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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED  
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On 10/18/64, NY 3246-S\* made available photographs of material maintained at the office of Freedomways Associates Incorporated, 799 Broadway, NYC. Included were photographs of the following letters:

1. A letter dated 8/28/64 from JOHN HENRIK CLARKE Associate Editor "Freedomways" magazine addressed to JULIAN MAYFIELD in Accra, Ghana, in which he comments that he knew that MAYFIELD had met MAX and JEAN BOND, whom he felt could of assistance to MAYFIELD.

Later in the letter CLARKE comments that, undoubtedly, MAYFIELD already knows that RICHARD GIBSON has been exposed as a CIA agent. CLARKE said that GIBSON was the one who was so "friendly" with us" adding "I know now that it was he who pointed the finger at me and had the FBI breathing down my neck for over a year. Now where does this situation put DAN WATTS? In many ways they were peas in the pot".

2. A letter dated 9/15/64, addressed to Mrs. MAX BOND. c/o the Ghana National Construction Corporation, Accra, Ghana. In this letter CLARKE stated that both he and his wife were pleased to know that she and MAX are impressed with Ghana and that ESTHER (probably ESTHER JACKSON) had written to her last week. He said that they would be sending her some books to review.

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It is believed that the MAX and JEAN BOND referred to by CLARKE are JEAN CAREY BOND, the niece of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS and her husband MAX BOND, the son of J. MAX BOND, who is an education advisor with A.I.D., Blantyre, Nyasaland, Africa. It is also noted that investigations have been conducted on JANE BOND HOWARD, the daughter of J. MAX BOND and the subject of Bureau file 100-425701, NY file 100-130493. This information has been reported in the investigations of J. MAX BOND, who is the subject of NY file 140-7045 and 124-4755. (u)

It is noted further that JEAN is the daughter of Dr. RICHARD M. <sup>and</sup> JOHNNIE CAREY, subjects of NY files 100-142798 and 100-125276. u

The information concerning CLARKE's statement on RICHARD GIBSON is not being reported in the LHM because NY has no information concerning the use of GIBSON by the CIA and it is felt that this information could be given to the CIA by the Bureau without setting it forth for general distribution in a letterhead. (S)

The source used in the characterization of JOHN CLARKE is NY 4535-S\* and the source used in the characterization of JULIAN MAYFIELD is SJ 233-S. NY 1869-S\* was used to characterize JEAN CAREY BOND. u

This LHM is classified "Confidential" because it contains information from the sources used, the unauthorized disclosure of which could be detrimental to the defense interests of the US and result in the loss of sources of value.

There is enclosed for the Bureau 9 copies of an LHM containing information set forth in the two letters from CLARKE as well as copies of the letters themselves. (u)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

November 4, 1964

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A confidential source recently furnished information reflecting that in August 1964, John Henrik Clarke, the Associate Editor of "Freedomways" magazine contacted Julian Mayfield of "The African Review", Post Office Box 2052, Accra, Ghana, West Africa. Clarke notified Mayfield that there is a renewed interest in his writing both in the United States and other places. He said that a group in Japan called "The Association of Negro Studies" was reprinting one of its articles and that another article he had written for "Freedomways" would appear in Clarke's book "Harlem, USA" which would be published in Germany in October 1964. (u)

Clarke stated that, undoubtedly, Mayfield had met Max and Jean Bond, that Jean could be of great help to him in proofreading and organizing materials, and that Max could be of assistance in translating French material. He said that Jean Bond could write well and had written a number of very searching book reviews for "Freedomways". (u)

Clarke also indicated that Mayfield had been in London, England and said that he knew all of the writers whom Mayfield met in London. He mentioned specifically that C.L.R. James had written a fine article for their Caribbean issue. (u)

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A characterization of Freedomways Associates Incorporated appears in the appendix attached hereto. *u*

On August 14, 1964, a confidential source made available information reflecting that John Henrik Clarke of "Freedomways" magazine is an "associate" of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS). *u*

A characterization of AIMS is set forth in the appendix attached hereto. *u*

A confidential source advised on September 20, 1955, that he had received information that three leaders of the Partido Comunista Puertorriqueno (PCP) (Communist Party of Puerto Rico) had visited in Naranjito, Puerto Rico, where they talked to Mayfield's wife. During the discussion between the three leaders and Ana Livia Cordero, Mayfield's wife, Julian Mayfield was mentioned as a potential recruit for a new PCP club Naranjito, which was to be formed subsequent to instant date. *u*

A confidential source advised on January 3, 1963, that C.L.R. James was residing in London, England. *u*

A confidential source advised on August 1, 1958, that James was one of the co-founders of the Johnson Forest Group (JFG) who, in 1953, was deported from the United States as an undesirable alien. *u*

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The JFG has been designated pursuant to executive order 10450. u

The first confidential source also furnished information reflecting that on September 15, 1964, John Clarke contacted Mrs. Max Bond, care of the Ghana National Construction Corporation, Head Office Annex, Post Office Box 136, Accra, Ghana, West Africa. Clarke told her that he and his wife were pleased to know that she and Max are impressed with Ghana and that their stay there will be a rewarding experience. He told her that he agreed with her evaluation of the Spring 1964 issue of "Freedomways" and said that he had sent her the Caribbean issue. Clarke told her that they missed the both of them but are happy that "you are serving the cause in the motherland." ~~(u)~~

