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is U. S. citizen who is Acting Executive Secretary of
ation Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). In letter
turned over to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), [he indicated desire
to get in touch with that Agency discreetly.] He indicated it was a matter
of "life or death." CIA has indicated it would be willing to contact
subject in New York and arrange subsequent meeting, if we so desired.
Recommended that New York be instructed to contact Gibson and that CIA be
advised that our New York Office is handling contact of Gibson and we
will furnish it any pertinent data developed.

By letter 7/16/62 to Thornton Hagert, Falls Church, Virginia,
subject requested that Hagert's stepbrother, Philip K. Reiss, contact
his former employers (CIA) and tell them that Gibson has been trying to
get in touch with CIA for several weeks. Gibson indicated that this
was a matter of "life or death" and indicated that he believed he could
be of extreme value to CIA and that they could be of great help to him in
a "very difficult situation." Hagert was requested to destroy the letter
after he had read it. CIA turned the letter over to us and indicated
that Reiss was a former CIA employee who is now employed by Department of
Agriculture.

We instructed Washington Field to interview Reiss and Hagert.
Interviews of these two individuals revealed that subject and Hagert
went to high school together and were very close friends at that time.
Hagert has seen the subject intermittently since that time, and Hagert
is of the opinion that subject is an opportunist. Hagert stated that, in
connection with the above letter, he had received a phone call during
first week of May, 1962. At that time subject asked whether Reiss was
still with CIA. Hagert could not furnish any details as to why subject
furnished data as set forth in Gibson's letter 7/16/62. Reiss could not
furnish any additional pertinent data regarding subject.

New York has advised that it has no information indicating that
subject has become disenchanted with FPCC or current Cuban regime. New York
feels he may have been motivated by:

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Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan
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- (1) Belief that he may be subject to attack by anti-Castro Cubans in New York City;
- (2) [Desire to cooperate with CIA in order to be able to say at a later date that, though he was working with FPCC, he was cooperating with U. S. officials; (S)]
- (3) Monetary reasons in view of the fact his actions indicate he enjoys living well and traveling first-class. It has been reported that he is presently having financial difficulties.

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If subject desires to cooperate with U. S. Government, it is not known why he did not contact us. He certainly must be aware of our interest in FPCC. [There is a good chance that since he thought] Reiss was still with CIA, [Reiss might serve as an "in" for him. Whatever subject's reason was in contacting CIA, it is not felt we should pass up this opportunity to contact him. (S)] [Our investigation of the FPCC developed data from inadmissible sources that FPCC received money from Cuban Government. We have been attempting to make Registration Act case on FPCC and Gibson could very well be individual who could furnish pertinent data in this regard. (S)]

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[If he is desirous of cooperating with U. S. Government, we could operate him "in place" and he would be able to furnish us a great deal of data in view of his high position with FPCC. (S)] [It is felt we should have New York contact him and indicate to Gibson they are contacting him in regard to letter he wrote to Hager. (S)] [When results of contact of Gibson are known, we will be in a position to determine whether he might be utilized by us or whether he is just looking for an "out" in view of dwindling activities and prestige of FPCC. (S)]

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) If you approve, CIA will be advised by Liaison that, in response to data which it furnished regarding subject, our New York Office has been instructed to contact Gibson and that we will furnish it any pertinent data developed of interest to CIA. (u)

(2) That the attached airtel be sent to New York instructing it to promptly contact Gibson, but not at office of FPCC. (u)

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