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Subject was head of Fair Play for Cuba Committee at one time and is now living in London where he is connected with some communist publications. In 1962 subject offered to serve as informant for Bureau solely for financial reasons but we declined and told CIA of his offer. In September, 1965, CIA advised It is now directing Gibson's activities. Prior to removing him from Index, it is felt a current report or memorandum should be submitted to interested agencies.

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According to Bureau Source 6, on 9-21-65 Richard Gibson in London contacted Robert Williams in Cuba and indicated he had received an unidentified message from Williams. Gibson assured Williams of his personal loyalty and solidarity in "the struggle." Gibson also said he was partially responsible for Williams' situation and was ready to make any effort which would help

As you are aware, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has advised in confidence that it is operating Gibson and the message would indicate that CIA is attempting to have Gibson re-establish contact with Williams. Note that CIA has assigned the code name SUGAR to Gibson and data originating with him will be attributed to that code name.

CIA's operational interest in Gibson must be maintained in strictest confidence. Bureau Source 6 Hata (S) is for lead purposes only and must not be included in communications prepared for dissemination.

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By letter dated 4/30/65, Legat, Mexico, advised that the Mexico City Station of CIA, by memorandum 2/18/65, captioned "American Communists' Contacts in Mexico City" which was classified "Secret" with instructions that the information not be disseminated outside the Bureau, furnished information indicating that a leading member of the National Liberation Movement, a pro-Cuba, anti-US Communist front, stated that LEO HUBERMAN and FRANCES KELLY, both of whom are editors of le. WU/ "Monthly Review" were in Mexico. According to the memorandum, HUBERMAN and KELLY were interested in discussing the possibility of publishing English translations of the writings of DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS, a well known Mexican artist and a member of the Central Committee of the Mexican CP. The memorandum also indicated that KELLY arrived in Mexico on 2/14/65, and both she and HUBERMAN were in contact with American Communists in Mexico./(

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The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On May 20, 1963, a second source advised that VINCENT "TED" LEE, FPCC National Office Director, was then formulating FPCC policy and had indicated that he had no intention of permitting FPCC policy to be determined by any other organization. This source stated that LEE believed that the FPCC should advocate resumption of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the United States and should support the right of Cubans to manage their revolution without interference from other nations. LEE did not advocate supporting the Cuban revolution per se.

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The December 27, 1963, edition of "The New York World Telegram and Sun" newspaper stated that the pro-CASTRO FPCC was seeking to go out of business and that its prime activity during its lifetime had been sponsorship of pro-CASTRO street rallies and mass picket lines, and the direction of an active propaganda mill highlighting illegal travel-to-Cuba campaigns. Its comparatively brief span of life was attributed to mounting anti-CASTRO American public opinion, the 1962 Congressional hearings which disclosed FPCC financing by CASTRO's United Nations Delegation, and ultimately, the bad publicity which the FPCC received from disclosure of activities on its behalf by suspected presidential assassin, LEE H. OSWALD.

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On May 20, 1963, a second source advised that VINCENT "TED" LEE, FPCC National Office Director, was then formulating FPCC policy and had indicated that he had no intention of permitting FPCC policy to be determined by any other organization. This source stated that LEE believed that the FPCC should advocate resumption of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the United States and should support the right of Cubans to manage their revolution without interference from other nations. LEE did not advocate supporting the Cuban revolution per se.

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APPENDIX

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

Richard Thomas Gibson

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The November 23, 1963, edition of "The New York Times" reported that Senator THOMAS J. DODD of Connecticut had called FPCC "the chief public relations instrument of the CASTRO network in the United States." It is to be noted that Senator DODD was a member of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee which twice conducted hearings on the FFCC.

The December 27, 1953, edition of "The New York World Telegram and Sun" newspaper stated that the pro-CASTRO FPCC was seeking to go out of business and that its prime activity during its lifetime had been sponsorship of pro-CASTRO street rallies and mass picket lines, and the direction of an active propaganda mill highlighting illegal travel-to-Cuba campaigns. Its comparatively brief span of life was attributed to mounting anti-CASTRO American public opinion, the 1962 Congressional hearings which disclosed FFCC financing by CASTRO's United Nations Delegation, and ultimately, the bad publicity which the FPCC received from disclosure of activities on its behalf by suspected presidential assassin, LEE H. OSWALD.

On February 6, 1964, the previously mentioned second source advised that V. T. LEE had recently remarked that the FPCC was dead and that there were no plans to organize another similar organization.

On April 13, 1964, a third source advised that there had not been any FPCC activity in many months and that the FPCC had been dissolved.

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MONTHLY REVIEW

A source advised on March 24, 1953, that Monthly Review, Inc., was incorporated in the State of New York on October 19, 1951, and the corporation papers reflected it succeeded the individual business of LEO HUBERMAN at 66 Barrow Street, New York, New York, which operated since 1949 under the title, Monthly Review Press.

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The publication is "An Independent Socialist Magazine" with editorial and business offices at 333 Sixth Avenue, New York 14, New York, and mailing address at 66 Barrow Street, New York, New York, according to the March, 1961, issue of "Monthly Review." Its editors are listed as LEO HUBERMAN and PAUL M. SWEEZY.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, former editor of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958, advised on June 23, 1950, that LEO HUBERMAN was a member of the CP in 1945.

Another source advised on November 2, 1954, that PAUL M. SWEEZY was known as a Marxist, but not as a Communist Party (CP) member. The same source stated that the CP hard core had been critical of SWEEZY because of his independent application of Marxist theory. According to the source, SWEEZY was used to advantage in many CP front activities in the 1930's.

> The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Date: 10 July 23, 1965

To: Director Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Moover, Director

Subject: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:

Seventeen American Negroes Training in Nanking, China INTERNAL SECURITY - CHINA

Information has been received from a confidential source abroad that according to a South African who was trained in guerrilla warfare at the Manking Military School in China in 1963, there were seventeen American new ross also training at this school. The source further stated that this was not the first group of American negroes to receive such training there

No additional information has been developed corroborating the above allogation. However, a review of our files indicates that a source of your Agency, who utilizes the cryptonym "Sugar," evidently has a wide acquaintanceship in African nationalist movements and therefore may be in a position to furnish information concerning this matter. It is therefore requested that "Sugar" be contacted for any information he may be able to furnish in this regard (1 - 105-93072 (Richard Thomas Gibson) LLA: amf:lcr (7)

NOTE: Original information in this matter was furnished by MI-6. It is possible the negroes referred to are from South or Central America, if, in fact, they are Americans. Logical investigation to date has failed to develop any additional corroborating data. Sugar referred to above is Richard Thomas Gibson, formerly involved with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, and well-known to the Bureau. He is presently on the Security Index. CIA has recently initiated contact with him in Europe and plans to operate him as a source. His initial debriefing by CIA indicates he should be contacted concerning captioned matter. This letter classified "Secret" since it repeats data from MI-6 memorandum so classified.

