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IN AND FOR

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Saral Publications, Suc. et al.

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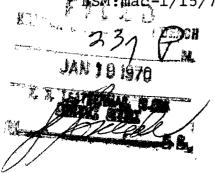
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

NO.

SARAL PUBLICATIONS, INC., a Florida corporation, and ARMANDO DeARMAS,

PATRIA, INC., a Florida

Plaintiffs,

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vs.

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COMPLAINT

WILLIAM A. HERIN

corporation, and LLANO MONTES, jointly and severally,

Defendants.

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The plaintiffs, SARAL PUBLICATIONS, INC., a Florida corporation, and ARMANDO DEARMAS, sue the defendants, PATRIA, INC., a Florida corporation, and LLANO MONTES, jointly and severally, and allege:

- 1. This is an action for damages in excess of \$5,000.00.
- 2. The plaintiffs are entitled to relief against the defendants upon the following facts:
- (a) The defendant, PATRIA, INC., publishes a Spanish language newspaper in the City of Miami, Florida, known as PATRIA.
  - (b) The defendant, LLANO MONTES, is an employee of said newspaper, and in the course of his employment he authored the various articles which form the basis of this action.
    - (c) The said paper is a daily Spanish

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language newspaper and has a large and flourishing circulation, particularly in and about the Dade County area, and generally elsewhere in the State of Florida and the United States.

- (d) At all times hereinafter mentioned, plaintiff, SARAL PUBLICATIONS, INC., was the publisher of various magazine-style publications, among which are the magazines BOHEMIA, VANIDADES, ROMANCES, CORIN TELLADO and BORICUA.
- (e) At all times hereinafter mentioned, plaintiff, ARMANDO Dearmas, was one of the principal stock-holders in the plaintiff corporation, SARAL PUBLICATIONS, INC.
- attached hereto and made a part hereof as if fully set forth herein, the defendant corporation, PATRIA, INC., acting by or through its agent, servant or employee, LLANO MONTES, or such other agents, servants or employees of the defendant corporation whose names and addresses are unknown to the plaintiffs, acting within the scope and course of their agency, falsely and maliciously composed and published the statements contained in Exhibit A in the newspaper PATRIA. The statements contained in Exhibit A are true and correct translations of the statements contained in the newspaper PATRIA.
- 3. The libelous material set forth in Exhibit A was intended to convey the meaning to the Spanish-speaking community which comprised its readers, such matters

as would tend to subject plaintiffs to hatred, distrust, ridicule, contempt and disgrace among the Spanish-speaking community, and to cause the Spanish-speaking community to cease purchasing the magazines of plaintiff, SARAL PUBLICATIONS, INC.

- 4. On the 2nd day of January, 1970, the plaintiffs, pursuant to Florida Statute 77.01, served notice in writing by Certified Mail on the defendant, PATRIA, INC., specifying the articles and statements therein which were alleged to be false and defamatory.
- 5. Defendants have failed and refused to publish a full and fair correction, apology and retraction of the aforesaid libelous statements in the corresponding issue of said newspaper in as conspicuous a place and type as was utilized in said articles. Said articles reveal on their face that they are based on hearsay, that they are false and their falsity could have been ascertained by the defendants prior to their publication.
- 6. The aforementioned articles are libelous per se or are libelous per quod.
- 7. As a direct and proximate result of the composition, printing, publication, circulation and distribution of the aforesaid material and the selling, circulation and distribution of said newspaper wherein said material was contained, the plaintiffs have suffered and sustained great injury and damage to their good name, credit and reputation. More particularly, plaintiff, ARMANDO DeARMAS, has suffered damage to his personal, social, business and professional

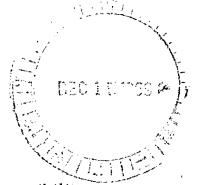
life, has been held up to hatred, distrust, contempt and ridicule and has suffered and will continue to suffer great embarrassment and humiliation, mental pain and anguish, and has suffered and will continue to suffer great financial loss by reason of the injury done to his good name, credit and reputation. Plaintiff, SARAL PUBLICATIONS, INC., has suffered damage to its good name, credit and reputation, and in being held up to hatred, distrust, contempt and ridicule, has suffered and will continue to suffer loss of revenue in the sale of its magazines as a result thereof.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs sue defendants, jointly and severally, and request compensatory damages in the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) and punitive damages in the sum of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00). Plaintiffs request trial by jury.

