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[R] - ITEM IS RESTRICTED 104-10406-10076
1. FOLLOWING ODENVY REP AND STATION VIEWS RE POSSIBLE CONTACT WITH GIBSON IN SUISSE BY OSTENSIBLE CONSULAR OFFICER. PER REF B. ODENVY REP CABLED PLAN TO HIS HQS AND ASKING APPROVAL.

A. JUDGE INANITION WILL NOT BE CONCERNED THAT APPROACH TO GIBSON MIGHT EXPOSE THEIR TECH OP AS LONG AS AMERICAN REP REFERS TO STATISIDE INVESTIGATION AS SOURCE OF INFO RE GIBSON CONTACT WITH OSWALD.

B. BASED ON ODENVY BERN FILES APPEARS GIBSON GENERALLY UNCOOPERATIVE, THUS POSSIBLE HE WILL NOT AGREE TO TALK RE OSWALD. ODENVY REPORTS RELATE HIS PHILANDERING AND BLACKMAIL ACTIVITIES, CITE HIS STATEMENTS THAT HIS FIRST CONCERN IS HIMSELF, THEN THE NEGRO RACE AND THAT HE WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE UNITED STATES.
C. IF APPROACH MADE IN SUISSE IT BEST DONE WITHIN
CONSULAR CONTEXT AND BY GENUINE CONSUL IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY
APPEARANCE OF SECRECY OR STEALTH IN EVENT GIBSON PRESENCE
SUISSE AND CONTACT BY AMERICAN AUTHORITIES SUBSEQUENTLY
PUBLICIZED.

D. INTERVIEW BY CONSUL NOT LIKELY TO BE AS COMPLETE
AS IF HANDLED BY EITHER ODENVOY OR KUBARK REP BUT ON BALANCE
FOR REASONS CITED ABOVE BELIEVE APPROACH BY GENUINE CONSULAR
REP PREFERABLE.

E. CONTACT WITH GIBSON COULD BE MADE (1) BY HAVING
CONSUL GO LAUSANNE AND TRY CONTACT GIBSON AT RESIDENCE
(2) HAVE CONSUL PHONE AND ASK GIBSON COME BERN FOR INTERVIEW
(3) HAVE CONSUL PHONE AND ASK IF GIBSON WILL RECEIVE CONSUL
FOR INTERVIEW AT LAUSANNE. TEND FAVOR COURSE (1) BECAUSE
OTHER COURSES WOULD ALERT GIBSON AND GIVE HIM CHANCE REFUSE ANY CONTACT.

F. BELIEVE INTERVIEWER SHOULD NOT TRY ELICIT INFO
FROM GIBSON BUT IMMEDIATELY INDICATE REASON FOR CONTACT IS
TRY CLARIFY ALL BACKGROUND RE PRESIDENT KENNEDY DEATH,
THAT INVESTIGATION IN STATES HAS REVEALED THAT GIBSON FORMER
ASSOCIATE OF OSWALD AND THAT STATE DEPT HAD ASKED INTERVIEWER
DISCUSS OSWALD WITH GIBSON.

G. IF INTERVIEW HELD IN AMCONSUL BERN OFFICE WOULD
COVERTLY RECORD IT.

2. AMB DAVIS AND DCM KELLERMANN BRIEFED RE CASE ON
29 November. Their views as follows: Although they believe
better interview job could be done by Odeny or Kubark rep
they appreciate that circumstances may make use of consular
officer advisable. (FYI Odeny rep reluctant undertake
task because of standing instructions he not to become
involved in any matter where he might later have to appear
as witness in court proceeding.) They willing make consular
officer available but wish have instruction from State Dept
to this effect. (FYI Amb who has just taken charge defers
to Kellermann views re action advisable.)

3. It made clear to Amb and Dcm that Odeny has executive
responsibility for Oswald case but that Kubark cooperating
closely. Dcm suggested that view slowness of Odeny
communications channel it preferable have contact with
Dept re use of consular officer be handled thru Kubark
channels. ELMARD replied Station prepared transmit any
msg Amb desired but suggested Amb wait until Odeny rep received
guidance from his hqs re case. Amb concurred.

4. ELMARD informed Amb and Odeny rep he intended
reply to queries which he had received from Kubark Hqs,
would forward for hqs info only views of Amb, Odeny rep
and ELMARD re possible approaches re Gibson interview, ask
Hqs defer any approach to Dept until Odeny rep received
guidance from his hqs.

5. Kubark only. Odeny rep concerned and embarrassed
 THAT FIVE DAYS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE HE SENT FIRST MSG TO HIS
HQS AND NO REPLY RECD YET. HE HAS SENT ADDITIONAL NIAC
CABLE REQUESTING IMMEDIATE REPLY.

6. CHECK AMEMB BERN FILES REVEALS NO INFO RE GIBSON.

7. INANITION REPORTS THAT INFO FROM LAUSANNE INDICATES
GIBSON TENTATIVELY PLANNING GO FRANCE WHEN DEPARTS SUISSE
PRIOR TO 15 DECEMBER. DATE HIS DEPARTURE NOT KNOWN.

8. FURTHER INFO FROM INANITION CONFIRMS THAT ALBERT
SCHWEITZER COLLEGE, CHURWALDEN IS REPUTABLE SCHOOL WHOSE
CURRICULUM PLACES EMPHASIS ON HUMANISTIC STUDIES AND WHOSE
GENERAL ORIENTATION IS WAY FROM LEFT IN POLITICS. NO INFO
HAS EMERGED AS TO WHY PROCLAIMED MARXIST OSWALD WOULD
SEEK TO ATTEND SUCH A SCHOOL.

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CS Comments: *Station information on Gibson.
**Queryd Station on wisdom and security of having ostensible Consular officer call in Gibson and question him about a possible connection with Oswald.