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SUBJECT: MALCOLM K. LITTLE, aka
IS-NOI
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ReNYairtel and letterhead memorandum, dated 2/27/64, captioned "NOI, IS-NOI".

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 6 copies of a letterhead memorandum relative to the announcement by subject on 3/8/64, that he had decided to stay out of the NOI and organize a politically oriented "black nationalist party", and that he would actively participate in the civil rights movement.

One copy of this letterhead memorandum is enclosed for the information of Chicago and Phoenix in NOI matters.

- 4- Bureau (Encls. 6) (RM) (1- 25-330971) (NOI)
- 1- Chicago (100-35635) (NOI) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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One copy is being enclosed for the information of New Orleans since subject indicated he has accepted an invitation to help a civil rights committee in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Any additional information relative to this which comes to the attention of the NYO will be promptly furnished. New Orleans should furnish NY information on subject's participation in any civil rights activity there, if and when it occurs.

For the information of the Bureau, the NY case on subject is being placed in an active status, and subject's activities will be closely followed in regard to the organization of his own party or group and its supporters. No organization file on subject's group is being opened at this time, since to date there is in fact no organization. When the group is officially named and located, consideration will then be given to opening a separate organizational case.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

March 9, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Malcolm K. Little
Internal Security-Nation of Islam

The March 9, 1964 edition of "The New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page one entitled "Malcolm X Splits With Muhammad". It is noted that Little is publicly known as "Malcolm X".

The article reflected that on the night of March 8, 1964, Little announced that he had broken with Elijah Muhammad's Black Muslim movement and he would organize a politically oriented "black nationalist party".

According to the article, Little claimed that he was still a Muslim "but the main emphasis of the new movement will be black nationalism as a political concept and form of social action against the oppressors." Little stated the party would seek to convert the Negro population from non-violence to active self-defense against white supremacists in all parts of the country.

Little stated that he would accept speaking engagements at colleges and universities, and would cooperate in local civil rights actions in the South and elsewhere in order to heighten the political consciousness of the Negroes and intensify their identification against white society. Little claimed that he has already accepted an invitation to help a civil rights committee in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

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Little stated, according to the article, that his first task would be to construct an organization based in New York. He claimed support from many Negro intellectuals and professionals who could not accept Islam but accepted the Black Muslim view of race relations in the United States.

Little claimed that he had not been invited to the annual Black Muslim convention in Chicago on February 26, 1964, and he could not get a clarification of his suspension status from Elijah Muhammad. Consequently, he decided that he could best spread Mr. Muhammad's message by staying out of the Nation of Islam (NOI) and working on his own among non-Muslim Negroes. He further claimed that he was not trying to split the Muslims, and advised that all NOI members to remain in the NOI, stating that he was not encouraging them to follow him. Little also claimed that his suspension was due to the jealousy of Elijah Muhammad's family aroused by his previous popularity.

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A characterization of the NOI is attached hereto

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Malcolm K. Little

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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. 2,5335 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. 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.

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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.

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