SMITH, MANDLER, SMITH & PARKER Attorneys for Plaintiffs 407 Lincoln Road Miami Beach, Florida 33139

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#### EXCERPTS

# "Patria" - July 23, 1969 - Page 5, column 1

... "because the Cuban Bohemia has an enormous responsibility for the sovietization of the island and in the exile, Mr. Quevedo has not done anything other than continue a leftist demagogic Bohemia, wherein they have admitted all of their complex and frustrations and it has continued to be a poisoning magazine"...

### <u>"Patria" - August 29, 1969</u>

... "ARMANDO DE ARMAS, the new proprietor of Vanidades, Romances, Bohemia and other magazines of Cuban procedence, that has offices in Miami and New York and that speaks Spanish, gets greatly disgusted when people ask him: Are you Cuban?

The biggest offense that one can hurl against de Armas is to ask him if he is Cuban.

We know what you are going to say if this note upsets you: that he has as employees many Cubans in his publications"...

#### "Patria" - September 12, 1969

... "THE MAGAZINE "Romances" will not be edited any more. This proves that Armando de Armas, the new proprietor of this chain of publications perhaps knows quite a bit about distribution of books and newspapers but is ignorant with regards to the editing of magazines. Don Armando purchased a flourishing company and in less than seven months said company has soured. He instituted in Puerto Rico a string of intrigues in "Bohemia" and "Boricua", two flourishing companies, following the advice of a delinquent in the industry, terminating said adventure in the mass firing of the newspapermen that produced these publications, with the subsequent economic disaster. And to think that because of a salary there were newspapermen that when Armando purchased these companies gave him one thousand honorary titles and were at the brink of designating him one of the seven wise Greek men. One has to live to see"...

# "Patria" - September 19, 1969 - Page 15, column 5

... "A friend of mine warned me that I should be careful with what I published with regards to Bohemia and the death of Quevedo, because there is a "gang" ready to give me a beating. He recommended me that I should carry a night stick in my automobile.

I answered my friend that I am not concerned with the "gang" because here there are no more tough people. These toughies should really bit up Fidel Castro or the "friends" of Quevedo that provoked his death and pushed him in order for them to retain Quevedo's position."...

#### "Patria" - October 31, 1969

..." STRICTLY true. One of the workers of the company Vanidades, the editors of the magazine Bohemia, was at the brink of being fired because he had a sick child and this constituting the reason for an increase in the cost of health insurance of the company. The chief of the department went over to the employee and told him: "Look pal, I have saved your

food because they were going to throw you out because you consume too much of the health insurance of the company because of the sickness of your child".

Answer of the unhappy worker: And what do you want, that I should let my child die so that they will not increase twenty dollars a year on the premium of the Vanidades-Bohemia company?

I want that my readers should put their hands on their heart and that they sould tell me whether this is not the same than the famous walls of Fidel Castro in Cuba"...

# "Patria" - October 22, 1969 - Page 5, column 1

Operation Bean Plate - Was in Miami the Pro-Castro Director of "Bohemia", Consalvi

... "In order to conjure the crisis of Bohemia", the most useful of the organs of publicity that the castrismo has outside of Cuba, the chief of these publications, Armando de Armas, brough to Miami the pro-comunist director of that publication, Simon Alberto Consalvi;;...We imagine the words that de Armas told Consalvi before they came to Miami: "These hungry exiled newspapermen, we shall sit them in a table, we shall fill their stomacks and we shall resolve our problems of Bohemia. It is good that everybody should know that Mr. de Armas has an erroneous concept of the Cuban exile and especially of the newspapermen that work in Miami... Mr. de Armas only thinks about his business and is trying to avoid that the Cuban colony in Miami stops the purchase of Bohemia, Vanidades, Corin Tellado, Selene and all his other publications that belong to his company...The conscious of the Cuban exile cannot be purchased with some food in one of the restaurants.

Needless to say there were valiant voices that were raised against the humiliating maneuver of de Armas-Consalvi and have placed the things in their place"...

# "Patria" - October 17, 1969 - Page 17, column 1

# ROMANCES TO CARACAS - STRANGE CHANGES IN ITS EDITORS -

..." A few weeks ago it was announced that the magazine "Romances" was closing. We have been informed of a series of rumors and that these rumors indicate that Armando de Armas, chief executive of these publications, will print and edit "Romances" in Caracas in order to evade the American laws.

The closing of the magainze Romances appears to be a maneuver of de Armas in order to evade the American laws and his rightful proprietor Armando Suris, because he is projecting moving the magazine Romances to Caracas"...

