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Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning a press conference held by MALCOLM X on 5/22/63 in Chicago. Six copies of LHM are enclosed for New York and one copy for Philadelphia.

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- 6 - Bureau (Encl. 11)(RM)
 - 1 - 25-330971 (NOI)
 - 1 - 100-441968 (ACT)
 - 1 - 100-399321 (MALCOLM X)
- 6 - New York (Encl. 6)(RM)
 - 1 - 105-8999 (MALCOLM X)
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 - 1 - 100-7809 (NOI)
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DD [REDACTED]
Because of the press conference open to all news media, it was felt there was no need to classify the LHM confidential. [REDACTED] Bureau letter to New York, captioned "ACT" dated 4/17/64. No specific [REDACTED] was set forth in that communication describing ACT.



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Reference is made to memorandum, dated May 25, 1964, at Chicago, captioned as above.

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 reflected that Malcolm X, the former head of the Nation of Islam (NOI) Mosque in New York, had broken with the NOI and Elijah Muhammad on March 8, 1964, and that on March 12, 1964, had announced he would form his own mosque in New York and it would be a meeting place for his Muslim followers as well as the base of a political oriented Black Nationalist Movement.

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[REDACTED] Clerk of Court, New York County, New York, advised that on March 16, 1964, incorporation papers were filed for Muslim Mosque, Inc.; that Malcolm Little was one of the trustees of the corporation; and that the principal place of worship was to be in the Borough of Manhattan, New York County, New York.

The NOI, which has not been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450, is referred to in the latter pages of this communication.

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[REDACTED] advised that Malcolm X Little issued a press release at a press conference held at the Executive House, Chicago, Illinois, on May 22, 1964. This conference was for the specific purpose of announcing the Malcolm X - Louis Lomax debate to be held on May 23, 1964, at the Chicago Civic Opera House. The conference was attended by representatives of various news media.

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Following the press release Malcolm X commented as follows according to the above source.

He stated that Africa is a land for the black man and has unlimited opportunities. He added that black men do not realize that there is great wealth in the Continent of Africa which was brought in by American industry.

Malcolm X said that "Police Brutality" as shown on television and written in the daily press against the Negro has done more to foment bitterness toward the white man than anything else.

Malcolm X denied he has advocated violence and reiterated a previous statement that the black man must defend himself against the unlawful attacks by white men in mobs. He said that when the explosion comes, it will appear in every community in America and will be against every white man present. He said this explosion could come tomorrow if the black man is pushed beyond his endurance.

Malcolm stated he worked with ACT because that is an organization set up to act in any way and at any place to further the cause of desegregation. He said ACT is a cross section of all organizations that advocate desegregation and integration.

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[REDACTED] that in the press release Louis Lomax was referred to as an educator, author and former professor at Georgia State University.

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[REDACTED] that Malcolm X Little appeared on the "Bob Kennedy Show," a program of radio station WBZ, Boston, Massachusetts, on March 24, 1964. During the program, the subject of which was "Negro-Separation and Supremacy," Malcolm X advised the moderator, Bob Kennedy, that he attended a conference on March 14, 1964, in Chester, Pennsylvania. He said among those in attendance were Reverend Milton Galamison, New York civil rights leader, and Dick Gregory, noted Negro comedian. Malcolm Little stated this group founded the organization to

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be known as ACT. He indicated the initials had no significance. Malcolm X said that a Lawrence Landry who headed the Chicago school boycott was elected chairman of the group which is designed to act anytime, anywhere and in any manner necessary to bring about results in the civil rights field. Malcolm stated this group is not committed to passive resistance.

67D [REDACTED] advised that indications were that there had been a split between various civil rights forces in New York, New York, one of the results of which was over the formation of ACT which was to be a national organization.

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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

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."

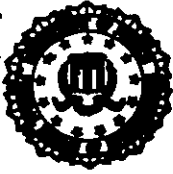
The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United 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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