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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)
SUBJ: NATION OF ISLAM
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Re Chicago teletype to the Director and SAC New York, dated 3/20/64; Bureau radiogram to Chicago and New York, dated 3/23/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, Boston and New York are twelve, three and four copies, respectively, of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) pertaining to MALCOLM LITTLE and his new organization, Muslim Mosque, Inc., and also to Nation of Islam (NOI) efforts to oust LITTLE from his residence in New York City which residence is apparently owned by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's Mosque in New York City.

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The enclosed LHM is being classified confidential as data contained therein could result in identification of [Redacted] and could compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

- 7 - Bureau (Encls. 12) (RM)
 - (2 - 105- (MUSLIM MOSQUE, INC.)
 - (2 - 105- (MALCOLM LITTLE)
- 3 - Boston (97-145) (Encls. 3) (RM)
 - (1 - 105- (MUSLIM MOSQUE, INC.)
- 4 - New York (105-7809) (Encls. 4) (RM)
 - (1 - 105-8999) (MALCOLM LITTLE)
 - (1 - 105-152759) (MUSLIM MOSQUE, INC.)
- 2 - Chicago
 - (1 - 100-41040) (MUSLIM MOSQUE, INC.)

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Referenced radiogram pointed out that in the first portion of referenced teletype information set forth indicates MALCOLM LITTLE was making progress in formation of his group but that the latter portion had information indicating LITTLE was not making much progress. Instructions were that Chicago and New York should attempt to clarify the data in referenced teletype as well as other information set forth and furnish same to the Bureau in a LHM suitable for dissemination.

Chicago did not intend to imply that LITTLE's organization was both growing and yet was not making progress. The information set forth was secondhand in nature as it was apparently passed on by [redacted] of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's Mosque in New York City to [redacted] and subsequently to [redacted]. As noted [redacted] allegedly said that MALCOLM had already gotten some 40 brothers out of the Mosque in New York City and had allegedly stated five or six of them had guns. Chicago has no way of verifying this allegation and has no way of knowing how reliable the information is as Chicago does not know the accuracy with which [redacted] is reporting to NOI officials in Chicago. The latter portion of referenced teletype merely implies that MALCOLM LITTLE was having difficulty in getting meeting places and that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD apparently feels MALCOLM merely wants to get his name in the papers. A review of this information indicates these are strictly MUHAMMAD's personal opinions and further indicate MUHAMMAD feels he will be able to keep most of his followers in both the Mosque in New York City and throughout his organization. Chicago would expect, however, that some members of both the Mosque in New York City and of other mosques in the nation may cater to MALCOLM and may follow him.

67D [redacted] is the only source available to Chicago in its coverage of this current strife between MUHAMMAD and MALCOLM. As the Bureau can imagine these conversations are extremely difficult to monitor and are even more difficult to make sense from and to intelligently record. MUHAMMAD, at his best, is very difficult to understand. [redacted] have repeatedly advised that officials of MUHAMMAD's temple No. 2 in Chicago have made no announcements regarding the suspension of LITTLE and upon being asked specific questions have merely referred to articles on this matter which have appeared in "Muhammad Speaks" newspaper. 24

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Regarding the other information set forth in referenced teletype Chicago can only add that MALCOLM is apparently accusing [redacted] of misappropriating funds. Nothing of a specific nature has been noted in this regard. There has been no information available as to what [redacted] talked about in Philadelphia or regarding the significance of [redacted] ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's Mosque in Philadelphia, being in New York. It is known that [redacted] met in Philadelphia on 3/2/64, and that [redacted] has been the subject of complaints regarding misconduct to ELIJAH MUHAMMAD by members of his mosque in Philadelphia. This was furnished to the Bureau by Chicago airtel, dated 3/4/64.

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Regarding the identity of [redacted] who or which was referred to by [redacted] as possibly being the backer of MALCOLM, Chicago has no knowledge as to the identity of this person or organization. Regarding [redacted] the information indicates that [redacted] apparently attended a meeting of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's Mosque in New York City on [redacted] and [redacted] apparently feels [redacted] is completely in ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's corner.

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Chicago notes that the bulk of the information received regarding the split between MALCOLM LITTLE and ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is conveyed by [redacted] to NOI officials in Chicago. In the past this information has been treated as being of an intelligence nature to be utilized for leads and has been forwarded to the Bureau and interested offices expeditiously for this purpose. Chicago has not, and does not feel at this time, that data of this type should be disseminated outside the Bureau. This is based on the fact that some of the information is second-hand in nature and may be opinion rather than fact. It is felt that dissemination of this material could well come to the attention of individuals who may be friendly or who may be sympathizers with the nationalist movement in the United States and, therefore, could readily pinpoint both the Chicago [redacted] and the Phoenix [redacted] on ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. Chicago also feels that the vast majority of the information it has given to the Bureau can be substantiated through other sources and in the past Chicago has noted that much of this information has been made public through press announcements by MALCOLM LITTLE. As noted before the only source Chicago has for this information is [redacted]

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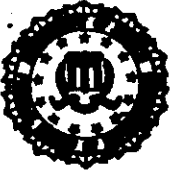
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as NOI officials have made no public announcements at temple meetings regarding MALCOLM LITTLE. UACB, Chicago will continue to treat information of this nature as it has in the past. Pertinent information received which would indicate that MALCOLM has organized a group in a city or may be actively recruiting in that city will be promptly disseminated to the interested office for its immediate action by appropriate expeditious communication.

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The Nation of Islam (NOI) has not been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450 and is characterized in later pages.

WD In mid March, 1964, [REDACTED] advised as follows:

Officials of Elijah Muhammad's Mosque in New York City have requested that Malcolm Little discontinue utilizing the name of the NOI or any other name connected therewith for his personal effects. They have also requested that he return items in his possession which belong to the NOI and that mosque. These officials have also requested that Little vacate the premises at 23-11 97th Street, East Elmhurst, New York, which Little is using for his residence, because this residence is in a building which was purchased by Elijah Muhammad's Mosque in New York City for use by a laborer who might be serving as a minister or in some other capacity as designated by Elijah Muhammad.

Officials of Muhammad's Mosque No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, have commented that Malcolm Little had recruited a number of brothers out of Elijah Muhammad's Mosque in New York City and that some of these brothers have guns. These officials have stated that Malcolm Little was apparently getting younger brothers for the most part and was paying them. They also commented that Malcolm Little was not going to leave his residence in New York City until he had had an open showdown with Elijah Muhammad.

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Officials of the NOI have stated that Malcolm Little was working on some of the new members in Boston and Springfield, Massachusetts, and in New York City; that Malcolm Little has a sister in Boston who was going around gathering up the ones who are out of Elijah Muhammad's temple in that city as well as the weak members of that temple; that Malcolm was telling these individuals lies about various members of Elijah Muhammad's family.

The March 13, 1964, edition of the "New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on Page 20 which reflected that Malcolm X, the former head of the NOI Mosque in New York City, had broken with the NOI and with Elijah Muhammad on March 8, 1964, and that on March 12, 1964, Malcolm X had announced he would form his own mosque in New York City and it would be a meeting place for his muslim followers as well as the base of a politically oriented Black nationalist movement.

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On March 16, 1964, [REDACTED] Clerk of Court, New York County, New York, New York, advised that on March 16, 1964, incorporation papers were filed for the Muslim Mosque, Inc.; that Malcolm Little was one of the trustees of this corporation, and that the principal place of worship was to be in the Borough of Manhattan, New York County, New York.

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NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly referred to as the Muslim Cult of Islam, also known as Muhammad's Temples 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.

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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