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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

24 JUN 1965

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

FROM: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Letters -- Hodee W. Edwards and A.
B. Spellman

Richard Gibson

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1. Forwarded as Attachment 1, herewith, is a letter sent to SUGAR on 17 May by Hodee W. EDWARDS, an American woman now living in Ghana. Mrs. EDWARDS was a member of the CPUSA a number of years ago but broke with the party, and is now, according to SUGAR, sympathetic to the Chinese line. The "Lionel" first referred to in the fourth paragraph of this letter is Lionel MORRISON, South African member of the Afro-Asian Journalist Association (AAJA) secretariat. (MORRISON recently had a case of jaundice but is said to have recovered.) "King Street" refers to the British Communist Party. "The Winneba Conference" is of course the Fourth Afro-Asian Peoples Solidarity Conference (9-17 May 1965). In the final paragraph on page two, Mrs. EDWARDS erroneously assumes that SUGAR was planning to come to Ghana with Jacques GRIPPA and Nils ANDERSON; according to SUGAR, this is based on her misreading of his letter to her. Mrs. EDWARDS is referring to herself when she speaks of the "white American female Jew."

2. As attachment 2 we are forwarding a letter to SUGAR from A. B. SPELLMAN, dated 19 May and sent from the United States. SPELLMAN,

SUGAR - in Richard Gibson, who refers to the Committee. We have felt our hands.

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age about 29, worked for Jacques ~~VERGES~~ in Paris in the spring of 1964, without pay. Then he went to Cairo for the OAU meeting, and returned to the U.S. to work with the Progressive Labor Movement. He is also a contributor of cultural articles to The Nation. His wife is French.

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TO: Chief, KUDESIC
FROM: Chief of Station, London
Attachment No. 1 to OELA-43,2
8 June 1965

P. O. Box 3
Kumasi, Ghana
27 May, 1965

Dear [REDACTED]

As always, it was good to hear from you with your incisive observations. I'm loaded with news and hope I can remember all I want to tell you after I answer yours of the 14th.

As to the Fishing and Marketing Coops, Round One is ours; but the fight has only begun. Big plans are under way, what between chartered vessels and locally made fishing vessels, private supplies of fish, etc. But so far, the Cold Stores are still closed and for fish, you must go to the local market, where the supply is plentiful, even if double in price to what we were selling it for. However, if they carry out the plans they have, then they can win Round Two. But I warn them over and over again that "these people" will NEVER give up and if they lose one round, then watch out for the brass knucks in the gloves during the next one... The Secretary is talking of my going with him to Nigeria to take part in direct dealings with the Polish gov't reps. there who are transferring some fishing vessels to us... I'd love to go, but seeing is believing. As to Mary Kausei, she's about as bad as her husband, and the Abraham Commission did set her back a peg. They asked her a question and she said it wasn't necessary for her to reply. So Willie Abraham told the police to hold her till she answered, and I am told she actually apologized. Chalk one up for our side. The last brush was over the Golden Bed in London, at which time she told reporters she would return to Ghana whenever she pleased and take the bed with her, too. She returned to Ghana at will apparently, but I haven't heard whether she brought the bed. No doubt she'd have been unwilling to pay the customs duties since the Ghana gov't would get that.

I hardly EVER see Julian Mayfield, though I occasionally see his wife. She is not the most cordial person I ever met, to put it mildly, but I am biding my time. Julian did get out an issue of The African Review for May, 1965 and I thought it was fairly good, considering that the Russians have the inside track here and I doubt Julian gets a completely free hand. I shall look one up and mail it on by slow boat at the first chance I get. I shall also drop a line to Roger Murray and try to see him on one of my next Accra visits... Any friends of YOURS in Ghana should definitely form an alliance for future reference and present enjoyment.

As to Lionel, I inquired first off from the Indonesian delegates to the AAPSO Conference at Winneba, which I attended for the three days of plenary sessions, and they said he was "all right" now and had been to the airport to see them off. I wrote and told him to drop you a line and let you know he was among the living.

I shall try to get hold of the May 8 issue of the Satevenpost since I would very much like to know the info it contains. And as to King Street, the sooner we rouse "the masses" or whatever is the British "reasonable facsimile" to route those boys, the better for the world. Some Afro-American in Accra said - and it was repeated to me - that when Johnson spits, Wilson swims - and so what can we say of the King St. boys? Let me know how the rally went vs. U.S. Dominican shenanigans.

I also heard a lot more about my "CIA" business from what is usually referred to as "an unimpeachable source" and it may not have a thing to do with the real CIA at all. There are plenty of people here who feel that anyone with brains is a threat to "their positions" - and when that "anyone" is a white American female Jew, well, WHAT a target and who could resist a chance to annihilate the Opposition? But, this same "source" told me to "keep my balance." "Dizzy as I am?" I felt like asking, but I didn't. All of this is just back-handed tribute which should swell my hat size, if I want to be objective about it, which I do...

