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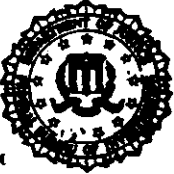
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Re: Nation of Islam

On December 28, 1960, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information which this source stated he received from another source whom he termed reliable but whose identity he did not reveal.

According to this source, during December, 1960, Minister Malcolm X Little of Nation of Islam (NOI) Temple #7 in New York City made the following statements:

The white man is the enemy of the Black man. The Czarist Government suppressed the people and the same kind of revolution as occurred in Russia will take place here in the United States. This revolution will start in Harlem and that "we" are the leaders of this Black man Revolution.

Malcolm X expressed himself as a great admirer of Nicolai Lenin and Joseph Stalin and stated that they were actually non-white men. He explained that Lenin was of the yellow race descending from the Mongols and Stalin descending from Semitic-Arabs and a Muslim mixture with dark skin. The Americans who are white will fight the

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Russians because they are non-white; it will be race against race and we American Black men will support the Russians. We will kill all the white men in the United States.

We Blacks have good leadership and we will build a fighting organization. We have Russian experts, good Communists, who are helping us to organize a fighting group in Harlem.

Malcolm X criticized the United States Department of State and stated that the United States Government does not want free Africans but the Africans will be free with the assistance of the Russian army right in Africa. He stated that the United States was responsible for encouraging England, France and Israel to invade the United Arab Republic in 1956.

This source characterized Malcolm X as shrewd, canny and at times smart but that he was actually a "mad dog" temporarily on a leash. He is violently anti-white and insists the whites must be destroyed.

Sources mentioned in the following characterizations of the NOI and NOI Temple #7 have furnished reliable information in the past.

NATION OF ISLAM (NOI)
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of Islam, Muhammad's Temples
of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD had described his organization on a nation-wide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 18, 1960, 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 advise 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 May 16, 1960, another source reported that MUHAMMAD early in July, 1958, had decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by the 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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NATION OF ISLAM TEMPLE NUMBER SEVEN

On June 21, 1960, a source advised that the Nation of Islam Temple Number Seven, 102 West 116th Street, New York City, is the New York City Temple of the Nation of Islam headed by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. Temple Number Seven follows the policies and programs as set forth by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.