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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-7809)

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and five copies of a LHM relating to MALCOLM K. LITTLE's status within the NOI based on his suspension. Two copies of this LHM are being furnished to both Chicago and Phoenix.

In view of the information set forth in this LHM, Chicago and Phoenix should remain alert for any change in the suspension status of LITTLE or in his relationship with the NOI itself.

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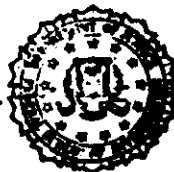
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New York, New York
February 27, 1964

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Internal Security - NOI

The February 26, 1964, edition of "The New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 39 captioned "Malcolm X's Role Dividing Muslims", datelined "Chicago, Feb 25".

The article indicated that Malcolm X, New York leader of the Black Muslim movement currently under suspension by Elijah Muhammad, would not attend the national Nation of Islam (NOI) convention on February 26, 1964.

The article claimed that there was a struggle for power in the NOI being waged between Malcolm X and second-echelon leaders at the NOI headquarters in Chicago, who fear that Malcolm X will inherit the movement on a national basis if he is not curbed.

The article further stated that it is believed that Malcolm X has set next Sunday (March 1, 1964) as the date for a decision on his place in the NOI. According to the article, Malcolm X feels that "unless he is restored to his former activities, he may return to the national scene in a manner that would make his previous efforts pale by comparison.

The article stated that the delaying tactics in determining Malcolm X's future by Elijah Muhammad, in whom all authority is now vested, reflects a reserve

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about the dynamism Malcolm X wants to put into the movement. Further, Muhammad is reportedly holding himself aloof from the struggle between Malcolm X and the Chicago headquarters because he is aware of Malcolm X's national standing, although he has been nettled by the national spotlight focused on Malcolm X.

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A characterization of the NOI is attached

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APPENDIX

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 July 10, 1963, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2,535 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and 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. Many 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.

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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 July 10, 1963, 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.