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The February 22, 1964 edition of the "Newark Star Ledger", a daily newspaper published in Newark, New Jersey, contained an article on page 14, which reflected that the NOI was being split by a power struggle between ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and MALCOLM X. According to the article information "leaking out of the ultra-secret group" indicates that subject has challenged the authority of ELIJAH by soliciting support for himself from other NOI leaders around the country. The article indicated that ELIJAH was outraged and considering whether or not subject should be expelled.

The February 26, 1964 edition of "The New York Times" contained an article on page 39, datelined "Chicago, Illinois, February 25, 1964," which reflected that MALCOLM X, leader of the NOI in New York City who was then on suspension, would not attend the annual National NOI Convention in Chicago on February 26. The article claimed that there was a power struggle going on in the NOI between MALCOLM X and second echelon NOI leaders at NOI headquarters in Chicago. The latter feared that MALCOLM X will inherit the movement on a national basis from ELIJAH MUHAMMAD if he (MALCOLM) is not curbed.

IV. INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT
ON FEBRUARY 4, 1964

b7C On February 4, 1964, subject was interviewed at his residence by Special Agents [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Results of this interview follow:

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MALCOLM LITTLE advised he is generally known as MALCOLM X and resides at 23-11 97th Street, Queens, New York City. He stated that until sometime in December, 1963, he was the Minister in charge of the Nation of Islam (NOI) Mosque in New York City. In December, 1963, he was suspended by ELLIJAH MUHAMMAD from his duties. He would not say the reason for his suspension or its duration. He stated that any comment on this would have to come from ELLIJAH MUHAMMAD.

He stated that his suspension from duties caused him to reappraise his loyalty to the NOI and ELLIJAH MUHAMMAD. He stated that because of his suspension, he is now more firmly devoted to ELLIJAH MUHAMMAD than ever. He pointed out that his suspension proves that the rules of the NOI apply to everyone equally. He stated he is in no way bitter towards ELLIJAH MUHAMMAD and that anything that might have caused his suspension was entirely his own fault and he could blame no one else.

He stated that the NOI cooperates with the United States Government more than any other Negro organization in that the NOI stops members from smoking, drinking and committing crimes and many other things which result in a benefit to the United States Government but which the Government is unable or unwilling to do itself. Because of this, the NOI is the only group that really benefits the Negroes. He pointed out that other Negro groups do not have a program which will benefit the Negro and eventually the Negro will realize this. He stated that when the Negro realizes that the Government, white people and so-called Negro leaders are not really helping the Negro or obtaining for the Negro the things which he wants or should have, then the Negro will start helping himself to these things. He did not care to explain this except by stating that at that time there could be a great deal of trouble.

He stated that the so-called Negro leaders are incompetent to lead the Negroes and stated that BAYARD RUSTIN, who was a leader of the one day school boycott in New York City on February 3, 1964, is nothing but a homosexual. He furnished no other information on either RUSTIN or any other

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by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 2/5/64
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person he considered a Negro leader. He reiterated that he is cooperating with the Government in view of the principles of the NOI but to suggest any other means of cooperation was an insult to his intelligence. He stated the teachings of the NOI are public and are well known to the Government. He stated he had no information concerning membership of the NOI, either as to numbers or names and even if he did have such information, he was not disposed to furnish it to the Government.

He stated that he would have no objection to being contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding demonstrations or other public affairs contemplated by the NOI. He stated he realized that in the past the NOI has been blamed for a number of incidents with which they were, in fact, not involved. He stated he would be most willing to be contacted in order to clear up any such possible misunderstanding.

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BAYARD RUSTIN

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page seven, column one, contains an article captioned, "Thurmond Assails A leader of March". The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator STROM THURMOND, BAYARD RUSTIN admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. RUSTIN also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 25, 1957, page one, column one, contained an article which stated that BAYARD RUSTIN, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-Communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.