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ReNYairtel and LHM, dated 3/9/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies, and for Chicago and Phoenix one copy each, of a LHM relative to the appearance on 3/9/64, of subject on WNBT television, channel 13, NYC, during which he discussed his break with the NOI.

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It is noted that LITTLE was quite specific in stating he was not setting up a rival organization to the NOI, and he still considered himself a Muslim and a follower of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

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Also, he did not identify by name any proposed new organization, and in fact left the impression that his future activity based on a black nationalism philosophy would be more in the form of a "cause" than an organization.

He appears to have renewed his harrangue of the "NOI line" that complete separation is the only solution to the race problem, while at the same time assuming a contradictory position of making himself available to civil rights groups who are seeking integration. However, in the latter instance he claims that he will seek to convert Negroes from non-violence to active self-defense (not retaliation) against white supremacists who attack them in their civil rights efforts.

It appears that LITTLE has in effect ended his own suspension by deciding to speak on his own outside the NOI. His "line" has not changed from that used as the official spokesman of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD prior to his suspensions. He has, also, apparently tried to leave the door open to permit ELIJAH to welcome him back into the NOI. In fact, LITTLE may feel that by speaking out he can regain his former popular status and thus force ELIJAH to take him back into the NOI in his former position.

The above observations of the NYO are being furnished to the Bureau, Chicago and Phoenix for their information.

The program referred to in this LHM was monitored by SA [REDACTED] and has been taped by the NYO. b7c

The NYO is continuing to follow this matter closely in an effort to determine LITTLE's immediate aims, his supporters if any, and also to determine if he will or will not establish a de facto organization.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

March 11, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Malcolm K. Little
Internal Security - Nation of Islam

A characterization of the
Nation of Islam (NOI) is attached
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On March 9, 1964, from 10:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Little appeared on the news commentary and interview program "The World at Ten", television station WNDT, channel 13, New York, New York. He was interviewed by WNDT commentator Joe Durso relative to his announcement on March 8, 1964, that he had split with the NOI.

During the interview Little specifically pointed out that he was not setting up a rival organization to the NOI. He stated that Islam was still his religion, he still believed in Allah, he still considered himself a follower of Elijah Muhammad, and he still considered the separation of races as taught by Muhammad as the solution to the race problem. He advised that he has decided that the best way to serve Muhammad was to stay out of the NOI and work on his own with non-Muslims. This way he will be free of NOI restrictions that previously kept him from reaching all Negroes, and he will urge them to follow Elijah Muhammad. He added that he can now do what "he" thinks is necessary to enlighten the people toward Muhammad and Islam. He stated he intended to teach a political, economic and social philosophy of black nationalism.

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In regard to the current civil rights movement, Little predicted that the struggle would "explode" in 1964 and expressed the opinion that young Negroes are now willing to do anything for integration. He feels that if they are not protected in this activity, then they must defend themselves from racial supremacists even if they must take up arms. He specifically pointed out that he was not urging or teaching retaliation, only self-protection. As an example he cited the unsolved bombing of a Negro church in Birmingham that resulted in the death of four girls, and it was his opinion that Negroes (not specified), should solve this and other such wrongs and execute those responsible.

Little stated that he was only interested in "freedom, justice and equality" for Negroes. He added that they have not gotten it by being polite, and he feels that they should now get angry.

In regard to his suspension by Muhammad in December, 1963, for his remark concerning the assassination of former President Kennedy, Little advised that the suspension was not for the remark itself. He explained that the suspension was for his disobedience to Muhammad for making the remark, since Muhammad had told him not to comment on the assassination. He further stated that the suspension was originally for a 90 day period, but he recently learned from Muhammad that it would be for an indefinite period. Consequently, he decided to stay out of the NOI and speak out on his own.

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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.