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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-27649)
SUBJECT: MALCOLM K. LITTLE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: February 17, 1953

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DATE 11/30/83 BY 8279 jhe/mef

[REDACTED]

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The DETROIT Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The DETROIT Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: 4336 Williams Street
Inkster, Michigan
Business Address: c/o WILFRED LITTLE
No Business address

*Following up on Boston
5/11/53
Rpt 5/11/53*

Check the following applicable statements:

- This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
- This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
- This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
- This subject was tabbed for Consab.
- This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.

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The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

- Security Index Cards
- Serials (specify) Boston will submit RUC report in near future to Detroit
- 1 photograph of subject

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON	DATE WHEN MADE MAY 4 1953	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/20:4/1,3,6/53	REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]
TITLE MALCOLM K. LITTLE, was. Malachi Shabazz; "Rythan Red"; "Detroit Red"; Jack Patton		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER-C SECURITY MATTER-MCI	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Little Little</i></p> <p>Subject resides at 4336 Williams Street, Inkster, Michigan. Subject claimed in June, 1950, that he was a Communist and during September, 1952, he indicated membership in the Muslim Cult of Islam.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-RUC-</p> <p>DETAILS:-</p> <p>This investigation was predicated upon information received from [REDACTED] Norfolk, Massachusetts, to the effect that the Subject, [REDACTED] had written two letters [REDACTED] and included comments on Communism.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE <u>11/30/83</u> BY <u>SP-8 JEP</u></p> <p><u>I. BACKGROUND</u></p> <p><u>Birth</u></p> <p>[REDACTED] the Subject was born May 19, 1925, in Omaha, Nebraska, and is a citizen by virtue of his birth.</p> <p><u>Employment</u></p> <p>Information received from Boston Informant [REDACTED]</p>			
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of known reliability, reflects the Subject is presently unemployed.

Residence

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[redacted] Subject resides at the home of his brother at 4336 Williams St., Inkster, Mich.

Military Service

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[redacted] Massachusetts State Prison, Charlestown, Massachusetts, advised Subject's Selective Service status had been verified by prison authorities during the late 1940s and information obtained from Selective Service records reflected Subject was registered with Local Board #59, New York City, and classified 4-F.

Status of Health

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Information received from [redacted] reflects Subject is under a doctor's care at the present time. The nature or extent of his illness is not known.

Criminal

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[redacted] Subject was sentenced to serve 8 to 10 years on a charge of breaking and entering in the nighttime and that he began this sentence February 27, 1946. [redacted] Subject was eligible for parole May 29, 1951, but was denied parole at that time.

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On September 23, 1953 [redacted] Norfolk Prison Colony, Massachusetts, stated Subject is a former inmate and had been paroled in care of Michigan parole authorities on August 7, 1952.

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The following record was obtained from [redacted] Massachusetts State Board of Probation, Boston, Massachusetts, the central repository for all arrest records in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
11/30/44	Larceny	Roxbury	3 months House of Correction SS 11/30/45-Filed M.R.ss 1/15/47-"
1/15/46	Carrying firearms	Roxbury	
1/16/46	Breaking & Enter. Larceny	Quincy	1/2-Grand Jury
2/27/46	Breaking & Enter. Larceny	Middlesex Superior	8-10 years.State

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
2/27/46	Breaking & Enter. Larceny	Middlesex Superior	8-10 yrs.State Pris
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2/27/46	Conspiracy, Break. and Entering	Middlesex Superior	Filed
4/10/46	B & .and Lar.	Norfolk	6-8 years SP conc.
3/7/46	B & E, Larchny	Newton	Dismissed
8/7/52	Paroled 4 5/4/53	State Prison	

Credit

The records of the Credit Bureau [redacted] contained no reference to Subject.

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II. COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

The Communist Party has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[redacted] several excerpts from letters written by Subject. [redacted] these excerpts were not quote but rather notes jotted down [redacted] on the contents of these letters.

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On June 29, 1950, the Subject mailed a letter from which [redacted] copied the following information:

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"Tell [redacted] to get in shape. It looks like another war. I have always been a Communist. I have tried to enlist in the Japanese Army, last war, now they will never draft or accept me in the U.S. Army. Everyone has always said [redacted] Malcolm is crazy so it isn't hard to convince people that I am."

In January, 1952 [redacted] Subject had been visited by [redacted]

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[redacted] a member of the Crispus Attucks Club of the American Youth for Democracy. The AYD has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

There is no further information concerning the Subject's Communist activities in Boston.

MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM

[redacted] the Muslim Cult of Islam, which is also known as the Allah Temple of Islam, is a religious cult whose members

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regard Allah as their supreme being and claim to be the direct descendants of the original race on earth. The members fanatically follow the teachings of Allah as interpreted by ELIJAH MOHAMMED, the "true prophet of Allah" entitled titular head of the Muslim Clut of Islam in the United States and believe that any civil law which conflicts with the Muslim law should be disobeyed. The members disavow their allegiance to the United States and pledge their allegiance only to Allah and do not consider it their duty to register for Selective Service or to serve in the United States Armed Forces as they cannot serve two masters. According to the teachings of ELIJAH MOHAMMED and the cult's ministers, the members of a minority race in the United States are not citizens of this country but are merely slaves of this country and will continue to be slaves until they free themselves by destroying non-Muslims and Christianity in the war of "Armageddon."

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[redacted] the cult teaches that the Korean war is a futile effort by the United States to prevent the coming Asiatic conquest of the world and the defeat of the United States in Korea is a prelude to the "resurrection" when North America and Great Britain will be doomed and the original man, lead by Allah will reign supreme.

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[redacted] the following information taken from another letter of Subject which January 29, 1950:

"It is better to be jailed by the devil for serving Allah than it is to be allowed by the devil to walk free. The black man has been enslaved. The time is coming for the devils to be destroyed."

On September 23, 1952, [redacted]

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provided SA [redacted] with 3 letters, one of which is addressed to him [redacted]

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letters are set out below in their entirety. The following is a letter [redacted]

"In the name of Allah, the All-Wise True and Living God, the One who is giving us a Knowledge of ourselves which alone will save us from the coming destruction....and in the name of His LAST messenger, the One who is sounding a warning to all of wo Black people so we can pull ourselves away from the ways of the leperous devil and

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escape his disaster, the one whom the Highest devils in the government fear, but can't touch, our great Leader and Teacher, the Honorable Mr. Elijah Mohammed.

As. Salam Alaikum:

Dear Brother,

You must have been thinking I had forgotten you. I can never forget those who believe in Allah and desire to follow his way by casting aside the ways of the devils.

I had dinner in Chicago last week with our Leader. He is All-Wise. The words which flow from His Lips prove that Allah is the Best-Knower, and that Allah Himself taught our Leader. The very fact that He stands in the midst of hell, teaching against the very boss of Hell (satan) and the devil can't stop Him proves that the devils time is up and they have no more power.

Allover the World the Dark Peoples know that the devils time is up, and these Dark Peoples want to sweep down like a huge Tidal Wave and wash the devils from this planet...Allah Himself is holding them back, but only long enough to let all of us hear the Truth that His Messenger is Teaching. When we have all have heard and had a chance to accept or reject it and have chosen which side we'll be on...then Allah will allow His "Sea of Black Soldiers" to sweep out of the East and make this entire hemisphere a "sea of blood" (red sea).. but this sea will part and let those of us pass by who are for the Truth....

We are living in the Bible today. While reading it, bear this in mind and all will be clear. No matter how the devil acts, don't be fooled by him. He knows what is taking place. He knows he can't escape destruction, so he's going

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to try and drag many of us down with him. We must make the choice ourselves. This is the Day of Chosing (Separation.)

Tell all Bros who will to please write to me. If I can't answer myself, I'll have some one here at the Temple to do so.

A civilized man is a man who knows himself. The First duty of a civilized man is to civilize his Brother. All Black People are Brothers. Today our motto must be: Each One teach one!!!

All here send the greeting to all there

As Salaam Alaikum
Your Brother
Malachi Shabazz

P.S.

Tell me where you are working and the type you're doing."

The following is a letter [REDACTED]

"In the Name of Allah, the Great God of All the World who came all the way here to hell just to free His long lost people from the clutches of the devil. And in the Name of His Messenger, who is Teaching us that the white man is the devil and that America is hell. This Truth is so strong and clear that not even the white man himself will deny it once he knows we know...and to prove that the white mans time is up on this earth, the Honorable Elijah Mohammed is here in the white man's strongest country teaching this truth, and still they can't stop him. Allah is God. He has let the devil rule

us long enough, now He Himself has come to reclaim us.

As Salaam Alaikum

My brother, never stop feeling in Allah, for we are so near the Day of Total Destruction there is no time to take a chance on putting the time to stop sinning off. By sinning I mean trying to be white instead of trying to be ourselves.