#### <u>"Patria" - Sept. 19, 1969 - Page 10, col. 4</u>

#### CUBA HAS 2 BOHEMIA, THE ONE IN HAVANA AND THE ONE IN CARACAS -

The biggest compliment that one can make to the Argentine adventurer Ernesto "Che" Guevara.... has just been given by Bohemia of Caracas. This is not the Bohemia of Fidel Castro, it is Bohemia of Armando de Armas, the same that contributed to the sovietization of Cuba and that now pretends to sovietize

Venezuela and to bring to the homeland of Bolivar the chains of offense and slavery.... Is there any difference between the Bohemia of Fidel Castro and the one of de Armas?.... The reaction that has awakened in the Cubans of the exile these reports complimenting Castro, Guevara and the Cuban communist regime is of such magnitude that the majority of the businesses in Miami and New York have decided not to sell the magazine Bohemia. In Caracas numerous agencies of publicity have decided to remove their advertisements, the same thing in San Juan, Puerto Rico where it is rumored that the government of the island will recommend its dependencies that they should not insert one inch of advertising in that publication."....

# "Patria" - Sept. 19, 1969 - Page 28, col. 3

# FIRED FOR BEING UPRIGHT CUBANS FIRED BY BOHEMIA BECAUSE THEY WOULD NOT DELIVER THE MAGAZINE

..." Five Cuban refugees were fired in Miami by representatives of the magazines "Bohemia", "Vanidades", "Romances", "Corin Tellado", "Boricua" and others because they categorically refused to deliver to the newsstands the magzine Bohemia which published articles in favor of "Che" and Castrocommunist Cuba. These employees were: Manolo Romero Padilla, congressman in Cuba before Castro, Jesus Rodriguez, Dagoberto Ruiz, Cesar Cubas and Raul Soberon. These fellow countrymen stated: "We must work in order to support our families but we would rather starve than deliver a magazine that is in favor of the bad cause that forced us to abandon our beloved island. We expect that Latin Americans will not be willing to replace us. As for Cubans, we are sure that they will not be willing to deliver a magazine which praises that well known killer called "Che" Guevara.

We asked the above mentioned workers if they had previously deliver Bohemia and they answered: "We certainly did and this is what aggravates us. But we want it to be known that they were given to us wrapped and sealed, we could not even see the cover and we were not entitled to an issue of the magazine. When we learned of the contents in the magazine, we yelled up to heaven and that is the reason we were fired"....

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR DADE COUNTY

SARAL PUBLICATIONS, INC., a Florida corporation, and ARMANDO DEARMAS,

Plaintiff's

CIVIL ACTION

PATRIA, INC., a Florida corporation, and LLANO MONTES, jointly and severally,

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#### THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

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To All and Singular the Sheriffs of said State:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to serve this summons and a copy of the complaint or petition in the above styled cause upon the defendant: PATRIA, INC. and LLANO MONTES

PATRIA, INC., a Florida corporation 2323 LeJeune Road Coral Gables, Florida

BY SERVING: Armando Garcia Sifredo, President & Director

-or, in his absence-

Alberto Rodriguez, Secretary-Treasurer & Director

-or, in his absence-

Nicholas F. Fuentes, Director

ALL AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS

-or, in their absence-

David A. Frank, 1464 W. Flagler St., Miami, Fla.

Resident Agent

LLANO MONTES 2323 LeJeune Road Coral Gables, Florida

Each defendant is hereby required to serve written defenses to said complaint or petition on

SMITH, MANDLER, SMITH & PARKER

Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is: 40

407 Lincoln Road

Miami Beach, Florida 33139

within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service, and to file the original of said written defenses with the Clerk of said Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_\_

E.B. LEATHERMAN, as Clerk of said Court

as Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

NO. 70-977 (Herin)

SARAL PUBLICATIONS, INC., a Florida corporation, and ARMANDO DeARMAS,

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Plaintiffs,

vs.

AMENDED COMPLAINT

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PATRIA, INC., a Florida corporation, and LLANO MONTES, jointly and severally,

Defendants.

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Plaintiffs, SARAL PUBLICATIONS, INC., a

Florida corporation, and ARMANDO DeARMAS, pursuant to Rule

1.190, prior to the answer of any of the defendants, do

hereby amend their original complaint in the following manner:

- 1. The plaintiffs re-aver and re-allege each and each and every of the allegations in the original complaint, Paragraphs 1 through 7, as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. Subsequent to the filing of the original complaint, the defendants, jointly and severally, did cause to be published in subsequent issues of the newspaper PATRIA on January 14, 1970, January 16, 1970, and January 23, 1970, false, malicious and libelous material, which said material is libelous per se or libelous per quod; all of said publications being willfully designed to defame the plaintiffs and are subjecting the plaintiffs to hatred, distrust, ridicule, contempt and disgrace among the Spanish speaking

community. Copies of the English translations of said articles are attached hereto, made a part hereof and designated Exhibit B.

