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Attention: Deputy Director, Plans
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
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Reference is made to your letter dated September 10, 1963, your reference CSCI-3/777,806. (S)(u)

Permission is granted for your Agency to furnish the official source the data as requested. (S)(u)

It is desired that any additional information received through your sources concerning the whereabouts and activities of the subject be furnished to this Bureau. (S)(u)

- 2 - Legat, Bern (Enclosure)
- 1 - New York (Enclosure)

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NOTE FOR LEGAT, BERN, AND SAC, NEW YORK:

Enclosed for Bern is a copy of referenced CIA letter, which is self-explanatory. One copy is also enclosed for the information of New York, Office of Origin in this case. (S)(u)

- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit
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NOTE CONTINUED FOR LEGAT, BERN, AND SAC, NY:

For Bern's information, Gibson, a Security Index ^{STOP} subject of the New York Office, is former Acting Executive Secretary of pro-Castro organization, Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). In view of CIA's information indicating subject is presently in Lausanne, Switzerland, and its previous interest in this matter, authority is being granted for CIA to pass the requested information to their source in this instance. By separate communication pertinent reports concerning the subject are being furnished for Bern's information and future assistance in this matter. Bern should alert sources for any additional information regarding subject's activities and whereabouts. (S) (u)

NOTE:

CIA advised that [redacted] (S) furnished information indicating subject had recently arrived in Switzerland from Algiers. Subject reportedly came to Swiss attention through association with and working for an individual who has had numerous contacts in international leftist circles "of all shades." CIA's source requested background data re subject. (S)

We previously requested State Department and CIA to alert their sources when Gibson left the U. S. for Algeria. Subsequently, CIA advised by liaison that [it was giving consideration to possible utilization of Gibson on an intelligence mission inside Cuba. (S) It is noted subject, during previous FBI interview in the U. S., [indicated he would assist FBI and/or CIA in return for financial remuneration but not due to allegiance to U. S. (S) He stated he did not like the FBI (and matter was referred to CIA. (S) Ordinarily, we would furnish information from Bufiles to sources abroad through our Legal Attaches; however, in this instance it is felt CIA should be authorized to so handle in view of its previous interest in subject. Further, this is first indication of subject's residence in Switzerland and Legat, Bern, has no prior background concerning this matter. (S)

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10 SEP 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich
FROM : Deputy Director (Plans) JAR
SUBJECT : Richard Thomas GIBSON

Richard Gibson

1. [redacted] source has provided the following information on Subject.

a. Richard Thomas GIBSON, a U. S. citizen, born 13 May 1931 in Los Angeles, occupation: journalist and translator, arrived in Lausanne, Switzerland from Algiers in late April 1963 and he has resided there ever since. GIBSON, who holds U. S. passport B-131994 issued in Washington on 25 January 1961, is married to Joy Marjorie GIBSON, nee KAYE, a journalist and British Subject who holds British passport C 156546.

b. Subject came to the attention of the [redacted] source recently through his association with Fredy Gilbert Nils ANDERSSON. ANDERSSON, a Swedish citizen born 14 February 1933 in Lausanne, Switz. editor-publisher of "La Cite" and editor-secretary of "Societe co-operative CLARTEE EDITIONS" has offices at 10-11 Metropole, Lausanne. ANDERSSON has been known to have had for the past ten years numerous contacts in international leftist circles of all shades, including FLN-Algerians, Congolese, Angolese, other African politicians, Spanish emigres, French "refractaires anti-colonialistes", etc.

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c. Despite all the aforementioned contacts, ANDERSSON cannot be definitely labeled as a communist and is viewed with some reserve by the Swiss Communist Party (PdA) promineny. More recently ANDERSSON came to special notice for his close contacts with the CHICOM embassy in Switzerland, particularly with LAO Hain, the Cultural Attache. In April 1963 it was learned that ANDERSSON published a luxury-edition of a brochure, entitled "Leninisme et Revisionnisme Moderne" on CHICOM orders. This brochure raised many unfavorable reactions in PdA circles. Three thousand copies of this brochure are reported to have been shipped to China.

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d. When Vice-President ~~HO~~ Chun of the Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries stayed in Switzerland in April 1963, he reportedly met ANDERSSON and placed more orders for ANDERSSON to publish Chinese Communist brochures supporting the CHICOM line in the present Sino-Soviet ideological controversy.

e. ANDERSSON is the distributor for Switzerland of the monthly review "Revolution Africaine" which is published in Paris. Richard GIBSON and his wife are employed by ANDERSSON (i.e. for the Paris publishing firm) and they are responsible for translation, proof-reading, etc. of the English-language edition of "African Revolution" which is printed in Lausanne.

2. The [redacted] (S) source has no previous record of the GIBSONs nor any adverse information to date. [They have] requested information on them. Permission is requested to pass the following summary on Subject, taken from reports of your Bureau, to the [redacted] source (reference is made to your file on Richard GIBSON, No. 105-93072 and specifically to the reports on him dated 5 October 1961, 24 January 1962, 27 August 1962, 17 September 1962, 24 September 1962, and 20 May 1963):

a. Richard Thomas Gibson, American Negro journalist, born 13 May 1931 in Los Angeles, California, was active in the New York chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) from the time of its organization in the spring of 1960 until his departure for Algeria in the fall of 1962. The FPCC has been supported by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and Gibson has busied himself as well with other front groups in the United States supported by the SWP. (The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.)

b. Gibson apparently began to lose interest in the FPCC, partly because of inadequate pay and operating funds, by the spring of 1962 when he stated that he intended to leave the organization in the fall. Gibson left Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, in September 1962 for Algeria where he planned to work as a journalist for several South American and European newspapers (none identified) and to travel to Morocco, Ghana, Guinea and Mali before returning to the United States. Eventually, both Gibson and his wife were given posts with Revolution Africaine a journal reportedly financed by the Algerian Government.

c. Gibson's English wife, Sarah, was identified with the "English Bureau" of Revolution Africaine as of February 1963. Prior to his departure from the United States Gibson served as Executive Secretary

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