Q. How did he happen to tell you this?

A. He is a collector for me and I went in to see him regarding a bill of one of the Cult members and at this time Bernard asked me if I knew if this man was a member of the Cult, and that was when he told me that he was investigating the Moorish-American Cult for the U.S. Government.

Q. Did he tell you anything that he had found out about this organization?

A. He told me, "Since Van and I are investigating this matter, I don't know how Van will turn in his reports, but I will have to come clean and tell the truth." He said, "Bob, there is no question about it, but what these people are un-Americans, and we'll have to get rid of them."

Q. Who did he say he was going to turn his reports into?

A. He didn't say.

Q. After your conversation with Bernard, did you really believe he was working for the government?

A. Yes, I really did.

Q. Then, in your mind, do you feel that he represented himself to you as being a competent officer of the U.S. Government and was authorized to make this investigation?

A. I certainly did.

Q. Do you know any steps that he has taken to make this investigation?

A. Only that he talked to Mrs. Hopkins-Bey.

This statement is made of my own free will, no threats or promises of any kind having been made to me.

Robert C. Chandler

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of December 1942.

Notary Public - Genesee County
My commission expires

WITNESSES:

NOTE: Mr. Chandler is a respected business man and is very highly thought of among the citizens of Flint.

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Q. Which temple do you belong to? A. Temple No. 19 on Industrial.

Q. Did you ever attend Bro. Jones Temple on St. Johns St.?

A. I have been over there a couple times.

Q. Are you sure that you have never heard any discussion among the Moors to the effect that they fear for the Japanese?

A. No, Sir, I never heard anything like that.

This statement is made of my own free will, no threats or promises of any kind having been made to me.

William Turnipseed

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 4th day of January 1943

Notary Public - Genesee County, Mich.

My Comm. Exp.

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Q. As I understand it, Noble Drew Ali was a so-called colored man who was born in N. Carolina in 1866. Is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you ever talk to this man? A. Yes, I was his secretary.

Q. How could he prove that he was a prophet?

A. Well, first he taught us our religion and our nationality, and the Principal Islamism.

Q. I could tell you that you were a Canadian and teach you the Christian religion, but still it wouldn't prove that I was a prophet, so how do you figure that Noble Drew Ali was a prophet?

A. The religion teaches us that one was due and it is our belief that he was the prophet.

Q. Did Noble Drew Ali ever perform any miracles or super-human acts that you know of?

A. No.

Q. Then, you don't know for sure that Noble Drew Ali was a prophet?

A. No, that is my belief.

Q. Who was Noble Drew Ali's mother? A. I don't know.

Q. Who was Noble Drew Ali's father? A. I don't know.

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Q. If Noble Drew Ali was born in N. Carolina and you travel all over the U.S. did you ever check birth records to determine who his parents were?

A. No, I did not.

Q. When did he die? A. In 1929.

Q. Where? A. 3603 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Q. What was the cause of his death?

A. All I know, he was sick five or six months before his death.

Q. What kind of an individual was Noble Drew Ali?

A. He was a religious man.

Q. Where did he get his education? A. That, I don't know.

Q. How much of an education did he have? A. I don't know that.

Q. Where did he spend the early days of his life?

A. That, I don't know.

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Q. Did he ever leave this country?

A. Once when he was down in Havana, Cuba, on his vacation, I was with him on this trip.

Name [illegible]
Address [illegible] Michigan Avenue
Plant Buick
Badge No. [illegible]
Nationality
Age [illegible]
Draft Classification

Social Security No.
Descent
Place of Birth Greenbrier, Ala.
Board No.

Position Wire operator
Date [illegible] Race

Description:
Sex Male
Height [illegible]
Weight [illegible] lbs.
Build Short-slender
Complexion Dark
Hair Black - short fuzzy
Eyes Brown - wears glasses
Forehead High
Nose Normal
Ears Normal
Chin Protruding
Teeth Several teeth missing upper front.
Marks or Scars None
None marked.

