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"The three men agree to form an organization to assure 'fair play' for Castro's Cuba. They would seek impressive sponsors. They would seek funds. Then they would employ the classic method of announcing a new political organization: They would buy an ad in The New York Times.

"'Fair Play started like the Cuban Revolution,' says Dr. Santos-Buch today. 'Like the revolution it was converted to communism -- converted into a cover group.'

"'We tried to get together money by mailing out some 200 letters to liberals and intellectuals in the United States and Europe. We put a copy of the draft of the proposed ad into each envelope. You must remember that this was early 1960, when the Cuban Revolution still looked good.

"'There was a disappointing reaction,' says Dr. Santos-Buch, now assistant professor of pathology at Emory College, in Atlanta. 'The showing was very disappointing. Hemingway refused flatly. Eleanor Roosevelt, Norman Thomas, Herbert Lehman, Reinhold Niebuhr -- all said no. Only \$600 came in.'

"To the \$600 in contributions, Sagner added \$500, says Taber. With this \$1,100 and the support of some intellectuals -- James Baldwin, Simone de Beauvoir, Jean-Paul Sartre, Norman Mailer, Kenneth Grynau were among those who publicly agreed to sponsor the Committee's first ad -- the architects began the building job.

A full-page Times ad cost \$4,700 alone, and the \$1,100 in hand was obviously far short.

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"THERE WAS, HOWEVER, SOMEONE ELSE WHO would dig down, deep. Dr. Santos-Buch, a handsome robust man who was active in the Cuban revolution, remembers well the events lending up to that one nightmarish spring evening on the East Side. 'Taber had brought it up in the first place. He was a very practical man. He felt it was only natural that the Cuban government help pay for an ad that would help Castro so much.

"I knew Raulito Roa from the revolution. He was the young son of the Foreign Minister of Cuba and was permanently attached to the Cuban UN mission. I introduced him to Taber.

"On Wednesday in March 1960 we drove to Raulito Roa's apartment. I stayed in the car, and Taber went up and saw Roa, who later came down and got in the car. He said he had the check and it had to be cashed.

"The check was made payable to Prof. Manuel Bisbe, chief permanent delegate of the Cuban mission to the United Nations.'

"The trio tried several banks but were unable to cash the \$3,500 check.

"Roa finally agreed to cash the check at the UN Building where he was known. After stopping briefly at the UN, Roa returned to the car with 35 \$100 bills in a white envelope, according to Santos-Buch. Then to avoid linking Taber to the Cuban diplomat, Santos-Buch got a certified bank check which was used to pay for the ad.

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"That night, with all of its intrigues, was the beginning of the end for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. But no one knew it then. The ad, which appeared on April 6, 1960, read: 'Perhaps their crime (the Cuban leaders') is their youth. Perhaps the explanation is simply that there are in the U.S. powerful interests bent in frustrating the primary purpose of the Revolution: to give Cuba back to the Cubans.'

"Those who opened the envelopes that came in after the ad, those who counted the \$5 annual dues, say today that the response was remarkable. 'It was more than remarkable,' says a man who spent five to six hours a day in the Fair Play office during this hectic period in 1960. 'We felt that this was a real intellectual dissent. It was a genuine mass dissent. But even then there were some doubts. A lot of people had suspicions, but in the excitement they kept it to themselves.'

"By the spring of 1961, the organization claimed a membership of 7,000 with chapters in 23 cities and 37 colleges. On April 15, 1961, it brought out some 300 demonstrators for a mass protest at the UN. 'Cuba si, Yankees no' read the hundreds of signs.

"But behind the signs there was trouble. Even before this the liberal support that helped found the organization had been quietly slipping away. As early as the summer of 1960 the Rev. Donald Harrington of the Community Church was losing faith in Fair Play. 'There were two reasons why I left the Committee,' he says. 'I was disenchanted by what was happening in Cuba. Castro was betraying the revolution. He sold out to the Communists. He could have had the support of the U.S. but he didn't care. There was a second reason: I couldn't commit that the undergirding (of Fair Play), was represented by American money. It looked to me like Castro money was running it, so I got out.'

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"As Harrington and others like him moved out, men with histories of Communist activity moved in. Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle -- in all of these cities many Fair Play chapters were run by left-wing elements.

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"BY THE WINTER OF 1963, TABER WAS IN CUBA working for Castro, and his successor as executive secretary, Richard Gibson, was in Switzerland. Investigators could find few if any financial records. A withdrawal of \$19,000 by Taber for a group trip to Cuba could not be further traced.

"In charge of the organization was Vincent Theodore Lee in New York. In December 1963 Lee laid the skeleton of Fair Play to rest forever. With the electric bill paid through the month, he put a lock on the headquarters at 799 Broadway and took a vacation.

"Final comment is offered on the life and death of Fair Play for Cuba by Dr. Santos-Buch: 'I could understand why a man with the emotional problems of Lee Harvey Oswald was attracted to this organization in 1963, but somehow I don't think he would have been interested in 1960.'"

A characterization of the Emergency Committee for Disaster Relief to Cuba appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Attached is an initial report on the Student Council, Fair Play for Cuba Committee (SC, FPCC).

For the information of offices which did not receive copies of the referenced letter, the Bureau has instituted an investigation on the SC, FPCC to deal with campus activities of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). The Bureau instructed that information concerning the FPCC and its chapters which are not affiliated with students should continue to be reported under the FPCC caption, Bureau File 97-4196, NY File 97-1792. FPCC activity which relates to students or campus matters is to be reported under the SC, FPCC caption, Bureau File 97-4428, NY File 97-1890. NY is office of origin in both cases.

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On November 18, 1960 [REDACTED] observed a letter in the offices of the national headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party, 116 University Place, New York City, which was intended for circulation by the Socialist Workers Party. This letter reads as follows: *JKU*

"Dear Friend:

"A grave crisis is at hand for the Cuban people ... and for the sweeping social and economic revolution that has given them their first real hope since the founding of the Republic.

"This week's State Department bulletin warning U.S. citizens to get out of Cuba ... to stay away from Cuba ... can only be interpreted as an ominous portent of what is intended.

"To quote United Press International: 'The last time such advice was given was in July when American missionaries were urged to leave the strife-torn Congo. Americans were also evacuated from Suez during the 1956 crisis there, and from Lebanon in 1958.'

"In other words, U.S. citizens are evacuated in the event of civil war or imminent invasion! Which will it be in Cuba? One indication is the renewed talk of a possible Cuban 'grab' at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay ... an insistent newspaper theme despite the energetic protests of the Cuban leaders that no such action is intended.

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"Other indications: reports of Cuban 'warplanes' said to be 'buzzing' U.S. aircraft ... a new U.S. ban on exports of petroleum refining machinery replacement parts and catalysts ... the harassment of the Cuban delegation to the U.N. and of intellectuals like drama critic Kenneth Tynan who have voiced their support of the Cuban Revolution.

"For these and other reasons we consider it URGENT to establish, at once, student chapters of The Fair Play for Cuba Committee on every college campus in the United States. Purpose: to propagate and rally the sentiment of thinking Americans behind a firm policy of HANDS OFF CUBA!

"What is the Fair Play for Cuba Committee? The Fair Play for Cuba Committee was established last April by a group of distinguished writers, artists, journalists, professionals (James Baldwin, Simone de Beauvoir, Truman Capote, John Killens, Sidney Lens, Jean Paul Sartre, Kenneth Tynan, Norman Mailer, John Henrik Clarke, Frank London Brown, et al) for the following purpose:

'To disseminate truth, to combat untruth, to publish factual information which the U.S. mass media suppress, which the American public has a right to know, and in the process to combat the ignorance, the inadequate leadership, the blatantly distorted reporting which we believe constitute not merely a grave injustice to the Cuban people and a serious threat to their dream of a better life, but a serious threat, as well, to the free traditions of our own people, our nation, our Hemisphere.'