3. That said subsequent publications were made by the defendants, jointly and severally, willfully, intentionally and with malice aforethought, knowing that said articles were false and libelous, per se or per quod, and was done to injure, annoy, harass and cause plaintiffs additional damage.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs sue defendants, jointly and severally, and request compensatory damages in the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) and punitive damages in the sum of THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,500,000.00). Plaintiffs request trial by jury.

> SMITH, MANDLER, SMITH & PARKER Attorneys for Plaintiffs

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Amended Complaint was this 29th day of January, 1970, mailed to: Patria, Inc., 2323 LeJeune Road, Coral Gables, Florida, via Certified Mail No. 791639, Return Receipt Requested; and to Llano Montes, c/o Patria, Inc., 2323 LeJeune Road, Coral Gables, Florida, via Certified Mail No. 791640, Return Receipt Requested.

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Translation of the article in PATRIA dated 'Wednesday, January 14, 1970

Answering with the Truth
WE SHALL NOT ALLOW THEM TO SILENCE US FOR FEAR
Our New Answer to the Announcement of a Lawsuit

IN THE ANSWER that we published last Friday to the law firm of Smith, Mandler, Smith and Parker of Miami Beach, that represents Armando de Armas and the Venezuelan and Panamanian enterprises that publish the magazines Bohemia, Vanidades, Corin Tellado, Selene, Sayonara, Boricua, Romances, etc., etc., we omitted due to lack of space, the retraction that they request in connection with the article published in PATRIA, Friday the 19th of December 1969, under the title: INCREDIBLE, BUT TRUE: PRO-CASTRO PROPAGANDA IN THE NOVEL CORIN TELLADO.

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Patria	said	on	Friday,	December	19,	1969	on	page	30:

Up to here is what PATRIA said on the 19th of December, 1969 relating to the published in the photonovel CORIN TELLADO which the attorneys of Armando de Armas want a retraction.

Where is the difamation, where is the calumny, where is the lie?

Is it a lie that in that photonovel CORIN TELLADO, issue 133, appears the photographs of "Che" Guevara? Is it a lie to give your opinion that these photographs and the title of that photonovel of CORIN TELLADO constitute a subtle propagarda in favor of Castro? Isn't this a very ingenuous form of introduce a compliment to the assassin "Che" Guevara? Didn't this magazine CORIN TELLADO, issue 133, circle it throughout America?

The pretentions of Armando de Armas and his enterprises, VANIDADES, BOHEMIA, CORIN TELLADO, SELENE, ROMANCES, etc., is too much for the dignity of the Cubans. This gentleman pretends, nothing less than, that the Cuban exiles that are his biggest buyers of these magazines in Miami, Puerto Rico, New York, Caracas and other cities of America, because of the Cuban origin of these magazines, permit themselves to be insulted with the compliments

to "Che" Guevara and Fidel Castro, killers of their brothers, responsible for their exile, responsible for the hardships that they go through in foreign lands. Do they want something else? Do they want that nobody should protest, nobody should confront them, that the dignity of the Cuban exiles be subjugated and accept, without question, these compliments to their executioners? Isn't this too much to ask by Armando de Armas and his enterprises VANIDADES, BOHEMIA, CORIN TELLADO, etc.

PATRIA has the obligation to answer to what the Cubans consider an offense to their dignity and to their decorum; and nobody, no Armando de Armas, no attorneys in the world, will obligate us to avoid our obligations as Cubans and as intellectual leaders in the exile.

We are here, and we shall continue to refuse this type of thing and to defend our democratic ideology against all who pretend to mock the suffering and the agony of the Cuban people in exile.

We shall not retreat one inch in our rights to inform, render our opinion, criticize and defend our points of view.

Translation of article in PATRIA - Friday, January 16, 1970

#### CAUGHT IN THEIR OWN TRAP

This is how it was published in the magazine "Corin Tellado" edition withdrawn from circulation. in the new edition. Observe that the

This is the way it came out published "Che" does not appear.

This is how it was published in the edition that later was retired from circulation.