Bearing Normal
Manner of Walking Rapid
Dress Ordinary
Habits Smoke marvels
Speech Soft - normal rate
Associates Unknown
Type of places frequented Unknown

Disposition Quiet
Personality Ordinary
Organizations
Hobbies

Education 9th grade, Greenbrier, Ala.

Foreign Languages None

Police Record 1937 Lost. In gambling joint - Released no comp.

Citizenship Status

Port of Entry Date Ship

Banking Connections None

Relatives [illegible] Morris, [illegible] Michigan Ave. (wife)

Employment Record Buick since 1934

Trades [illegible] by trade [illegible] Licensed in Michigan

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Locations of Mo[illegible]cience Temples in the [illegible] States as recorded from the Moorish Voice, a monthly publication issued at 1104 Sedgwick St., Chicago, Illinois.

1.	Anderson, Ind.	Temple #42	Grand Sheik,	J. Boone El
2.	Atchison, Kan.	Temple #47	" "	
3.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Temple #21	" "	T. Colbert El
4.	Cleveland, Ohio	Temple #7	" "	M. Fuller Bey
5.	Chicago, Ill.	Temple #9	" "	M. Dove El (Siste
6.	Detroit, Mich.	Temple #25	" "	J. Davis El
7.	Flint, Mich.	Temple #19	" "	J. Nelson Bey
8.	East Chicago, Ind.	Temple #22	" "	E. Smith El
9.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Temple #15	" "	C. Frazier Bey
10.	Kansas City, Kan.	Temple #46	" "	
11.	Mt. Clemens, Mich.	Temple #43	" "	H. Washington El
12.	Toledo, Ohio	Temple #18	Governor	E. Minter Bey (Sis
13.	New York, N. Y.	Temple #27	Grand Sheik,	D. Carrington Bey
14.	New York, N. Y.	Temple #34	" "	J. Corbin El
15.	Newark, N. J.	Temple #10		
16.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Temple #33	" "	J. Bradley El
17.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Temple #11	" "	O. Moss Bey
18.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Temple #40	" "	S. Smith Bey
19.	South Bend, Ind.	Temple #17	" "	J. Jones Bey
20.	Louisville, Ky.	Temple #45	" "	M. Clift Bey
21.	Chicago, Ill.	Temple #1	" "	T. Rhodes El
22.	Charleston, W. Va.	Temple #2	" "	H. White Bey
23.	Milwaukee, Wis.	Temple #3	" "	B. Johnson Bey
24.	Detroit, Mich.	Temple #4	" "	W. Allison El
25.	Columbus, Ohio	Temple #5	" "	D. Busby Bey
26.	Richmond, Va.	Temple #6	" "	Mosley El
27.	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Temple #8	" "	A. Brown El
28.	Youngstown, Ohio	Temple #12	" "	P. Edison El
29.	Baltimore, Md.	Temple #13	" "	H. Graham Bey
30.	Akron, Ohio	Temple #14	" "	W. Owens Bey
31.	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Temple #16	" "	I. Williams Bey (Si
32.	Pontiac, Mich.	Temple #20	" "	T. Rhodes Bey
33.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Temple #23	" "	Z. Abel Bey (Sister
34.	Atlanta, Ga.	Temple #24	" "	P. Beyshauret Bey
35.	Steubenville, Ohio	Temple #26	Governor	G. Butler El (Sist
36.	Glassboro, N. J.	Temple #28	Grand Sheik	S. Smith Bey
37.	Cairo, Ill.	Temple #29	" "	R. Griffin Bey
38.	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Temple #30	" "	H. Neal Bey (Sister
39.	Boston, Mass.	Temple #31	" "	
40.	Springfield, Mass.	Temple #32	" "	M. Taylor Bey
41.	Hartford, Conn.	Temple #35	" "	Countryman Bey
42.	Benton Harbor, Mich.	Temple #36	" "	A. Wise Bey
43.	Harvey, Ill.	Temple #37	" "	C. Brakins El
44.	Cincinnati, Ohio	Temple #38	" "	R. Hampton Bey
45.	New York City	Temple #41	" "	W. Price Bey
46.	Saginaw, Mich.	Temple #44		
47.	Columbus, Ind.	Temple #15	" "	C. Frazier Bey
48.	[illegible], Ohio	Temple #18	" "	McGaughy El
49.	[illegible] Harbor, Ind.	Temple #22	" "	[illegible] Bey
50.	Gary, Ind.	Temple #22	" "	M. Tiggs El (Sister
51.	Ecorse, Michigan	Temple #25	" "	[illegible] Payton Bey