"Prominent members include Columbia University professor C. Wright Mills, author of 'The Power Elite,' Crusader editor, Robert F. Williams, literary critic Maxwell Geismar, Waldo Frank, Carlton Beals, Dr. Samuel Shapiro, I. F. Stone and economists Leo Huberman and Paul Sweezy, co-authors of 'Cuba: Anatomy of a Revolution', and many others.

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"Activities: Rallies, lectures by well-known speakers like Carleton Beals and I. F. Stone, films of developments in Cuba available to chapters through our circulating film library, reprints of pertinent magazine articles, bibliographies, tests of speeches by Fidel Castro and other prominent Cuban leaders, and the national committee's newsletter, FAIR PLAY, which is sent to all members.

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"Projected: low-cost, all-expense vacation tours for students, and a special student publication, to be edited by Saul Landau, one of the directors of the scholarly 'Studies on the Left.'

"The National Fair Play for Cuba Committee now consists of more than 3,000 members, with chapters in principal cities.

"Our current endeavor is to coordinate all campus groups supporting the principle of Fair Play for Cuba under a single aegis, as chapters of the newly formed Student Council, Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

"For a copy of our charter, program, and further details of how to establish a Fair Play chapter on your campus, write to:

"Student Council
Fair Play for Cuba Committee
Room 536
799 Broadway
New York 17, N.Y. "

It will be noted that on April 6, 1960, a full page advertisement was published in the "New York Times", a daily New York City newspaper. The article was sponsored by the FPCC and signed by writers, ministers, and educators and states in part that the FPCC had been organized in order

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to bring the other side of the story (that is the favorable side) of the Cuban Revolution. The article indicated that this revolution was not treated fairly by the United States press. U

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The "New York Herald Tribune", a daily New York City newspaper, on January 11, 1961, carried an article captioned "Probe Told About Payment for Ad Supporting CASTRO". This article reflects that Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS BUCH, New York City, testified before the United States Senate Hearing Committee on January 10, 1961 and told that committee that the ad sponsored by the FPCC in the "New York Times" on April 6, 1960, was partially paid for by the Cuban Government. BUCH testified that the money in the amount of \$3500.00 was given to ROBERT TABER, Executive Secretary of the FPCC by RAUL ROA, JR., Cuban United Nations (UN) official, and TABER used the money to pay for the ad.

W.Y. Cuba
It will be noted that the FPCC from its inception in correspondence and statements by officers has shown an interest in establishing FPCC chapters in colleges and universities in the United States.

ATTEMPTS BY FPCC TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER AT
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The November 28, 1960 issue of the "Cornell Daily" a campus publication of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, carried the following article:

"GROUP PLANS TRIP TO CUBA

"The National Student Council of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee will sponsor a low-cost vacation in Cuba for American students from Dec. 23 to Jan. 2.

"The tour is part of the committee's program designed to acquaint students with the Cuban situation.

"The committee was established in April by a group of distinguished writers, artists, journalists and professionals. Among the prominent members are C. WRIGHT MILLS, SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR, TRUMAN CAPOTE, JOHN KOLLENS, I.F. STONE, LEO HUBERMAN, KENNETH TYNAN, NORMAN MAILER and JEAN PAUL SARTRE."

"Students who wish to make the trip to Cuba have been requested to make reservations with the Student Council, Fair Play for Cuba Committee, Room 536, 799 Broadway, New York 3, N.Y."

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February 17, 1966

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Name Checks

Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to a name check request from Mrs. Mildred Stegall relative to individuals who are to be invited to a White House affair.

The central files of the FBI were checked and found to contain either no derogatory data or no identifiable information concerning the individuals listed below:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The files of the Identification Division of the FBI were also checked and no arrest data was located concerning the above individuals based upon the background information submitted in connection with these name check requests.

Attached are separate memoranda on each of the following individuals included in these name check requests:

Truman Capote

ENCLOSURE

Sincerely yours,

1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct) - Enclosures

1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures

1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosures

NOTE: Per request Mrs. Mildred Stegall, White House Staff. Names furnished b Mrs. Stegall were to be checked for invitations to a dinner honoring Prime Minister Shastri but, with Shastri's death the affair was cancelled, Mrs. Stegall has requested, however, that the names still be checked as the individuals will be included as guests at another dinner later on.

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TRUMAN CAPOTE - Summary

N.Y. FBI files reflect that "The New York Times" published a full-page advertisement concerning the formation of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in its April 6, 1960, issue. This advertisement carried a list of sponsors for the new organization and the name Truman Capote appeared on this list. This advertisement indicated that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee was being formed to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distortions being printed by the American press.

The central files of the FBI contain no additional pertinent information relating to Truman Capote.

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with Mr. Capote based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

It is to be noted that Mr. Capote is the author of a recently released book entitled "In Cold Blood," which is currently a nonfiction best seller. NOTE: Per request Mrs. Mildred Stegall, White House Staff.

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ENCLOSURE *62-5-24789*

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NAME CHECKS

August 8, 1966

Summary

TRUMAN CAPOTE

Born: September 30, 1924

New Orleans, Louisiana

No investigation has been conducted by the FBI concerning the captioned individual. However, the files of this Bureau reveal the following information which may relate to the subject of your name check request.

The April 6, 1960, issue of "The New York Times" published a full-page advertisement concerning the formation of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Included in a list of sponsors for the new organization was the name Truman Capote. This advertisement indicated that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee was being formed to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distortions being printed by the American press.

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NOTE: Mr. Capote is the author of the book "In Cold Blood," which is currently a nonfiction best seller.

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI, and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. This reply is result of check of FBI investigative files. To check arrest records, request must be submitted to FBI Identification Division. Fingerprints are necessary for positive check.

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March 27, 1969

Mr. Cartha D. deLoach
F.B.I. Inspector
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. deLoach:

I believe we met some time ago with Morris Ernst and I am bothering you directly now because I really don't know who would be the proper party to deal with what follows. I would be most obliged if you would channel this matter to the appropriate party in the Bureau.

We represent Truman Capote. On March 6 and 7 there was broadcast on two radio stations in Chicago, WCFL and WGN, a statement allegedly written by Mr. Capote, indicating that the late President, John F. Kennedy, is still alive, in a vegetable-like state and that the marriage of the former Mrs. Kennedy to Mr. Onassis was a sham. Obviously this statement was not written by Mr. Capote and he knew nothing of it until the broadcast was brought to his attention.

I am enclosing three tapes, one of which I received from WCFL and two from WGN. These tapes contain the complete statement as well as certain indications of where the material came from.

Because of the public nature of the allegations about the late President I thought it appropriate to bring this matter to the attention of the Bureau so that they could try to track down the source of the statement. You will note from the second WGN tape that the statement which is

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

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Mr. Cartha D. deLoach

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March 27, 1969

now attributed to Mr. Capote apparently has been circulating for some time in the Illinois area and indeed was published by a national "scandal" newspaper.

If this matter is of concern to the Bureau I would appreciate it very much if you could advise me of what is finally uncovered. At any rate I would like to get the tapes back when you are finished with them.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,


Alan T. Schwartz

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cc: Mr. Truman Capote

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April 3, 1969

REC-33 62-109060-6828

Mr. Alan U. Schwartz
437 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022

ATTORNEY

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Your letter of March 27, 1969, directed to Mr. DeLoach has been brought to my attention.

The subject matter of your inquiry, namely, the false statements attributed to Mr. Capote, does not violate Federal law over which this Bureau has jurisdiction. I am, therefore, returning the three tapes transmitted with your letter since it appears this matter can best be handled through civil litigation.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mr. Schwartz is an attorney with the law firm of Greenbaum, Wolff & Ernst, New York City, which represents Truman Capote, well-known author and playwright. Schwartz transmitted tapes from two Chicago radio stations which allege Mr. Capote as stating that the late President Kennedy is still alive in a vegetable-like state and that the marriage of the former Mrs. Kennedy to Mr. Onassis was a sham. No violation of Federal law is apparent and the tapes are being returned in view of Mr. Schwartz's summarization of the contents as set forth in his letter, and are, therefore, not being reviewed.

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TRUMAN CAPOTE

SUMMARY

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Captioned individual, who you advised is an author and can be contacted in care of Random House, Inc., 201 East 50th Street, New York, New York, is not known to have been a subject of an investigation conducted by this Bureau.

