alleged that he subsidizes propaganda which is sent in large quantities to various places in Spain, namely to certain officials and including Franco himself. CIA advises it already has some information concerning subject which originated from the Bureau and requested further identifying data concerning subject.

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