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

Subject is Acting Executive Secretary of pro-Castro organization, Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). Upon interview by our New York Office 8/16/62 he indicated he would assist FBI and/or Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in return for financial remuneration, but not because of any allegiance to U. S. He stated he did not particularly like FBI. Recommended that results of interview be furnished to Attorney General, CIA, and State Department. Further recommended that since it appears subject could not be trusted, New York be instructed not to initiate any further contact with him but to accept any data he might wish to furnish if he calls at our New York Office.

Memorandum 8/7/62 told of letter turned over to CIA which had been written by subject. In this letter he indicated desire to get in touch with that Agency discreetly. CIA turned letter over to us and we instructed New York to contact Gibson.

When contacted by New York Office 8/16/62 he claimed he has not become disillusioned with Cuba or Fidel Castro, and advised he does not believe Castro is a communist. He stated he has never received money from Cuban Government. It is to be noted our investigation of the FPCC has revealed that it has received funds from Cuban Government. Subject stated that as an American Negro he owes loyalty first to himself, and then to the Negro people. He advised he felt little or no loyalty to the U. S. and firmly believed that all young Negroes felt the same way.

He stated he would prefer to talk with agents of CIA and stated he did not particularly like the FBI based on our investigations of Robert Williams (whom he described as a close personal friend) and William Worthy. Williams is a Bureau fugitive who fled U. S. for Cuba while being sought on a kidnapping charge in North Carolina. Worthy was recently convicted in Miami for entering U. S. from Cuba without valid U. S. passport. Gibson stated Williams is unhappy in Cuba and wants to leave there. He stated that if he could be placed in contact with CIA he could arrange for Williams to leave Cuba and return to U. S. if charges against Williams would be dropped. He advised if Williams could be "handled right" he would denounce Castro and the Cuban Government.

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 Re: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON
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Gibson stated he would assist FBI and/or CIA in return for financial remuneration, not because of any allegiance to U. S. He indicated he could assist CIA in Latin America in his position as head of FPCC. 70

Interviewing Agents stated that Gibson is weasel-like character, evasive, opportunistic, with very little or no moral fiber at all. These Agents are of the opinion that he lied concerning his knowledge of subsidization of FPCC by Cuban Government. New York is of the opinion that Gibson should be recontacted within next week or so at which time specific program could be worked out with Gibson for disruption and ultimate dissolution of FPCC. It indicated it would not make any specific commitment or deal for payment to Gibson when he is contacted. New York recommended that Gibson's request to be placed in contact with CIA be held in abeyance until such time as a determination could be made as to whether we could utilize him. X (S) u

OBSERVATIONS:

Gibson's dislike of FBI would indicate he could never be controlled as source or informant. It does not appear that the risk involved would be worth our attempting to operate him, especially in view of the fact that FPCC is pretty well disorganized at present time and has lost much of its popular appeal and membership. We feel that we should have no part of any deals with him and that New York should be instructed not to initiate future contact with him but to accept any data he might furnish if he should call at our New York Office. CIA should be advised of Gibson's interest in getting in touch with that Agency. 10 (S) u

RECOMMENDATIONS:

If you approve:

(1) Attached letter will be sent to Attorney General setting forth results of interview of Gibson in line with above observations. u

(2) Attached letter will be sent to CIA and State Department setting forth results of interview of Gibson. u

(3) Attached airtel will be sent to New York instructing it that it should not initiate any further contact with Gibson. New York u

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