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SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
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Malcolm X Little

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original and 5 copies of a letterhead memorandum.

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Chicago should be alert during the forthcoming NOI Convention to determine what retaliatory action, if any, the NOI will take and advise Bureau and interested offices.

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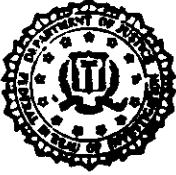
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New York, New York

February 21, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Re: Nation of Islam
Internal Security - NOI

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on [redacted] 1961, that Malcolm X. Little, Minister of Nation of Islam (NOI) Temple #7, New York, New York, stated on February 20, 1961, that he and the NOI are very upset over the fact that the NOI has been accused of being behind the recent demonstrations at the United Nations over the death of former Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba of the Congo, when in fact they had absolutely nothing to do with them. Malcolm X. stated that this publicity, which has ruined the good name of the NOI, has appeared in numerous United States and foreign newspapers which he himself has reviewed. Malcolm X. claimed that this false accusation is based on a false statement attributing the demonstrations to the NOI by New York City Police Commissioner Stephen Kennedy and that the NOI plans some retaliatory action unless an apology is forthcoming from Commissioner Kennedy and a retraction is printed in the newspapers. b7D

This source advised that Malcolm X. did not say what retaliatory action would be taken by the NOI, but that this action would be decided upon at the forthcoming NOI Convention to be held at Chicago, Illinois, on February 25 and 26, 1961. Malcolm X. further stated that whatever action is decided upon it will embarrass the New York City, New York State and the United States Governments even more than the NOI has been embarrassed by this publicity.

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Re: Nation of Islam

NATION OF ISLAM (NOI)
also known as Muslim Cult
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.

Re: Nation of Islam

NATION OF ISLAM TEMPLE NUMBER SEVEN
also known as Muhammad's Temple of
Islam Number Seven, Muhammad's
Mosque 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.