

DISPATCH		SECRET		PROCESSING ACTION	
TO	Chief of Station, Bern				MARKED FOR INDEXING
INFO	Chief of Base, Geneva				NO INDEXING REQUIRED
FROM	Chief, EE				ONLY QUALIFIED DESK CAN JUDGE INDEXING
SUBJECT	INX/KUMPOIP/Chicom Activities Richard Thomas GIBSON				
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES					
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1. Permission has been granted by ODENVY to pass to the INANITIONS the following information from its reports on Subject.					
a. Richard Thomas Gibson, American Negro journalist, born 13 May 1931 in Los Angeles, California, was active in the New York chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) from the time of its organization in the spring of 1960 until his departure for Algeria in the fall of 1962. The FPCC has been supported by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and Gibson has busied himself as well with other front groups in the United States supported by the SWP. (The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.)					
b. Gibson apparently began to lose interest in the FPCC, partly because of inadequate pay and operating funds, by the spring of 1962 when he stated that he intended to leave the organization in the fall. Gibson left Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, in September 1962 for Algeria where he planned to work as a journalist for several South American and European newspapers (none identified) and to travel to Morocco, Ghana, Guinea and Mali before returning to the United States. Eventually, both Gibson and his wife were given posts with <u>Revolution Africaine</u> a journal reportedly financed by the Algerian Government.					
c. Gibson's English wife, Sarah, was identified with the "English Bureau" of <u>Revolution Africaine</u> as of February 1963. Prior to his departure from the United States Gibson served as Executive Secretary of the Liberation Committee for Africa as well as serving as acting Executive Secretary of the FPCC. The Liberation Committee for Africa is an organization which is nationwide with the aim of helping "African freedom fighters" and promoting awareness of a common heritage for Afro-Americans and Africans.					
2. ODENVY would appreciate receiving any additional information concerning the whereabouts and activities of Gibson which may come to your attention.					
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