Listed Grand Governors: (1939)

State of Illinois - S. Lovett Bey
State of Ohio - A. Bryant Bey
State of Indiana - I. Blakely Bey
State of Michigan - F. Nelson Bey

(Taken from files of 12th Annual National Convention 1939)
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Exhibit No. 33 is a newspaper clipping found on the person of James Nolan, Grand Rapids, Temple 13, Flint, Michigan, which deals with Japanese victories.

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Exhibit No. 34

U. S. ARMY RECRUITING AND INDUCTION STATION

1040 West Fort Street

Detroit, Michigan

RWC/gm
November 24, 1942

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Mr. Frank Leiter
U. S. Army Air Corps
Flint, Michigan

Mr. Leiter, in an interview on November 24, requested me to give an opinion on individuals who might be dangerous when working in defense plants. It is my opinion that individuals who are rejected by the Army because of being pre-psychotic or mentally deficient or who are diagnosed by a competent psychiatrist, especially those pre-psychotic individuals who have paranoid trends, are the most dangerous type.

The mentally deficient individuals might be dangerous because of their lack of capacity to reason abstractly which makes them easily influenced by those engaged in subversive activities. It is my opinion also, that an individual rejected for Military Service by reason of being a pre-psychotic or mentally deficient would be equally unfit, because of the above reasons, to be entrusted in vital defense work.

It is a well known fact that the leaders of many cults obtain their followers from the two groups mentioned above. The mentally deficient individual, as stated above, is easily led and his prejudices are easily aroused because of his inability to reason abstractly. Mentally deficient individuals are much more easily led and can be easily induced to commit acts of violence; much more easily than individuals of normal intelligence.

s/d ROSCOE W. CAVELL
Major, Med. Corps,
Chief Medical Officer

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LAW OFFICE

R. M. VAN DYNE

2603 1-2 Industrial Ave.

Flint, Michigan December 9, 1942

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Mr. Frank Zeiter
U. S. Army Air Corps
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that I have been interviewed by Mr. Frank Zeiter and Murray Young of the Michigan State Police on December 9, 1942, with reference to an organization known as the Moorish Science Temple. Will state that I only know of the organization from the stand point of observation and know nothing of its inner workings except from observing their conduct and what other people say about them. That in my observation of them, they have conducted themselves as an orderly group, they seem to be industrious, they object to being called Negroes. There are some reports that they favor the success of the Japanese as against this country. To what extent the group would go in fostering fifth column activity in favor of the Japanese is questionable.

They are very touchy when the question of Negro is applied to their nationality. They are very insistant upon using the name of Bey or El as a part of their name. It is doubtful, based upon their past history in this community that they would do any harm to the Government. But, in a time of war there are possibilities that if the organization is mis-lead there might be other developments.

I might further state that this group is a very small minority of the colored group in Flint, Michigan, and the general colored population does not adhere to the principles that seem to be fostered by this organization. In fact, they don't get along. They are classed as fanatics by the majority group, and they don't co-mingle too freely. And, should friction develop the general colored population would oppose them.

Yours truly,

c/d R. M. VanDyne

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EXHIBIT NO. 31

Statement of Robert C. Chandler taken in the presence of Frank Leiter and Detective Murray Young of the Michigan State Police in the office of Air Plant Protection, Buick Motor Division, GMC, Flint, Michigan, December 9, 1942, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. taken by Mary M. Roth.

