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Date: March 7, 1966

1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Shackelford

To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: SUGAR'S INVOLVEMENT WITH AMERICAN
RADICAL ORGANIZATIONS

Richard Thomas Gibson

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Reference is made to your letter of February 18, 1966, captioned as above, your reference CSCI - 316/00844-66

Enclosed are two copies of reports of this Bureau entitled "Revolutionary Action Movement, Internal Security - Revolutionary Action Movement" dated December 9, 1965, and "Progressive Labor Party, Internal Security - Progressive Labor Party" dated February 7, 1966, respectively.

Information available to this Bureau at this time would indicate the Revolutionary Action Movement and Progressive Labor Party are most suited to your stated purpose of involving Sugar in radical organizations and black nationalist groups. While no roster or mailing list is available concerning the Revolutionary Action Movement, the enclosed report of that caption sets forth current activities of persons in that group.

Possibly, the Progressive Labor Party would offer the best vehicle for your purpose due to the radical orientation and size of this group. The enclosed Progressive Labor Party report sets forth current activities of that group.

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The Central Intelligence Agency(CIA) requested information concerning radical organizations and black nationalist groups ^{with} which their informant, Sugar, a Negro expatriate living in England, could affiliate himself as an informant. Sugar was previously active in pro-Castro groups and had an unsavory reputation. He offered his services to the Bureau, for money, and was turned down. CIA has since been operating him. (S)

This letter is classified "Secret" as referenced CIA letter, containing information concerning Sugar, is so classified. (S)

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

(Richard Thomas Gibson)

18 FEB 1966

TO: Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: SUGAR's Involvement with American Radical Organizations

Handwritten notes:
 (Manning) (info)
 [Signature]

Richard Thomas Gibson

1. This memorandum requests your Agency's comments, on a priority basis, relative to improving the operational capabilities of SUGAR, a source of this Agency known to you, whose reporting on expatriate American leftist personalities we are forwarding on a continuing basis.

2. Despite our hopes and his efforts, SUGAR was unable to obtain an invitation to the Tri-Continental Conference recently held in Havana, which was a target for collection by this Agency. It is our belief that SUGAR's reputation of being pro-Chinese was responsible for his exclusion. In discussing this problem with important pro-Chinese communist personalities in Europe recently, the latter suggested that his ability to secure access to such meetings would be considerably enhanced if he could obtain a "grass-roots" base or connection in the United States which he could represent. In reporting this suggestion--which strikes us as valid--SUGAR speculated on the possibility that he might attempt to become the European "representative" of the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM), an American organization of which he knows little but which seems, from what he does know, to be consistent in its outlook with his ostensible political orientation.

3. In this connection, we would very much appreciate receiving any information you possess on RAM, its structure, personalities and membership. We would welcome particularly, any mailing list or address roster of this organization which might be passed on to SUGAR without compromise to security considerations.

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4. Most of all, we would welcome your comments on this general problem, given your Agency's broad knowledge of such organizations as RAM in this country. As a negro expatriate with pretended pro-Chicom sympathies, SUGAR has also cultivated a reputation for sympathy toward the admittedly vague and diverse manifestations of "black nationalism", and toward such personalities as Robert Williams who embody it. We would be most interested in receiving both your comments on this general movement of opinion in the United States, and your descriptions of the organizations associated with it which could enable us to provide information and guidance to SUGAR for developing an association which would increase his operational access and effectiveness.

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- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Mack
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- 1 - Mr. McNiff

BY LIAISON

Date: March 2, 1966
 To: Director
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Attention: Deputy Director, Plans
 From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
 Subject: DAVID DAVIDOWICZ
 SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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Reference is made to your letter of February 15, 1966, captioned David Davidowicz, your reference 2/13/96 CSCI-316/00695-66.

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This is to advise that the publication "Progressive Labor" is a bimonthly magazine published by the Progressive Labor Party, a Marxist-Leninist organization which generally follows the Chinese communist line. Inquiry is being made of our New York Office regarding the identity of David Davidowicz and you will be advised concerning him immediately upon receipt of the answer to our inquiry.

Regarding the reputation which Sugar enjoys among leftist circles, this Bureau has not developed any information bearing on Sugar's reputation in the United States since our letter to you concerning him dated December 1, 1964. All pertinent data in our possession regarding Sugar has been furnished your Agency and we will promptly provide any additional material received which will assist you in evaluating his potential.

- 3 - New York (Enclosure) (105-42387)
- 1 - 105-93072 (Richard Thomas Gibson)

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Director
Central Intelligence Agency

NOTE FOR SAC, NEW YORK:

Enclosed for your information is one copy of referenced CIA letter classified "Secret." Sugar is the CIA code name for Richard Thomas Gibson (New York file 105-42387), a Security Index (SI) subject of your office. The identity of Sugar is to be carefully protected and is not to be carried in any communication going outside the Bureau. (S)

You should immediately ascertain the identity of David Davidowicz and furnish the Bureau in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination all available information concerning him. If it is determined that Davidowicz is not an alias of a current SI subject, you should initiate an SM - C type investigation concerning him in accordance with instructions set forth in the Manual of Instructions, Section 87D. The results of this investigation should be submitted in report form along with your recommendation as to whether or not this individual should be included on the Security Index. (S)(u)

Bureau indices contain no identifiable subversive references to David Davidowicz. It is noted, however, that one S. Davidowicz, an alias of Charles Rosen, New York file 100-138281, an SI subject of your office, was in October, 1965, listed as Managing Editor of the publication, "Progressive Labor." (u)

NOTE: Prior to 1962 when he left the United States to live in Africa and Europe, Sugar, who is currently residing in England, had been active in pro-Castro groups and had a very unsavory reputation. He had previously asked the Bureau, for the purpose of obtaining money, to become an FBI informant and when turned down, he offered his services to CIA and they have since been operating him. There were rumors in radical circles at the time he left the United States that he was a "Government Spy" but we have received nothing recent concerning this and it would appear that he is no longer discussed in subversive circles in this country. (S)

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