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Re Chicago airtel to the Director, ccs to Detroit  
and New York, 3/27/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, Detroit and  
New York are 12, 4 and 3 copies respectively of a letterhead  
memorandum pertaining to a press conference held by MALCOLM  
LITTLE in Chicago on 3/28/64.

As noted in referenced airtel, MALCOLM LITTLE appeared  
on "Kup's Show", Channel 7 television, Chicago, on the night of  
3/28/64. This show was taped and is in the process of being  
transcribed by the Chicago Office at present. Comments made by

- 7 - Bureau (Encls. 12) (RM)
  - 2 - 100-441765 (Muslim Mosque, Inc.)
  - 2 - 105- (MALCOLM LITTLE)
- 4 - Detroit (100-5549) (Encls. 4) (RM)
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- 3 - New York (105-7809) (Encls. 3) (RM)
  - 1 - 100-152759 (Muslim Mosque, Inc.)
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MALCOLM were of the type that have appeared in newspapers in recent days of various press conferences held by him. Upon transcription of this tape, pertinent data will be furnished to the Bureau and New York.

As noted in referenced airtel, NOI officials discussed the possibility of having either [REDACTED] appear on "At Random", Channel 2 television, during the evening of 3/28/64. Neither individual appeared on this show. b7c



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NATION OF ISLAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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

The "Chicago Sunday Tribune", a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, in its Two Star City Edition of March 29, 1964, on Page 20, carried an article titled, "Malcolm X Not Upset by Brother's Attack". The article reflected as follows:

"Malcolm X, former Black Muslim leader and now head of what he calls the Black Nationalism party, said here yesterday that his brother, Philbert, a Black Muslim minister, was using someone else's words when he attacked him last Thursday for splitting with the Black Muslims.

"Malcolm, in Chicago to appear on a television show, said at a press conference that he thinks his brother was forced to make the statement, but he wouldn't say who it was that applied the force.

"Calls Malcolm a 'Brutus'

"Philbert X, a Muslim minister in Michigan, by implication called Malcolm 'a Brutus, a Benedict Arnold' for breaking with the Muslims and said Malcolm may be the victim of 'great mental illness.'

"Malcolm asserted that he was misquoted in the press when he urged Negroes to buy rifles at the time he announced the formation of the Black Nationalist group.

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"'What I said,' he continued, 'was that they should have the rifles to defend themselves in those parts of the country where the government either can't or won't defend them.'

### "Tells His Aims

"Malcolm said that the aims of the Black Nationalist movement are political, economic, and social, rather than religious. As such, he added, it will be able to work to bring equality for Negroes that the Muslims, who never take an active part, can not do.

"He said it will encourage Negroes to form their own economic base by owning factories and hiring other Negroes, will work to eradicate alcoholism and drug addiction among Negroes, and take whatever political action it can.

"He added that he doubts if Negroes in the United States will ever get equality without outside help and that their case should be taken up in the United Nations.

"The Negro will never get justice in Uncle Sam's courts,' he said. 'He will be forced to take Uncle Sam into the world court.'"

Similar articles appeared in the "Chicago's Sunday American", Five Star Final Edition of March 29, 1964, on Page 22, and in the "Chicago Sun Times", Five Star Final Turf Edition of March 28, 1964, on Page 35, under captions of "Malcolm X Backs Negro Rights Fight" and "Brother Fears What I Will Say: Malcolm X", respectively. These are both daily newspapers published in Chicago, Illinois.

The "Chicago Sun Times" in its Four Star Final Edition of March 27, 1964, on Page 4, carried an article titled, "Brother Bitterly Condemns Malcolm X". This article reflected that Malcolm X's brother, Philbert X (Little) was a minister of Muhammad Mosque of Islam in a four city Michigan area.

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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.

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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

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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