Q. What is your name? A. Robert C. Chandler.

Q. What is your address? A. 3115 St. Johns St., Flint, Mich.

Q. What is your occupation? A. Funeral Director.

Q. How long have you been in business? A. Since 1929.

Q. Are you a member of any Draft Board?

A. I am a member of Advisory Board, Draft Board #3, Flint, Mich.

Q. In your occupation as an undertaker, have you had any connection with the Moorish-American cult here in Flint?

A. Yes, in a professional way, we have conducted funerals for this organization.

Q. Would you explain what takes place at one of their funerals?

A. We bring the casket into the chapel and open it and then we turn the service over to them. When they began to start their ritual, four or five of them read out of their books, they alternate and read all around the casket; after that is completed the group marches around, the leader reads while they are marching and they all rejoice. They then march by the body and slap it on the forehead and they are all through. There isn't any singing, nor any prayers in other words radically different than any other funerals we have conducted.

Q. Do you know anything about the beliefs of these people?

A. They all are strong Moorish-American Cultists.

Q. What is the feeling among the colored as to this group?

A. The majority of colored people think they are just a bunch of fools.

Q. Did Joe Bernard ever tell you that he was an investigator for the Government?

A. Yes, he said that he was investigating the Moorish-Americans for the Government, because/cult un-American, and that he was working with Lawyer VanDyne.

Q. Did Joe Bernard give you the impression that he was authorized by the Government of the United States to [illegible] this investigation?

A. That was my impression, from the way he spoke about it.

Q. Who is Joe Bernard?

A. He is a merchant on the corner of Industrial and Pasadena Ave., Flint, Michigan.

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EXHIBIT NO. 30

Exhibit No. 30 is a newspaper clipping taken from the Pittsburgh Courier dated November 7, 1942, which shows a poll conducted by this paper among Negroes throughout the nation asking the question, "Do you believe conditions would be better for the Negro if the Japanese controlled this country?", that this poll showed that 5.6% answering this question voted in favor of the Japanese.

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Have you discussed the war with any of these cult?

Only with Frank Cryer at his home. He said that the Japs were going to win this war and that it was a dirty shame to arrest their people in Chicago. He said that he would rather die here than to fight for these white people here that didn't do him any good. He wanted to make a record for the Asiatics. He didn't care if he did loose his job that he was for the Asiatics.

Q. Do you know anything about the morals of this organization?

A. Yes. Les Hopkins wife she came to me and told me about what her father in-law wanting to have intercourse with her and that she told her husband about it and he said it was alright if Alah said so. Mamie Black And her husband used to live in the big ship and her husband came to me and told me that several of the members of the Moorish cult came to his room and wanted to go to bed with his wife, saying that Alah had sent them. Mamie's husband left him after he protested these actions. Mamie married Colonel Young with whom she lives now and is at this time secretary of this organization.

Q. Do you feel that this organization is detrimental to the United States and why?

A. First because of the moral standards, second because it denounces our country saying that they aren't citizens of this country, they are Asiatics and they are not willing to uphold our government. They are definitely pro-Japanese.

Q. Earlier in this statement you said the Japanese would help the colored people, why would the colored people need help?

A. The colored people were informed that the white people were against them. That at the League of Nations the Japanese were the only colored people present due to the fact that they were so powerful. Because the colored people were not presented at the League of Nations, the Japanese dropped out and started to organize by themselves. They are now attempting to organize the dark races.

This statement is made of my own free will, no threats or promises of any kind have been made to me.

Rev. Kilkerson Vaughn

Subscribed and sworn before me
this 23rd day of November 1942.

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Name William Turnipseed
Address 9021 E. Dartmouth St.
Plant Buick
Badge No. 1201098 Social Security No. Position Grinder
Nationality Descent
Age 60 Place of Birth Carrolton, Ala. Date 10/25/83 Race
Draft Classification Board No.

