

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-399321)

Date: 3/26/64

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (66-1777)

SUBJECT: MUSLIM MOSQUE INC.
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MALCOLM K. LITTLE
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MALCOLM K. LITTLE, aka Malcolm X is a key figure in the NYO who until recently was Minister and New York leader of Mosque #7 of the Nation of Islam (NOI) and a national representative of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, national and world leader of the NOI. MALCOLM LITTLE was suspended by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD early in December, 1963, because of a remark made by him in New York City on 12/1/63, to the effect that the assassination of President KENNEDY was an instance of "chickens coming home to roost".

On 3/8/64, MALCOLM LITTLE announced that he had broken with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and the NOI as a result of his continued suspension from the NOI and indicated he was organizing a politically oriented "black nationalist party". In this connection MALCOLM LITTLE held a press conference 11:00 a.m. at the Park Sheraton Hotel, New York City on 3/12/64. The Bureau was advised of this by New York teletype 3/12/64 and New York airtel and letterhead memorandum 3/13/64.

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b7c On 3/12/54, SAs [redacted] and [redacted] were assigned by Supervisor [redacted] to discreetly cover a press conference called and held by MALCOLM LITTLE. It appeared certain that LITTLE would announce his plans for the formation of a new group.

If a new organization were to be formed pertinent information necessary to future investigation would be sorely needed, particularly such data as the name, location, membership, finances, meetings and aims. It would seem imperative that capable Agents be present to obtain any pertinent information divulged at this press conference and secure such information with utmost discretion rather than rely on sketchy, incomplete and perhaps inadequate news accounts of the conference. Through decisive investigation and as a result of careful detailed planning objectives of this conference were obtained. As a result of seizing this fortuitous situation, the Bureau was expeditiously advised of MALCOLM LITTLE's new organization, Muslim Mosque, Inc.

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Knowing MALCOLM LITTLE's reticence at revealing identities of others and the need for identifying "followers" emphasis was placed on photography. Familiarity with press conferences gave confidence that LITTLE would read from a prepared text, which could later be secured. Covering this facet of the investigation these agents alternately took photographs and notes on questions asked and answers given by LITTLE. Taking advantage of artificial light supplied by the television cameramen 22 photographs of known Muslims, suspected Muslims and/or current and suspected followers of LITTLE in the audience were obtained. The excellent quality of the photographs will present no problem in effecting needed identification.

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Also during the press conference the Agents were able to directly ask pertinent questions regarding the organization.

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Though LITTLE refused to divulge the names of his followers, he did, however, provide the temporary location of his new headquarters. He did also reply to agent's questions regarding aims of the new organization, financial support and meetings.

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The high degree of success in this operation must be attributed to the preliminary planning and resourceful execution and imaginative implementation of those plans, as well as agility in siezing upon every opportunity for further advantage.

b7C It is felt that this matter is worthy of commendation and it is recommended that SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] be commended for the high degree of resourcefulness, ingenuity and initiative they manifested on this occasion.

b7C ADDENDUM: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION [redacted] all 3/31/64

b7E Special Agents [redacted] attended the press conference of Malcolm Little [redacted] through aggressiveness and imagination they secured information concerning Little and his new organization, Muslim Mosque, Incorporated.

SAC, New York, recommends Agents [redacted] be commended.

Domestic Intelligence Division agrees this important assignment was well handled by the agents and they should be commended.