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Postponement #1 (Page 2):
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1. AT STATION REQUEST, ACTING CONGEN JOHN GOSSETT WROTE GIBSON ROUTINE LETTER REQUESTING INTERVIEW AT PARA 2 REF ADDRESS. GIBSON CALLED ON GOSSETT PROMPTLY AND STATED HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OSWALD BY TRUE NAME BUT MAY HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT ON ONE OR BOTH FOLLOWING OCCASIONS:

A. IN LATE SUMMER 62 WHEN WORKING FOR FAIR PALLY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE (FPCC) IN NEW YORK, GIBSON RECEIVED LETTER FROM LEE BOWMONT IN FORT WORTH. LETTER ENCLOSED PHOTO AND NEWSPAPER CLIPPING WHICH DESCRIBED ACTIVITY SIMILAR TO FPCC AND ASKED FOR INFO ON FPCC. GIBSON STATES "TO BEST OF MEMORY" HE SENT ROUTINE REPLY ENCLOSING LITERATURE. HE DID NOT PREJURE BOWMONT TO BE ALIAS AT TIME BUT FOR SOME UNCLEAR REASON NOW THINKS IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN OSWALD.

B. ALSO IN SUMMER 62 GIBSON RECEIVED GROUP OF TROTSKYISTS
AMONG WHOM MIGHT HAVE BEEN OSWALD. AGAIN GIBSON NOT CLEAR AS IS WHY HE PRESUMES THIS. GOSSETT THINKS HE MIGHT HAVE RECOGNIZED OSWALD IN NEWS PHOTOS AFTER ASSASSINATION. GIBSON WAS, OR ATTEMPTED APPEAR, MOST COOPERATIVE AND GOSSETT IMPRESSION IS THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO IMPROVE IMAGE WITH AMERICAN AUTHORITIES. EXPLAINED MOTIVE FOR REVOLUTION JOB PURELY ECONOMIC. OFFERED HELP EMBASSY.

2. IF ODENVY HAS HARD EVIDENCE CONTRADICTING ABOVE GOSSETT CAN REINTERVIEW GIBSON. STATION NOW EXAMINING POSSIBLE OPS USES.

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C/S Comment: * Requested Paris station confer with ODENVY (1) and decide on best method of contacting and interviewing American Negro Richard T. Gibson, who was at one time associated with the New York Chapter of Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Hqs. felt that Gibson may possibly been friends with Lee Harvey Oswald.