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and seven copies of lhm with two copies each being designated
to the Chicago, Louisville and New York Offices pertaining
to captioned matter.

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the data reported [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also made information available to
the effect that SA [REDACTED] mentioned that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, head of the Nation of Islam (NOI), com-
mented that he told [REDACTED] to stay away from MALCOLM
and that [REDACTED] told MALCOLM X to face that [REDACTED]
wanted nothing to do with him and did not want to be seen
together with him any more.

A characterization of the NOI and Mosque #7 is
attached hereto.

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] advised that MALCOLM LITTLE (MALCOLM X) was the minister of
the NOI Mosque #7, New York City, and a national representa-
tive of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD who fulfills speaking engagements
throughout the United States for the latter.

The December 5, 1963 edition of the "New York
Times", a daily newspaper published in New York City, con-
tained an article on page 22 indicating that MALCOLM X had
been suspended by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. The suspension was based
on a remark made by MALCOLM X in New York City December 1, 1963,
to the effect that the assassination of President KENNEDY
was an incident of the "chickens coming home to roost".

The March 9, 1964 edition of the "New York Times"
on page one contained an article which reflected on March
8, 1964, MALCOLM X announced that he had broken with ELIJAH
MUHAMMAD and the NOI. The break was the result of his con-
tinued suspension from the NOI and he indicated that he would
organize a political-oriented "Black Nationalist Party".

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APPENDIX

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.

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

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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MUHAMMAD'S TEMPLE OF ISLAM NO. 32
aka Muhammad's Mosque No. 32

The "Arizona Republic" newspaper, Phoenix, Arizona, dated November 10, 1961, reported that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD stated he had selected BASHIR MUHAMMAD to head a temple being organized in Phoenix, Arizona.

On May 27, 1963, a source advised that Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 32, also referred to as Muhammad's Mosque No. 32, is affiliated with the national headquarters of Nation of Islam, Chicago, Illinois. Teachings at Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 32 are based upon the principles expounded by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the messenger of Allah and the national leader of the NOI.

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NATION OF ISLAM MOSQUE NUMBER 7
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

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On May 3, 1963, a source advised that the Nation of Islam (NOI) affiliate in New York City is known as Mosque #7, also known as Temple #7, and is located at 102 West 116th Street, New York City. Mosque #7 is a part of the NOI headed by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. Mosque #7 follows the policies and programs as set forth by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

The date Mosque #7 originated in New York City is not known.

However, in connection with the origin of Mosque #7, it should be noted that in 1953, a second source advised that there was a temple of the NOI (known to source then as the Muslim Cult of Islam) in New York City located at 135th Street and Seventh Avenue, as far back as 1947.

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