This is the way it appeared in the new edition of "Corin Tellado". Observe that they covered the text"Che Alive"

They Changed the Drawings in the Magazine THEY WITHDREW AN EDITION AND THEY SUBSTITUTE IT FOR ANOTHER This Represents a Confesion of Culpability

WHAT THE directors of the magazine CORIN TELLADO have just finished doing, and which we have surprised with their hands on the goods, is proper of these professional gamblers that mark the cards or they hide the cards in the sleeves of their jackets. We don't know if they contracted the services of Houdini or in what form they arranged to have disappeared from Miami issue 133 of CORIN TELLADO, where the murdered "Che Guevara" appeared and they substituted for another issue 133 with the same cover, the same name, the same bearded protagonist, the same girl but in the place where the picture of the sinister Argentine adverturer, now doesn't appear(see pages 40, 41 and 42. If there wasn't any premeditated intention why did they pick up or why didn't they circulate the original issue 133 of CORIN TELLADO? If there wasn't any propaganda interest relevant to the sinister figure of "Che" Guevara, if there wasn't any intention to promote publicity with this system of indirect compliment. why is the rush to retire from circulation thousands of magazines that cost a significant amount of money? In the American criminal courts when the 'corpus delicti" does not appear the accused is innocent. In the era of the turbulent Chicago, the cadavers were sprinkled with gasoline and they were converted into ashes and nothing happened. Everything appears to indicate that this is what they pretend to do with issue 133 of CORIN TELLADO, making it disappeared of circulation as if by magic. (And let it be known that it is not our intention to compare the proprietors of Vanidades, Bohemia, and Corin Tellado with the gangsters of Chicago. If by any concidence they find themselves affected we are hereby retracting the statement right now).

But, it just so happens that the "corpus delicti" is in the hands of PATRIA and no matter the number of magazines they are hiding or burning of retiring of circulation, we will always have the copies in our possession.

The comrades of CORIN TELLADO will have to invent a good story to their attorneys, the law firm of Smith, Mandler and Smith and Parker, in order to explain to them the motives that they had in order to make disappear the original issue No. 133 of CORIN TELLADO. And they would have to explain to them why did they make another issue of CORIN TELLADO eliminating the photographs and the writings regarding the "Che". Won't these attorneys, in view of the strage attitude of their clients, feel that they are viewing a crime? (a breach of the law).

We are anxious to know how the editors of the above referred to magazines are going to explain before a tribunal, their strange attitude in connection with the original issue 133 of CORIN TELLADO.

Translation of the article in PATRIA dated Friday, January 23, 1970 (page 8).

NEWSPAPERMEN PROTEST THE LAWSUIT AGAINST PATRIA

With the enthusiastic presence of a good group of professional Cuban newspapermen who are presently exiled, last Sunday was constituted the Provincial College of Newspapermen of Havana, in conformity with what is prescribed and ordained in the Statutes and Code of Professional Ethics of the CNP.

The first resolution adopted ......

Another resolution adopted was to support the campaign of Cubans in favor of the freedom of Orlando Bosch.

Another resolution was to denunciate the situation of the newspapermen who are still in prison in Cuba and to condemn the threat of a lawsuit against the newspaper PATRIA on part of the Venezuelan corporation that is presided by Armando de Armas, considering that PATRIA and its columnist; the newspaperman Antonio Llano Montes, the only thing that they have done is to denounce and combat the information in articles pro-Castro which appeared in magazines of this enterprise domiciled in Venezuela.

Translation of the article in PATRIA dated Friday, January 23, 1970 (front page)

INSTITUTED A LAWSUIT FOR ONE MILLION AGAINST PATRIA

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Mr. Armando de Armas cannot suppose that he, with his magazines, can make pro-Castro propaganda and propaganda in favor of "Che" Guevara, assassin of thousands of Cubans, and that we must remain quiet.

We don't have a million dollars but we have 10 millions worth of self-respect and patriotism in order to answer the present circumstances.

After all, we are in a free country and they will not condemn us to be fusillated.

This, at least, is an advantage.



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SARAL PUBLICATIONS, INC., a Florida corporation, and ARMANDO DeARMAS,

Plaintiffs,

ORDER OF DISMISSAT

vs.

PATRIA, INC., a Florida corporation, and LLANO MONTES, jointly and severally,

Defendants.

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard before me on the motion of the plaintiffs for a voluntary dismissal in accordance with Rule 1.420, and the Court being advised that the defendants have not filed their Answer to the Complaint, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is thereupon

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the plaintiffs'
Complaint be and the same is hereby dismissed.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Dade

County, Florida, this 31 day of Murch, 1970.

Recorded this day of 100 10 10 in Circuit Court Minute Book and Page noted below.

E. B. LEATHERMAN Clerk Circuit Court

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Plaintiffs,

vs.

PATRIA, INC., a Florida corporation, and LLANO MONTES, jointly and severally,

Defendants.

MOTION FOR VOLUNTARY DISMISSAG

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Plaintiffs, pursuant to Rule 1.420, move the Court for the entry of a voluntary dismissal, and would show unto the Court that the defendants have not filed their Answer to plaintiff's Complaint, and in accordance with said Rule, plaintiffs are entitled to a voluntary dismissal.

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Of Counsel