This space also for correspondence

At the Winneba conference, I had one large ball. I met and talked to real people from South and North Vietnam, one of them bearing me a personal note of introduction from my friend in Hanoi, who couldn't come. I spoke to Warno from Indonesia and liked him very much; he knew ~~YIP~~ Lionel, of course. And THEN, kids, I spoke to the representatives from North Korea - and that is my NEWS. First they said my letters to them (all criticising them for points I disagreed with, mind you - the noive of some people's children!) had been "very helpful" in their work. They said that I represented a new kind of relationships between Koreans and Americans: "If not for you, we would think all Americans are bad," at which I assured them I was NOT alone; just alone in expressing it directly, so far. And THEN they said I should visit their country, which I said I intended to do in 1967. "Too far," they said. "You should come now." Yep. ALL expenses paid. How about that? I honestly don't de-

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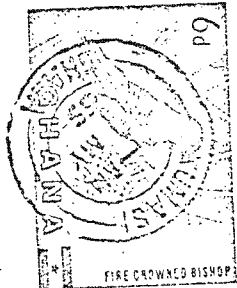
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H.W. Edwards
P.O. Box 3244
Kumasi, Ghana

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serve such an honor, but I hope I can do some good out of it...and I hope to go right after the O.A. U. meeting in September. I wonder if the plane (assuming I go by plane) stops in London - if you see what I'm getting at...you'd better hurry that photo around so I'd know you if the drop-over was a short one, wot? Did you ever hear of such luck. I'm writing Lionel, my friend in Hanoi and Anna Louise Strong to see I can at least see them at an airport enroute...And another thing, I got a nice letter from Robert F. Williams, whom I am answering soon. Who knows? Maybe such a plane even stops at La Habana? How about it, Richard? Meantime, keep me posted on your plans...it would be marvelous if you could get to Ghana (along with Grippa and Andersson?) for the O.A.U. Summit...I should write at greater length, but I've been away for two weeks and my correspondence stock-piled - yi! So more next time and write soon. Love to Sarah. Love, Hodee

Dear [REDACTED]

Yes, it was too bad that we didn't look you up in Paris, but Kiem was the first person I saw, as Revolution owed me money, and among other hairy stories, he said that you and your wife had long since left for London. As the only other person I saw who knew you was Gaite (? owner of the English book shop) who was not sure whether you had left, it never occurred to me that this, too, might be a lie.

I will get to see you in Alger this summer as the Festival Committee has offered to pay my way if I conduct for them a symposium on jazz at the Youth Festival. I have other plans, for any symposia I may conduct, that will surprise them.

New York is was hysterical as you left it. The trial of Walter Rowe and the other victims of a very slick F.B.I. - N.Y. police frame opened last week. You knew Walter as I recall, and you know that he was not about to blow the statue of Liberty's head off though the old bitch would certainly look better if someone did. They don't have a case really, but conspiracy is such a hooky charge that every one will undoubtedly do a lot of time. Practically the entire leadership of P.E. is up on some charge or other ranging from entering the country without a valid passport to criminal anarchy. There is nothing resembling a leader or organization in Harlem since the C.I.A. blew Malcolm away.

Otherwise things are, like they say, coming up roses. I am writing a book for Pantheon and conducting a daily morning program at WBAI for a living. Leroy has opened a theatre-school in Harlem called the Black arts. Left and nationalist magazines and groups are proliferating and if they ever grow together it will be something else.

Chris Koch, the public affairs director of WBAI says that he wants very much the tapes which you proposed but that WBAI is so broke that they could not give him \$2 for some program that he wanted from England. He says that he will look around for some money from outside sources but that you shouldn't count on it. If of course you care to send the tapes anyway

I saw Taber the other day and he is going to be on my show to talk about guerilla warfare. And that's about that. I will see you this summer.

Best,

A.B. SPELLMAN

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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24 JUN 1965

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

FROM: Deputy Directory for Plans *jar*

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation Malcolm X - Carlos Moore and
Sandy Bethune. (Afro-American Unity Group in Paris)

Richard Gibson

1. Forwarded herewith as Attachment is a Xerox copy of a photostat of a transcript of a telephone conversation between Carlos Moore (and his friend Sandy Bethune) and the late Malcolm X, which took place 8 or 9 February 1965. SUGAR obtained this transcript on 4 June from the editor of the West Indian Gazette, (fnu) Manchanda. SUGAR believes that Manchanda got the photostat from the Ghana High Commission office in London. He further believes that the Afro-American unity group in Paris (among whom there is only one member with U. S. citizenship: the American Negro photographer, John Taylor) probably supplied the transcript to the Ghana officials as a means of building their credentials as a bona fide revolutionary organization, perhaps one entitled to receive financial support.

2. SUGAR gave the current (June 1965) address of American/Cuban Carlos Moore as: c/o Pedro Filipe, 168 Rue Grenelle, Paris 7e, France. SUGAR said that Filipe is a Cuban national.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

FROM : Mr. S. J. Papich

SUBJECT: RICHARD GIBSON
IS - CUBA

DATE: 6/21/65
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Subject's past involvement with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee is well known to the Bureau. A few weeks ago, CIA advised us that the Agency was utilizing Gibson as a source in Europe. On 6/18/65, [redacted] CIA, informed the Liaison Agent that in the future information emanating from Gibson and disseminated by CIA will be attributed to a source under the cryptonym **"SUGAR."** (S)

ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the attention of the Nationalities Intelligence Section.

