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The sources mentioned for the documentation of the Liberation Committee for Africa are the "New York Times" issue of 3/1/61 and PH 575. (NY report dated 4/21/61 - Bufile 105-98055 - Liberation Committee for Africa.)

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On 10/19/62, the following letter was received at the NYO:

"c/o Librairie Anglaise 42, rue de Seine Paris-VI, France

17 October 1962

"Mr. James Day Federal Bureau of Investigation 201 East 69th Street New York 21, N.Y.

"Dear Mr. Day:

"I can still be of use to you, even from here, if you think it worthwhile. The Committee could shut down within a few days without any serious difficulties, especially now that Lee has learned he isn't going to get any money from our friends in the Caribbean. Or as I said before, it could be preserved and made harmless for use as a cover for an information-gathering agency. S,

"If I am no longer here, Tony will know where to reach me.

"Best wishes, RG"

It should be noted that a copy of this letter was furnished to CIA by the Bureau on 10/26/62.

On 1/21/63, CIA advised that a reliable source informed them that he had approached ABDEKADER CHANDERLI, Permanent Representative to the UN for Algeria, for an opinion of the subject. CHANDERLI advised this source that subject was not someone the source should get close to and commented that subject is paid by the Cubans.

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On 12/24/63, Legat, Paris, advised that subject was interviewed by Mr. JOHN G. GASSETT, Acting Consul General, American Embassy, Paris, on 12/9/63, in connection with GIBSON's knowledge of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and his alleged activity in the FPCC.

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Legat, Paris, advised that DARWIN CURTIS,
CIA, Paris, stated that GIBSON may be of interest
to them in the future 5 They stated that an attempt
may be made to develop GIBSON as a source of information for CIA. 6

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Synopsis:

Source advised subject resided in Algiers from October, 1962, until April, 1963. While residing in Algiers, subject edited "Revolution Africane". Sources advised subject moved from Algiers to Lausanne, Switzerland, in April, 1963, and presently resides at 17 Escaliers du Marche, Lausanne, Switzerland, and is employed by the publication, "Africa, Latin America, Asia Revolution", 10-11 Metropole, Lausanne, Switzerland. Summary of activities set forth.

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On October 30, 1962, NY T-5 advised that a meeting of the FPCC was held on October 29, 1962, at 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. At this meeting, STEVE SELTZER, Treasurer of the FPCC, stated that the New York Chapter of the FPCC had been inactive during the previous year but that the inactivity had been caused by a person who has since left the United States and was residing in Algeria.. NY T-5 stated that SELTZER was referring to RICHARD GIBSON.

NY T-5 advised on November 13, 1962, that a meeting of the FPCC was held at $37\frac{1}{2}$ St. Marks Place, New York City, on November 8, 1962. During this meeting the source overheard a conversation in which it was stated that RICHARD GIBSON was living in Rome, Italy, in the company of a woman other than his wife. It was also stated that GIBSON's wife and their two children had departed the United States aboard a Yugoslav freighter destined for Europe.

On January 2, 1963, NY T-5 advised that on December 29, 1962, he had obtained a memorandum from FPCC Headquarters, 799 Broadway, New York City, which was directed to "To Whom It May Concern", stating that VINCENT TED LEE is hereby appointed Office Manager of the FPCC Juring the absence of RICHARD GIBSON. This memorandum was signed by RICHARD GIBSON.

On January 2, 1963, NY T-6, another government agency which conducts security type investigations, advised that subject was the subject of a newspaper article in the Front Liberation Nationale (FLN) newspaper, "Al Chaab". NY T-6 also advised that information was received that subject, in the past, attempted to establish an FPCC Chapter for Algeria.

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On December 12, 1962, NY T-7 advised that an investigation had been initiated in Tangier regarding subject and his associates. This investigation was being conducted by the Internal Security Branch of the Spanish High General Staff.

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On January 9, 1963, NY T-7 advised that the Spanish High General Staff reported that they had received no information regarding the subject as a result of their investigation.

On January 8, 1963, NY T-5 advised that DANIEL WATTS, Head of the Liberation Committee for Africa) received a letter from RICHARD_GIESON, who was in Algeria. *WATTS told the source that GIBSON was presently editing "Revolution Africane", an official publication of the Algerian Government. WATTS stated that GIBSON no longer had any connection with FPCC and wanted nothing further to do with this organization.

> A characterization of the Liberation Committee for Africa is contained in the Appendix of this report.