Description:

Sex	Male	Bearing	normal
Height	5'10"	Manner of walking	slow
Weight	181 #	Dress	ordinary
Build	Slim	Habits	smokes-Bull Durham
Complexion	Dark		
Hair	short white hair	Speech	soft - rapid
Eyes	sunken	Associates	unknown
Forehead	high	Type of places frequented	unknown
Nose	normal		
Ears	Normal	Disposition	quiet
Chin	square	Personality	ordinary
Teeth	1 tooth missing l.ft.	Organizations	Moorish Science Temple
Marks or Scars			
white spot in front of left ear, wears small mustache		Hobbies	fishing

Education 3rd grade in Blue Creek, Ala.

Foreign Languages None

Police Record Arrested for policy game

Citizenship Status American by birth

Port of Entry Date Ship

Banking Connections None

Relatives Laura Turnipseed - wife
Chester Simmons - step son at home - 14 yrs.
Eunis Simmons step daughter at home - 11 yrs.
Sylvester Turnipseed - son-at home - 7 yrs.
Juanita Turnipseed - daughter - at home - 6 yrs.
Marion Turnipseed - daughter - at home - 12 mos.

Employment Record
since 1929 at Buick

Trades none

Additional Information Registered under Selective service Board #3, Flint, Michigan

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MID 004.4
Gen. Motors Corp. Buick Motor Div.
4/2/43

Investigation Requested by: AFPO GPD
Office of Origin: Detroit, Michigan
Report Made at: Flint, Michigan
Report Made by: [illegible]
Period Covered: [illegible]
Character of Investigation: Disaffection

Status of Case: Reviewed

Summary:

Recommendations of Comment:

It is our opinion that these employees as individuals are harmless as they do not have the capacity to think for themselves, but that under the present leadership they were extremely dangerous to the war effort; that since interviewing these men and showing them how impossible it was for the things to work out as they have been taught they seemed to want to do all in their power to help break up the movement.

Since men know now that the government knows who they are and along with their fear of the law it is doubtful if these men would do anything to harm the war effort. These same employees seemed to be surprised that the Army knew who they were and then offered to keep this office notified of any orders given them by their leaders and it is doubtful if these men would fail to keep this offer as they now fear we might let the leaders know that they have talked and if such was the case, it is very possible that they would be "done away with."

It is recommended that the FBI be forwarded a copy of this report. It is also recommended that an immediate check be made of all our facilities to determine what employees belong to this organization in the event we learn of orders to sabotage any of the facilities we would know who to watch.

It is recommended that this case be closed with regards to further investigations at this facility.

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D B Fall 1.6 [illegible]
George E. Strong
Col., U. S. Air Corps
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[illegible] papers and minutes of a [illegible] of the Moorish Science Temple. These articles were given [illegible] investigators by the [illegible] Hall of the Temple, James Nelson, on December 28, 1942.

A small portion of note book paper bore the following: "American have time to learn action gains Hitler the [illegible] in our northern Polar defense base——

——If the members in Detroit [illegible] nothing some man said the [illegible] just trying to play the whole[illegible]——"

——In the House——He said he had [illegible] he was in a [illegible] Polar wreck and on [illegible]

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[illegible] Dartmouth
[illegible] Gibson — Bay
Phone No. [illegible]

From minutes of meetings the following were taken:

——Without unity this red flag will never rule, if we want not have unity. We are here that all the Tup are putting all the dark races to gether that leaves the Dropen alone, if we had of had unity when we had 4 hundred members by this time this temple would not hold the people——" (Spoken by Geo. Harvei Ki, minutes written by Sister B Nelson Bey, rec. secretary.)