Our files, however, reveal that the April 6, 1960, issue of "The New York Times" newspaper published a full-page advertisement concerning the formation of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, an organization cited as a communist front. Included in a list of the sponsors for the new organization was the name Truman Capote. The advertisement indicated that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee was being formed to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distortions being printed by the American press.
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The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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"CASTRO'S NETWORK IN THE UNITED STATES
(Fair Play For Cuba Committee)" - Part 6
SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

There is attached one copy of a proposed press release to be issued by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (SISS) on Monday, October 7, 1963. The release announces the release of testimony given before the SISS on February 8, 1963, by Lyle Stuart, a New York publisher whose book lists are dominated by earthy novels, sex-technique manuals and pro-Castro works. In his testimony, Stuart tells about his connection with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee but added he is no longer a member of the Committee. There is also attached one copy of the printed testimony, captioned as above.

ACTION:

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FOR RELEASE IN P. S OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1963
FROM THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, D. C.--A New York publisher whose book lists are dominated by earthy novels, sex-technique manuals, and pro-Castro works, gives testimony about his connection with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in a previously closed hearing released today by Chairman James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

The witness, Lyle Stuart, said he is no longer a member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, but maintained that while he was member his presence was the main reason that Communists were not able to get control of the organization.

Subcommittee Counsel J. G. Sourwine asked Stuart if his withdrawal from Fair Play "permitted it to become Communist controlled since you left?" Stuart replied, "I am not that egotistical that my walking out would have done it, but I would assume this had something to do with it, yes." However, he said he had no present knowledge which would enable him to determine if the FPCC is Communist-dominated.

Senator Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.), Vice-Chairman of the Subcommittee, presided over the hearing.

Stuart published three widely-known books on Latin America: "History Will Absolve Me," by Fidel Castro; "M-26, the Biography of a Revolution," by Robert Taber, founder of the FPCC who was fired by CBS News because of pro-Castro activities; and "The Shark and the Sardines," a violently anti-American book written by a former president of Guatemala, Dr. Juan Jose Arevalo. Stuart has written numerous articles about Cuba in the Independent, a monthly publication he owns and edits. 97-4196-874 (more)

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Stuart said he agreed to become the first treasurer of the New York Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee when he recognized an effort by Communists to move into the leadership. Material Stuart furnished the Subcommittee showed that Attorney Victor Rabinowitz asked Joanne Grant to be secretary of the New York Chapter.

"My own feeling was that no one should be barred from membership on political grounds," Stuart said in an article. "But, at a time when the Committee had already started to be red-baited, it was quite destructive of its chance to have as an officer a woman known far and wide for her Communist-oriented activities."

The witness said he quit as an officer of the New York Chapter after Richard Gibson, who had become head of Fair Play following disclosures about Fair Play by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, burned the records of FPCC.

"I was treasurer of the New York Chapter," Stuart wrote in an article in the Independent. "As treasurer I was a member of the executive board. But the destruction of the records had taken place without any meeting. Gibson had talked with an attorney named Stanley Faulkner and then gone into action. Only after the act, was I informed."

The Subcommittee introduced into the record advertisements for a number of Stuart's publications, including such titles as "Pleasure Was My Business," "Diary of a Nymph," "The Art and Science of Love," "The Fair Sex, a gallery of female nudes," "Transvestism," "The Marriage Cage" and others.

CASTRO'S NETWORK IN THE UNITED STATES
(FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE)

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OF THE

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RESOLUTION

Resolved, by the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, That the testimony given in executive session by Lyle Stuart on February 8, 1963, be released from the injunction of secrecy, be printed and made public.

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CASTRO'S NETWORK IN THE UNITED STATES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1963

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SUBCOMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY
ACT AND OTHER INTERNAL SECURITY LAWS
OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 1:40 p.m., in room 2300, New Senate Office Building, Senator Thomas J. Dodd presiding.
Also present: J. G. Sourwine, chief counsel; Benjamin Mandel, research director; and Frank Schroeder, chief investigator.

(Present at this point: Senator Dodd presiding.)

Senator Dodd. The committee will come to order. Do you solemnly swear the testimony you give before this subcommittee will be the truth, the whole truth, nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. STUART. I do.

Senator Dodd. Be seated.

TESTIMONY OF LYLE STUART

Mr. SOURWINE. Will you give the reporter your name, your business and residence addresses, and your business and residence phone numbers.

Mr. STUART. Lyle Stuart, S-t-u-a-r-t. My business address is 239 Park Avenue South, New York 3. My home address is 105 Ashland Place, Brooklyn 1.

Mr. SOURWINE. Do you have telephones?

Mr. STUART. Yes. Do we need those in the record?

Mr. SOURWINE. This is an executive record. Is there anything about your telephone—

Mr. STUART. No, there is nothing at all except I know there are cases where executive records are published.

Mr. SOURWINE. Oh, yes, they are sometimes published.

Do you have any reluctance to give your telephone numbers?

Mr. STUART. Well, I don't want to encourage crank calls, and this makes it easier. I have no strong objection.

Mr. SOURWINE. With the chairman's permission, perhaps if your telephone numbers are listed in the directory—

Mr. STUART. They are listed in the directory, in the Brooklyn and Manhattan directories; yes, sir.

Mr. SOURWINE. Does it make any difference if they are in this record if they are listed in the directory?

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Mr. STUART. We won't quibble about this. All right. The office number is Oregon 4-2255; and the home number is Ulster 8-4525.

Mr. SOURWINE. Mr. Chairman, I should like to say for the record, I had not had the opportunity of meeting with this witness until a few minutes before the hearing, but I had talked with him on the telephone, at which time he indicated that he thought he might be able to give the committee valuable information, and I am of the same opinion.

I know that these hearings have a time limitation, but with the chairman's permission we will give the witness all the time he needs. If we do not conclude today, we can pick another day.

Senator DODD. Oh, yes. Don't feel rushed.

Mr. SOURWINE. You are here without counsel?

Mr. STUART. Yes, I am.

Mr. SOURWINE. And this is of your own choice?

Mr. STUART. I am not here of my own choice, but being without counsel is my choice.

Mr. SOURWINE. You were subpoenaed?

Mr. STUART. Yes, I was subpoenaed.

Mr. SOURWINE. You know you could have counsel here with you, and you are here without counsel as a matter of your choice?

Mr. STUART. Yes, sir. That is correct.

Mr. SOURWINE. Yes.

Mr. STUART. May I ask who is chairing—I am sorry.

Mr. SOURWINE. I beg your pardon, sir. This is Senator Dodd, of Connecticut.

Mr. STUART. Yes.

Mr. SOURWINE. He is the vice chairman of the Internal Security Subcommittee.

Mr. STUART. Yes.

Mr. SOURWINE. You were born September 11, 1922, in New York City?

Mr. STUART. No.

Mr. SOURWINE. Is that correct?

Mr. STUART. That is incorrect.

Mr. SOURWINE. Correct me, would you, please?

Mr. STUART. May I ask, I mean, we are going back to the date of my birth—

Mr. SOURWINE. This is a matter of identification. It is preliminary. You do not have a very uncommon name, and it is surprising to you, perhaps, but we have found many times even uncommon names are duplicated, and we would like to be quite sure of the identity of the witness.

Mr. STUART. We both know—

Mr. SOURWINE. Date of birth, early addresses, and prior employment, and this excludes people who may have had the same or similar name, but who were not at the same address.

Mr. STUART. I don't think there is anybody with a similar name in this area, but I will be happy to give you my birth date. August 11, 1922.

Mr. SOURWINE. Isn't that what I asked you?

Mr. STUART. You said September 11.

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Senator DODD. When were these published, by the way?
Mr. STUART. They were published in September, October, and December 1961.

