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IS-NOI  
(OO: NY)

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ReNYairtel and LHM dated 4/15/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of a LHM furnishing additional information on LITTLE's trip to Africa, including his stated purpose for the trip, African countries to be visited, and the fact that he was given a free ticket to Egypt.

The NYO will attempt to determine the source of the free ticket to Egypt which LITTLE claims was given to him.

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Malcolm K. Little  
Internal Security-Nation of Islam

Reference is made to the memorandum dated April 15, 1964, concerning foreign travel by Malcolm Little, a former national official of the National of Islam (NOI).

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

A characterization of the NOI is attached hereto and [REDACTED]

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The April 18, 1964, edition of the "New York Amsterdam News", a Negro newspaper published weekly in New York, New York, contained an article on Page 1 relative to the foreign travel of Malcolm Little.

The article indicated that prior to leaving for Africa, Little had told this paper that the purpose of his trip was to "get spiritual strength" through a visit to the Muslim holy city of Mecca in Egypt.

According to the article, Little stated that in addition to Egypt, he planned to spend a month touring other African countries, including Sudan, Kenya, Zanzibar, Congo, Nigeria, Ghana and Mali.

The article further indicated that according to Little, he was given a free ticket to Egypt as a Muslim convert, and that the remainder of his trip was financed by members of his religious congregation.

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APPENDIX

NATION 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.

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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.