- 1 - Mr. Cotter
 - 1 - Liaison
 - 1 - Mr. Papich
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TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

DATE: 5/10/65

FROM : Mr. S. J. Papich

SUBJECT: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON
IS - CUBA AND CHINA

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Reference is made to memorandum dated 4/22/65, from Mr. Baumgardner to Mr. Sullivan. Liaison was requested to obtain additional details concerning the nature and extent of CIA's current relationship with the subject. The following was furnished to the Liaison Agent on 5/7/65, by [redacted] CIA.

CIA will continue to operate subject as a source. He is presently located in Europe and he may be traveling to Africa and Southeast Asia. A CIA representative from Headquarters will be meeting with Gibson in England in the very near future for the purpose of preparing a working schedule for Gibson. This will include leads which will be levied on the subject. [redacted] pointed out that in the event the Bureau desired that CIA question subject concerning any matters, our leads to CIA should be transmitted as soon as possible.

[redacted] made available the enclosed rough draft of information volunteered to CIA by the subject concerning various individuals, some of whom may be of interest to the Bureau.

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The above information is being directed to the attention of the Nationalities Intelligence Section.

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- 1 - Mr. Wannall
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Ryan
- 1 - Mr. Papich

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 27, 1965

FROM : Mr. W. R. Wannall

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. DeE. Moore
1 - Mr. Wannall
1 - Mr. Mullins
1 - Mr. Krupinsky

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SUBJECT: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

This is to recommend that the subject's name be retained in the Security Index. U

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BACKGROUND:

Subject, a United States citizen, is included in the Security Index based on past pro-Castro-Cuban sympathies and activities and his participation in Communist China propaganda publications. He was one of the founders of Fair Play for Cuba Committee; was President of the New York Chapter and became Acting National Executive Secretary in 1961. In 1960 he was forced to resign as Columbia Broadcasting System newsman for publicly expressing himself as sympathetic to the Castro regime. In 1961 he was accredited to the United Nations as correspondent for a Cuban publication, "Revolucion." In September, 1962, he went to Algeria where he remained until April, 1963. He then went to Switzerland and Paris representing "Africa, Latin-America, Asia Revolution," a publication reportedly financed by Communist China and he remained with that organization until 1964 when he became suspect as a Central Intelligence Agent by others affiliated with that publication. He is now in London and is having financial difficulties. U

At his request, Gibson was interviewed by Bureau Agents on August 16, 1962, during which he indicated he would assist the Bureau or Central Intelligence Agency in return for money but not because of allegiance to the United States. He stated he did not particularly like the Bureau and interviewing Agents described him as a weasel-like character, evasive, opportunistic with very little

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Re: Richard Thomas Gibson
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or no moral fiber at all. Obviously, we turned down his offer and advised Central Intelligence Agency who indicated they did not plan to contact him. That Agency on May 7, 1965, advised that they are now operating the subject as a source. He is now in Europe and may travel to Africa and Southeast Asia on behalf of that Agency (S)

OBSERVATIONS:

In view of subject's questionable character and past activities, it is not believed that we should exonerate him solely because he is operating as a Central Intelligence Agency source. Rather than be lulled into a false sense of security, we will continue to be most circumspect with him and continue to follow his activities until he proves beyond any reasonable doubt that he is not dangerous to the internal security of the United States in time of a national emergency (S)

RECOMMENDATION:

That we retain the subject's name in the Security Index.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI (105-93072)

FROM : Legat, London (100-2611) (P)

DATE: 5/26/65

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Remylet 4/26/65.

On 5/19/65 [] CIA, London, advised that CIA had recruited subject and he has been furnishing considerable information which has been forwarded to CIA Headquarters. CIA, London, has requested that their headquarters furnish to the Bureau all pertinent information and also to advise the Bureau of this recruitment. CIA plans to send subject to Algeria in the Summer of 1965. (S)

WILT also furnished the following information which came from subject: (S)

ROBERT WILLIAMS, who is an American Negro who fled the U.S. to Cuba in about 1961, is currently in Cuba and is in contact with subject. Subject recently received a letter from WILLIAMS in which WILLIAMS requested help in terms of money and also assistance in getting wider distribution for WILLIAMS' book. In the letter, WILLIAMS made reference to the CPUSA ("the GUS HALL crowd"), saying "they were still giving me a terrible time", or words to that effect. WILLIAMS showed considerable antipathy for the CPUSA and terminated his comments with a statement to the effect that the U.S. would not be a safe or fit place for anyone to live if they (CPUSA) ever took over. WILLIAMS expressed gratitude that such a take-over was most unlikely. (S)

CIA had no further identifying information on WILLIAMS but stated that subject is continuing contact with him and any further information received will be furnished this office. WILT pointed out that the information on WILLIAMS had not been reported to his headquarters and he was giving it to this office for any action required. London is unable to identify WILLIAMS in our files. (S)

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- 1 - Liaison (direct)
- 1 - London

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93072)

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-42103) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON
IS - Cuba
(OO:NY)

DATE: 5/24/65

Re Legat, London letter to Bureau 3/29/65. *u*

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a LHM setting forth results of a review of the files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, by IC THOMAS C. NORTON, Jr. Also enclosed for the Bureau are six copies and one negative of the photo appearing on the subject's 1961 passport application. Enclosed for New York is one copy of the LHM inasmuch as New York is 00. *u*