Mr. SOURWINE. May they be received for the record, Mr. Chairman?
Senator DODD. Yes.
(The articles referred to follow:)

[From the Independent, September 1961]

THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

(By Lyle Stuart)

(For many months, the editor of the Independent has been asked about his participation in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

(What follows is a candid report, albeit a personal one. Nothing is ever slanted in the Independent to "please" anyone. This article is not intended either to please or offend either the Fair Play for Cuba Committee or its critics.)

On April 6, 1960, a full page advertisement appeared in the New York Times. It was headlined: "What Is Happening in Cuba?" and the word "really" was inserted so that it read: "What Is Really Happening in Cuba?"

The substory said:

"From Havana come charges of sabotage, economic aggression, counter-revolutionary intrigue, air raids on Cuban cane fields, sugar mills, homes. Against this background, the great news agencies and a powerful section of the U.S. press raise a barrage of equally grave accusations. What can we believe in the welter of conflicting reports?"

A number of prominent names appeared in the ad. These included James Baldwin; Simone de Beauvoir; Truman Capote; Rev. Donald Harrington; Norman Mailer; Julian Mayfield; Jean Paul Sartre and Kenneth Tynan.

They also included Robert Taber and Richard Gibson—both of whom were subsequently to lose their jobs as newsmen for the Columbia Broadcasting System because of their work for the Committee.

They also included Robert Williams, who, at the moment of this writing, is fleeing with his family from a posse of "legal" killers in Monroe, N.C. He is being sought because he led aggressive action on behalf of equal rights for Negroes.

("There are only two kinds of Negroes; the bad ones are niggers and the good ones are darkies," says prominent Catholic layman Leander Perez of Louisiana, according to a report in Time. Perez, a multimillionaire politician, is the kind of man southern Americans honor; he was given a testimonial dinner in New Orleans by the most important political figures in the State.)

The ad gave me my first knowledge of the existence of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. With the exception of the American Civil Liberties Union, I do not belong to any organizations. I am not an organization man or a joiner.

The material was headlined: "We only report the facts," U.S. newsmen are accustomed to say. Is this true? Compare the following facts.

I read the ad and was interested in what it had to say. It quoted and corrected blatant misstatements that had appeared in the (N.Y.) Journal-American; U.S. News & World Report, and Newsweek.

A few days before, my wife and I had visited Puerto Rico. We had stayed at an overcrowded hotel in the tourist section of San Juan. By the second day we had to keep reminding ourselves that we weren't at Miami Beach, for these were the same people, doing the same things, dressing the same way.

With a rented car we toured part of the island. The poverty was depressing. The people lacked spirit; they were proud but defeated. Roach and bedbug-infested shacks in which a chair or table were the only furniture often provided shelter for a family of six. Teenagers were toothless for lack of proper nutrition. Clothes were sometimes raggedy shreds.

This was a part of Puerto Rico that tourists didn't visit.

We had returned from Puerto Rico no more than a week when the Fair Play for Cuba ad appeared in the Times.

Stimulated by the ad I wrote to Fidel Castro to ask for an interview. The Cubans were claiming that the U.S. press wasn't reporting the Cuban revolution

honestly. I told Dr. Castro in my letter that I would like to interview him with a tape recorder and I assured him that no deletions or censorship of his words would take place.

Fidel's executive secretary, Dr. Juan Orta, replied that if I came to Cuba he would do everything he could to insure the interview. (Orta has since defected.)

This was invitation enough. There was no "guarantee" of an interview but the indications were that I would have one.

Interview or not, Mary Louise (my wife) and I decided to go to Cuba to see for ourselves. I was curious about the Cuban Revolution and puzzled by some of the inconsistencies in the daily newspapers.

One week before our departure, we learned that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee would hold its first public meeting at the Community Church in Manhattan on Sunday, April 24.

We decided to attend.

The hall was packed. Waldo Frank was the main speaker and he described a recent visit to Cuba in which he traveled through the island with Fidel. His description was in sharp contrast to the picturesque tales of "bloody tyranny" that were described in newspapers in the United States.

We arrived in Cuba late Friday evening on the May Day weekend. The executive offices were closed and they were closed on Saturday also.

Without credentials, unable to contact anyone in government and speaking no more than six words of Spanish, I was nevertheless able to bluff our way onto the podium at the May Day celebration.

There, a few feet from Raul Castro, not many yards from Fidel Castro and facing a half a million or more people, we observed the May Day celebration for ten hours.

We were carrying a movie camera in a case that could have contained guns and/or grenades (but contained a camera) and we were not questioned. The lack of security was appalling.

REMAINED LONGER THAN PLANNED

I had planned to remain in Cuba for four days: I remained thirteen.

The report of that first visit appeared in a double-size issue (No. 100) of the Independent in June, 1960.

A statement preceded the article and, for the benefit of new subscribers, it is reprinted here. (Despite a larger than normal printing of the issue, the supply was very quickly exhausted.)

The statement said:

"The story you are about to read is biased. I have just spent thirteen days in Cuba to view the Cuban revolution for the readers of the Independent.

"I went to Cuba with many reservations. Like most Americans, I had been subjected to a blitzkrieg of anti-Cuban stories and articles in the press. I went to Cuba to see for myself.

"I found that many of the stories in the American newspapers were and are totally false. I found that others have so little truth in them that the truth fragments are like small specks in a large storm cloud.

"I went to Cuba with many reservations. I still have some reservations. But my unrestricted observations have given me an abiding respect and admiration for the Cuban people and a tremendous enthusiasm for their revolution.

"The story you are about to read is, therefore, biased. Understand that fact when you read it. As with all material which appears in the Independent—an attempt is made to present the full picture, including contrary views. But, in fairness to yourself, you should know that I have seen the revolution and I am for it."

On or about the tenth day of my visit, I decided to join the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. I mailed my check and application form from Havana.

EXCELLENT FILMS

We had some excellent films of what we'd seen and some vivid memories. But within two months of reading the more responsible newspapers, we found ourselves again conditioned to believe that a terrible tyranny existed in Cuba—that things must have changed since our visit.

Group Hid Behind A Non-Profit Veil

WALTER K. LEWIS

The psychotic impulses that aided Lee Harvey Oswald, alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy to pull the trigger of the instrument of death, may be strongly woven into the fabric of the organization he headed in Texas and which inspired his alleged actions.

The Fair Play for Cuba Committee was born publicly on April 6, 1960, when a full-page advertisement appeared in New York and Washington, D. C., newspapers demanding to know: "WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING IN CUBA?"

The advertisement, which bore the imprint of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, deprecated U. S. newspaper coverage of Fidel Castro's Soviet satellite. A number of prominent names appeared in the ad, among them James Baldwin, Simone de Beauvoir, Truman Capote, Norman Mailer, Jean Paul Sartre, and Kenneth Tynan. None of these has ever again publicly expressed any support of the organization.

TRACE CUBAN CASH

At sessions of the U. S. Senate subcommittee on Internal Security of the Committee on the Judiciary, it was developed in testimony and by documentary evidence that Raul Rao Jr., son of the Cuban foreign minister and a member of the Cuban UN mission had personally helped defray the costs of the advertisement.

According to sworn congressional testimony, the first public meeting of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee took place in New York City at Steinway Hall on July 21, 1960.

Chairman of the meeting was Victor Rabinowitz, a New Rochelle attorney who had, several nights before, nominated as secretary Joanne Grant, whose passport was lifted by the U. S. State Department after she had made an unauthorized journey to Red China following a Soviet-sponsored youth festival of which she had been secretary of the U. S. contingent.

WRITER INVOLVED

According to testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on Feb. 8 by New York publisher Lyle Stuart, who was in at the initial meeting of the committee's New York chapter, the event took place in the apartment of a former CBS news writer, Robert Taber, on July 19, 1960.

It was not until after pressure was brought on Taber that Miss Grant was dropped when it was ascertained that her own record would create hardships for the group.

According to Stuart, the records of the committee were destroyed when Taber fled to Cuba after a past criminal record was revealed in the press. The destruction of the records on advice of a lawyer with a long record of defending Communists led Stuart to resign as treasurer of the

committee. He remained in its ranks for a time.

