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Re: New Haven airtel and letterhead memo to Bureau,
2/5/62, no copy to New York.

For the information of the New York Office, letterhead
memorandum advised that MALCOLM X was to speak on 2/7/62,
before the students of Wesleyan University, Middletown,
Conn.

Attached hereto is a letterhead memorandum for Bureau and
New York concerning the appearance of MALCOLM X at Wesleyan
University, Middletown, Conn., on 2/7/62, which is self-
explanatory.

For the information of the Bureau and New York, [redacted]
[redacted] from the [redacted] Police Department were
in attendance [redacted] at the re-
quest of University authorities in the event of any disorder.
[redacted] Wesleyan University,
[redacted] there was no disorder whatsoever, and
MALCOLM X was well received by the students.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New Haven 10, Connecticut

In Reply, Please Refer to
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February 12, 1962

RE: NATION OF ISLAM

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DATE 12-14-73 BY 2269 jef/wbf

A characterization of the Nation of Islam is attached hereto.

The February 9, 1962 edition of "The Wesleyan Argus", a semi-weekly newspaper published by the students of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, reflects the following article under the caption "Black Muslim Malcolm X Calls for Racial Separation in United States."

"Malcolm X, a 'so-called Negro' and high-ranking member of the 'black' Muslims, called for 'separation' of the races instead of segregation in a Chapel address Wednesday evening.

"X, the emissary to Africa and Asia for the Muslims of the United States said that whites tend to think that all Negroes want integration. 'The masses of Negroes do not want to integrate', he said. At the same time X said they do not want to be segregated. 'We are just as much against segregation as the most staunch integrationist.'

"The Muslims are proposing separation instead of segregation. According to X, segregation is separation of one group by another, while separation is a division between equals.

"The reason we have rejected integration in all forms is that wherever there is Negro-white integration, the Negroes always get run by the whites,' said X. The NAACP, X pointed out, 'an integrated organization', has elected a new president every year for the last fifty-three years and has so far failed to elect a Negro to that office.

"For the Muslims, the solution is for the Negro to sit up for himself, to stop trying to get the whites to give him things, and build what he wants for himself.

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"X went on to comment on the colored integrationist movement. Not only have they taken over the white man's ways and represent only a small minority of the Negro population, he said, but, 'they don't want to be free anymore; they want integration....they have confused their method with their objective....our objective is human dignity'. They want civil rights before they have even been recognized as having human rights, before they have been recognized as being human beings, X said.

"X pointed out that the first American Constitution classified the Negro as three-fifths of a person and he was regarded much like all other livestock and property of his owner. Many whites have never gotten over looking at the Negro as inferior, as three-fifths of a man.

"If the Government will not send them back to their home in Africa, then it should give them a home here in the form of a separate state. The Negroes are becoming aware. Just as God struck at the Egyptians when Moses wanted to lead his people out of Egypt and the Pharoah refused, so will God strike at the United States if the Negro does not get the home that he deserves."

**NATION OF ISLAM, formerly referred to as the
Muslim Cult of Islam, also known as Muhammad's
Temples of Islam
FRUIT OF ISLAM
MUSLIM GIRLS TRAINING**

Nation of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised Elijah Muhammad has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 5, 1961, a second source advised: Elijah Muhammad is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI). Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI. In mid 1960 Muhammad and other NOI officials, when referring to Muhammad's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. Muhammad 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 teaching 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 advised Muhammad had, upon advice of legal counsel, 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 17, 1961, a third source advised: Muhammad had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to Muhammad, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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