The enclosed LHM contains all the information in the passport file since it was last reviewed by this office on 5/25/61, which information was furnished by WFO report dated 6/28/61, of SA JOHN L. SPURGERS, Jr. *u*

The Fair Play for Cuba Committee, which is mentioned in the enclosed LHM is described in the enclosed appendix. *u*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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May 24, 1965

RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, were reviewed on April 20, 1965, by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and disclosed the following information:

aka On ~~January 24~~ *Kaye*, 1964, at London, England, Richard Thomas Gibson renewed passport B131994 which was issued on January 25, 1961, at New York, New York. On the renewal application Gibson stated that he was residing at "Paris, France, c/o Kay, 3 Langland Mansions, Finchley Road, London." *England* He listed his United States residence as c/o Lee, 37 1/2 Street Mark's Place, New York, New York. He indicated that he intended to continue residing abroad "indefinitely, business - leaving UK January 25, 1964."

Mrs. Richard Thomas Gibson
In the event of death or accident, Gibson stated that his wife, Mrs. Joy Gibson, c/o Kaye, 3 Langland Mansions, Finchley Road, London, N.W. 3, was the person to be notified.

On March 19, 1964, Kenneth B. Keating, United States Senate, sent a letter to Frederick G. Dutton, Assistant Secretary of State, which enclosed a newspaper clipping from "The Christian Science Monitor" of March 5, 1964, entitled "Peking Base in Paris." This article describes the establishment of an English language edition of a publication called "Revolution," committed to the Chinese Communist point of view, and headed by Richard Gibson. Senator Keating's letter stated, in part, that Gibson was formerly Acting Executive Secretary of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in the United States. It further stated that Gibson appeared before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on April 25, and May 16, 1961, and consistently refused to answer any questions regarding his communist affiliations.

Senator Keating mentioned the passport which was

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issued to Gibson on January 25, 1961, and stated that "from the article it appears that this individual is now using this passport to enable him to carry activities against the United States through a Chinese Communist network which reaches to various parts of the World. I would appreciate your comments as to whether such activities contribute to United States foreign policy objectives and, if not, what can be done to prevent such action by United States citizens."

By undated letter, Mr. Dutton wrote Senator Keating and stated, in part, that "The present activities of Mr. Gibson to which you refer in your letter will be carefully examined to determine if they are prejudicial to the orderly conduct of United States relations within the meaning of Section 51, 136 (b) of the Department's Passport Regulations. In order to take any passport action under these regulations, the activities must be of such a nature as to seriously interfere with relations between the United States and foreign governments and, under existing regulations, the fact must be established by evidence or witnesses at a hearing in the Passport Office."

By letter of April 28, 1964, Mr. Dutton advised Senator Keating that "The Department's passport regulations provide, in 22 C.F.R. 51. 136, for refusal of passport facilities, except for direct and immediate return to the United States, to a person whose activities would be prejudicial to the orderly conduct of foreign relations or otherwise prejudicial to the interests of the United States. If the newspaper clipping which you enclosed with your letter accurately describes Mr. Gibson's present activities in Paris, those activities obviously are not helpful to United States foreign policy objectives. It is another question, however, whether they are so prejudicial to the orderly conduct of United States foreign relations or the interests of the United States to justify the limitation of passport facilities under Section 51. 136 of the Department's regulations. On the basis of available information, the Department has concluded they are not. However, we are asking our Embassy at Paris for information regarding Mr. Gibson's activities. Any further information

RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON

we receive will, of course, be carefully considered in the light of the existing passport laws and regulations."

Robert E. Lee, Acting Assistant Secretary For Congressional Relations, sent a letter to Senator Keating on September 30, 1964, which stated, in part, that "the Supreme Court in the Flynn and Aptheker decisions rendered moot the question of withdrawing Mr. Gibson's passport because of alleged Communist activities. the Flynn and Aptheker cases concerned Section 6 of the Internal Security Act of 1950 which (1) made it unlawful for any member of a Communist organization to apply for a passport or to use a passport, and (2) made it unlawful for any officer or employee of the United States to issue a passport to or to renew the passport of any individual knowing or having reason to believe that such individual is a member of such organization. The Supreme Court held that Section 6 was unconstitutional because it swept too widely and too indiscriminately across the freedom to travel guaranteed in the Fifth Amendment."

Sources utilized in the Appendix have furnished reliable information in the past.

APPENDIX

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contained a full-page advertisement captioned "What Is Really Happening In Cuba," placed by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press. U

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. Charles A. Santos-Buch identified himself and Robert Taber as organizers of the FPCC. He also testified he and Taber obtained funds from the Cuban Government which were applied toward the cost of the aforementioned advertisement. U

On May 16, 1963, a source advised that during the first two years of the FPCC's existence there was a struggle between Communist Party (CP) and Socialist Workers Party (SWP) elements to exert their power within the FPCC and thereby influence FPCC policy. This source added that during the past year there had been a successful effort by FPCC leadership to minimize the role of these and other organizations in the FPCC so that their influence as of May, 1963, was negligible. U

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

On May 20, 1963, a second source advised that Vincent "Ted" Lee, FPCC National Office Director, was then formulating FPCC policy and had indicated that he had no intention of permitting FPCC policy to be determined by any other organization. This source stated that Lee believed that the FPCC should advocate resumption of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the United States and should support the right of Cubans to manage their revolution without interference from other nations. Lee did not advocate supporting the Cuban revolution per se. U