UN CONNECTIONS

Richard Gibson, who took over the reins from the self-exiled Taber, according to Stuart's testimony, had a close touch with the Cuban delegation at the United Nations, and this gave the committee a flavor not favored by many who believed it should be truly independent.

What is not generally known is that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, located at 799 Broadway, is a subsidiary of the Institute for the Improvement of Inter-American Relations, Inc., also of 799 Broadway, and is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York and chartered by the Department of Education of the State of New York as a nonprofit educational institution.

The Fair Play group has mounted scores of pro-Castro demonstrations in New York, Los Angeles, Tampa, Chicago, Washington, D. C., and other cities. It has sought to embarrass U. S. officials into delivering so-called non-essential materials to Cuba.

ADVOCATE VIOLENCE

But, underlying all of these humanitarian appeals has been the advocacy of Castro's

method of revolution and condoning the liquidation of pro-Democratic anti-Castro revolutionaries.

Under the auspices of a so-called Emergency Committee for Disaster Relief to Cuba, a meeting with the call, "Join us in breaking down the barriers between Cuban and American peoples," is scheduled for New York City's Manhattan Center on Dec. 3.

Lee Harvey Oswald, principal and prime suspect in the assassination of President Kennedy, had not only had a record of being a defector to the Soviet Union but headed the Dallas branch of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

Anti-Castro Cubans had already heard that a deal between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. to dispose of Castro was in the works. Whether the shot of infamy fired by Oswald had Castro's personal blessings on it only history will tell.

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CASTRO'S NETWORK IN THE UNITED STATES-- Fair Play for Cuba Committee" (Part 4)
SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

There is attached a copy of a press release to be issued this morning, July 8, 1963, by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (SISS). A transcript released today by Chairman James O. Eastland, SISS, listed 97 United States citizens who traveled to Cuba by the way of Mexico during a six-month period in 1962. This information was furnished to the SISS by Congressman William C. Cramer (R-Fla.). Also attached is one copy of the printed testimony, captioned as above, which is being released.

ACTION:

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I. INVOLVEMENT OF FAIR PLAY
FOR CUBA COMMITTEE (FPCC)
IN ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT KENNEDY

The November 23, 1963 edition of "The New York Times," a New York City newspaper, contained an article captioned "Group Here Denies Link With Suspect In Kennedy Slaying," which stated as follows:

"The Fair Play for Cuba Committee has long been under Congressional investigation, and Senator Thomas J. Dodd of Connecticut has called it 'the chief public relations instrument of the Castro network in the United States.'

"But the head of the group deplored yesterday the assassination of President Kennedy and disclaimed any knowledge of Lee H. Oswald, who was seized in the Dallas investigation of the killing.

"Oswald had described himself last July and August as chairman of the New Orleans chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. He appeared to have had little, if any, organization behind him there. He went on to Dallas, where Police Capt. Will Fritz said yesterday he belonged to a Fair Play group.

Vincent Theodore Lee, Ted Lee, aka V.T. Lee, Vincent T. Lee
"Vincent Theodore Lee, the Fair Play organization's national director, flew from here to Buffalo to deliver a talk yesterday. There he said that Oswald was not a chairman of 'any of our chartered chapters.'

"Mr. Lee added:  *New York, N.Y.*

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"I think the death of the President is a very shocking thing. I deplore this action. I greatly sympathize with the family of the President and with the nation as a whole because of the deplorable thing that has occurred."

"The national organization's headquarters was closed yesterday at 5:30 P.M. when Deputy Police Inspector John O'Brien went to the third floor premises in the office building at 799 Broadway, at 11th Street.

"The national committee was set up in April, 1960, making its debut with an advertisement signed by 30 persons, at least some of whom have since split away."

The November 23, 1963 edition of the "New York Daily News," a New York City newspaper, contained an article on page 2, captioned "Watch Pro-Cuba HQ Here in JFK Killing," which stated as follows:

"At 5:45 P.M. yesterday 12 cops began a stakeout at the headquarters of the New York Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Lee Harvey Oswald, a suspect in President Kennedy's assassination, was linked to an FPFC unit. The local headquarters is at 799 Broadway, at 11th St.

"At 7 P.M., other police placed a watch on the home of V.T. Lee, reported leader of the New York FPFC unit, at 37½ St. Marks Place, off Second Ave.

"Reports Lee Is Away

"A woman who identified herself as Lee's wife said he was out of town. A cleaning woman told THE NEWS she had seen Lee leave the apartment building with a valise a few hours earlier.

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"The FPFC has taken a stormy role in New York in supporting Cuba's Castro since its founding in 1960. It gave Fidel a lavish party when he was here in September, 1960. It has staged riotous street demonstrations assailing U.S. 'repression' of Castro's Cuba. Its leaders have clammed time and time again in Congressional quizzes.

"Equipment Taken Away

"The group's headquarters was partly emptied two weeks ago, a neighbor in the building told THE NEWS. A truck carted away file cabinets, books and typewriters.

"The FPFC has claimed at different times a national membership varying between 2,000 and 7,000."

The November 24, 1963 edition of the "New York Journal American," a New York City newspaper, contained an article on page 4, captioned "Demand Made To Outlaw Fair Play For Cuba Group," which stated as follows:

"A New York Congressman said yesterday Federal authorities must outlaw the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

"Lee Harvey Oswald, arrested in Dallas for the murder of President Kennedy, has been listed by the House Un-American Activities Committee as secretary of the New Orleans chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

"Financed by Fidel Castro's government, FPFC is reported to have 7,000 members in 25 units in the U.S., and more than 40 chapters on college campuses.

"U.S. Representative Frank Becker, Long Island Republican, said:

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"From the information displayed in the newspapers, it is about time the Attorney General's office investigated this organization and its members for the purpose of outlawing them or placing their names before the Subversive Activities Control Board.

"I tried in vain for two years to get the Attorney General's office to investigate and outlaw the American Nazi Party. I'm now on my way to Washington and intend to look into this matter more fully."

"His views closely paralleled those expressed by a member of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, which twice conducted protracted hearings on the Fair Play for Cuba organization and established that it was financed by Fidel Castro's Red-oriented government.

"WANTS FBI ALERTED

"Said Sen. Olin D. Johnson, South Carolina Democrat:

"We are doing everying possible in connection with this group."

"As soon as the Internal Security Subcommittee meets I am going to demand that the FBI and the Justice Dept. look into the matter."

"The investigations analyst for the same Senate subcommittee had even more positive views on what should be done to deny the Castro-backed organization the privileges of U.S. civil liberties.

"BORN IN FRAUD

"Reached at his home at Gibson Island, Md., Robert C. McManus, the committee's analyst and a former New Ycrk newspaperman, said:

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"'Speaking only for myself the Fair Play for Cuba Committee was born in fraud and has continued in fraud.

"'I have long believed that Congress should meet the terms of the Communist-Manifesto head-on, make a declaration that the Cold War is a real war, and create a new set of laws which would designate anyone giving aid and comfort to the enemy as an enemy of the United States.

"'The Communist Manifesto declared war on the whole civilized world in very concrete language which is a matter of record.

"'It's still the mother document of Marx-Leninism and it contains these words:

"'We Communists openly declare that our aims can only be achieved by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions."

"'All we have to do is to recognize the same facts that the Communists themselves recognize and have implemented in the 21 conditions for membership in the Communist Internationale. Those 21 conditions were, are and always have been the constitution of the Communist world revolution.'

"EASTLAND SILENT

"Sen. James O. Eastland, Mississippi Democrat, is chairman of the Internal Security Subcommittee before which FPFCC members made repeated appearances. He said he would 'rather not' make any comments on an organization with which his panel has dealt, except in formal reports.

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"Asked what he thought of the idea of asking Congress to make a new declaration and definition of sworn enemies of the U.S., he said:

"It's an idea worth considering and my committee will consider it."

"A member of the House Un-American Activities Committee, Joseph Richard Pool, a Texas Democrat, showed a special interest in the phone poll by this newspaper because he comes from Dallas, scene of the assassination of President Kennedy.

"He said:

"We had a bunch of these people (FPFCC-ers) before our committee several months ago and they disrupted the hearings.

