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Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 12:30 p.m., in room 2228, New Senate Office Building, Senator Marlow W. Cook presiding.

Also present: J. G. Sourwine, chief counsel; John R. Norpel, Jr., director of research; Samuel J. Scott, associate counsel; and Alfonso L. Tarabochia, chief investigator.

Senator Cook. Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Soto. I do.

Mr. Sourwine. Tell us where you come from, your background, your education, and then your organization.

TESTIMONY OF MIKE SOTO

Mr. Soto. I got a poor education, I will admit that, but I studied when I was in prison, on the farm, and I have been to business school.

Senator Cook. Were you born in this country?

Mr. Soto. I was born in Puerto Rico. I am a citizen of the United States. I was a general mess-up. At one time I was going to be an evangelist and then certain problems prevented me from doing that, so I got into some trouble. I was sent to Indiana State Farm for that trouble. Then I was transferred from Indiana State Farm to Michigan City Prison due to a riot started down at the farm. Right after I got out of the prison I went back to Chicago where I was staying off and on. There I started a street gang; the Young Street gang in Old Town with the purpose of protecting the long hairs coming down there, the hippies, because they were attacked and jumped by the hippie hate hunters.

We fought the Young Lords a lot of times before they turned political and we kicked them out of Old Town. Then Cha Cha started coming down and giving us political raps, talked to us political; we should be doing this, you know, to help the poor people, start helping the poor people. So our organization, you know, we kind of liked the idea so we started helping people; like people who didn't have places to move to, who needed rent money and things like that.

Senator Cook. One other question I would like to ask you. At the height of your organization so far as protection is concerned with 36 members, how much money would you collect a week?

Mr. Soro. We can collect — it would depend. We didn't extort, that was the difference between us. When we needed the money we went out. If we didn't need the money, we would never go out.

Senator Cook. What did it cost to operate your organization, say a week or a month?

Mr. Soro. We didn't pay rent. We had everything free.

Senator Cook. I see.

Mr. Soro. And each member worked. We had working members.

Senator Cook. Let me ask you one other question.

What is your impression of Bernadine Dohrn?

Mr. Soro. I have talked to her and she is a violent maniac because when I talked to her she said, "Let's pick up arms, let's blow up this country apart until we take over."

Senator Cook. That is all.

Mr. Sornwix. Did you know Robert Avakian?

Mr. Soro. No, sir.

Mr. Sornwix. Sylvia Kushner, Dr. Quentin Young?

Mr. Soro. He is the movement doctor. He has taken care of me at times, at one time when I had blood poisoning in my arm. He is also an abortionist doctor, takes care of abortions.

Mr. Sornwix. Is he connected with the so-called Medical Committee for Human Rights?

Mr. Soro. He is connected mostly with student health organizations. In fact he is one of the main leaders.

Mr. Sornwix. Do you know where his offices are?

Mr. Soro. It is right by the university, it is in a shopping center, I do not know the address. I was there. I was treated by him. I was given medicine by him without a prescription. Shots and things like that. He told me any time I needed to doctor to come to him, free of charge, free service, free everything or any of my members or friends, family.

Mr. Sornwix. Mike Ansara, Stanley Aronowitz, Barbara Bonduant, Heather and Paul Booth, Don Bancroft, Carl and Ann Braden, Leonard Boudin?

You have no knowledge of Carl and Ann Braden? Would it refresh your memory to say that they were leaders in the Southern Conference Education Fund?

Mr. Soro. It sounds familiar, but that is all.

Mr. Sornwix. Jean Contenay. He is French.

Mr. Soro. No.

Mr. Sornwix. Wilbur Colon?

Mr. Soro. Colon?

That rings a bell but I can't place it. I know I talked to him.

Mr. Sornwix. Fred Cohen, Faith Carney?

Mr. Soro. We have a girl, it sounds similar to that as one of the first members of our organization.

Mr. Sornwix. What organization?

Mr. Soro. The Young Street organization.

Mr. Sornwix. She lived or lives at 1947 North Howe in Chicago.

Mr. Soro. She lived with us, she had to stay in the office, she was in charge of organizing and also money.