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1. (AFTERNOON 26 NOVEMBER [] 17 PASSED TO ODENVY

REF BERN [] REPORT WHICH QUOTED IN FULL IN ORIGINAL TEXT
 IN PARA 3 BELOW. ODENVY REP IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED ELMARD
 AND AFTER DISCUSSION REPORT CONTENT IT AGREED THAT ELMARD
 WOULD CONTACT [] SOONEST. IN ABSENCE [] MATTER DISCUSSED
 BY PHONE WITH [] ELMARD EMPHASIZED UT MOST IMPORTANCE
 WHICH ODYOKE ATTACHED TO FOLLOWUP THIS MATTER, RECEIVED PROMPT
 ANSWERS TO INITIAL QUESTIONS (SEE BELOW) AND ARRANGED MEET WITH
 [] IN COMPANY WITH ODENVY REP BERN.

2. (SUBJ IS RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON, BORN 13 MAY 31 LOS ANGELES,

US CITIZEN, RESIDES LAUSANNE SINCE APRIL 63. NEGRO JOURNALIST,
 ACTIVE NEW YORK CHAPTER FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE (FPCC)
 SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 60. BERN FILE REFS ESBA 12659,
 ESCW 1059, BERN 1864, OIRA 34821, DIR 64186, ESBW 9954, OELA 39346,
 PARI 2925, ESCA 5501. BOTH STATION AND ODENVY REP BERN HAVE BEEN IN

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3. FOLL TEXT [] MEMO.

REFERRING TO EARLIER CORRESPONDENCE IN WHICH WE GAVE INFORMATION ON GIBSON RICHARD THOMAS, BORN 13 MAY 1931 AT LOS ANGELES, JOURNALIST AND TRANSLATOR, US-PP. NO. B-131994, DOMICILED: LAUSANNE, WE JUST LEARN FROM A DELICATE SOURCE THAT GIBSON WAS ACQUAINTED WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD. IN A CONVERSATION ON 23 NOV (MORNING) GIBSON MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS (IN FRENCH) OF WHICH WE QUOTE-VERBAL-THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTS:

UNKNOWN INTERLOCUTOR: SINCERES CONDOLEANCES QUAND MEME.

GIBSON: AH OUI, ET PUIS ENCORE, LE TYPE ETAIT UN DES NOTRES

UNKNOWN: C'EST UN DINGUE (FOU).

GIBSON: J'AVAIS DE LA CORRESPONDANCE AVEC LUI, C'EST UN FOU, UN ANCIEN MARIN.

UNKNOWN: CA PEUT AVOIR DES CONSEQUENCES INCROYABLES.

GIBSON: OUI, OUI. JE NE SUFFPAS MECONTENT NON PLUS, MAIS C'EST POINT LA FACON DE CHANGER LES IDEES.

UNKNOWN: TU COMPRENS, SI MAINTENANT, ILS VEULENT ENGAGER UNE CAMPAGNE POUR ENVAHIR CUBA, IL N'Y A PAS DE PROBLEMES SA TOUT DE MEME; C'EST TRES GRAVE.

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GIBSON: OUI, MAIS "ALSO" C'EST UN TYPE QUI A ETE PORTE A MA CONNAISSANCE IL Y A DEUX ANS, PARCE QU'IL ETAIT ARRETE POUR AVOIR CRIE "VIVE FIDEL" DANS LES RUES DE DALLAS AU TEXAS. ALORS IL Y AVAIT TOUTE UNE HISTOIRE, IL M'A ECRIT DES LETTRES ET IL EST DEvenu MEMBRE DU COMITE (UNITEL-IGIELE)

UNKNOWN: (L'INTERGJMPANT) DE CUBA?

GIBSON: OUI, J'AI LA RADIO ICI, ON A DEJA PARLE DE NOTRES

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CÔMITE (UNTELLIGIBLE) ET TU PENSES, PAUVRE LY (PHONETIQUE)
A NEW YORK.

UNKNOWN: CE DOIT ETRE AFFREUX.

GIBSON: IL EST DANS UN BAIN ET AUSSI POUR TIBOR (PHONETIQUE)
ET TOUT LE MONDE, MOI JE SUIS TRES CONTENT D'ETRE ICI.

UNKNOWN: ET J'AIME MIEUX TE DIRE, LES INTERROGATOIRES NE VONT
PAS ETRE MOUS.

GIBSON: IL N'Y A PAS DE (UNTELLIGIBLE) PAR EXEMPLE,
TOUTE CETTE CORRESPONDANCE EST DEPUIS LONGTEMPS DETRUITE, MOI JAI
Ecrit tout ca...

AS MENTIONED IN OUR INFORMATION A LIMIT HAS BEEN SET
FOR GIBSON'S DEPARTURE FROM SWITZERLAND BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 1963.
DUE TO THE DELICACY OF THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION, WE MUST INSIST
THAT THE CONTENTS BE LIMITED IN CIRCULATION TO THE STRICTEST MINIMUM
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TRANSLATION

Sincere Condolences, *in spite of it all.*

Gibson: Oh, yes, and it ~~was~~ ~~the~~ ~~guy~~ the ~~guy~~ was one of ours.

Unknown: ~~xxxxxx~~ He's a nut.

Gibson: I ~~have~~ ^{had} the correspondence with him, ~~xxxx~~ he's a ~~nut~~ ^{lunatic},
an old sailor.

Unknown: ~~That~~ ^{That} ~~could~~ ^{have} ~~be~~ ^{be} incredible consequences.

Gibson: Yes, yes. I am not ^[garble] ~~happy~~ ^{unhappy} either.
but this is not at all the way to change (someones) ideas.

Unknown: You understand, though now, ~~if~~ they want to engage in ~~xxxxxx~~ a campaign to invade Cuba. There are no problems, all the same it's very grave.

Gibson: Yes, but he is also a fellow ~~//~~ who was brought to my attention ~~in~~ ^{two} years ago, for having shouted "Long live FIDEL" in the streets of Dallas, Texas. Well, that was quite a story. He wrote me some letters and he became a member of the Committee (unintelligible)

Unknown: (Are they breaking in ??) from Cuba?

Gibson: Yes, I have the radio here, they have already spoken of our Committee (unintelligible) and you think ^(Can imagine?) poor LY(phonetic) in New York.

Unkown: It must be frightful.

Gibson: He is in a ^{jail} bath and also for (tiber - phonetic) ^{??}
and everyone, As for me I'm very happy to be here.

Unkown: And I like it even more, I'll tell you. The
interrogators ~~won't~~ be gentle *(easy?)*.

Gibson: There is no (unintelligible), for example,
all this correspondence has been destroyed for a long time.
was destroyed a long time ago.

I have burned all that ...