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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-399321)

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-8999)

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SUBJECT: MALCOLM K. LITTLE
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 5 copies of a letterhead memorandum [redacted]

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concerning subject's recent trip abroad.

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On July 28, 1959, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that Elijah Muhammad, national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI), appeared at the St. Nicholas Arena, New York City, on July 26, 1959. **b7D**

[REDACTED] stated that prior to the speech by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, Minister Malcolm K. of NOI Temple #7, New York City, spoke. Among his other remarks, Malcolm K. told of his recent trip to the Far East.

Malcolm K. stated that he had just returned from the Far East. He stated he did not speak with Nasser but saw him. He stated that he was well accepted by Muslims and that the Muslims in Egypt and Africa are blacker than he. He stated he was well entertained and squired around due to the fact that he was a Muslim. He stated he was taken on a cruise in a boat in forbidden territory. [REDACTED] stated he did not furnish more details concerning this. **b7D**

[REDACTED] stated Malcolm K. stated that in Egypt, he became very ill and as a result was not able to go to Mecca.

[REDACTED] stated that Little stated that he could have gone to Mecca but he felt he should return to New York for the visit by Elijah Muhammad. **b7D**

The above information was verified in substance by [REDACTED] **b7D**

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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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