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REFERENCES

- Report of SA JAMES F. HESKETH at NY, dated 5/16/61.
- Letter Legat Paris to Bureau, dated 4/21/61.
- NY letter to Bureau, dated 5/16/61.
- NY letter to Bureau, dated 6/21/61.
- WFO report of SA JOHN L. SPURGERS, Jr., dated 6/28/61.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Indices of the NYO contain no information which, without more identifying information, can be identified with WILLIAM SMITH, JOHN FLINT, Signor CURZIO MALAPARTE, JANET FLANNER, JOSEPH NEWMAN and J. MORRIS.

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Concerning the white woman mentioned by CSNY (2129)^(S)-S as having been observed at the UN with the subject, he is married to a white woman.

Concerning JOY THOMAS to whom subject made out a check for \$10.00 on 6/25/61, it is to be noted that subject's name is RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON, his grandmother's name is SADIE E. THOMAS and his wife's name is JOY MARJORIE GIBSON. The possibility exists that JOY THOMAS is actually subject's wife.

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Concerning S. BANKER and IRVING SCHWARTZ, who communicated with the subject in March, 1961, a STEVEN BANKER is a news writer at CBS, 485 Madison Avenue, NYC, where the subject was formerly employed. IRVING SCHWARTZ, 608 West End Avenue, NYC, operates Schwartz School Transportation from that address. From the above, it appears that the subject has routine contacts with these individuals. Therefore, no further investigation will be conducted concerning them.

The New York Telephone Company has been requested to furnish toll calls made by the subject from his residence for the past three to six months, and these toll calls are still being processed by that organization.

KEITH KERN, mentioned in the details of the report, is possibly identical with KEITH KERN, 21 Allen Street, NY, who made the FPCC tour to Cuba in December, 1960, (NY 105-46028).

ISOLDE DRECKMAN is possibly identical with ISOLDE DRECKMAN, subject of NY file 105-4401, who is reportedly closely associated with WILLIAM WORTHY.

Legat Paris in a letter dated 6/12/61, advised that records of the Renseignements Generaux Surete Nationale reflect that OLIVER W. HARRINGTON, mentioned in the information provided by him, is currently residing at 1 Avenue Du General Leclerc, Ivry-Sur-Seine, France. (X)(S)

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NY T-1 SOLOMAN KUTTNER US Mission to UN, NYC Text: [unclear]	Instant report by SA THOMAS J. MC SHANE (X)(u)

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SA RAYMOND E. BOYLE

NY T-3
NY 3164-S

Documentation of DANIEL WATTS.

NY T-4
PH 575-S

Documentation of Liberation Committee for Africa.

NY T-5
GUSTAVE SACHINE
Renseignements Generaux
General Investigative Section
Surete Nationale
Paris, France

Instant report to Legat
Paris, France

(s)

NY T-6
CG 5042-S

Documentation of PETER HUYN.

NY T-7
Records, Office of
Security
Department of State
American Embassy
Paris, France

Documentation of CLAUDE BOURDET.

NY T-8
NY 3164-S

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Legat Ottawa, Canada

NY T-14
SF 2011-S

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NY T-15
FLORENCE KEYINA
Panel Source, Seattle

Instant report

NY T-16
DOROTHY IRENE CAPASSO - PSI

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Documentation of ~~SIDNEY~~ FAULKNER

THOMAS FRANCIS KEATING
Old Town Road, Levitton, NY
(former Treasurer of the TWU of the CP)

NY T-23
CG 6464-S*

NY T-24
Anonymous

Documentation of SIDNEY LENS.

