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[REDACTED] Malcolm X, Minister of Nation of Islam (NOI) Temple number 7, New York City, was then in Africa preparing the way for Elijah Muhammad, who would be leaving soon. Malcolm X had already had an audience with Nasser of Egypt and prepared the way for Muhammad to meet him.

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July 8, 1959, it was announced that Malcolm X, New York Minister was then travelling in the Far East, and his plans were to tour the Holy City of Mecca and to visit Arabia and Jerusalem. It was stated that Elijah Muhammad was to leave upon Minister Malcolm's return.

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[REDACTED] It was announced that Minister Malcolm was then in Mecca.

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An article appeared in the "New York Amsterdam News" of July 11, 1959, page 18, column 3, entitled, "Malcolm X off to Tour Middle East". This article is as follows:

"Messenger Elijah Muhammad, internationally recognized spiritual head of the fastest growing group of Moslems in the Western Hemisphere, sent his New York Minister, Malcolm X, also known as Malik El-Shabazz, to the Middle East last Friday from International Airport.

"While abroad, Malcolm X plans to tour several African-Asian countries, including the Holy City Mecca and Medina in Arabia, and also Jerusalem.

"The Moslem Minister plans to return to New York in time for the visit of Messenger Elijah Muhammad in New York at St. Nicholas arena on Sunday, July 26".

The "New York Amsterdam News" is a weekly newspaper published in New York City.

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NATION OF ISLAM
FORMERLY REFERRED TO AS
MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM, ALSO
KNOWN AS MUHAMMAD'S
TEMPLES OF ISLAM

In January, 1957, a source advised that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD had described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "NATION OF ISLAM" and "MUHAMMAD'S TEMPLES OF ISLAM."

On December 22, 1958, another source advised that the NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD, its present national leader, claims to have been selected by ALLAH, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States.

Members following MUHAMMAD'S teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source related that MUHAMMAD, upon advice of legal counsel, had tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government. However, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On December 16, 1958, another source reported that MUHAMMAD early in July, 1958, had decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him to acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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