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Re Bureau letter to NY, dated 6/5/61, requesting a review of files and contact with logical informants in an attempt to contradict Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (SISS) testimony of the subject concerning a list of subscribers to the publication "Fair Play" and membership list of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC).

A review of the files of the NYO, specifically the FPCC file (National and NY Chapter), the file on Student Activities of the FPCC, the file on ROBERT TABER, RICHARD GIBSON and ELIZABETH BARAD reflects no information which could specifically contradict claims by the subject concerning subscribers list or a membership list.

Also, contact with the following logical informants failed to uncover any information specifically contradicting these claims:

- \* NY 3164-S \* (u)
- NY 3229-S
- NY 3258-S
- NY 711-S
- [THOMAS M. TREACY - PSI]

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The following information, while not specifically contradicting GIBSON, does have a bearing on this problem:

NY 3245-S\* furnished material obtained from the offices of the National Headquarters of FPCC, 799 Broadway, NYC, on 5/21 and 22/61. No membership list as such and no list of

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subscribers to the publication "Fair Play" was included in this material. ~~As~~ voluminous mailing list was included in this material but there was no way to determine whether a code system is being used on this list in order to designate members or subscribers. /x u

Among the material furnished by the informant was a list of names entitled, "NYC, FPCC Committee Members Monthly Pledges." This was a list of approximately 50 to 60 names and most of them had a committee designation next to the name, such as Membership Committee, and so forth. /x u

The informant also furnished a list of names of members of student groups. This was a list of approximately 80 names and appears to be the name of the head of the student group at different colleges throughout the country. /x u

(u) (S) [NY 3164-S\* advised SA JAMES M. KENNY on 6/5/61, that he heard STANLEY FAULKNER, FPCC attorney, say that "They would never turn the membership list over to the SISS." (X) /x u

THOMAS M. TREACY - PSI advised SA ROBERT C. BURNS on 5/5/61, that at a meeting of FPCC on 4/27/61, RICHARD GIBSON, Chairman of the Meeting, suggested a vote be taken on a motion to permit other organizations to join FPCC. Discussion arose concerning who should vote and it was decided that only members should vote. Apparently the method to be used to determine who was a member was that everyone voting was to show his membership card. After some discussion on this procedure, the entire matter was referred to the FPCC Executive Committee to report on membership at the next meeting. u

(u) (S) [NY 1286-S\* advised on 5/3/61, that STANLEY FAULKNER informed ISADORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN (Attorney for Amtorg Trading Corporation in many matters) that a hearing for FPCC had been held in Washington, DC, during the week of 4/24/61. He said (X) /x u

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FPCC was supposed to have produced certain records. He mentioned that the Committee wanted a membership list but would not get it as there was none (X)

CG 6464-S\* advised that at a meeting of the Executive Committee, FPCC, Chicago Chapter, held on 5/20/61, RICHARD GIBSON was in attendance. He stated that the organization wanted to protect anyone who is a member or a sympathizer with FPCC. He stated that the National Office destroyed all its membership lists in January, 1961, and the only list in the whole world concerning membership in the FPCC as of January, 1961, is in the personal possession of ROBERT TABER, who is now in Havana, Cuba. He said that insofar as his area was concerned, membership cards were the cue to membership and that such a card is a requirement for voting privileges at FPCC meetings. (X)

\*CG 6259-S advised SA RAYMOND E. MOOMEY, on 5/23/61 (X)(U) that at this same Chicago meeting on 5/20/61, GIBSON mentioned that the National Conference of FPCC will be held almost certainly in NYC. One vote will be allotted to every 100 persons in the areas covered by the chapters and either one vote or  $\frac{1}{2}$  vote will be allotted to each student chapter. Any FPCC member (as decided by presentation of membership cards) may attend any of the sessions but only authorized delegates may vote. The Henry Hudson Hotel was considered to be a likely site for the sessions. GIBSON pointed out there would probably be more names on each area's mailing list at the National Office than there are members but that this cannot be helped. (X)

Inasmuch as the above information does not specifically contradict the testimony given by GIBSON, no attempt at determining willingness of the sources to testify to this information is being made. (X)