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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. NOI Activity

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which reflected that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD considered MALCOLM LITTLE to be the best money raiser in the NOI.

On November 26, 1958, [REDACTED] Police Department, advised SA [REDACTED] that at approximately 3:00 p.m., November 25, 1958, a JOHN SIMMONS and a JOSEPH GRAVITT came to [REDACTED] with a letter which was directed to MUHAMMAD's temple and addressed to MALCOLM X. b7D N.Y.

SIMMONS reported himself as Secretary of the NOI and stated that MALCOLM X was out of town but would not say where. SIMMONS advised [REDACTED] that he had made photostats of the original letter and was going to turn them over to the weekly newspaper "The Amsterdam News". [REDACTED] furnished a photostat of this letter which was dated November 24th (no year), and bore a return address of 839 Coleman Avenue, New York, New York. b7D

This letter stated, in substance, that if \$50,000 was paid on the corner of 125th Street and 8th Avenue, Tuesday, at 6:00 p.m., the life of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD would be spared the next time he came to New York.

[REDACTED] accompanied SIMMONS and GRAVITT staked out at the corner of 125th Street and 8th Avenue, with negative results. [REDACTED] stated that SIMMONS and GRAVITT had no idea who could have written such a letter. [REDACTED] also advised that the return address was non-existent. b7D

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The December 13, 1958, issue of the "Pittsburgh Courier", page 10, carried an article captioned "Muhammad Threatened." This article stated that police working in conjunction with the FBI said they were taking all precautions regarding threats made on the lives of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and MALCOLM X. b7D

On January 21, 1959, [REDACTED] furnished information which reflected that MALCOLM X would be the guest speaker on the program "The Editor Speaks" on New York station WLIB on Saturday January 17, 1959.

"The Pittsburgh Courier" in its issue of January 17, 1959, section two, page one, columns one and two, carried an article captioned "Malcolm X to Speak on Harlem's WLIB." This article reflected that MALCOLM X, fiery young New York representative of Moslem spiritual leader ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, was slated to speak on the "Rapid Growth of Islam in America and Its Aims for 1959" over Harlem station WLIB at 11:30 Saturday morning, January 17, 1959, on the program "The Editor Speaks."

The "St. Louis Argus," a weekly newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri, in its issue of January 30, 1959, carried an article captioned "Religion Must Not Be Separate - - Muslim Says." The article reflected that Moslem Minister MALCOLM X on the Harlem station WLIB on Saturday morning stated "If religion means a way of life and life's necessities are food, clothing and shelter, then we should not separate religion from economics." The article further quoted MALCOLM X as saying "Christianity offers Negroes its economic program of 'milk and honey' (food), white robes and golden slippers (clothing) and mansions (shelter) up in the sky after they die - - whereas Elijah Muhammad teaches us that in Islam we can get all of life's necessities right here on earth in this life if we will awaken, unite and put forth the necessary efforts.

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"The Negro has fought to make America free but has never fought to make Negroes free. Proof is the Negro has fought everyone of America's wars yet the Negro himself is still begging free America to recognize him as a free and equal citizen here."

The "New Jersey Herald News" in its issue of February 7, 1959, carried an article "Muhammad Bans Picketing of Prophet Jones." This article reflected that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is a man who has been preaching unity among the Negroes. It is no surprise therefore, to learn that he and his teachers are deeply concerned over the picketing last week of Prophet JONES meeting at the Community Center. This action, supposedly by "Moslems" neither had the sanction or the approval of Mr. MUHAMMAD. The article continued that the Moslem leader was disturbed that MALCOLM X, Minister of MUHAMMAD's New York Temple of Islam, wrote a letter of apology to Prophet JONES in which he explained that "A Moslem is never the aggressor." The article quoted MALCOLM X as explaining that Mr. MUHAMMAD's purpose is "not to divide our people against each other but to unite us. . ."

The February 14, 1959, issue of "The Pittsburgh Courier", New York edition, page nine, contained an article similar to the article above mentioned.

"The Pittsburgh Courier", New York edition, of March 21, 1959, page four, column three, carried an article captioned "Churches Get Police Aid." This article was datelined Springfield, Massachusetts, and stated that the Police had vowed to render any assistance within limitations of the law to Negro churchgoers if it was true that members of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's Moslem sect continued to annoy them. This article stated that MALCOLM X, National Leader, had stated that some pastors had ordered their church members to stop reading Negro newspapers especially "The Courier" which carries a weekly column by Moslem leader ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.