NY T-25
CG 6259-S

NY T-26
BEA HARPAY
Chicago PSI

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NY T-27
CG 5933-S

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NY T-28
CG 5792-S

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FRED W. DAY
Los Angeles PSI

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NY T-31-
NY 1286-S*

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NY 1537-S*

NY T-33
NY 694-S*

NY T-34-
NY 3227-S* (s)

NY T-35
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NY T-36
JOHN F. MULLADY
Credit Department
Chase Manhattan Bank
49th Street and Rockefeller Plaza, NY
(By Request)

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NY T-37-
NY 3186-PSI (s)

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NY T-38-
NY 3245-S*

NY T-39
Headquarters, US Army Communications
Zone, Europe, Office of the Director
of Security

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NY T-40
THOMAS P. MONAHAN, Jr.
Monahan Brothers, Incorporated
535 Gravier Street
New Orleans, Louisiana
(By Request)

NY T-41
NO 886-S

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols have been utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the source must be concealed.

Confidential source who furnished information concerning the subject's bank account is JOHN F. MULLADY, Credit Department, Chase Manhattan Bank, Rockefeller Center Branch, 49th Street and Rockefeller Center, NYC.

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Confidential source who furnished information concerning the subject's wife's bank account is T. E. SMITH, Jr., First National City Bank, 96th Street and Broadway, NYC.

Confidential source used to characterize WARREN MILLER is WILLIAM HOWARD DUFF, whose identity is concealed by request.

Confidential sources set forth in the characterization of the FPCC are NY 711-S and CG 5824-S* ~~(S)~~ (u)

Confidential sources set forth in the characterization of the Socialist Workers Party are NY 1013-S and NY 711-S

LEADS

CINCINNATI

At Columbus, Ohio

Will attempt to determine the nature of the contact had by Nationwide Insurance, 246 North High Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, with R. GIBSON, 788 Columbus Avenue, NYC, on 3/28/61, (as set out in NY report of 5/16/61).

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, DC

Will attempt to determine the nature of the contact had by the Treasury Department, Chicago, Illinois, with R. J. GIBSON, 788 Columbus Avenue, NYC, on 4/12/61, (as set out in Chicago letter to WFO, 6/26/61).

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will await results of attempts by Legat London to identify (FNU) CLAYMAN and a G. KAYE, who communicated with the subject from England during April, 1961. ~~(S)~~ (u)

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2. Will monitor the bank account of Mrs. JOY GIBSON, wife of subject, at First National City Bank, NYC.

3. Will continue reviewing subject's checking account at Chase Manhattan Bank, New York City.

4. Will obtain a list of toll calls made from the subject's residence during the past few months. (As set out in report of 5/16/61).

5. Will continue to follow and report the activities of the subject.

6. Will check CSNY-1^(u) in order to further identify MARC D. SCHLIEFER.

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Report of: JAMES F. HESKETH Office: New York, New York
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Title: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Synopsis: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON resides at 788
Columbus Avenue, NYC, and is Acting Executive
Secretary of the National Office of the
Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). He
is also employed by "Revolucion", a Cuban
newspaper, as a UN correspondent. He is also
Secretary of the Liberation Committee for
Africa. Some background information concerning
the subject is set out, as well as confirmation
concerning subject's bank account and his wife's
bank account. Also set out are the results of
subject's travel throughout the US [and Canada.] (S)
and his attendance at meetings of the FPCC. (S)
Subject testified before the Senate Internal
Security Subcommittee on 4/25/61, and 5/16/61.
Portions of this testimony are set out. Also
set out are results of a check of persons who
communicated with the subject during March and
April, 1961, as well as a description of the
subject.

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Personal Background Information

NY T-5, a confidential source abroad, on April 18, 1961, provided the following information concerning the subject and his activities while in France: (X)(S)

RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON, born May 13, 1931, at Los Angeles, California, was married at Paris, France, on March 24, 1956, to JOY MARJORIE KAYE, British citizen, who was born July 12, 1926, at London, England. They have two children, DOMINIQUE, born October 26, 1956, at Paris, and FREDERIC, born March 5, 1958, at Paris. (X)(S)