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The November 23, 1963, edition of "The New York Times" reported that Senator Thomas J. Dodd of Connecticut had called FPCC "the chief public relations instrument of the Castro network in the United States." It is to be noted that Senator Dodd was a member of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee which twice conducted hearings on the FPCC. U

The December 27, 1963, edition of "The New York World Telegram and Sun" newspaper stated that the pro-Castro FPCC was seeking to go out of business and that its prime activity during its lifetime had been sponsorship of pro-Castro street rallies and mass picket lines, and the direction of an active propaganda mill highlighting illegal travel-to-Cuba campaigns. Its comparatively brief span of life was attributed to mounting anti-Castro American public opinion, the 1962 Congressional hearings which disclosed FPCC financing by Castro's United Nations Delegation, and ultimately, the bad publicity which the FPCC received from disclosure of activities on its behalf by suspected presidential assassin Lee H. Oswald. U

On February 6, 1964, the previously mentioned second source advised that V. T. Lee had recently remarked that the FPCC was dead and that there were no plans to organize another similar organization. U

On April 13, 1964, a third source advised that there had not been any FPCC activity in many months and that the FPCC had been dissolved. U

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93072)

DATE: 4/26/65

FROM : *EWB* LEGAT, LONDON (100-2611) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON
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On April 20, 1965, [] CIA, London, furnished highly sensitive information which was classified Secret, regarding subject. This was as follows: *(S)*

On April 2, 1965, "DICK" (the subject), called PABLO at the Cuban Embassy, London. PABLO said he had given "DICK"s" telephone number to a woman who wanted to see him. PABLO had, however, given the wrong number. The correct number is PRIMROSE 8778. The girl is going to stay in the United Kingdom. (NOTE: The girl is evidently FRANCES KELLEY of the "Monthly Review" of New York, who a few days ago had a letter of introduction to PABLO from LEO HUBERMAN, who she had worked with in New York.) PABLO added that LEO is now in Mexico. PABLO has much news for "DICK" and will call him later the same day to arrange a meeting. *(S)*

The above information is from a highly sensitive technical source which is a joint operation of MI-5, MI-6 and CIA, London. HUBERMAN is identical with the subject of Bufile 100-8436. He is co-editor of "Monthly Review". *(S)*

It is requested that the Bureau identify KELLEY and furnish any pertinent information. The Bureau should mention what, if any, coverage is desired on KELLEY in London. *(S)*

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan *Werys*

FROM : *JSB* F.J. Baumgardner *JSB*

SUBJECT: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
INTERNAL SECURITY - CHINA

DATE: 4/22/65

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On 4/14/65, through liaison with Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), information was received that Richard Gibson is currently "talking" with CIA officials in London. It was indicated Gibson had only within the past few weeks been in contact with CIA and that he is furnishing information relating to Chinese Communist activities. It was not indicated whether Gibson was being developed by CIA as a confidential source or a defector-in-place. However, it should be noted that Gibson has recently been subjected to suspicion by the left wing. (S)

As a matter of background, Gibson was a founder and national official of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. In September, 1962, he left the United States and thereafter he resided in Algeria, Switzerland and France. Until last year he was a member of the Editorial Committee of "Revolution," a monthly pro-Chinese propaganda magazine published in Paris. Gibson is included on the Security Index of the New York Office. u

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For information. u

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-93072)

DATE: 3/29/65

FROM : Legat, London (100-2611) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD GIBSON
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On 3/19/65 Detective Sgt. KIRK, Special Branch, New Scotland Yard, London, advised that he is currently conducting an investigation concerning GIBSON and that a photograph of subject would be most helpful. (C)

It is noted subject holds U.S. Passport No. B-131994 and the Bureau is requested to have passport photographs obtained and forwarded to this office. u

This case will be kept in a pending status awaiting Bureau reply. u

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 105-93072)

DATE: 3/29/65

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-42387)

SUBJECT: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
March 29, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

BUfile 105-93072
NYfile 105-42387

SUBJECT: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 1/6/64.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: 30 Stockleigh Hall, Prince Albert Road
London NW 8, England

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93072)

DATE: 2/11/65

FROM : LEGAT, LONDON (100-2611) (P)

SUBJECT: ^①
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RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON

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On January 25, 1965, under a Secret classification, British Security Service, MI-5 furnished a Secret report, two copies of which are attached. MI-5 pointed out that their information comes from a number of secret sources and they request that it not be further disseminated. A copy of the same information has been furnished to CIA, London.

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Richard Thomas GIBSON
Born: Los Angeles on 13.5.34
Address: 30, Stockleigh Hall,
Prince Albert Road, London, N.W.8.

GIBSON has been connected with the pro-Chinese Communist publication "Revolution" and its predecessor, "African Revolution", at least since April, 1963. He made available the following information about himself as part of a publicity campaign planned for "African Revolution" in the first half of 1963:-

- 1951-52: worked in Rome for the Mediterranean News Bureau of the "Christian Science Monitor";
- 1955-58: editor with the English language service of "Agence France Presse" in Paris;
- 1958: arrested by the French authorities because of his work for the Algerian National Liberation Front;
- 1959-60: returns to the U.S. and employed by the C.B.S. News in New York until dismissed because of his pro-Cuban activities;
- awarded a C.B.S. fellowship in African Studies at Columbia University;
- 1960-September, 1962: Executive Secretary of the "Fair Play for Cuba" Committee in the U.S.A.

