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Re Bureau airtel, dated 8/15/62, and NY airtel, dated 8/10/62.

The subject was interviewed on 8/16/62, by Supervisor HAROLD A. HOEG and SA JAMES A. DAY, in accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in re airtels. Subject was reasonably cordial but stated immediately upon learning the identities of the interviewing agents that he would prefer to talk with agents of CIA. (S)

Subject stated that he had, in 1953, first made a discreet attempt to offer his services to CIA in Italy, but nothing had come from this overture. He stated that since that time he had made attempts to contact CIA but this was the first time he had ever realized that the contacts were at all acknowledged. (S)

- ③ - Bureau (105-93072) (RM)
- 1 - New York (97-1791) (ROBERT TABER)
- 1 - New York (97-1792) (FPCC)
- 1 - New York (100-92522) (BERTA GREEN) #413
- 1 - New York (100-4013) (SWP) #413
- 1 - New York (88-) (ROBERT WILLIAMS)
- 1 - New York (100-114769) (WILLIAM WORTHY)
- 1 - New York (105-46848) (TED LEE)
- 1 - New York (105-42387)

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that WILLIAMS was a fugitive from justice, at which time the subject stated that he felt that the KENNEDY administration could have the Federal charges against WILLIAMS dropped and WILLIAMS could return to the US, though not to North Carolina. He stated that if WILLIAMS were "handled right", he would denounce CASTRO and the Cuban Government. This would be, in the subject's opinion, advantageous to the US from a propaganda viewpoint. The subject stated that at the present time WILLIAMS is attempting to leave Cuba to go to Africa, probably Guinea. The subject stated that he was not motivated to initiate this contact by any specific loyalty to the US Government, but he had gone to the FPCC because CBS had broken its promise to him and for money. He stated that he had received no money while at FPCC, and at the present time he is broke and living off his wife's unemployment check., He stated that he felt that Cuban leaders had operated stupidly and he detested stupidity. They had made mistakes, as US officials had. The subject stated that he was now in a position where he would assist the FBI and/or CIA in return for financial remunerations, but not because of any allegiance to the US. The subject stated that he would be receptive to make a public statement that the FPCC was a useless and ineffective organization if the terms (money) were right. (S) (u)

[The subject stated that he still hoped that CIA would contact him in Montreal, Canada, as he felt he could assist CIA in Latin America,] as in his position as head of the FPCC, he could more easily "get in places with leftist groups" than others. (S) He stated that he could also help CIA arrange to meet his "contacts" in Latin America, although he refused to identify any of these alleged contacts. (S) The subject stated that there have been no specific threats to his life, but there have been implied threats by the "counter-revolutionaries." (S) (u)

The subject stated that TABER had no influence in the FPCC, and described TABER as "no more a Communist than I am." He stated that TABER was mixed up and had a problem more domestic than anything else.

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The subject stated that LYLE STUART had given money to him as a friend. He described STUART as a maverick and one who liked to be different. The subject stated further that the Cuban Government officials had treated STUART badly since they refused to grant STUART a visa to visit Cuba. The subject stated that STUART was an honest man who would have reported things as he saw them. The subject said that this honesty was one of the reasons for STUART being refused the visa. 4

The subject stated that TED LEE was a harmless fanatic who had been trying to take over the FPCC. 4

The subject was asked what he considered a reasonable amount of money for his services, and he stated that he did not know. (S)(U) *

GIBSON indicated that he would be willing to publicly denounce the FPCC, that he was duped, that FPCC is a tool of the Cuban Government, that it is ineffective, and anyone still remaining loyal is just wasting his time, or any other tact subsequently determined to be the most effective course of conduct. However, there was an undertone that he would be paid for any efforts in this regard. He stated that it was his personal opinion that it would be much more effective to use the FPCC as a cover for intelligence and counter-intelligence purposes, but when questioned for his specific thinking in this regard, he commented only that this could probably be worked out later.] (S)

It is pointed out to the Bureau that it is the estimation of the interviewing agents that GIBSON is a very weasel-like character, evasive, opportunistic, with very little or no moral fiber at all. However, he has been reasonably well accepted by practically all segments of the radical left movement in NY, and to a limited extent in other cities. He is well acquainted with a group of what he considers to be young Negro intellectuals, but it is conceivable, if handled properly under some circumstances, he could conceivably prove of some value to this Bureau. 4

GIBSON, in the opinion of the interviewing agents, very obviously lied concerning his knowledge of subsidization of the FPCC on the part of the Cuban Government. During the interview the specific question ^{was asked} "How long has it been since he has" (M) *

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received any money from the Cuban Government; GIBSON replied, "Oh, it's been a long time...I mean never, since I've had anything to do with the organization..." Obviously GIBSON answered before he realized the full import of the question, and then attempted to backtrack. In addition to the above, there were many other areas where GIBSON either lied outright, or was extremely evasive in his answers.

(S)

The interview was concluded on a reasonably cordial basis, and the door left open for a recontact. It is the opinion of the NYO that GIBSON should be recontacted and interviewed within the next week or so, at which time a specific program could be worked out with GIBSON for disruption and ultimate dissolution of the FPCC. It is pointed out that the NYO is fully cognizant that currently GIBSON is serving as little more than a figurehead in the organization, and if he would merely drop from the organization, it is quite likely that the SWP or other radical elements would immediately fill the vacuum created by his resignation. 4

Following the next contact with GIBSON, the NYO will submit the detailed results of that interview, including its recommendation for both a tactical and strategic plan to be implemented to disrupt, dissolve, or at least neutralize the FPCC as a subversive organization. (S)

No specific commitment or other deal for payment for GIBSON's services will be made during the next contact, but the NYO's recommendation in this regard will be furnished with the results of the second interview. It is noted that GIBSON requested that he be placed in contact with CIA, but the NYO is recommending that this request be held in abeyance until such time as a final determination be made as to whether GIBSON with his background could be exploited by this Bureau. For the further information of the Bureau, the recontact of GIBSON will take place under reasonably identical circumstances, in a NYC hotel room under secure conditions. The NYO is closely following this matter, and the Bureau will be kept advised of all developments. (S)

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