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 To: Director
 Bureau of Intelligence and Research
 Department of State
 From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
 Subject: [REDACTED]

MALCOLM K. LITTLE
 INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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Reference is made to the request of [REDACTED] on April 16, 1964, for any available information regarding [REDACTED] and Malcolm Little was, according to [REDACTED] may be traveling abroad in the near future.

[REDACTED] advised in September, 1961, that [REDACTED] had told [REDACTED] he was a member of the Nation of Islam (NOI).

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 at Detroit, Michigan. This organization is under the leadership of Elijah Muhammad, who 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."

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An article in the [redacted] issue of the "Miami Herald," a Miami, Florida, daily newspaper, reported that [redacted] the [redacted] had said on [redacted] that [redacted] had "joined the Black Muslims four years ago at the age of 18, just a few weeks after he had [redacted]"

An article in the [redacted] issue of the "Louisville Times," a Louisville, Kentucky, daily newspaper, reported that on [redacted] Elijah Muhammad, described as leader of the "Black Muslims," had bestowed upon [redacted] the name [redacted]. According to this article, [redacted] stated "I am honored."

Numerous articles since early February, 1964, have identified [redacted] as a member of the NOI.

An article in the [redacted] issue of the "New York Herald Tribune," a New York, New York, daily newspaper, reported that [redacted] age 20, made the statement on [redacted] that he was a "member of the Muslims."

[redacted] advised on [redacted] is the constant companion of [redacted] and [redacted] is convinced [redacted] is a "confirmed Black Muslim."

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that [redacted] was [redacted] personal secretary and a person who exerts strong influence on [redacted]

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that [redacted] is a "confirmed Black Muslim" and has been in the past closely associated with Malcolm Little, former head of the New York Mosque of the NOI. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was a close companion of [redacted] and on many occasions played tapes to [redacted] which related to the Black Muslim doctrine.

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b7D [REDACTED] has been [REDACTED] since March, 1963. This source also described [REDACTED] as "a confirmed Black Muslim."

b7D [REDACTED] advised that Malcolm Little was a minister of the NOI Mosque Number 7, New York, New York, and a national representative of Elijah Muhammad who fulfills speaking engagements throughout the United States for Muhammad.

The December 8, 1963, edition of "The New York Times," a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article indicating that Malcolm X (Little) had been suspended by Elijah Muhammad. The suspension was based on a remark made at New York City on December 1, 1963, by Malcolm X to the effect that the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was an instance of the "chickens coming home to roost."

On March 12, 1964, Malcolm Little publicly announced the formation of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated, the philosophy of which will be black nationalism.

Detailed information concerning the activities of Malcolm Little is presently being furnished to you under the caption "Malcolm K. Little, Internal Security - NOI."

NOTE:

b7D This letter is classified "Confidential" because it contains information from [REDACTED] which would be detrimental to the national defense.

See memo dated to W. C. Sullivan, same caption, 4/17/64, [REDACTED]/msa.