(Page 73, no date given)
——I have all ways said since 1929 that O Kirtman bey is my leader my governor is there is a order to be carried out if it is a little rong it is not your duty to correct it, you do what you are told to do bro & sis——" (Spoken by Gray Ki after he quoted from 'page 30-Ch.14,')(No secretary given)

(Page 15 unattached, no name of speaker or secretary)
——every European nurse collard mother brest and then go right out and kill one of our people, if you are a cathlic get the prest, if you ar babtis get the babtis preacher, this is the cruler country in the world and I know because I am 100 per cent American, did you ever see my people kidnaping, no, I people dont do this things, Japan and Chines never will fight I beleave in a God that cand spit fier——" (1934 or 1935)

(B.W.Woodard Bey said on paige 1 of meeting, no date given)
——If you havent got a guide you wand not get anywhere, every-time I see my leaders tha ar holding up the laws of the prophet, we must be cairful not to say—to talk so much, think more, Noble Drew Ali will lead us on to victory, we will rise as any other nation." (1934 or 1935)

(J Nelson Bey states on page 4 of meetingrecorded by Sister B Nelson Bey)
——I brought you everything it takes to save a nation, now you save your self, he says he is 5 times stronger than he was before, the Dropen stole something and tell us we ar just as good as him, that isnt so, we are just as good as him do not want anything we do we have [illegible] keep it, we have what we need."

(J Nelson Bey states on page 2 of meeting written by R Young Bey)
——this man ar ruling in this goverment and he will continure untell he is stoped and we do not no when that will be, the thing for us to do is to learn what the proplet brought us——"

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Do you feel that any of these little scrimmages that have taken place in the plants would gather in intensity from here on out.

Yes, I do. Due to the fact that many of the illiterate Negroes that have been turned down by the armed forces are securing positions in defense plants, therefore, the government should have a man in close contact with these individuals at all times.

To sum up this statement, do you believe that Morrish American Cult is a subversive organization inasmuch as they favor cooperation with the Japanese? A. Yes, I do.

This statement is made of my own free will, no threats or promises having been made to me.

(signed)
Charles Lowery

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1942.

/s/ Helen F. Burgek
Notary Public, Genesee County, Mich.
My commission expires Feb. 12-1943

WITNESS:

Detective, Michigan State Police, Flint Post.

WITNESS:

Asst. Investigator, Army Air Forces

WITNESS:

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segregation, and Jim-Crowism dealt out to the Negro people of America. They also list a number of Negro soldiers lynched in the South while in their uniforms. These books have fallen into many Negroes' hands. One title of one of these books is: "The Liberation of the Negro." Some of the World War veterans have told (whether it is true or not, I don't know) how they were mistreated in the camps of this country, how they were kicked around by American soldiers until the King of England issued an edict against such treatment. The Negro in Industry during the last World War has been compared with the Negro in industry during this World War II. It has been expressed from pulpits, in various organizational meetings what happened during the last World War. It has been told that Negroes who were capable got good jobs in the shipyards and other places, some were made bosses, etc. After the War these Negroes lost their jobs. Negroes who are on production War Plants at present show feelings on account of their knowledge of the past. Since the President has spoke, there has been much show-off on the party of many Negroes.

In divisions of many other organizations, supposedly freindlier to the Negro than the Americans, has been a menace to the welfare of the Negro. The Communist Party of America has gained a tremendous following among Negroes throughout the United States, with the largest membership being in New York, Chicago and Detroit. The membership consists of many educated Negroes throughout the country. They (the party) arouse the negro to many uprisings against positions which would otherwise be cleared up through a more peaceful method. The Detroit Housing Riot is typical of the program laid out by the Party and carried out by members of the Communist party. Problem Clubs, Literary Clubs, the National Negro Congress all have members who are hidden Communists, and who work for the best interests of the Party while in the respective organizations.

The Negro Press (intentionally or unconsciously) play up the dark side of the race problem. Their front page stories carry, or are made up of the so-called wrong which has been done to the race by white Americans. Farther over in the intersection, there are articles, stories and pictures showing the advancement of the race in every walk of life, and the harmony existing between the two races of Americans.

Many Negro civic leaders are likewise impeding the good feeling or harmonious attitude of the negroes. They refer to the bad which has been done, and never refer the good which has been done.

