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Re New York airtel to the Bureau dated 9/13/63.

Enclosed are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum
dated 10/11/63. T-1 is the Swiss Federal Police who
requested that the information be classified Confidential.
The Swiss Federal Police have probably also furnished this
same information to CIA locally.

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AFRICAN REVOLUTION

T-1, a confidential source abroad, has advised that the publication "African Revolution" was created by the Algerian Front of National Liberation. Its English language edition is published in Switzerland. There have been several changes in the editorial composition and policy of "African Revolution" recently, according to T-1. Following a disagreement with BEN BELLA, JACQUES CAMILLE VERGES, the editor of the publication, was dismissed from his functions. VERGES is an Algerian national who was born March 5, 1925. His place as editor was taken by MOHAMED HARBI, former Secretary General of the Algerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since HARBI became editor, the editorial policy has changed and the June, 1963, issue of "African Revolution" indicated that the journal is now closely reflecting BEN BELLA's policy and attempting to promote a more Algerian image. (S) (U)

Although VERGES is no longer connected with the Algerian venture, he continues to publish the English digest of "African Revolution" from Lausanne, Switzerland. The July, 1963, issue was retitled "Africa, Latin America, Asia Revolution." The phrase "the third world," which is now in vogue among VERGES's group to describe the underdeveloped nations of Africa, South America and Asia, indicates the scope of the magazine in its new form. T-1 described this publication with which VERGES is presently connected as pro-communist. (S) (U)

Two members of the Lausanne office of the "African Revolution" have remained loyal to VERGES after he was replaced by HARBI. They are FREDY GILBERT NILS ANDERSSON, a Swedish national who was born on February 14, 1933, in Lausanne, and RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON, a United States citizen who was born May 13, 1931, in Los Angeles. (S) (U)

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ANDERSSON apparently heads the office of the Lausanne edition of "African Revolution" with offices at 10-11 Metropole, Lausanne. He is also editor-secretary of "Societe Cooperative Clartee Editions." (S) (U)

GIBSON has U. S. Passport No. B-131994 which was issued at Washington, D. C. on January 25, 1961. His wife is JOY MARJORIE GIBSON, nee KAYE, who was born July 12, 1926, in London. She is a British subject, carries British passport C156546, and is also a journalist. She resides in Lausanne at 17 Escaliers du Marche, where she arrived from Algeria in late April 1963 (this also is presumably the residence of her husband, RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON) (S) (U)

According to T-1, VERGES has been denied permission to enter Switzerland. The case against ANDERSSON is still pending (probably relating to whether or not he will be allowed to remain in Switzerland). RICHARD THOMAS GIBSON has been refused a Swiss resident's permit and has been ordered to depart from Switzerland before December 15, 1963 (S) (U)

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