"Our files show that Lee Harvey Oswald was secretary to the New Orleans chapter of the FPFCC. We're going to discuss the matter at our next meeting.

"I certainly think that this group should be placed on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations if it hasn't been already."

"JAVITS SEES DANGER

"Reached as he left here for Washington yesterday, U.S. Sen. Jacob J. Javits, New York Republican, said:

"I think it's still too soon after the event to pass any judgment as to what legislation, if any, would be necessary to outlaw this or similar groups.

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"I would say from what I know at this time that the FPFCC is a pretty dangerous little outfit."

"Allen W. Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, was reached in Washington.

"He pointed out that the problem of dealing with an organization like the FPFCC is 'extremely difficult within our democracy and its civil liberties tradition.'

"Primarily,' he added, 'we have to deal with individuals. When they break our laws they can be arrested.

"There isn't much we can do with the organization itself.

"If we know it is a Communist-front organization we can put it on the Attorney General's list. This will have the effect of preventing people from joining."

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The December 1, 1963 edition of "The Worker" contained an article on page 2, captioned "Fair Play for Cuba Committee Hits Campaign of Calumny," which stated as follows:

"V. T. LEE, national director of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, in a statement to the press on Tuesday, decried continued attempts of some news media to connect the late Lee H. Oswald with the committee. Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy was slain Sunday by Jack Rubenstein.

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"The committee had declared earlier, Lee said, that it 'was never represented' by Oswald, 'whether guilty or innocent.'

"He said:

"'The Fair Play for Cuba Committee has always peacefully and legally sought only that measure of good which would achieve the body and spirit of peace and friendship between peoples. Always we have shunned and opposed aggression although we have often been victims of violence as we tried to express ourselves.'

"'Have our people so abandoned their humanity that this year of shocking deaths has not awakened an urgent need to end our terrible pursuit of violence and vengeance?' asked Lee. 'Have we so little conscience that the brutal slaying of Medgar Evers, the horrible destruction of the Birmingham children, the senseless assassination of the President followed by a sudden murder of an accused can only be concluded in calumny and vindictive political persecution for who knows what motive?

"'We appeal today that we not become another victim in the terrible wilderness of hatred and political intrigue which besets a cold war world so frighteningly near destruction.'"

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II. DISSOLUTION OF THE FPCC

The December 10, 1963 edition of the "New York Post," a New York City newspaper, contained an article on page 11, captioned "Pro-Cuba Group Facing Eviction," which stated as follows:

"The Fair Play for Cuba Committee will be asked to vacate its offices at 799 Broadway. Building superintendent Edward C. Nugent said he would ask the committee to remove its possessions as soon as he could reach the chairman, Vincent Theodore Lee.

"Lee was recently reported to have been corresponding with Lee Harvey Oswald, President Kennedy's accused assassin, who claimed he was an officer in the New Orleans chapter of the committee.

"Questioned after the assassination, Lee said he had never heard of Oswald. Later he said, recalling letters from Oswald he turned over to the FBI the correspondence with Oswald.

"The FPCC, which took space in the building four years ago has not been delinquent in rent payments. But since the President's assassination, several building tenants have complained to Cross and Brown, managing agents of the building, and have asked that the committee be evicted.

"'We want them to move,' said Nugent. 'It's now a matter of getting them out.'

"The committee occupies four rooms on the third floor. It is also listed as The Institute for the Improvement of Inter-American Relations. The office is cluttered with papers and there is an accumulation of unopened mail;

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"building employees said that committee members had not been seen at the building since the middle of last week.

"Lee, who lives at 37½ St. Marks Pl., could not be reached for comment."

The December 27, 1963 edition of the "New York World Telegram and Sun," a New York City newspaper, contained an article on page 3, captioned "Castro Front Seeks Quiet Death," which stated as follows:

"The pro-Castro Fair Play For Cuba Committee quietly is seeking to go out of business, it was learned today.

"In its stormy 27 months of existence, the committee -- financed originally by the Castro Cuban delegation to the United Nations -- has engaged in street brawls, been investigated by Congress, and more recently, tied in by implication with the slaying of President Kennedy.

"Suspected Presidential assassin Lee H. Oswald, a self-confessed Marxist, identified himself to authorities on his capture as a chapter chairman of FPFC. The FPFC claimed he was never a registered member but the Federal Bureau of Investigation dug up correspondence between Oswald and Vincent T. Lee, the FPFC national chairman.

"Sponsors Drop Out

"Informed sources said FPFC began disintegrating even before the Dallas tragedy. Many of its original 29 sponsors -- the list included Truman Capote, Waldo Frank, Carleton Beals, James Baldwin, Simone de Beauvoir, Jean Paul Sartre, Norman Mailer, Prof. Robert G. Colodny and the Rev. Donald Harrington, among others -- had dropped out one by one.

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"One of the original sponsors, Robert F. Williams of Raleigh, N.C., expelled by the NAACP for preaching violence and sought by federal authorities for kidnapping, took 'political asylum' in Communist Cuba.

"In its little more than two years of existence, the FPFC has had three 'national chairmen.' Current FPFC head Lee of New York and Tampa, Fla., has submitted his resignation. Slated to preside over the formal passing of FPFC is New York accountant Albert Samuel Baker, 70, sources said.

"Record Exposed

"The committee's original sponsors -- self-described as 'thinking people' -- set out FPFC's alleged purpose: 'To give a clear picture of Cuba as it is, without the distorted picture as given by the American press.'

"Moving spirit behind FPFC at its start was Robert Taber, who fell by the wayside after details of a previous criminal record were made public at a Washington Congressional investigation. He was succeeded by Richard Gibson, who in turn released FPFC reins to Lee.

"Disclosure of the financial backing for FPFC came at Washington hearings in 1962 when a disgruntled Cuban co-sponsor, Carlos Santos Buch, said the money to pay for a full-page ad announcing FPFC and calling for members came from Cuba's U.N. delegation.

"Prime activity of FPFC in its lifetime was sponsorship of pro-Castro street rallies and mass picket lines and direction of an active propaganda mill highlighting illegal travel-to-Cuba campaigns.

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"Sources attributed its comparatively brief span of life to mounting anti-Castro American public opinion, the Washington hearings and, ultimately, the 'bad publicity' the FPFC got from disclosure of Oswald's activities in its behalf."

The December 28, 1963 edition of the "New York Herald Tribune," a New York City newspaper, contained an article on page 5, captioned "U.S. Pro-Castro Group Is Reported Folding Up," which stated that the FPCC was folding its tents and fading away as a pro-Castro pressure group. The article added that the national chairman, VINCENT THEODORE LEE, had submitted his resignation and that the group was slated to be disbanded shortly.

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The subject then obtained a novel captioned "The Muses Are Heard" which is a novel written by TRUMAN CAPOTE. This novel covers the eight day period between the Berlin departure and the Leningrad premiere of "Porgy and Bess" group; and then [REDACTED] to the interviewing agents page 57 of this novel which [REDACTED] Portions from this page are set out:

"Joachim, an overly avid photographer, had broken the rules by getting off the train, then compounded that error by attempting to take pictures. Now he was racing zigzag across the tracks, narrowly avoiding the wrathful swipe of a woman worker's shovel, barely eluding the grasp of a guard.

"Joachim, however, turned out to be a resourceful young man. Slipping past his pursuers, he hurled himself onto the train, rushed into a compartment, threw his coat, his camera and cap under the seat, and to further alter his appearance, whipped off his horn rimmed glasses. Second later, when the angry Soviets came aboard, he calmly assumed his role of company interpreter and helped them hunt the culprit, a search which included every compartment."

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FROM : M. A. Jones

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Today at 1:05 p.m. [REDACTED] Random House, called Inspector Suttler from New York and said "Bernie, I want the FBI to do me a favor." Suttler told him we would if it was within our jurisdiction.

