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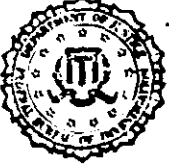
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Atlanta, Georgia
June 1, 1964

NATION OF ISLAM

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A characterization of the Nation of Islam (NOI)
is attached hereto.

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A characterization of Muhammad's Mosque 15 is
attached hereto.

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MALCOLM X currently desires to appeal to all black people but primarily those on a social and economic level above those reached by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. He recognizes that Islam is the natural basic religion of all black Africans. In order that he may hold some appeal for such persons, MALCOLM during his visit to Mecca became a converted Moslem.

As a Moslem, MALCOLM can no longer adhere to the teachings and principles of the NOI as propounded by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

[REDACTED] view that MALCOLM X's future activities may well follow the path of a legitimate religious organization and if capably managed could be an effective and useful force in the current Civil Rights Movement in the United States. If it is used indiscriminately behind the guise of legitimacy, it presents a dangerous potential.

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NATION OF ISLAM, formerly referred to as the Muslim Call to Islam, and 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.

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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.

MUHAMMAD'S MOSQUE #15, formerly known as
MUHAMMAD'S TEMPLE OF ISLAM #15,
Atlanta, Georgia

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[REDACTED] JAMES AX SHABAZZ, 547
Tabash Avenue, N.E., has signed a one-year lease for a hall
on the sixth floor of the Odd Fellows Building, this lease
to run from January 1, 1956, to January 1, 1957. [REDACTED]
SHABAZZ represented the Temple of Islam. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advance rental payment was made [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MUHAMMAD, 4847 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MUHAMMAD, who
called his religion "Islam", and stated his Temple #2 was
located at 5335 S. Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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[REDACTED] MUHAMMAD'S
TEMPLE OF ISLAM #15 had [REDACTED] name to MUHAMMAD'S MOSQUE
#15. [REDACTED] that
MUHAMMAD'S MOSQUE #15 is presently active and is holding
meetings at 361 Edgewood Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

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