Stick close to the Muslims. Many who don't believe will ridicule you, but they also ridiculed Noah when he warned them of the approaching storm. ...tis better to be laughed at and be safe from the storm, than to be caught in the storm just because you didn't want to be laughed at.

Allah is going to open the prison doors pretty soon now. The devil knows he can't survive much longer. The country is in worse shape than you could ever imagine but the devil is a master of deceit and has everyone still thinking he is god. He is through! Done! Finished!! He's not even master in his own land anymore. In fact, he has no more land. Next few months will see them driven out of all parts of the world. This will be the only country where a pale face will be seen ...then shortly afterwards they will all be destroyed, and be no more...all of this they know. The bible itself tells of it.

Keep in close touch with me, and whenever I can I'll write. When I can't, some of the other Bros will. All the Bros here send the Greeting to all of you there.

As Salaam Alaikum
Your Brother
Malachi Shabazz

Stick close to the Muslims, and tell all the Muslims to stick close to each other."

The following is a letter [REDACTED]

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"January 9, 1951

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[REDACTED]

Indeed you are an excellent judge of character. Your experience in dealing with a great variety of personalities has quite evidently enabled you to understand the subconscious workings of a man's mind better than the man understands himself.

Why do I say this? Well, you once told me that I had a persecution complex. Quite naturally I refused to agree with you. The illusions by which I was at that time obsessed would not allow me to see how true your diagnosis was; and I was too beset with the idea that I know something to realize that I know absolutely nothing.

I was guided by hate, envy and the craving for revenge....deluded by my own vanity and self-esteem; I was blinded with my own ignorance and false-sense of reasoning. In my effort to justify my many self-inflicted wrongs I placed the blame upon everyone except the one who was mainly responsible for all of my troubles.....myself.

There is nothing that can now be said in my behalf; I offer no excuse, no defense.

However, even though I greatly misled myself, you will admit that I was sincere. I thought that I was being motivated solely by the earnest desire to think, speak and act in the manner that all Muslims should. Well, I was wrong!

Most fortunately, during the recent holidays I received an enlightening visit from my family in Detroit, and my many past errors were then made known to me. I am not, and never shall be,

too proud to admit when I am wrong....and with great remorse I now think of the hate and revenge that I have been preaching in the past. But from here on in my words shall all be of Love and Justice.

I only pray that it is not too late to make amends, and to take steps toward rectifying my many mistakes. I thought that I was doing right, and was sincere in all that I advocated. Now that the Way has been made clear to me my sole desire is to replace the seeds of hate and revenge, that I have sown into the hearts of others, with the Seed of Love and Justice....and to be Just in all that I think, speak and do.

This humble message is a note of thanks and sincere appreciation to you for the kind understanding and patience that you and your subordinates have so often exercised in my behalf, and it is also a humble apology for the unrest and misrepresentation of the Truth for which I was responsible for fomenting while under your jurisdiction.

If my present sincerity is doubted, tell me of just one time that I have not always spoken from my heart just what I felt. You always spoke frankly to me, and treated me with squareness... so how could I ever be any other way except square and frank with you?

Very sincerely

/s/ Malcolm . Little"

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[REDACTED] Muslims known to him either shave their hair or wear goatees.

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According to records [REDACTED] the Subject wears chin whiskers.

DESCRIPTION

The following description of the Subject was obtained from the records [REDACTED]

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Name	MALCOLM K. LITTLE, was Malachi Shabazz; "Rythm Red" "Detroit Red" Jack Carlton
Date of Birth	May 19, 1925 Omaha, Nebraska
Race	Negro-mulatto
Sex	Male
Residence	4336 Williams Street Inkster, Michigan
Height	6'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	180 lbs.
Build	Slender
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Light
Scars & Marks	1" scar from right eye to nose; $\frac{1}{2}$ " scar on chin; 2" scar below left elbow
Peculiarities	Confirmed user of marijuana; wears chin whiskers and Mustache
Employment	Cut Rate Department Store 8940 Oakland Avenue Inkster, Michigan (Presently unemployed)
Marital Status	Single
Nationality	American
FBI No	4282299
Social Security	No 376 16 3427

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ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

A copy of this report is being designated to Detroit file 25-17462, inasmuch as that is the file pertaining to the Muslim Cult of Islam organization.



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REFERENCE:- Detroit letter to Boston dated 1/26/53.
Report of SA [redacted] dated 5/16/52
at Chicago.