[REDACTED] stated a close friend of his by the name of Truman Capote, who had written several fine books and was a nationally-known writer, was at this moment in Garden City, Kansas, to do a story on the Clutter murder mystery for "The New Yorker" magazine. *New York Born 1927*

He stated it is the story of a wealthy man, his wife and 2 children who were apparently murdered for no reason whatsoever. Mr. Capote stated that the [REDACTED] at Garden City, Kansas, is named [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] is a former Special Agent of the FBI. Capote called [REDACTED] from Garden City, Kansas, and stated [REDACTED] would not give him any information on the Clutter case, as he, [REDACTED] took no credentials to Garden City with him and [REDACTED] does not believe he is a writer assigned to do a story for "The New Yorker" magazine. [REDACTED] stated that Capote did not take any credentials, as he felt his many articles in "The New Yorker" had given him a national stand as a writer and he is quite crushed to think that the [REDACTED] of Garden City, Kansas, has never heard of him.

[REDACTED] stated Capote had written many splendid articles and books and has a fine, national reputation as a writer and he [REDACTED] would appreciate the FBI sending a wire to [REDACTED] identifying Truman Capote as a legitimate writer assigned to do a story for "The New Yorker" magazine. Suttler asked [REDACTED] why Mr. Capote did not request "The New Yorker" magazine to identify him and further why didn't [REDACTED] merely pick up the phone and call [REDACTED] and identify Mr. Capote as a friend of his of many years standing. [REDACTED] stated the [REDACTED] would not accept any telephonic identification according to Capote, so it would do no good for "The New Yorker" magazine or for him to try to identify Capote by phone.

Suttler told [REDACTED] that as much as we would like to do him a favor, some checking would have to be done, as he was not personally acquainted with either Truman Capote or [REDACTED] nor could he see why the FBI ^{should} enter the picture. [REDACTED] then stated "See what can be done, Bernie, and call me back at [REDACTED]"

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[REDACTED] probably called Suttler in view of the fact that Suttler took [REDACTED] and his family through the Bureau on a tour some time ago and [REDACTED] has written him several times since, the last time inviting him to lunch with him at any time he might be in the New York area.

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[REDACTED] EOD 1-21-41 as a Special Agent. He served in the New Orleans, San Diego, RA at Waco, Texas, Miami, RA at Tallahassee, and his last office was Denver, Colorado. He resigned on 11-15-45. Our last correspondence with him was on 9-21-53 when he requested a booklet on the qualifications of a Special Agent and other Bureau pamphlets and signed himself as [REDACTED] of Garden City, Kansas. Our correspondence with him since his resignation has been cordial.

The only reference in Bureau files on Truman Capote is in a file titled [REDACTED] Internal Security-R [REDACTED] [REDACTED] exhibited a new book he had purchased titled "The Muses are Heard," a novel by Truman Capote, which is a story covering the 8-day period between the Berlin departure and the Leningrad premiere of "Porgy and Bess" group. The [REDACTED] had violated restrictions in Russia by taking some photographs which he should not have taken and his name was mentioned in Capote's book on page 57. (100-398446-28)

Truman Capote is not listed in "Who's Who In America," but Time Magazine of November 3, 1958, contained a review of his novel, "Breakfast at Tiffany's" published by Random House. Other reference sources show he was born in 1924, now 35 years old; that he has written several books, all of which have been published by Random House, thus showing why [REDACTED] is interested in helping Capote now.

No reference source shows Capote's connection with "The New Yorker," so he might be used for special assignments only.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Mr. DeLoach or someone in his office call [REDACTED] New York and explain the FBI's position; that we should not intercede in this matter, as we are not acquainted with Mr. Truman Capote, nor are we familiar with his connection with "The New Yorker" magazine, and the Clutter case is not a Federal case under our jurisdiction.

Suttler called and told [REDACTED] not to insert itself in local [REDACTED] case. [REDACTED] 12-22-59

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*CHANGE OF DISGUISE
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On December 27 and 28, with a surprising and alarming uniformity many United States dailies published the news that the so-called *Fair Play for Cuba Committee was disbanding or was ceasing to exist. It is evident that the publicity directors for those defenders of FIDEL CASTRO RUZ and his government prepared a single press release, called their friends and comrades on various newspapers and gave them the signal that the time had come to publish the obituary for the *Fair Play for Communist Cuba, because it seemed to be involved in something that was more serious than all the other complications which it had had: namely, its connection with LEE HARVEY OSWALD, supposed assassin of President KENNEDY, which would henceforth be a heavy loaden weight on the Committee, on CASTRO, and to some extent, on KHRUSHCHEV, himself, because of the disrepute of the crime, which, in addition, is very prejudicial to International Communism in these times of "peaceful coexistence".

I am sure that the Communists decided to do away with the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" because it suits them to do so at this time, but they have already made plans to set it up again under some other name such as "Cuban-American Friends", "Free Cuba under Castro", or something like that.

The release given to the United States press places a great deal of emphasis on the fact that for some time no one has been going to the office at 799 Broadway, New York, even though the rent, light and telephone have been paid until the end of December, 1963. We are also told that VINCENT THEODORE *LEE, incumbent Secretary General of the Committee, had left the organization before the assassination of President KENNEDY (though at the time he made statements to the effect that he had nothing to do with OSWALD), and that when RICHARD *GIBSON, his predecessor, resigned, he began to work for the government of Algerian BEN BELLA, which is, in itself, a revelation. As for ROBERT (RED) *TABER, the

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journalist with a prison record, one-time member of the staff of the Columbia Broadcasting System, visitor in the Sierra Maestra, who was the founder of the "Fair Play for Communist Cuba", he is back in the United States after having spent some time in Communist Cuba, with a uniform and machine gun, in the service of CASTRO.

The "Communist Cuban apparatus" in the United States is very extensive, influential and diversified. It has always had plenty of financial support, furnished through CASTRO's delegation to the UNO, and also sent via Canada and Mexico, two countries which are used by Communist Cuba to smuggle propaganda and to transfer funds. "Fair Play" operated in accordance with the "apparatus" in question, which has not disappeared; quite to the contrary, it is even more to be feared now than it ever was, according to Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

On Wednesday, April 6, 1960, "The New York Times" published a full-page ad on page 33, Section 6, which notified the general public of the formation of the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee", with WALDO FRANK and CARLETON BEALS as co-presidents, and with a long list of sponsors, more or less known for their leftist tendencies, among them, ROBERT (RED) TABER, TRUMAN CAPOTE, Negro writer JAMES BALDWIN, and the violent Negro racist, ROBERT F. WILLIAMS, later a fugitive to Communist Cuba when the United States law was after him for common crimes. Friday, April 21, 1964, the "Fair Play" published another full-page ad in "The New York Times" with propaganda in favor of the Communist government of Cuba. According to statements made under oath to the investigators of the United States Senate, those ads were paid for at the regular rate of the New York daily, more than four thousand dollars a page. As for one of them, it has been proved that this was paid for with a check sent by the dictatorship of CASTRO to the deceased professor, MANUEL BISBE ALBERNI, at that time Cuban Ambassador to the UNO. The check for \$3,500 was endorsed by the professor in favor of RAUL ROA KOURI, now Ambassador from Communist Cuba to Brazil, and at that time attached to the Cuban delegation to the UNO, and was then endorsed again in favor of Dr. CARLOS A. SANTOS BUCH, in such a way that the amount could be obtained in cash. In all that, the aforementioned Cubans worked hand in hand with ROBERT (RED) TABER, who had been sentenced to prison several times for armed robbery, kidnapping, carrying weapons, etc.

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The investigations carried on by the United States federal authorities could not prove all the aid received from Communist Cuba by the "Fair Play"; but if one bears in mind that the comrades on "Prensa Latina" received hundreds of thousands of dollars worth, it is to be presumed that its "cut" was quite large, because just look at all the publicity which "Fair Play" gave throughout the United States since 1960! As incidental wages, WALDO FRANK collected thousands of pesos for praising CASTRO, as did JEAN PAUL SARTRE. CARLETON BEALS became CASTRO's paid writer, as did TABER also... And the others?

