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Tampa Internal Security Subcommittee (SISS) plans hearings concerning Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) in the Tampa area in the near future. Tampa has requested Bureau consider asking Subcommittee not to issue subpoena for TP 27-S as such action might jeopardize his value. Dates of such hearings not set nor list of potential witnesses completed. Decision concerning subpoena will be made when list of witnesses available.

Tampa airtel 2/5/63 revealed SISS plans to reschedule in near future recently postponed hearings concerning FPCC. Concern was expressed over possibility TP 27-S might be subpoenaed and request was made that Bureau consider requesting SISS not to subpoena TP 27-S as such action might jeopardize his future value. TP 27-S is former Communist Party member who is presently active in FPCC and is serving on the Executive Board of the Tampa Bay Chapter of the FPCC. He is a paid informant who is furnishing Bureau on a continuing basis information concerning FPCC, data regarding Communist Party members in Tampa area, and information concerning the Proletariat Party of America. On confidential basis Inspector Wick determined from Subcommittee representative that hearings concerning Tampa FPCC would be held in near future but that dates of hearings and list of witnesses had not yet been completed.

In connection with Congressional hearings, Tampa airtel disclosed that, during conversation with Chief Neil G. Brown of the Tampa Police Department, SAC, Tampa, indicated the SISS, as an investigative agency of the Legislative Branch of the Government, had access to information developed by investigative agencies of the Executive Branch through the Attorney General. Since this statement could be subject to misinterpretation, we are instructing Tampa to be sure Chief Brown understands that FBI files are confidential and that information from our files is furnished only to authorized agencies of the Executive Branch. SAC, Tampa, also made statement that information affecting the public safety of the community would be furnished

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To the Police Department and would not be passed to other agencies. This statement is also subject to misinterpretation and we are advising SAC, Tampa, to be sure that Chief Brown understands that information concerning the public safety of the community would be given to him and to other interested agencies.

OBSERVATIONS:

If leaders and principal members of the Tampa Bay Chapter of FPCC are to be subpoenaed by the Subcommittee, it would be to our advantage and that of TP 27-S to be subpoenaed along with the other members as his absence would undoubtedly pinpoint him to the membership as an informant. Appropriate action concerning the issuance of a subpoena for TP 27-S will be made when list of witnesses available.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

If you agree,

(1) Contact will be maintained by Mr. DeLoach's office with Subcommittee representative in order that list of witnesses might be obtained and appropriate action concerning the issuance of a subpoena concerning TP 27-S taken.

(2) Attached airtel will be sent to Tampa advising that Subcommittee hearings are to be held in near future but that dates of hearings not set nor list of witnesses completed and that appropriate action concerning subpoena will be taken when list of witnesses is available. Also, that Chief Brown understands that information in FBI files is only furnished to authorized Government agencies and that information concerning public welfare of the community would be disseminated to him, along with interested Government agencies.