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SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
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Re Chicago airtel to Director, cc to New York but not Detroit, dated 3/25/64; Chicago airtel to Director ccs to Detroit and New York, dated 3/26/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, Detroit and New York are 12, 3 and 4 copies respectively of a letter-head memorandum (LHM) pertaining to MALCOLM LITTLE and his new organization, Muslim Mosque, Inc., and also to NOI reactions to LITTLE and this organization.

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The enclosed LHM is being classified secret because

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- 7 - Bureau (Encls. 12) (RM)
 - (2 - 100-441765) (Muslim Mosque, Inc.)
 - (2 - 105-) (MALCOLM LITTLE)
- 4 - Detroit (100-5549) (Encls. 4) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (Muslim Mosque, Inc.)
 - (1 - 100-) [Redacted]
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- 3 - New York (105-7809) (Encls. 3) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-152759) (Muslim Mosque, Inc.)
 - (1 - 105-7809) (MALCOLM LITTLE)
- 2 - Chicago
 - (1 - 100-41040) (Muslim Mosque, Inc.)

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As the Bureau was advised by Chicago airtel to Director dated 3/25/64, [redacted] advised on 3/22/64 that MALCOLM LITTLE was scheduled to appear on "At Random" Saturday night, 3/28/64. For the information of the Bureau MALCOLM is to appear on "Kup's" Show, Channel 7 Television, 3/28/64. This is a local television panel show, moderated by IRV KUPCINET, a local television personality. Chicago has made arrangements to tape the pertinent information and it will be forwarded to Bureau by appropriate communication. b7D

With regard to MALCOLM's appearance in Chicago, information has been furnished [redacted] to the effect that MALCOLM LITTLE is in Chicago at present (3/27/64). This has not been verified as yet. b7D

[redacted] b7D
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[redacted] spoke about the
messenger having okayed a statement written by
Minister MALCOLM LITTLE brother
of Muslim Mosque Number
in which [redacted] denounces [redacted] b7C
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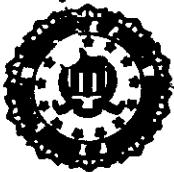
On 3/26/64 SA [redacted] Channel 2 television, on which channel the show "At Random", a local television panel-type show appears. They advised that the participants in the show on 3/28/64 have not as yet been decided, but would be announced in papers on Saturday morning. b7C b7E

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Chicago will follow this matter and if [REDACTED] appears on "At Random" it will be taped and pertinent information will be forwarded the Bureau by appropriate communication. b7c

Chicago recommends that the Bureau in making a decision as to whether the enclosed LHM should be disseminated or not, consider that [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] It is recommended the information be disseminated only if absolutely necessary.



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Chicago, Illinois
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INTERNAL SECURITY -
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The Nation of Islam (NOI), has not been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450 and is characterized in later pages.

In late March, 1964, [REDACTED] advised as follows:

Elijah Muhammad was told by officials of the NOI that Malcolm Little had, on March 23, 1964, sent six of his followers to see one of the leaders of Elijah Muhammad's Mosque in New York City with instructions to tell him what to do and what not to do. Muhammad instructed that the police in New York City be notified that Little was interfering and that they should be told of the consequences which might come from acts of this type. Muhammad stated that if the law will not put a stop to this "our own should be told to do it".

Muhammad was also told by NOI leaders that Malcolm Little was using his name, was pretending to be in good with him, and was only feuding with his, Muhammad's, family.

Muhammad stated he had instructed Malcolm Little's brother in Detroit, Michigan, to talk to Malcolm because Malcolm was going to get himself in trouble at the rate he was going.

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The "Chicago Sun Times", a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, in its Four Star Final edition of March 27, 1964, on page four, carried an article titled "Brother Bitterly Condemns Malcolm X" by Linn Allen. This article reflected that Philbert X, a minister of Muhammad's Mosque of Islam in a four-city Michigan area, had held a press conference at the Muslim Restaurant, the Shabazz, 616 East 71st Street, Chicago, Illinois. The article continued that Philbert had indicated he had spoken previously with his elder brother, Wilfred X, minister of Elijah Muhammad's Temple in Detroit. The article continued that Philbert had delivered an unprecedented public attack on his younger brother, Malcolm X Little, calling him "cunning and clever" and stating his "reckless efforts...will cause many of our unsuspecting people who listen and follow him unnecessary loss of blood and life". The article continued that Philbert X stated as follows:

'Ordinarily, I would not suggest the airing of differences between brothers to outsiders and especially to a news media, but because of the grave consequences of recent events, I submit to this medium.'

'Malcolm gained great prestige as the result of his association with the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, and now he wants to use this prestige to lead the followers of Islam astray,' Philbert claimed.

Philbert asserted his brother 'would do anything' to achieve fame and to slander Muhammad out of a feeling of revenge.

'Malcolm has always prided himself on being a great user of people, especially women,' the minister continued, 'and now he seeks to prevail upon women who unfortunately were weak and went contrary to Islam.'

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He said that through women Malcolm would induce men to leave the movement and accuse influential Muslims of misconduct.

He told reporters:

'I beseech you to warn those who may be taken in by my brother's desire to promote his own selfish end.'

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.

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. 670

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APPENDIX

1.

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

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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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Title	NATION OF ISLAM
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Reference	Memorandum of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above.

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