2. In 1963, GIBSON lived in Lausanne, where "African Revolution" and subsequently the English edition of "Revolution" were printed, but he paid frequent visits to "Revolution's" Paris office until the end of the year when "Revolution" was banned in Switzerland and he was refused permission to continue to live there. He then settled in Paris where, according to one report, he and his wife lived in "quite a luxurious flat". It would, however, be wrong to infer from this that GIBSON's means enabled him to enjoy high living standards, as another source subsequently reported that he had not paid any rent for the flat from May to October, 1964.

3. As far back as August, 1963, there were rumours in Communist circles in London that GIBSON was an American agent and that he had provided United States Intelligence with the names of certain unidentified United States negroes in accordance with a brief received from the Americans. Information from a well-placed source suggests that these rumours may have originated from the jealous reactions of two persons, connected with "Revolution", whose aspirations with the publication were cut short when GIBSON became Editor of the English edition. However, by mid-1964, VERGES, the Editorial Director of "Revolution", was claiming that complaints about GIBSON's activities had been received not only from London, but also from Cuba, American negroes in New York and a relative of GIBSON's who was working for the magazine "Spark" in Ghana. As a result, GIBSON was dismissed from the editorial staff of "Revolution". Charges made against him include the following:-

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- (a) denouncing, in 1958, an unidentified negro, possibly a Communist, who was expelled from France;
- (b) informing the publication's contacts in China that "Revolution" was disintegrating;
- (c) providing "Newsweek" and the "New York Herald Tribune" with information in an attempt to discredit "Revolution";
- (d) connections with the C.I.A.

Although GIBSON has denied the charges made against him, he realises that they have stuck and that it will be some years before he will be acceptable to any left wing organization.

4. *MRS RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON* *GIBSON* *GIBSON* *U.S.*
Having failed to find employment in Paris after leaving "Revolution" *ENGLAND*
in July, 1964, GIBSON went to the United Kingdom on 7th October and was joined later by his British wife, Joy Marjorie, and his two children. He hoped to find work in London, but at the end of November, he was still without a job and dependent on his wife's family, who were paying the rent of his flat at 50, Stockleigh Hall, Prince's Albert Road, London, N.2.3. It is not known whether GIBSON has been able to find work.

5. Nothing is known at present about GIBSON's contacts in the United Kingdom. Although during the time he worked for "Revolution" he was in touch with members of the pro-Chinese Communist splinter group in the United Kingdom - the Committee to Defeat Revisionism, for Communist Unity - it is not known whether he has resumed contact. It has been reported that he still keeps in touch with the coloured South African journalist, Lionel MORRISON, who is employed by the Chinese-backed Afro-Asian Journalists' Association (A.A.J.A.) in Djakarta.

Comment: "Afro-Asian Journalist", no. 4, dated July, 1964, and published by the A.A.J.A., contains an article "The Revolutionary Journals" by MORRISON, the journals being "Revolution" and "Spark".

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

14 JAN 1965

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

FROM : Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: GIBSON, Richard - 105-93072

1. A usually reliable source had reported the following summary of his conversation in London in late December 1964 with Richard GIBSON, a free-lance writer, former Chairman of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and former editor of the English edition of Revolucion. GIBSON, a very light-skinned American negro married to an Englishwoman, was working in the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) newsroom when along with another colleague, Robert Yoder, he established the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in the early 1960's. GIBSON was in Cuba several times in 1961 and had met Fidel Castro Ruz and Ernesto Guevara Serna, and various other Cuban officials.

2. Richard GIBSON stated that he knew quite well Robert Williams, the American Negro from Monroe, North Carolina, who had emigrated to Cuba and now seems to commute between there and Peiping, China.

3. According to GIBSON, he felt that the situation among American negroes (from what he could tell in Europe) was becoming very dangerous. He said that he had met in both London and Paris quite a few young American negroes in their late teens passing through en route to Prague, Czechoslovakia or Habana, Cuba for guerrilla and sabotage training. He further said he had the feeling that within six months to a year these trainees would begin infiltrating back into the United States in pursuance of Williams' idea of an urban guerrilla movement.

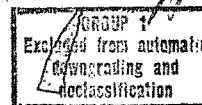
4. After he left the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, GIBSON related that he was recommended by the Algerian Ambassador to the United Nations (name not given) to be on the staff of Revolucion.

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africaine in Algiers, which was then edited by Jacques Vergés. When the Algerians removed Vergés, GIBSON stated that he followed Vergés to Paris where the latter set up Révolution. According to GIBSON, he served as editor of its English-language version first in Paris and then in Lausanne, Switzerland, until a few months ago, when he split with Vergés, who still owes him money and whom he is suing. Vergés himself loved French high society, good food and luxurious living and spent most of his time in political agitation. The magazine was in fact largely edited by a Vietnamese on its staff who often wrote under other pseudonyms. The sale of the magazine was actually quite small. The Chinese bought about 3,000 copies of each issue but recently as many as 15,000 copies of each issue were piling up unsold in a garret in Paris. Andersen in Lausanne was definitely a paid Chinese agent but he was on bad terms with Vergés. *France*

5. Source indicated that GIBSON seemed to be a very relaxed and quite humorous negro intellectual. GIBSON said he had worked for Révolution because of his interests in African and Asian independence movements - had never considered himself a Communist and did not now. Révolution, according to GIBSON, had many personal contacts with Trotskyites and there was certainly considerable Trotskyite influence in it.

