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Prior to instituting action concerning subject's removal from Security Index, Bureau desires a report or memorandum be prepared for dissemination purposes to include any unreported subversive activities on subject's part. Submit promptly and you will be advised further concerning subject's Security Index status.

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NOTE

Subject was head of Fair Play for Cuba Committee at one time and is now living in London where he is connected with some communist publications. In 1962 subject offered to serve as informant for Bureau solely for financial reasons but we declined and told CIA of his offer. In September, 1965, CIA advised It is now directing Gibson's activities. removing him from Index, it is felt a current report or memorandum should be submitted to interested agencies.

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According to Bureau Source 6, on 9-21-65 Richard Gibson in London contacted Robert Williams in Cuba and indicated he had received an unidentified message from Williams. Gibson assured Williams of his personal loyalty and solidarity in "the struggle." Gibson also said he was partially responsible for Williams' situation and was ready to make any effort which would help/

As you are aware, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has advised in confidence that it is operating Gibson and the message would indicate that CIA is attempting to have Gibson re-establish contact with Williams. that CIA has assigned the code name SUGAR to Gibson and data originating with him will be attributed to that code name

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The publication is "An Independent Socialist Magazine" with editorial and business offices at 333 Sixth Avenue, New York 14, New York, and mailing address at 66 Barrow Street, New York, New York, according to the March, 1961, issue of "Monthly Review." Its editors are listed as LEO HUBERMAN and PAUL M. SWEEZY.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, former editor of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958, advised on June 23, 1950, that LEO HUBERMAN was a member of the CP in 1945.

Another source advised on November 2, 1954, that PAUL M. SWEEZY was known as a Marxist, but not as a Communist Party (CP) member. The same source stated that the CP hard core had been critical of SWEEZY because of his independent application of Marxist theory. According to the source, SWEEZY was used to advantage in many CP front activities in the 1930's.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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- Mr. Krupinsky

- Mr. Anderson

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July 23, 1965

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Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: Seventeen American Megroes Training in Manking, Chica Internal Security - China

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Information has been received from a confident source abroad that according to a South African who was trained in guerrilla warfare at the Wanking Military School in China in 1963, there were seventeen American ne voes also training at this school. The source further stated that this was not the first group of american negroes to receive such training there!

No additional information has been developed corroborating the above allogation. However, a review of our files indicates that a source of your Agency, who utilizes the cryptonym "Sugar," evidently has a wide acquaintanceship in African nationalist movements and therefore may be in a position to furnish information concorning this matter. It is therefore requested that "Sugar" be contacted for any information he may be able to furnish in this regard. 12130 194 Classified by Spanned GAT

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Original information in this matter was furnished by MI-6. It is possible the negroes referred to are from South or Central America, if, in fact, they are Americans. Logical investigation to date has failed to develop any additional corroborating data. Sugar referred to above is Richard Thomas Gibson, formerly involved with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, and well-known to the Bureau. is presently on the Security Index. CIA has recently initiated contact with him in Europe and plans to operate him as a source. His initial debriefing by CIA indicates he should be contacted concerning captioned matter. This letter classified "Secret" since it repeats data from NI-6 memorandum so classified. 105.93072

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