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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-366321)

DATE: 9/15/55

FROM : SAC, New York (105-8999)

SUBJECT: MALCOLM K. LITTLE, was
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REFERENCE

SAC Letter 55-30, 4/12/55, subject

SUBJECT RESUME OF CASE

Classified by 6249 [unclear]
Declassify on: OADR 11-20-83

The subject, Negro, was born 5/19/25, at Omaha, Nebraska, and resides at 2535 Humphrey Street, East Elmhurst, Queens, NY. Subject is a full time minister of the Muslim Community of Islam (MCI), Temple #7, 102 West 116th St., NYC, and of the MCI Temple of Islam at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Selective Service records of Local Board 59, New York, reflect that on 10/25/43, the subject was found mentally disqualified for military service for the following reasons: psychopathic personality, inadequate sexual perversion, and psychiatric rejection.

Selective Service records of Local Board 102, Flint, Michigan, reflect that the subject was found mentally disqualified for military service on 5/25/53, because of "a social personality with paranoid trends (pre-psychotic paranoid schizophrenia)".

the subject was sentenced to serve eight to ten years on a charge of breaking and entering in the nighttime, on 2/27/46, and was eligible for parole on 5/29/51, but was denied parole at that time, later being paroled on 8/7/52.

Several excerpts from letters written by the subject. In one of these letters, dated 6/29/50, the

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subject indicated that he had always been a Communist.

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[redacted] made available letters of the subject which indicated that he was a member of the MCI.

Selective Service records of Local Board 102, Plymouth, Michigan, reflect that in April, 1953, the subject had indicated that he was a student preparing for the ministry in the "Temple of Islam" and he was studying at the "University of Islam" located at Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] the subject had been the Assistant Minister of MCI Temple #1, Detroit, Michigan during 1954.

[redacted] the subject was a minister of MCI Temple #2, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

[redacted] that the subject had been appointed minister of MCI Temple in NYC and would hold that position in addition to his position as minister of the Philadelphia MCI Temple. Au

[redacted] the subject was the minister of MCI Temple #7, NYC.

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[REDACTED] the subject was a minister and leader of the MCI Temples at Philadelphia and NYC. [REDACTED] the subject has made numerous speeches at MCI meetings, praising the teachings of ELIJAH MOHAMMED of Chicago, Illinois and expressing the MCI teachings on hatred of the White race, always referring to the White race as the "White Devils" and referring to the Negro race as being the Asiatic "black man." The subject told the group that the "black man" is God and that the "black man" is in slavery in the US and that the White race is going to be destroyed by the "black man", who is going to become the ruling class of the US and of the world.

[REDACTED] the subject was the principal speaker at a meeting at Temple #7, NYC, [REDACTED] and at which time he told the group that the "black race" was in slavery in the US and that this year, 1955, would be the end of slavery, with the destruction of the "Devils."

[REDACTED] at an MCI meeting at NYC [REDACTED] the subject related to the group that the "black man" is in slavery in the US under President EISENHOWER, whom he referred to as "today's modern Pharaoh." [REDACTED] subject had praised a woman member of the MCI on this occasion, who told the group that she had instructed her husband to ignore an order for induction into the Armed Forces of the US.

[REDACTED] the subject spoke at the meeting of Temple #7 [REDACTED] during which time he related to the group that the "Devils" heads will roll in the streets of NYC and that blood will run down the gutters.

[REDACTED] the subject spoke at an MCI meeting at NYC [REDACTED] at which time he expounded that ELIJAH MOHAMMED of Chicago, Illinois had created a nation within the strongest government

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in the world and that the US Government is helpless. He compared the US Government to a snake which had lost its fangs so there would be no poison left in the snake. He gave as examples of how the US had lost its power, as the Korean War and that the "Red Chinese" whom he referred to as "black people" have supposedly forced out the "White Devils."

b7D [redacted] the subject was a speaker at the Philadelphia MCI Temple [redacted] and the topic of his speech was "Destruction of North America." He explained that the "Devils" knew that they are about to be destroyed and they are offering you opportunities that you, the oppressed people, did not have before. He stated that the "black men" all over the world are uniting and all have one object in mind, the destruction of the "Devils."

b7D [redacted] the subject was in attendance of the Muslim Convention at Chicago, Illinois, which was held during the week ending 2/26/55, and that the subject appeared to be enjoying ELIJAH MOHAMMED's confidence, and seemed to have had a free hand in general.

[redacted] the subject, while at the Muslim Convention, took the visiting members of the Philadelphia and New York City Temples on a tour of the Museum of Natural History at Chicago and placed his various interpretations on the exhibits at the Museum as portraying the creation of the White man by the "black man." Informant advised that the subject spoke at meetings during the convention and also introduced the visiting members to ELIJAH MOHAMMED at his home in Chicago, Illinois. (u)

b7D [redacted] the subject had helped organize MCI Temple #13, which was recently opened in Springfield, Massachusetts. (u)

[redacted] the subject was in charge and spoke at MCI meetings called "Brotherhood of

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Our Own" in Newark, New Jersey, [REDACTED]

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On 1/10/55, the subject was interviewed by SAS [REDACTED] at which time, the subject readily admitted membership in MCI Temple #7, NYC, but would not admit that he was a minister or teacher of Temple #7, NYC. The subject was very uncooperative in this interview and refused to furnish any information concerning the officers, names of members, to furnish doctrines or beliefs of the MCI or family background data on himself. The subject did state that he believes in the teachings of ELIJAH MOHAMMED of Chicago, Illinois and that MOHAMMED was his leader and that he considered MOHAMMED superior to all. He considered the "Nation of Islam" higher and greater than the US Government. When questioned concerning alleged teachings of racial hatred of the MCI, he stated that they do not teach hatred, but the truth, that the "black man" has been enslaved in the US by the "white man" and that no one could dispute it. The subject stated that the "black man" has died for the "white man" all over the world. He described the "black man" who respects the US Government, as "Uncle Tom" in that they have considered the "white man" and his government first and placed himself in a secondary position. The subject was questioned concerning whether he would serve in the US Armed Forces and if he would defend the US against an attacking enemy, but would not answer. The subject would not answer as to whether he considered himself a citizen of the US. When asked if he considered the MCI a government as well as a religion, the subject would not answer. When asked if he considered himself and the Negro race in slavery in the US by the white man, the subject remarked that you would have to only read the history books in the library to know that they are in slavery. The subject did admit that during World War II he admired the Japanese people and soldiers and that he would have liked to join the Japanese Army at that time. He claims to have never been a member of the CP or the American Youth for Democracy or to have known anyone who was associated with it.

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RECOMMENDATION

In view of the subject's long active membership in the MCI and his position as minister of the MCI as well as his speeches and statements against the US Government it is believed that he could possibly commit acts inimical to the national defense and public safety in a time of emergency, therefore, it is recommended that his name be retained on the Security Index.

DETCOM TABBING

1. The subject is presently tabbed for Detcom.
2. The subject has not been approved under the new criteria as set forth in SAC Letter 55-12 (A) dated 2/10/55. Cards bearing "Detcom" stamped in large red letters have not been received by the NYO.
3. In view of the subject's position as minister of MCI Temples and head of MCI Temples in NYC and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, it is believed that the subject meets the requirements of the new criteria set forth in SAC Letter 55-12, it is recommended that the subject's name be retained on the Detcom program.

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