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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

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

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. X

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 (S)

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. (S)

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Central Intelligence Agency**

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The Central Intelligence Agency(CIA) requested information concerning radical organizations and black nationalist groups, <sup>with</sup> 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

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  
1 - Mr. Mullins  
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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  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
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Reference is made to your letter of February 15,  
1966, captioned David Davidowicz, your reference  
CSCI-316/00695-66. (S)

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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. (S)

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)

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

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SAC, New York (105-42387)

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Director, FBI (105-93072)

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Bureau has now reviewed subject's entire file and despite his apparent close cooperation with CIA, does not believe he should be removed from the Security Index until at least one year after he ostensibly began to cooperate with CIA. Thus, in the absence of any additional subversive data which has not been reported and since his case has been thoroughly reviewed by your office and the Bureau, you may forego submission of the yearly status letter which is due this month and should set up a tickler to advise the Bureau during May, 1966, of status of subject's file. At that time, recommendations concerning his removal from the Security Index may also be submitted.

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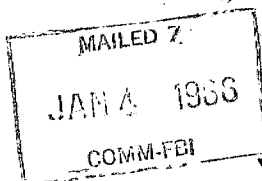
Subject was formerly head of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and is known to be a shifty and vacillating character. Director's approval to continue him on Security Index was obtained on 5-27-65 despite fact we had been told by CIA that he is now cooperating with it. We have received various items from CIA since which indicate that subject providing data regularly to CIA. However, it is believed we should wait at least one year prior to removing him from the Security Index.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93072)

FROM : JFM/hw SAC, NEW YORK (105-42387) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON  
IS - CUBA

DATE: DEC 15 1965

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A review of subject's case file reflects that all pertinent information concerning GIBSON has been furnished to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

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