Q. Do you believe that there is likely to be any uprising of the Negroes against the whites due to this program that you have mentioned? A. Yes. After the War is over, that is going to be the greatest problem. I feel that this will be brought by anti-American organizations.

Q. Do you think this situation has reached the point where there will be [illegible]

A. No, I do not, because of the fact that the FBI and other government agencies have this matter under control.

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A. In my opinion, after having talked with several of the Cult members, they feel that the Negro should have no part of this War. They point to the recent capture of a large number of the American forces in the Phillipines, showing where the Japs took the American white soldiers as prisoners, and released the colored Americans to go about freely. They interpret the Bible around to meet their own program, in that they feel that this war is justifiable in that the whites will annihilate themselves almost completely, and that the darker races will then take over. They favor India's independence from Great Britain, and they feel that Negro-Americans should do all they can to favor the Japs.

Q. Will you name any individuals that have you this information?

A. I don't know his first name, but his last name is Hopkins who works at the Chevrolet.

Q. What is your opinion of the Negro race in regard to this cult?

A. There are more Negroes in America who are willing to fight and will die in support of the continuance of the American way of life, than there are otherwise. A recent nation-wide poll conducted by the Pittsburgh Courier as to whether the Negro would rather be under Jap domination or continue the American way of life showed 85.1% in favor of the American way, 9.4% in doubt, 5.6% favoring the Japs. The 5.6% represents the mental insufficiency, illiterate Negro, along with a small percentage of the average Negro who has been misled. The 9.4% represents both the average and well-read, educated Negroes, and vice versa. We American Negroes feel our biggest problem is to prevent the increase of the 5.6% and the 9.4%.

Q. Do you consider this minority group detrimental to the War Effort? A. Yes, I do.

Q. Do you feel that if this group had the opportunity, that they would sabotage industry or the War Effort? A. I don't believe, of their own initiative would do it, but that it could be brought about by agents of our enemies.

Q. Do you think that this minority group are fit people to be working in our defense plants? A. So long as they are not influenced by any of the enemy agents.

Q. Have you noticed any indications of unrest recently among the Negro people, that would indicate that there might be racial trouble? A. Yes. There is a general indication of the unrest among the negro people.

Q. To what do you attibute this unrest? A. This unrest is due to not only Communist party, but to various clubs (disguised Communist parties) Moorish-Americans, and various Negro civic groups. It has been expressed many times by persons of the Negro race orally, and in writing, that Negroes during the last World War and immediately thereafter were segregated and discriminated against and distrusted in America. The Communist party published a booklet in which they tell of the discrimination,

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EXHIBIT #29

Statement of Charles Lowery, 1425 Harrison St., Flint, Mich., taken in Office of Air Plant Protection Investigator, Plant #13, Buick Motor Div., GMC, Flint, Mich., on November 17, 1942, by Asst. Investigators Frank Zeiter and D. E. Harrell, together with Detective Murray Young, Michigan State Police, Flint Post:

Q. What is your name? A. Charles Lowery.

Q. What is your address? A. 1425 Harrison St., Flint, Mich.

Q. Where are you employed? A. Chevrolet Motor Co., Flint, Mich., Badge No. 361407.

Q. What is the extent of your education? A. I am a graduate of Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, holding the AB Degree in Political Science.

