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Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan RE: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON 105-93072

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A press release of the FPCC dated 9/24/62 indicated that subject had left the U. S. for a visit to Algeria and was also expected to visit several African countries. He apparently is visiting these countries as a journalist. $\mathcal U$

On 10/17/62 he sent letter to Agent of our New York Office from Paris, France, in which he stated that "I can still be of use to you, even from here, if you think it worthwhile. The Committee could shut down within a few days without any serious difficulties, expecially now that Lee has learned he isn't going to get any money from our friends in the Caribbean. Or as I said before, it could be preserved and made harmless for use as a cover for an information-gathering agency. Shee refers to Ted Lee, who is Security Index subject and who is now acting as head of FPCC. In making mention of the "Committee" Gibson is referring evidently to the FPCC.

OBSERVATIONS:

Data set forth in Gibson's letter and his present whereabouts would be of interest to State and CIA. It is not felt that his letter is of sufficient importance to notify the Attorney General; however, we should advise the Internal Security Division.

ACTION:

If you approve, attached letter will be sent to CIA, State Department and Internal Security Division setting forth data in Gibson's letter to our New York Office. We are advising Legal Attache, Paris, of subject's presence there.

J. Jan.

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