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Memorandum

TO : W. C. Sullivan

FROM : W. R. Wannall

SUBJECT: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON
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Subject is former acting Executive Secretary of pro-Castro organization, Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). He is on the Security Index. Following results of interview of subject by New York Office 8/16/62, it was instructed not to initiate any further contact with him but to accept any data he might wish to furnish. Subject is in Paris, France, and has written letter to Agent of New York Office offering to "be of use to you." Dissemination being made to Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and State Department.

Memorandum 8/24/62 set forth results of interview of subject by New York Office 8/16/62 during which he indicated he would assist FBI and/or CIA in return for financial remuneration, but not because of any allegiance to U. S. He stated he did not particularly like FBI. Interviewing Agents stated Gibson is a weasel-like character, evasive, opportunistic, with very little or no moral fiber at all.

Since subject's dislike of FBI indicated he could never be controlled as source or informant, and since it did not appear that the risk involved would be worth our attempt to operate him, we instructed New York not to initiate any further contact with subject but to accept any data he might wish to furnish.

Our interview of subject on 8/16/62 was based on a letter which had been turned over to CIA which indicated that the subject desired to get in touch with that Agency discreetly. Accordingly, we advised CIA and State Department of results of interview of subject. We also furnished results of interview to Attorney General since, during interview, we obtained a great deal of background data on Cuban matters.

Though subject indicated a desire to get in touch with CIA, a check with that Agency on 10/22/62 revealed that it does not plan to contact him.

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Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan
RE: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON
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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. 4

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." (S) The Committee could shut down within a few days without any serious difficulties, especially 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. (S) Lee 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. 4

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. 4 (S)

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. 4 (S)

JM *Sullivan* *A* *✓*

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