1. Headquarters Comment: Source is probably referring to Nils Andersson of the La Cite publishing firm in Switzerland, which printed the Révolution before it was banned in that country. He has a continuing interest in Centre Lenine, a propaganda organ reportedly sponsored by the Chinese Communists.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93072)

FROM : LEGAT, LONDON (100-2611) (P)

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ReBulet to Director, Central Intelligence Agency,
December 1, 1964. u

The CIA Office in London has advised that they are instituting investigation by British Security Service, MI-5 on subject. They state that any information obtained from MI-5 will be furnished to this office. (S)

CIA referred to information contained in referenced letter indicating subject was a CIA agent. They asked if this office had any additional data on that particular point. They were informed that we did not have. If the Bureau is aware of further information regarding this, it is believed it would be helpful and of interest to CIA, London. (S)

We are following this matter here and will keep the Bureau advised. u

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 105-93072)

DATE: 1/6/65

FROM : SAC,

NEW YORK (105-42387)

SUBJECT:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93072)

DATE: 1/15/65

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-42387)(C)

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SUBJECT: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON aka
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Re report of SA ROGER H. LEE, 1/31/64, at NY
and Legat Paris letter to Bureau, 12/8/64, with
enclosed LHM.

Referenced Legat Paris letter, 12/8/64,
indicates that Issue 10-11, July-August, 1964 of
"Revolution," a monthly Chinese propaganda publication,
published in Paris, France, contains information to the
effect that GIBSON had been dismissed from his position
as a member of the Editorial Committee of "Revolution."
Referenced letter further indicates that members of the
American CP reportedly have forwarded documents to
"Revolution," establishing that GIBSON was working on
behalf of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).
Referenced letter further reflects that GIBSON and his
wife are presently residing in care of ALFRED HENRI
MARK JEFFRIES, 9 Basinghall St., London. E. C. 2, England.

A review of subject's case file reflects that
GIBSON has resided abroad since September, 1962.

The following confidential informants, familiar
with some of the Cuban activity in the NYC area, were
contacted on the dates indicated and advised they could
furnish no information concerning any pro-Cuban activity
on the part of the subject:

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<u>Informants</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
NY 3164-S (c)	1/11/65	JOHN EDWARD HEGARTY
NY 3468-S (c)	1/6/65	VINCENT J. WARGER
NY 3467-S (c)	1/11/65	C. DALE SCHWANT
NY 3367-S (c)	1/5/65	MAURICE H. LAUZIÈRE
CSNY 2623-S (c)	1/7/65	FRANCIS J. O'BRIEN
CSNY 2822-S (c)	1/8/65	FRANCIS J. O'BRIEN

The following confidential informants, familiar with some of the Chinese Communist activities in the NYC area, were contacted on the dates indicated and advised that they did not know the subject. u

<u>Informants</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
NY 4858-BSI	1/11/65	JOHN E. MANNING
NY 4629-BSI (c)	1/12/65	JOHN E. MANNING
CSNY 4559-S (c)	1/12/65	CHARLES WEHRLE
CSNY 1075-S (c)	1/12/65	CHARLES WEHRLE
CSNY 4077-S (c)	1/12/65	CHARLES WEHRLE

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason) _____.

7. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 9/20/61.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____.

subject has been abroad since September, 1962. *u*

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) _____.

until September, 1962, GIBSON was acting National Executive Secretary of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Until August, 1964, GIBSON was a member of the Editorial Committee of "Revolution," a monthly Chinese propaganda publication, published in Paris, France. *(X)(u)*

10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-93072)

DATE: 12-8-64

FROM : Legat, Paris (105-1270) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON
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Re Paris letter 10-29-64.

Enclosed are 5 copies for the Bureau and 1 for London of an LHM containing information received from the Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire (DST), French domestic counterespionage service, (T-1), on 12-7-64.

It is noted that the subject was apparently dismissed from his position as English language editor for the magazine "Revolution", a pro-Chinese Communist publication for allegedly attempting to "penetrate" the international revolutionary movement. ALAIN MONTARRAS of the DST stated that he was suspected by the publishers of this magazine and other individuals with whom he worked of being a CIA agent. The DST gives his present residence as in care of ALFRED HENRI MARK JEFFRIES, 9 Basinghall Street, London E.C. 2, England.

The LHM is classified confidential since the information contained therein was so classified by the DST. The DST also furnished the information to CIA, Paris.