A confidential source furnished information on October 26, 1960, reflecting that Jean Carey is the niece of Benjamin J. Davis. u

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, August 25, 1964, commented on the death of Benjamin J. Davis on August 22, 1964. It states that he held "high offices" in the Communist Party, USA, was re-elected to the Party's National Committee at the Party's 17th National Convention, and was elected to the Executive Board, to the national Secretariat and post of National Secretary by the National Committee. u

Max Bond is the son of J. Max Bond an education advisor with U.S. A.I.D. In Blantyre, Nyasaland, Africa u

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APPENDIX

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES

A source advised on April 9, 1963, that on April 7, 1963, at a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) of New England, held in Boston, Massachusetts, HERBERT APTHEKER stated he was developing an organization called American Institute For Marxist Studies (AIMS), which would eventually legalize the CP. He stated AIMS would publish literature on History, Science, Physics, Archeology and other subjects which would be put out quarterly with various supplements.

A second source advised in December, 1959, that HERBERT APTHEKER was elected to the National Committee, CP, USA, at the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA, held in December, 1959.

A third source advised on June 7, 1963, that on June 3, 1963, HERBERT APTHEKER spoke at the CP, USA, New York District Board meeting concerning AIMS. APTHEKER stated that AIMS would unite and strengthen the CP although the CP would not be connected with it. He stated AIMS was being formed to operate within the scope of the MC CARRAN and SMITH Acts and would legally bring Marxist material and opinions to the attention of American scholars and the general public.

A fourth source advised on May 15, 1964, that, as of that date, AIMS was located on the fifth floor west at 20 East 30th Street, New York City, New York.

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Spring, 1964, issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, another source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by JAMES JACKSON, a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

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Reference is made to the New York memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-93072)

DATE: 10-29-64

FROM : Legat, Paris (105-1270) (P.)

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SUBJECT: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON  
IS - CUBA

Re Paris letter 8-25-64.

Captioned matter was further discussed with LAWRENCE GOURLAY of CIA, Paris, on 10-27-64. He advised that CIA at the present time has no particular interest in GIBSON and has no plan to interview him or to establish contact with him. He stated that in the event the Bureau desires to interview GIBSON or make contact with him, they would have no objection and would be interested in knowing the outcome. I told him that we have no plans along these lines at the present time and that we are mainly interested in keeping track of GIBSON's activities and knowing if and when he returns to the United States. GOURLAY stated that it is his impression that GIBSON is no longer connected with the pro-Communist Chinese magazine "Revolution" but that this may be incorrect. (S)

Referenced Paris letter indicated that the Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire (DST), French domestic counterespionage service, is now interested in GIBSON, and they have been requested to furnish us with up-to-date information regarding his present employment, residence, and activities. We are continuing to follow this with the DST and will furnish the Bureau with any information received from that source. (S)

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Paris 8, France

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Date: August 25, 1964  
To: Director, FBI (105-93072)  
From: Legat, Paris (105-1270)(P)  
Subject: RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON  
IS - CUBA

Re Paris letter 6/17/64.

This is to advise that I was contacted by LAWRENCE GOURLAY, of CIA, Paris, on August 20, 1964. He advised that his office received an inquiry from the Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire (DST), French domestic counter-espionage service, in July 1964 regarding GIBSON. He advised that they have very little information in their files other than that which has been furnished by this office. It was agreed that we would furnish information directly to the DST since all of the information originated with the Bureau.

GOURLAY advised that they have thus far taken no steps to contact GIBSON or to attempt to develop him as a source of information. He stated that he is contacting his headquarters to determine what the desires of his headquarters are in this regard. GOURLAY stated that it is his impression that GIBSON is no longer employed by the pro-Communist Chinese magazine "Revolution" but that he is still residing in Paris. He stated that he will advise us in the near future as to whether or not they still have an interest in the subject and as to whether they intend to take any action with regard to him.

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The summary of information from the Paris file was furnished to the DST on August 25, 1964. The DST is being requested to furnish us with any information in their possession and to ascertain if he is presently employed by "Revolution." (S)

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There is enclosed for the information of the Bureau a copy of an item which appeared in the "New York Herald Tribune," Paris edition dated June 25, 1964. X

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### Castro's Book

To the Herald Tribune:

Eleanor Dienstadt's interesting article of June 18, concerning Fidel Castro's forthcoming book on the first ten years of the Cuban revolution, is quite accurate in many points.

But it is not true that the idea for the book originated with the Cuban embassy in Rome, which then approached the Italian publisher Feltrinelli. Fidel Castro had long planned to write such a book. He received constant encouragement from Carlos Franqui, who was then editor-in-chief of the newspaper "Revolucion" in Havana. Franqui even made an effort to collect what fragments Fidel had completed—and these were printed in English in the September-October 1963 double issue of "Revolucion," international revolutionary monthly, now published in Paris.

Shortly after the publication of these "Notes for a Biography of Fidel Castro," Carlos Franqui and I, Ita, had some arrangements with Feltrinelli for the publication.

RICHARD GILSON

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"New York Herald Tribune"  
Paris, France  
6/25/64

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