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1. FOLLOWING ODENVY REP AND STATION VIEWS RE POSSIBLE CONTACT WITH GIBSON IN SUISSE BY OSTENSIBLE CONSULAR OFFICER PER REF B. ODENVY REP CABLING PLAN TO HIS HQS AND ASKING APPROVAL.

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

B. BASED INFO ODENVY BERN FILES APPEARS GIBSON GENERALLY UNCOOPERATIVE, THUS POSSIBLE HE WILL NOT AGREE 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.

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29 NOVEMBER. THEIR VIEWS AS FOLLOWS: ALTHO THEY BELIEVE BETTER INTERVIEW JOB COULD BE DONE BY ODENVY OR KUBARK REP THEY APPRECIATE THAT CIRCUMSTANCES MAY MAKE USE OF CONSULAR OFFICER ADVISABLE. (FYI ODENVY 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 ODENVY HAS EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OSWALD CASE, BUT THAT KUBARK COOPERATING CLOSELY. DCM SUGGESTED THAT VIEW SLOWNESS OF ODENVY COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL IT PRFERABLE HAVE CONTACT WITH DEPT RE USE OF CONSULAR OFFICER BE HANDLED THRU KUBARK CHANNELS. ELMARD REPLIED STATION WOULD TRANSMIT ANY MSG AMB DESIRED BUT SUGGESTED AMB WAIT UNTIL ODENVY REP RECEIVED GUIDANCE FROM HIS HQS RE CASE. AMB CONCURRED.

4. ELMARD INFORMED AMB AND ODENVY REP HE INTENDED REPLY TO QUERIES WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED FROM KUBARK HQS, WOULD FORWARD FOR HQS INFO ONLY VIEWS OF AMB, ODENVY REP AND ELMARD RE POSSIBLE APPROACHES RE GIBSON INTERVIEW, ASK HQS DEFER ANY APPROACH TO DEPT UNTIL ODENVY REP RECEIVED GUIDANCE FROM HIS HQS.

5. KUBARK ONLY. ODENVY REP CONCERNED AND EMBARRASSED