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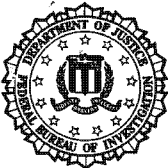
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1 - Liaison
1 - E. H. Mossburg
1 - Mr. Anderson

BY LIAISON

Date: December 1, 1964
To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Attention: Deputy Director, Plans
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Subject: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Reference is made to previous communications concerning the subject, the last of which was the report of Special Agent Roger H. Lee, dated January 31, 1964, at New York, New York.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past recently advised that in August, 1964, John Henrik Clarke, Associate Editor of "Freedomways" magazine, contacted Julian Mayfield of "The African Review," Post Office Box 2052, Accra, Ghana, West Africa.

"Freedomways," a self-described quarterly review of the Negro freedom movement published by Freedomways Associates Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, is a Communist Party USA supported publication which is known to your Agency.

During this contact Clarke commented that undoubtedly Mayfield already knows that Richard Gibson has been exposed as a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) agent. Clarke further indicated that Gibson was the one who pointed the finger at him and had the FBI breathing down his neck for over a year. He also wondered where this situation put Dan Watts as Gibson and Watts were very close.

- 1 - New York (105-42387)
- 2 - London
- 2 - Paris

- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)
- 1 - 100-434819 (Freedomways Associates Incorporated)

- 1 - 105-96316 (Daniel Watts)
- 1 - 97-4575 (John Clarke)

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Your Agency has previously been furnished information concerning Daniel Watts, Chairman of the Liberation Committee for Africa, an organization which has been described in newspaper articles as being nation-wide and aimed at helping African freedom fighters and promoting awareness of a common heritage for Afro-Americans and Africans. Literature for the Liberation Committee for Africa shows that Richard Gibson previously was Executive Secretary of that organization. U

On October 29, 1964, information was received from our representative in Paris, France, indicating that your Paris Office has no current interest in Gibson and has no plans to establish contact with him (S)

On November 6, 1964, our representative in London, England, advised of information received from your London Office that one "Dick" Gibson had been in touch with "Pablo" of the Cuban Embassy in London indicating he was looking for an editorial job. "Dick" reportedly spoke with an American accent and had previously worked for "Revolucion." It appears that "Dick" Gibson is probably identical with the subject. (S)

The above is being furnished for your information and any action deemed appropriate. Any additional information received by your Agency concerning the whereabouts and activities of the subject would be appreciated (S)

NOTE FOR LEGAT, LONDON:

Gibson is a male Negro. He was born in Los Angeles, California, 5-13-31. He is 5'9" tall, weighs approximately 150 pounds, and served in the U.S. Army from 12-52 to 12-54. His last known residence was in Paris, France, where he was employed as an editor of the publication "Africa Latin America Asia Revolution." Gibson is on the Security Index, OO:NY, based on his past pro-Castro-Cuban activities. He was one of the founders of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), was president of the New York Chapter and became Acting National Executive Secretary of the FPCC in 1961. He was forced to resign as Columbia Broadcasting System newsmen in 1960 for publicly expressing himself as sympathetic to the Castro regime. In 1961, he was also accredited

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to the UN as a correspondent for the Cuban newspaper "Revolucion." In September, 1962, Gibson left the U.S. and went to Algeria where he remained until April, 1963. In April of 1963, he went to Switzerland and subsequently moved to Paris, France. U

You should remain alert for any additional information available through your established sources concerning Gibson and keep Bureau and interested offices advised. (S)

NOTE FOR LEGAT, PARIS:

Attempt to ascertain current whereabouts of Gibson through your established sources and keep Bureau; Legat, London; and other interested offices appropriately advised. (S)

NOTE:

Information concerning subject's alleged exposure as a CIA agent is being furnished CIA. However, no information is available in Bufiles indicating subject has actually been utilized or exposed as a CIA agent. CIA, however, has considered utilization of subject in the past. Legat, London, has also requested information as to possible identity of "Dick" Gibson. (S)

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SAC, New York (105-42387)

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Director, FBI (105-93072)

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A review of captioned matter reveals subject has resided abroad since September, 1962, during which time he has not reportedly been involved in any pro-Cuban activities. He has, however, been employed as the English-language editor of "Revolution Africaine" and the "Africa Latin America Asia Revolution," a publication which reportedly is financed by the Chinese Communist Government. Subject has, therefore, been removed from the "Cuban Special Section" of the Security Index (SI) and placed in the General Section tabbed X to indicate both pro-Cuban and pro-Chinese sympathies. Amended SI cards are being furnished to you under separate cover. *(C)(u)*

In the future, reports submitted concerning subject should utilize the dual character, IS - CUBA, IS - CH.

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SUBJECT: "DICK" GIBSON
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On October 29, 1964, [redacted] CIA, London,
furnished the following information from a highly sensitive
source: (S)

On October 9, 1964, at 10:55 A.M., subject called
"PABLO" of the Cuban Embassy, London. He asked for the
telephone numbers of two individuals, one KENNETH TYNAN and
one TRUCK or TRUCKY. Subject received the numbers from
"PABLO" and then told "PABLO" he was looking for a job on
the "editorial side" and would ask TYNAN for help. "PABLO"
then told subject that he would have to tell TYNAN that
subject worked for "Revolucion", as it would be no good
telling half truths. (S)

This delicate source stated that subject spoke
with an American accent and appeared to be on a first-name
basis with "PABLO". While London realizes this is sketchy
information, it is possible that the Bureau might be able to
identify subject and if so, London would appreciate receiving
this information. (S)

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- 1 - Liaison Section (sent direct)
- 1 - London

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