After having studied at Kenyon College in the State of Ohio, GIBSON came to Europe in 1952 and resided in Rome, Italy, until February, 1953. After fulfilling his military obligations in the United States, he spent a short time in West Germany and came to France on December 15, 1954. (X)(S)

In Paris, GIBSON resided successively at 15 rue Delambre, 31 rue de Seine and 93 rue Belliard, prior to purchasing a small house at 10 Allee des Pommiers, Rosny-sous-Bois, near Paris, on November 9, 1957. (X)(S)

When he first came to France, GIBSON was enrolled at the College of Letters of the University of Paris and at the Ecole Superieure de Preparation et de Perfectionnement des Professeurs de Francais a l'Etranger (Advanced School for Preparation and Improvement of Foreign French Teachers), 46 rue St. Jacques, Paris. (X)(S)

In August, 1955, having become a professional journalist, Press Card number 15,481, he went to work for the Agence Francaise de Presse as a translator, art and book critic, and, in particular, handling Far Eastern matters. (X)(S)

On January 31, 1958, OLIVER W. HARRINGTON, another American journalist, 74 rue de Sevres, Paris, filed a complaint against "X" for forgery and use of forgery. GIBSON was "X". This matter is summarized as follows: (X)(S)

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HARRINGTON, who was away from Paris for several months, had allowed GIBSON, who was then single and living in a hotel, the use of his apartment. Violent arguments took place between the two men in connection with the apartment, and GIBSON resolved to seek revenge by trying to bring about the expulsion of HARRINGTON from France. For this purpose he sent to a weekly American publication and to the British daily "The Observer", over the signature O. HARRINGTON, violently anti-French articles which were printed in these publications and were of such nature that they could have brought about the expulsion of their author from France. (X)(S)

Upon being informed of the publication of these articles of which he was not the author, HARRINGTON located proof of the very probable guilt of GIBSON and filed a complaint. The resulting investigation, which was conducted by the Police Judiciaire (Criminal Police) of the Surete Nationale, quickly led to the confession of GIBSON, who admitted having tried to bring about the expulsion of HARRINGTON, to whom he apologized and who accepted the apology before withdrawing his complaint. (X)(S)

Although the Agence France Presse did not so specify, it appears logical that it was as a result of this incident that GIBSON ceased working for that agency. (X)(S)

The investigation in connection with the above matter, in addition to reflecting GIBSON's lack of principles, also developed the following additional details: (X)(S)

It was learned from a source in the Agence France Presse that GIBSON was the animator of a group for aid to Cuba. This report confirms another, received from an American source, to the effect that GIBSON was chairman of the New York section of a crypto-Communist organization called "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" which had as its purpose agitation in favor of the CASTRO regime in Cuba. (X)(S)

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OLIVER W. HARRINGTON, the complainant in this matter, appears to be identical with the American Negro, OLIVER WENDELL HARRINGTON, reported as being left wing, if not Communist. (X)(S)

This report fits in with a portion of the statement made to the French police by GIBSON in which he claimed that HARRINGTON was a friend of a Korean, PETER HUYN, who was a protege of CLAUDE BOURDET. (X)(S)

Both GIBSON and HARRINGTON have been reported as favoring the Communist Party (CP). (X)(S)

The various persons interviewed in connection with this matter, including RICHARD WRIGHT, the American Negro writer who recently died; WILLIAM SMITH, an American journalist with the Agence France Presse, with whom GIBSON lived for a time at 93 rue Belliard, Paris; and JOHN FLINT, another American journalist with the Agence France Press, with whom GIBSON also lived at 31 rue de Seine, Paris; all took sides with HARRINGTON, praising his neutrality. They also affirmed GIBSON's neutrality, although they did not approve of his behavior in this matter. (X)(S)

GIBSON left his residence at 10 Allee des Pommiers, Rosny-sous-Bois, in the late summer of 1958, claiming that he was returning to the United States, where his grandmother was very seriously ill. His wife departed in the spring of 1959, after having sold their house. (X)(S)

A characterization of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) appears in the Appendix of this report.

