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August 27, 1962

RE: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON

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Gibson, Acting Executive Secretary of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), was interviewed by our New York Office on August 16, 1962. He indicated that he had previously sought a meeting with representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for the following reasons: (S)

(1) Gibson said he is financially "broke," is currently living off his wife's unemployment check and would be willing to help the FBI or CIA in return for financial remuneration. He made it plain that he was motivated strictly by monetary considerations in this regard and not by any sense of allegiance to the United States. Gibson said he felt he could assist CIA in Latin America through his contacts with "leftist groups"; however, he declined to identify such contacts. He also expressed a willingness to make a public statement to the effect that the FPCC was a useless and ineffective organization, provided he was adequately paid for such action. (S) X

(2) Gibson expressed an interest in seeking to arrange for the return to the United States of Robert Williams, who fled this country for Cuba while being sought as a fugitive in connection with a kidnapping charge in North Carolina. Gibson said that Williams is very unhappy in Cuba and wants to leave that country provided he does not have to return to a "North Carolina chain gang." The subject expressed the belief that the Kennedy administration could have Federal charges against Williams dropped and, if the latter were "handled right," he would denounce Castro and the Cuban government. According to Gibson, Williams is presently seeking to leave Cuba for Africa, probably for Guinea. 4

Concerning the FPCC, Gibson described this organization as highly ineffective and as nothing more than a translation

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Re: Richard Thomas Gibson

During the interview, Gibson was evasive and appeared to be a complete opportunist. These factors coupled with the statements he made during the interview indicate that he could not be trusted. In view of this, we are not initiating any further contacts with him.

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Note:

See cover memorandum prepared by JJD:pa dated 8-24-62 same subject from Wannall to Sullivan. u

Classified "Confidential" in view of the fact that CIA could possibly have an interest in using Gibson in Latin America. Unauthorized disclosure of his offer would jeopardize any utilization of him by CIA. (S)

Original of letterhead memorandum sent to Attorney General, copies to Deputy Attorney General; Mr. J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General; Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General; CIA; and Department of State. u

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