On January 16, 1963, NY T-6 advised that a reliable source in Algiers reported that the subject was to become a member of the editorial staff of a new weekly magazine, "La Revolution Africane", to be published in Algiers. The source stated that the magazine was to be sponsored by the Algerian Bureau Politique. The source stated that "La Revolution Africane" would follow the format of "Jeune Afrique", a weekly Tunisian paper, but would be "more to the left.

On January 28, 1963, NY T-5 advised that a meeting of the FPCC was held at 799 Broadway, New York City, on January 18, 1963. At this meeting, the source learned that RICHARD GIBSON had recently written to an FPCC member. In this letter, GIBSON stated that he was organizing a newspaper, "Revolution Africane", and that GIBSON was interested in getting individuals he had worked with previously to work with his staff. In this letter, GIBSON stated that his wife and two children were residing with him in Algiers.

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On September 10, 1963, NY T-6 advised that the following information had been received from an official Swiss source:

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RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON, a United States citizen, born May 13, 1931, in Los Angeles, occupation journalist and translator, arrived in Lausanne, Switzerland, from Algiers in late April, 1963, and has resided there ever since. GIBSON, who holds United States passport B-131994, issued in Washington on January 25, 1961, is married to JOY MARJORIE GIPSON nee/KAYE, a journalist and British subject who holds British passport C 156546.

Swiss source recently through his association with FREDY GILBERT NILS ANDERSSON. ANDERSSON, a Swedish, Top and citizen, born February 14, 1933, in Lausanne, editor-publisher of "La Cite" and editor-secretary of "Societe co-operative CHARTEE EDITIONS" has offices Sweden 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 emigrees, French "refractaires anti-colonialistes", etc.

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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) prominency. More recently, ANDERSSON
came to special notice for his close contacts with
the CHICOM Embassy in Switzerland, particularly with
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When Vice President LOCHUN 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.

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ANDERSSON is the distributor for Switzerland of the monthly review "Revolution Africaine" which is published in Paris. RICHARD GIBSON and his wife are employed ay 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.

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On October 11, 1963, NY T-12 advised that the following information had been obtained from a confidential source of known reliability:

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The publication "African Revolution" was created by the Algerian Front of National Liberation. Its English language edition is published in Switzerland. There have been several changes in the editorial composition and policy of "African Revolution" recently. Following a disagreement with BEN BELLA, JACQUES CAMILLE WERGES, the editor of the publication, was dismissed from his functions. VERGES/is an Algerian national who was born March 5, 1925. "His place as editor was taken by MOHAMED HARBI, former Secretary General of the Algerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since HARBI became editor, the editorial policy has Algerian changed and the June, 1963, issue of "African Revolution" indicated that the journal is now closely reflecting BEN BELLA's policy and attempting to promote a more Algerian image. (5)

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Although VERGES is no longer connected with the Algerian venture, he continues to publish the English digest of "African Revolution" from Lausanne, Switzerland. The July, 1963, issue was retitled "Africa, Latin America, Asia Revolution". The phrase "the third world", which is now in vogue among VERGES's group to describe the underveloped nations of Africa, South America and Asia, indicates the scope of the magazine in its new form. The source described this publication with which VERGES is presently connected as pro-Communist (C)

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Two members of the Lausanne office of the "African Revolution" have remained loyal to VERGES after he was replaced by HARBI. They are FREDY GILBERT NILS ANDERSSON, a Swedish national who was born on February 14, 1933, in Lausanne, and RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON, a United States citizen who was born May 13, 1931, in Los Angeles



ANDERSSON apparently heads the office of the Lausanne edition of "African Revolution" with offices at 10-11 Metropole, Lausanne. He is also editor-secretary of "Societe Cooperative Clartee Editions."

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GIBSON has United States Passport number
B-131994 which was issued at Washington, D.C. on
January 25, 1961. His wife is JOY MARJORIE GIBSON
neck(AYE, who was born July 12, 1926, in London. England
She is a British subject, carries British passport
C156546, and is also a journalist. She resides in
Lausanne at 17 Escaliers du Marche, where she
Tendrarived from Algeria in late April, 1963 (this is
presumably the residence of her husband, RICHARD
THOMAS GIBSON)

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According to the source, VERGES has been denied permission to enter Switzerland. The case against ANDERSSON is still pending (probably relating to whether or not he will be allowed to remain in Switzerland). RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON has been refused a Swiss resident's permit and has been ordered to depart from Switzerland before December 15, 1963.



On January 14, 1964, NY T-2 and NY T-5 were contacted, and they advised they had no recent information concerning the subject.