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Enclosed for WFO is a copy of a letter dated 7/4/62 and a
copy of the envelope in which this letter was mailed. Copies of these
were previously made available to New York with relet. In furnishing
this letter and envelope, CIA representative advised he felt the
letter represented a practical joke. (S)(u)

On 7/24/62 CIA furnished a copy of a letter dated 7/16/62
signed [redacted]. Two copies of this letter are enclosed for WFO and
two copies are enclosed for New York. (S)(u)

When it furnished the attached letter dated 7/16/62, CIA
advised that the letter was sent to Mr. Thornton Hagert, 214 East
Columbia Road, Falls Church, Virginia. Hagert turned this letter over
to his brother-in-law, Philip K. Reiss, who is employed in the
Department of Agriculture, Room 6114, South Building, 12th Street and
Independence Avenue, S. W., Washington, D. C. According to CIA, Reiss
is a former employee of the Office of Logistics in CIA. CIA
representative who furnished this information was of the opinion that
letters dated 7/4/62 and 7/16/62 were sent by same individual; namely,
Richard Gibson. He furnished no additional data as to his reason
for this opinion. (S)(u)

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CIA representative further stated that his Agency had no objection to Bureau's contacting Reiss or Hagert and indicated it would be willing to contact Gibson in New York and arrange a meeting with him in Montreal, Canada, if we so desired.] (S)

Bufiles contain no references identifiable with Thornton Hagert. Bufiles indicate Philip K. Reiss is probably identical with individual whose father (Robert Reiss) is subject of WFO file 140-3599. Bufiles also indicate that, as of October, 1959, Philip Reiss was residing at 4703 Northwest 20th Road, Arlington, Virginia. A form submitted by the Department of Agriculture on Reiss in October, 1959, in connection with a name check request indicated that from May, 1957, to January, 1959, he resided in Orleans, Loiret, France, and his employment from January, 1957, to December, 1958, was indicated to be Department of the Army, Orleans, France. A memorandum dated 4/21/61, which sets forth data regarding the subject's activities in France, is enclosed for the information of WFO. This memorandum has previously been furnished to New York.

WFO should promptly contact Philip K. Reiss to determine his knowledge of and connection with the subject. Complete details should be obtained in the event we subsequently contact subject utilizing Reiss' name as introduction. Determine from Reiss any connection Hagert has had with Gibson and, if it appears Hagert may be able to furnish pertinent data to assist us, he should be interviewed. X(u)

WFO should handle promptly and suairtel by 8/3/62. U

New York should suairtel by 8/2/62, with any data which would indicate why subject might make statements set forth in enclosed letter 7/16/62. X(u)

For the information of New York, when reply from WFO and your office's reply are received, Bureau will consider appropriate approach to Gibson and instructions will be issued to your office. U

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NOTE:

Subject is U. S. citizen who is acting Executive Secretary of the pro-Castro organization Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). Regarding letter 7/16/62, which [CIA believes] was written by subject, (S) the writer of this letter indicates [he desires to be contacted by CIA and suggested a contact in New York, followed by a meeting possibly in Montreal.] The writer of the letter indicated that [he was in a very difficult situation] and indicated [he knew he could be of extreme value to CIA.] (S) (S) (S) Writer indicated it was a matter of life or death. If this letter was written by Gibson, his "dire situation" is not apparent to us. When reply is received from WFO and NYO, a memorandum will be prepared setting forth recommendations pro or con re interview of Gibson under suitable pretext. X

Basis for investigation of Reiss' father in 1954 was former membership in the Industrial Workers of the World, which has been designated by the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450. A reference of Reiss' father, who was a former CP member, recommended Reiss' father and stated Reiss' father worked against communist sympathizers while in American Newspaper Guild, 1938-42. Results of SGE investigation were furnished to Civil Service Commission, and we were advised on 1/21/55 that Reiss' father had been retained in his employment with Department of Commerce. U

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