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1. FOLLOWING ODENVY REP AND STATION VIEWS RE POSSIBLE

CONTACT WITH GIBSON IN [] BY OSTENSIBLE CONSULAR OFFICER

PER REF B. ODENVY REP CABLING PLAN TO HIS HQS AND ASKING APPROVAL.

A. JUDGE INANITION WILL NOT BE CONCERNED THAT APPROACH TO GIBSON MIGHT EXPOSE THEIR TECH OP AS LONG AS AMERICAN REP REFERS TO STATSIDE INVESTIGATION AS SOURCE OF INFO RE GIBSON CONTACT WITH OSWALD.

B. BASED INFO ODENVY BERN FILES APPEARS GIBSON GENERALLY UNCOOPERATIVE, THUS POSSIBLE HE WILL NOT AGREE TALK RE OSWALD. ODENVY REPORTS RELATE HIS PHILANDERING AND BLACKMAIL ACTIVITIES, CITE HIS STATEMENTS THAT HIS FIRST CONCERN IS HIMSELF, THEN THE NEGRO RACE AND THAT HE WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE UNITED STATES.

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C. IF APPROACH MADE IN SUISSE ~~IF BEST DONE WITHIN~~
 CONSULAR CONTEXT AND BY GENUINE CONSUL ~~IN ORDERS~~ ~~AVOID ANY~~
 APPEARANCE OF SECRECY OR STEALTH IN EVENT GIBSON PRESENCE
 SUISSE AND CONTACT BY AMERICAN AUTHORITIES SUBSEQUENTLY
 PUBLICIZED.

D. INTERVIEW BY CONSUL NOT LIKELY TO BE AS COMPLETE
 AS IF HANDLED BY EITHER ODENVY¹ OR KUBARK³ REP BUT ON BALANCE
 FOR REASONS CITED ABOVE BELIEVE APPROACH BY GENUINE CONCLAR
 REP PREFERABLE.

E. CONTACT WITH GIBSON COULD BE MADE (1) BY HAVING
 CONSUL GO LAUSANNE AND TRY CONTACT GIBSON AT RESIDENCE
 (2) HAVE CONSUL PHONE AND ASK GIBSON COME BERN FOR INTERVIEW
 (3) HAVE CONSUL PHONE AND ASK IF GIBSON WILL RECEIVE CONSUL
 FOR INTERVIEW AT LAUSANNE. TEND FAVOR COURSE (1) BECAUSE
 OTHER COURSES WOULD ALERT GIBSON AND GIVE HIM CHANCE REFUSE ANY CONTACT.

F. BELIEVE INTERVIEWER SHOULD NOT TRY ELICIT INFO
 FROM GIBSON BUT IMMEDIATELY INDICATE REASON FOR CONTACT IS
 TRY CLARIFY ALL BACKGROUND RE PRESIDENT KENNEDY DEATH,
 THAT INVESTIGATION IN STATES HAS REVEALED THAT GIBSON FORMER
 ASSOCIATE OF OSWALD AND THAT STATE DEPT HAD ASKED INTERVIEWER
 DISCUSS OSWALD WITH GIBSON.

G. IF INTERVIEW HELD IN AMCONSUL BERN OFFICE WOULD
 COVERTLY RECORD IT.

2. AMB DAVIS AND DCM KELLERMANN BRIEFED RE CASE ON

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29 NOVEMBER. THEIR VIEWS AS FOLLOWS: ALTHO THEY BELIEVE BETTER INTERVIEW JOB COULD BE DONE BY ODENVY OR KUBARK REP THEY APPRECIATE THAT CIRCUMSTANCES MAY MAKE USE OF CONSULAR OFFICER ADVISABLE. (FYI ODENVY REP RELUCTANT UNDERTAKE TASK BECAUSE OF STANDING INSTRUCTIONS HE NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY MATTER WHERE HE MIGHT LATER HAVE TO APPEAR AS WITNESS IN COURT PROCEEDING.) THEY WILLING MAKE CONSULAR OFFICER AVAILABLE BUT WISH HAVE INSTRUCTION FROM STATE DEPT TO THIS EFFECT. (FYI AMB WHO HAS JUST TAKEN CHARGE DEFERS TO KELLERMANN VIEWS RE ACTION ADVISABLE.)

3. IT MADE CLEAR TO AMB AND DCM THAT ODENVY HAS EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OSWALD CASE BUT THAT KUBARK COOPERATING CLOSELY. DCM SUGGESTED THAT VIEW SLOWNESS OF ODENVY COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL IT PRFERABLE HAVE CONTACT WITH DEPT RE USE OF CONSULAR OFFICER BE HANDLED THRU KUBARK CHANNELS. ELMARD REPLIED STATION PREPARED TRANSMIT ANY MSG AMB DESIRED BUT SUGGESTED AMB WAIT UNTIL ODENVY REP RECEIVED GUIDANCE FROM HIS HQS RE CASE. AMB CONCURRED.

4. ELMARD INFORMED AMB AND ODENVY REP HE INTENDED REPLY TO QUERIES WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED FROM KUBARK HQS, WOULD FORWARD FOR HQS INFO ONLY VIWS OF AMB, ODENVY REP AND ELMARD RE POSSIBLE APPROACHES RE GIBSON INTERVIEW, ASK HQS DEFER ANY APPROACH TO DEPT UNTIL ODENVY REP RECEIVED GUIDANCE FROM HIS HQS.

5. KUBARK ONLY. ODENVY REP CONCERNED AND EMBARRASSED

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THAT FIVE DAYS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE HE SENT FIRST MSG TO HIS HQS AND NO REPLY RECD YET. HE HAS SENT ADDITIONAL NIACT CABLE REQUESTING IMMEDIATE REPLY.

6. CHECK AMEMB BERN FILES REVEALS NO INFO RE GIBSON.

7. INANITION² REPORTS THAT INFO FROM LAUSANNE INDICATES GIBSON TENTATIVELY PLANNING GO FRANCE WHEN DEPARTS SUISSE PRIOR TO 15 DECEMBER. DATE HIS DEPARTURE NOT KNOWN.

8. FURTHER INFO FROM INANITION² CONFIRMS THAT ALBERT SCHWEITZER COLLEGE, CHURWALDEN IS REPUTABLE SCHOOL WHOSE CURRICULUM PLACES EMPHASIS ON HUMANISTIC STUDIES AND WHOSE GENERAL ORIENTATION IS AWAY FROM LEFT IN POLITICS. NO INFO HAS EMERGED AS TO WHY PROCLAIMED MARXIST OSWALD WOULD SEEK TO ATTEND SUCH A SCHOOL.

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CS Comments: *Station information on Gibson.

**Queried Station on wisdom and security of having ostensible Consular officer call in Gibson and question him about a possible connection with Oswald.

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