NY T-6 advised on March 16, 1961, that a PETER HUYN, Los Angeles, was Chairman of the March 15th meeting of the National Convention of the American Peace Crusade held in Chicago, Illinois. (X)(u)

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NY T-39, a confidential source abroad advised on January 18, 1960, that OLIVER WENDEL HARRINGTON in 1959, belonged to a group of Negro residents of Paris, France, who were disciples of RICHARD WRIGHT and who tended to believe in Communist ideologies. The informant also advised that he received information from a source that has furnished reliable information in the past that OLIVER HARRINGTON is known to have progressive but not Communist tendencies.

On February 13, 1958, RICHARD WRIGHT appeared before AGNES SCHNEIDER, Consul of the United States, Paris, France, and, being duly sworn, stated he was not then a member of the Communist Party but had been a member of the Communist Party from 1932 to 1942.

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Recent Travel of the Subject

NY T-8 advised on May 5, 1961, that RICHARD GIBSON was scheduled to leave New York City for Chicago, Illinois on May 19, 1961, and is scheduled to travel to San Francisco on May 30, 1961.

NY T-9 advised on May 13, 1961, that RICHARD GIBSON, Acting Executive Secretary of the FPCC and Executive Secretary of the LCA will speak in Friday, May 26, 1961, at 8:00 p.m. at the Workmen's Circle Educational Centre, 18340 Seven Mile Road, West, Detroit, Michigan. This affair is held under the auspices of the Metropolitan Detroit Chapter, FPCC. (u)

NY T-10 advised on May 15, 1961, that on May 10, 1961, at a meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter of the SWP it was reported that RICHARD GIBSON was to be in California in June, 1961, and would spend one week in the Bay area and one week in Los Angeles and San Diego.

NY T-11 advised on May 25, 1961, that GIBSON was to speak on May 31, 1961, at the San Diego State College, San Diego, California.

NY T-12 advised on June 1, 1961, that at a May 24, 1961 meeting of the San Diego Branch, SWP, 5243 San Bernardo Terrace, San Diego, the May 31 speech of RICHARD GIBSON was also announced.

NY T-13, a confidential source abroad, advised on May 26, 1961, that at a rally of the FPCC following a protest march in Montreal, Canada, RICHARD GIBSON was the main speaker. During the speech, he condemned what he called any possible trend towards Communism in Cuba, but noted that the present conditions in Cuba are the direct result of shortsighted and imperialistic United States policies. The informant also advised that GIBSON spoke at a banquet held on April 29, 1961, at the United Jewish People's Order Center, Montreal, Canada, which was sponsored by the Friends (S)

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of Vochenblatt Association (Communist.) to celebrate the closing of the Vochenblatt Campaign. During this speech, GIBSON stated that everyone was calling his group a front organization of the CP. He said that his group was not Communist but was fighting for the truth against exploitation, colonialism and for independence for Cuba. (S)

NY T-14 advised on June 1, 1961, that at a meeting of the San Francisco Branch, SWP, on May 31, 1961, it was announced that RICHARD GIBSON, was to speak at a FPCC meeting on June 3, 1961. ASHER HARER, head of the San Francisco Chapter, FPCC, announced that GIBSON was to arrive on June 1, 1961, and was to stay at the St. Francis Hospital, San Francisco, California. A press conference was scheduled for the next day for GIBSON. He stated that while GIBSON is in the Bay Area, his talks will be entitled "Lessons of Alabama and Cuba". He was to remain in the Bay area from June 2, 1961, to June 6, 1961. (u)

NY T-15 advised on June 9, 1961, that RICHARD GIBSON, Executive Secretary, FPCC, would speak on the topic "Lessons of Alabama and Cuba" at a public meeting on June 13, 1961, at 604 University Street, Seattle, Washington. The informant advised that the meeting is to be sponsored by the FPCC. (u)

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