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On August 27, 1962, we forwarded a memorandum which summarized the results of an interview of Gibson, Acting Executive Secretary of the pro-Castro Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), by our New York City Office. It was noted that Gibson offered his assistance in return for financial remuneration but that, because he obviously was untrustworthy, we were not initiating any future contacts with him. 4

On September 13, 1962, one of our sources was informed by Vincent Theodore Lee, an FPCC leader in New York City, that Gibson had left a letter in Lee's mailbox in which Gibson indicated he was going to leave for Algeria on that date. Gibson reportedly wrote that he was going to Algeria by way of Ottawa, Canada; that Lee was to assume charge of the FPCC; and that Gibson's wife and children would follow Gibson to Algeria in the near future. (S)(u)

On September 14, 1962, another source was advised by Lee that Gibson's departure from the United States was unexpected and that a representative of the Cuban Mission to the United Nations had informed Gibson it would be necessary for Gibson to go to Canada as things were getting "hot" for Gibson in the United States. Lee indicated the representative from the Cuban Mission to the United Nations gave instructions and an envelope to Gibson. Lee said Gibson had called him from Ottawa on the evening of September 12, 1962, and instructed that the involvement

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of the Cuban Mission to the United Nations in the trip should be kept secret. He further stated that when Gibson arrived at the Cuban Embassy in Ottawa he was told he should go to Algeria and left for that country by plane on the morning of September 13, 1962.

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Our memorandum dated August 21, 1962, entitled "Vincent Theodore Lee," advised of Lee's plans to travel to Cuba and of a notification sent the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Relations by the Cuban Mission to the United Nations indicating that, upon Lee's arrival in Cuba, Lee would be in a position to furnish details regarding counterrevolutionary activities in the United States and could also identify certain individuals who have defected from the Castro regime. Lee told the second source mentioned herein that he probably would not be going to Cuba as planned since Gibson is "on an extended tour of Algeria" and has left Lee in charge of the FPCC. Lee indicated that Gibson probably would issue a press release from Algeria in the near future.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General

NOTE:

Copies of memorandum furnished by New York concerning this matter being furnished CIA, State Department, Internal Security Division and Criminal Division of Department separately. First source mentioned herein is NY 3467-S and second source is NY 3164-S. Classified "Secret" since data concerning Lee's plan to visit Cuba was received from highly sensitive coverage of Cuban diplomatic activities and unauthorized disclosure would seriously jeopardize its future effectiveness.

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