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Enclosed for the Bureau are 9 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a scheduled debate between MALCOLM X and LOUIS LOMAX at the Chicago Civic Opera House on May 23, 1964. 4 copies of letterhead memorandum are enclosed for New York,

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The Bureau and New York will be appropriately advised of information subsequently developed concerning the debate.

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 - (1 - 100-399321) (MALCOLM X)
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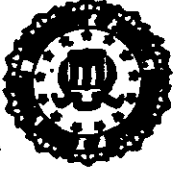
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MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED

The April 27, 1964 edition of the "Chicago Sun Times", a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, contained the following item on Page 46, Column 1.

"The Malcolm X-Louis Lomax debate May 23 in the Opera House reportedly is the first time two Negroes publicly will debate the civil rights issue. They differ on tactics."

b7D [REDACTED] advised on April 28, 1964, that Malcolm Little is also known as Malcolm X.

Louis Lomax is a nationally known Negro author.

The March 13, 1964, edition of the "New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an item on Page 20, which stated that Malcolm X, the former head of the Nation of Islam (NOI) Mosque in New York City, had broken with the NOI on March 8, 1964, and that on March 12, 1964, had announced he would form his own Mosque in New York City which would be a meeting place for his Muslim followers as well as the base of a politically oriented black nationalist movement.

b7D [REDACTED] Clerk of Court, New York County, New York, advised that on March 16, 1964, incorporation papers were filed for Muslim Mosque, Incorporated, 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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The NOI is described in the latter part of this memorandum.

The Civic Opera House is located at Madison Street and Wacker Drive, Chicago.

APPENDIX

1. MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED

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."

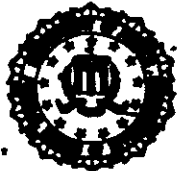
In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

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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