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1. FOLLOWING ODENVY REP AND STATION VIEWS RE POSSIBLE CONTACT WITH GIBSON IN [BLANK] BY OSTEBSIBLE CONSULAR OFFICER PER REF B. ODENVY REPORT CABLE PLAN TO HIS HQS AND ASKING APPROVAL.

A. JUDGE INANITIOUS WILL NOT BE CONCERNED THAT APPROACH TO GIBSON MIGHT EXPOSE THEIR TECH OP AS LONG AS AMERICAN REP REFERS TO STATSSIDE INVESTIGATION AS SOURCE OF INFO RE GIBSON CONTACT WITH OSWALD.

B. BASED INFO ODENVY BERN FILES APPEARS GIBSON GENERALLY UNCOOPERATIVE, THUS POSSIBLE HE WILL NOT AGREE TO TALK RE OSWALD. ODENVY REPORTS RELATE HIS PHILANDERING AND BLACKMAIL ACTIVITIES, CITE HIS STATEMENTS THAT HIS FIRST CONCERN IS HIMSELF, THEN THE NEGRO RACE AND THAT HE WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE UNITED STATES.

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C. IF APPROACH MADE IN SUISSE IT BEST DONE WITHIN CONSULAR CONTEXT AND BY GENUINE CONSUL IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF SECURITY OR STEALTH IN EVENT GIBSON PRESENCE SUISSE AND CONTACT BY AMERICAN AUTHORITIES SUBSEQUENTLY PUBLICIZED.

D. INTERVIEW BY CONSUL NOT LIKELY TO BE AS COMPLETE AS IF HANDLED BY EITHER ODENVY OR KUBARK REP BUT ON BALANCE FOR REASONS CITED ABOVE BELIEVE APPROACH BY GENUINE CONSULAR REP PREFERABLE.

E. CONTACT WITH GIBSON COULD BE MADE (1) BY HAVING CONSUL GO LAUSANNE AND TRY CONTACT GIBSON AT RESIDENCE (2) HAVE CONSUL PHONE AND ASK GIBSON COME BERN FOR INTERVIEW (3) HAVE CONSUL PHONE AND ASK IF GIBSON WILL RECEIVE CONSUL FOR INTERVIEW AT LAUSANNE. TEND FAVOR COURSE (1) BECAUSE OTHER COURSES WOULD ALERT GIBSON AND GIVE HIM CHANCE REFUSE ANY CONTACT.

F. BELIEVE INTERVIEWER SHOULD NOT TRY ELICIT INFO FROM GIBSON BUT IMMEDIATELY INDICATE REASON FOR CONTACT IS TRY CLARIFY ALL BACKGROUND RE PRESIDENT KENNEDY DEATH, THAT INVESTIGATION IN STATES HAS REVEALED THAT GIBSON FORMER ASSOCIATE OF OSWALD AND THAT STATE DEPT HAD ASKED INTERVIEWER DISCUSS OSWALD WITH GIBSON.

G. IF INTERVIEW HELD IN AMCONSUL BERN OFFICE WOULD COVERTLY RECORD IT.

2. AMB DAVIS AND DCM KELLERMANN BRIEFED RE CASE ON
29 NOVEMBER. THEIR VIEWS AS FOLLOWS: ALTHO THEY BELIEVE BETTER INTERVIEW JOB COULD BE DONE BY ODENNY OR KUBARK REP THEY APPRECIATE THAT CIRCUMSTANCES MAY MAKE USE OF CONSULAR OFFICER ADVISABLE. (FYI ODENNY REP RELUCTANT UNDERTAKE TASK BECAUSE OF STANDING INSTRUCTIONS HE NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY MATTER WHERE HE MIGHT LATER HAVE TO APPEAR AS WITNESS IN COURT PROCEEDING.) THEY WILLING MAKE CONSULAR OFFICER AVAILABLE BUT WISH HAVE INSTRUCTION FROM STATE DEPT TO THIS EFFECT. (FYI AMB WHO HAS JUST TAKEN CHARGE DEFERS TO KELLERMANN VIEWS RE ACTION ADVISABLE.)

3. IT MADE CLEAR TO AMB AND DCM THAT ODENNY HAS EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OSWALD CASE BUT THAT KUBARK COOPERATING CLOSELY. DCM SUGGESTED THAT VIEW SLOWNESS OF ODENNY COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL IT PREFERABLE HAVE CONTACT WITH DEPT RE USE OF CONSULAR OFFICER BE HANDLED THRU KUBARK CHANNELS. ELMARD REPLIED STATION PREPARED TRANSMIT ANY MSG AMB DESIRED BUT SUGGESTED AMB WAIT UNTIL ODENNY REP RECEIVED GUIDANCE FROM HIS HQS RE CASE. AMB CONCURRED.

4. ELMARD INFORMED AMB AND ODENNY REP HE INTENDED REPLY TO QUERIES WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED FROM KUBARK HQS, WOULD FORWARD FOR HQS INFO ONLY VIWS OF AMB, ODENNY REP AND ELMARD RE POSSIBLE APPROACHES RE GIBSON INTERVIEW, ASK HQS DEFER ANY APPROACH TO DEPT UNTIL ODENNY REP RECEIVED GUIDANCE FROM HIS HQS.

5. KUBARK ONLY. ODENNY REP CONCERNED AND EMBARRASSED
THAT FIVE DAYS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE HE SENT FIRST MSG TO HIS
HOS AND NO REPLY RECD YET. HE HAS SENT ADDITIONAL NIAC
CABLE REQUESTING IMMEDIATE REPLY.

6. CHECK AMMB BERN FILES REVEALS NO INFO RE GIBSON.

7. INANITON REPORTS THAT INFO FROM LAUSANNE INDICATES
GIBSON TENTATIVELY PLANNING GO FRANCE WHEN DEPARTS SUISSE
PRIOR TO 15 DECEMBER. DATE HIS DEPARTURE NOT KNOWN.

8. FURTHER INFO FROM INANITON CONFIRMS THAT ALBERT
SCHWEITZER COLLEGE, CHURWALDEN IS REPUTABLE SCHOOL WHOSE
CURRUCULUM PLACES EMPHASIS ON HUMANISTIC STUDIES AND WHOSE
GENERAL ORIENTATION IS AWAY FROM LEFT IN POLITICS. NO INFO
HAS EMERGED AS TO WHY PROCLAIMED MARXIST OSWALD WOULD
SEEK TO ATTEND SUCH A SCHOOL.

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CS Comments: *Station information on Gibson.
**Queried Station on wisdom and security of having ostensible Consular officer mail
in Gibson and question him about a possible connection with Oswald.