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On 9/24/62 [NY 3164-S] made available a press release which was issued by the FPCC, 799 Broadway, New York City, for release on 9/24/62.

The press release, as furnished by the source, is as follows:

"New York, Sept. 24 -- The Fair Play for Cuba Committee announced today that its Acting Executive Secretary, Richard Gibson, has left the United States for a visit to Algeria. Mr. Gibson is also expected to visit Morocco, Ghana, Guinea, and Mali before his return to the United States.

V. T. Lee, past president of the Tampa Bay chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, will manage the organization's national office at 799 Broadway, New York, during Mr. Gibson's absence.

"Mr. Lee disclosed that Mr. Gibson, a former CBS Newsmen, would be working in Algeria as a journalist for several newspapers in the United States, Canada, Latin America and Europe."

It would seem that above release reflects GIBSON's apparent disinterest in the FPCC at the present time and could be used to cause dissension within FPCC. It would also appear that GIBSON hurriedly left New York City, that his return is indefinite, and that in placing LEE in charge of FPCC headquarters he has ignored the authority vested in JOHN ROSSEN and MARTIN HALL of the Institute for the Improvement of Inter-American Relations, Inc. of which the FPCC is a committee.

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