During the course of 1960-1961, I was a visiting professor at the University of Florida in Gainesville, where there was a branch of the "Fair Play" in operation. It boasted that it had 21 branches in the United States and 4 in Canada, with a membership of 6,000. The New Orleans branch was not among them at that time, because it was not formed until two years later, when LEE HARVEY OSWALD, the presumed assassin of President KENNEDY, returned to the United States after his contacts with the Communist Cuban Ambassadors in Moscow, FAURE CHOMON and CARLOS OLIVARES. *U.S.S.I. CUBA*
Concerning this last-mentioned fact, the Communist dictatorship of Cuba says nothing, although the Kremlin has turned over to the United States a file with the documents referring to OSWALD in the Soviet Union. During his speech of November 27, 1963, at the University of Havana, when CASTRO said "the first time that OSWALD was in Cuba", his tongue was under the influence of "Peralta" cognac, and he revealed something which is very important.

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"Fair Play", with the aid of JUNE COBB, organized excursions of "students" and agitators from the United States to visit Communist Cuba, with all expenses paid. It published bulletins and announcements; it distributed propaganda received from Communist Cuba; it deceived the unwary; it kept CASTRO informed of these things which interested him concerning the United States; and it held in Canada and in the United States a large number of meetings in favor of the dictatorship in Communist Cuba and against the Cuban emigres, persecuted by the Castristas... It probably did much more before it had among its collaborators LEE HARVEY OSWALD, whose imprudent acts left the trail which was discovered at the time of the assassination of President KENNEDY, and which led to the main office of the "Fair Play for Communist Cuba", so that its usefulness under that name and with its present directors came to an end on

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November 22, 1963. The five thousand dollars with which OSWALD returned from Mexico probably had the same origin as the money which paid for the ads in "The New York Times", in other words, the Communist dictatorship which prevails in Cuba.

In March of 1961, a group of students at Harvard University invited me to debate with writer WILLIAM WORTHY, member of the "Fair Play for Communist Cuba", and I went there to engage in the debate with him. The moderator or judge of the debate was writer TRUMAN WINTER (guest of Communist Cuba during the festivities of July 26, 1963, four months prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY), and I found that each time that I had WORTHY in a corner after refuting his lies, TRUMAN WINTER came to his aid so that the audience could not get the whole truth. "Fair Play" did not thrive in the University of Florida, but it did at Columbia University, at the University of Chicago, at the universities in California, at the University of Pennsylvania, and at Antioch College (where Mrs. PAINE, LEE HARVEY OSWALD's protectress studied), and at Yale University, etc. During another debate at Brown University, in Rhode Island, my opponent was a DINO GERMANI, enthusiastic defender of CASTRO's horrors, and also connected with "Fair Play". The greatest success of "Fair Play" in regard to influencing United States students took place at the University of Indiana, where it succeeded in getting a group of young people to take the side of the Soviet Union and Communist Cuba at the time of the crisis of October, 1962, involving Russian nuclear weapons set up in Communist Cuba. MASS.
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Cuba The dailies have published several letters from LEE HARVEY OSWALD to "Fair Play", sent during the course of several months in the year 1963. It is said that this is all the correspondence between OSWALD and the defenders of Castroism in the United States, who had TABER, FRANK and BEALS as their leaders. Any one who wishes may be satisfied with that information; but the letters are innocuous and they did not publish the answers from VINCENT THEODORE LEE to OSWALD. Besides, the information from the anti-Communist underground movement which operates right under the nose of RAUL ROA GARCIA, in the Ministry of State in Havana, shows that OSWALD's relations with the "Fair Play for Communist Cuba" began before July, 1962, when he returned from the Soviet Union, and that they had been sponsored by CASTRO's diplomatic agents in Moscow, at the time that OSWALD was there.

If OSWALD could have escaped to Cuba by way of Mexico after committing the crime in Dallas, it would have been easier for "Fair Play" to cover up the matter of its contacts with the supposed assassin; but the fact is that the plans for the flight failed, and OSWALD was arrested, and subsequently, assassinated in turn, without its having been possible to obtain a complete confession from him about his activities and his contacts.

At any rate, OSWALD had left behind him, in New Orleans and in other places, some data about his relations with the "Fair Play for Communist Cuba", which it was not possible to eliminate. BRINGUIER, the representative of the Revolutionary Student Directory in New Orleans, is endowed with an excellent memory, and recalls that strange individual who had wanted to infiltrate the ranks of the anti-Communist Cubans in order to serve the "apparatus" of Communist Cuba in the United States. But the thread got all tangled up, much to the despair of the leaders of the "Fair Play".

For more than two years, the United States Senate Judiciary Committee had been investigating the activities of the "Fair Play". The results of its investigations are published in some ten volumes, replete with documents, statements and conclusions compromising to the organization which defends the Communist tyranny prevailing in Cuba. More than once, during the course of these investigations, the press of the "useful fools" criticized the activities of the Judiciary Committee and said that this was a "witch hunt". References to the deceased Senator McCarthy, who had denounced the machinations of the Communists for several years, filtered into those statements in an attempt to discredit them. With arrogantly provoking and even insulting poses, the members of the "Fair Play for Communist Cuba" answered the Judiciary Committee when they appeared before it. Ingenueus and misinformed people allowed themselves to be misled by that propaganda to the point that they believed that the "Fair Play" was a victim of injustice. The Senators and Representatives who carried on these investigations, as well as their legal and police advisers, had sounded the alarm long in advance and had pointed out the danger of the Cuban Communist "apparatus" in the United States; but no one paid any attention to them, in spite of the seriousness of their revelations.

However, after the assassinations in Dallas, it was possible to see that the Judiciary Committee was not wrong in its suspicions and in its charges, and that the "Fair Play for Communist Cuba" was not a simple group of individuals, mistaken in their evaluation of the true situation in Cuba.

The Communists are very skillful in escaping and evading their responsibilities, because of the very fact that they lack scruples. Thus, the "Fair Play for Communist Cuba" has suddenly ceased to be a useful tool for their plans. The blood of President KENNEDY, assassinated in Dallas by a member of the "Fair Play", who had renounced the United States, the country of his birth, in a very specific manner, and who had later, mysteriously decided to return to the United States, flew on November 22, 1963, as far as the office at 799 Broadway, New York. In Moscow, OSWALD had told the United States Embassy that he wanted to have nothing to do with the United States and that he was joining the Soviet Union. In Havana, ROBERT (RED) TABER told French journalist, VICTOR FRANCO, that he wanted to have nothing to do with the United States and that he was joining Communist Cuba. Both later changed their minds and returned to the United States. Why and for what? The answer which OSWALD gave is in the whole series of activities which he carried on in the United States, in Mexico and in Communist Cuba since July, 1962, until the crimes in Dallas occurred.

We can be sure that the Communists are not now renouncing their machinations. The "Fair Play for Communist Cuba" is not really disappearing; it will only change its name, its headquarters and its leaders, and will reappear in another disguise. For that is the way the Communists intrigue, as they serve Soviet Imperialism, with a disguise, especially when they pretend to be dedicated to "peaceful coexistence".

(Captions under photographs on page 17 are taken directly from the text translated above.)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-18763) DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-71381) (P)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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OO: New York

Re: New York airtel to Bureau, dated 3/14/68, and
Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 4/9/68.

On 4/1/68, [REDACTED] (conceal), [REDACTED]
Palm Springs Spa Hotel, advised that he had
asked TRUMAN CAPOTE, the well-known author, if [REDACTED]
was staying in Palm Springs. He was advised by CAPOTE that
[REDACTED] is staying in some friend's home in Palm Springs while
he is re-writing some portions of his book [REDACTED]
CAPOTE could not recall the name of the street but said it
was some "Circle" approximately one mile from downtown Palm
Springs.

On 4/8/68, [REDACTED] (conceal), advised that [REDACTED] is
receiving mail at [REDACTED] Palm Springs. He did
not know if this [REDACTED] was identical with subject.

On 4/30/68 and 5/13/68, spot checks at [REDACTED]
Palm Springs, failed to observe [REDACTED] residing
at that address.

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AT PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA: Will continue efforts
to determine if [REDACTED] temporarily residing in Palm Springs.

- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-146553) (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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