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Re: Malcolm K. Little

Little is also known as Malcolm X, Malcolm Shabazz, Malik Shabazz, Malik El Shabazz, El-Hajj Malik El Shabazz. Little currently resides with his wife Betty and their children at 23-11 97th Street, East Elmhurst, Queens, New York, and he is the founder and leader of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI) with headquarters in Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York City. He has Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Number 4 282 299, and was arrested and imprisoned on several occasions in the 1940s for larceny and burglary. He has never been in the military service, has Social Security Number 376-16-3427, and (in 1964) Passport Number C294275.

Little is a Negro male, born May 19, 1925 at Omaha, Nebraska, 6'3 1/2" tall, 170 pounds, reddish-brown hair, brown eyes, very light complexion, slender build, wears glasses.

In October, 1943, Little was mentally disqualified from military service because of psychopathic personality inadequate, sexual perversion and psychiatric rejection. Little has publicly admitted that in his youth he worked as a "pimp" and used narcotics.

\_\_\_\_\_ have advised that Little, on numerous occasions, has made anti-white statements and derided the United States Government. In

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December, 1963, he publicly referred to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy as an instance "of the chickens coming home to roost" which made him "glad". Since forming the MMI, Little has publicly stated that he is against the non-violent approach to civil rights, and has suggested that Negroes should form rifle clubs for self-defense if necessary. In an interview which appeared in a daily New York City newspaper in April, 1964, Little stated that he personally owned a rifle, has taught his wife to use it and instructed her to shoot anyone attempting to force his way into their home.

While in prison in Massachusetts in 1950, Little claimed to be a Communist, and while still in prison in 1952, he claimed membership in the Nation of Islam (NOI).

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[redacted] advised as follows: In 1953 Little attended meetings and became active in the leadership of the NOI in Detroit, Michigan. In March, 1954, he became Acting Minister of the NOI in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and in June of that year became the Minister of NOI Mosque Number 7, New York City. Since 1957 he had also been a national representative of Elijah Muhammad traveling throughout the United States in behalf of Muhammad, and was publicly recognized as the number two man in the NOI. In December, 1963, he was suspended by Muhammad for his comment (above) on the assassination of President Kennedy. On March 8, 1964, Little publicly announced that he had broken with the NOI and Muhammad, and on March 12, 1964, he publicly announced the formation of the MMI, the philosophy of which would be black nationalism.

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Characterizations of the NOI and NOI Mosque Number 7, New York City, are attached hereto  
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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.

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MOSQUE #7, NEW YORK CITY

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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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