Q. You were a former writer for a colored newspaper? A. Yes, the Michigan Chronicle.

Q. Have you had any contact with a negro organization known as the Moorish-American cult? A. Yes.

Q. Would you tell us what you know about this organization? A. Yes. The Moorish-American cult, which has established a branch in Flint does not teach the over-throw of this government by force. Their greatest objective has been to increase their membership here. My contact with them dates back to the late thirties. I found then that their main objective was to show that the heritage of the Negro people reaches directly back to the Asiatics. Asiatics are Japanese, Mongolians, Indians, Syrians, Moslems. They point to the Japanese as friendly toward the negro, and say that they, Japs, seek to liberate the American negro. The American Negro must and should collaborate with the Japs. As a news reporter, I had the opportunity to visit their hall located on Industrial Ave. several times. One occasion was a funeral service being held. Another was during their general meeting to arouse interest in enlarging their membership. The membership seemed to be approximately 200 of which the entire families made up the membership, i. e., what the father and mother were, the children were. Their manner of dress was of the customs of the Asiatic, Arabian, or Syrian people; a sort of a headdress, a tunic of silks and satins, and very expensive material. The membership included only the illiterate class of Negro people of the city of Flint. At one particular meeting that I attended as a newspaper, they were particularly interested that vital information of their organization was not published or pictures made which would be detrimental to the Cult. Their finances came through their socials and dances, and from the sale of food, pop, etc. at their entertainments.

Q. Have you had any contact with this organization since Pearl Harbor?

A. [illegible]

Q. How do these people feel toward the War?

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What did he talk about?

He mostly talked like Mr Nelson did, who always took Hitler's side in the war.

Do you think they are harmful to the war effort.

I don't think they are personally, unless they were hired by someone higher up in the organization to do so.

This statement is made of my own free will, no threats or promises of any kind have been made to me.

Clifton M. Rivers

Subscribed and sworn before me

this 23rd day of November 1942.

Notary Public, Genesee County, Mich.
My commission expires

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EXHIBIT #28

Statement of Clifton M. Rivers taken in the office of Air Plant Protection, Buick Motor Division, Flint, Michigan, November 23, 1942, at 1:30 P.M. in the presence of Investigator Durward N. Harrel and Investigator Frank Zeider, and Detective Murray Young of the Michigan State Police, taken by Mary M. Roth.

Q. What is your name? A. Clifton M. Rivers.

Q. What is your address? A. 3718 Grant Street, Flint, Michigan.

Q. What is your age? A. 26 yrs.

Q. How far did you go in school? A. 11th grade, Northern High School.

Q. Where are you employed?

A. A.C. Spark Plug Co.

Q. I understand that you are about to go into the Army, is that right?

A. I expect to go about the first of the month.

Q. Do you know anything about the Moorish-American Club here in Flint?

A. Jim Nelson asked me to come up to the temple and sit in at some of the meetings. He told me that if I had any questions regarding the organization, he would answer them at that time. A

Q. What did he tell you about the organization?

A. He believed their organization was more right than any other organization in the world and that some day their organization would rule the world.

Q. When did he tell you this?

A. In 1940, when I worked with him on NPA.

Q. While you were working with him, did you ever discuss the War?

A. Oh, yes.

Q. What was this discussion about?

A. We were discussing how well Russia was doing in holding the Germans and licking them; and Jim Nelson would always take the side of Hitler and tell us what a great job he was doing.

Q. What is your opinion of the organization?

A. Oh, I don't it is anything important as they always talk about ruling the world and I don't think they could get any support.

Q. Did you ever attend any of their meetings? A. No, I didn't.

Q. Was there anybody else working on NPA who belonged to that organization?

A. Yes, a fellow by the name of Robert Young.

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Q. How do the Moorish-American people feel about the Japs?

A. They didn't think so much of this organization but they felt alright toward the Jap.

Q. How do you know they felt alright towards the Jap?

A. From the way they talked and acted.

Q. What happened to this Japs organization?

A. It disbanded after three meetings.

Q. How did they happen to disband?

A. By quit having meetings.

Q. Why did you quit having meetings?

A. I couldn't see where I could get anything out of it.

Q. Do you know any of the leaders in the Moorish cult?

A. I know a Major Ailee.

Q. Who is he and what does he do?

A. They call him a military instructor. He speaks 5 or 6 different languages.

Q. Describe this Major Ailee?

A. He is short, about 4'9", brown skinned man. He has a military uniform, wears legends which he wears when he drills or for a funeral.

Q. Does this organization hold military drill?

A. Yes, they do.

Q. What purpose do they hold this drill?

A. I don't know for what purpose they do.

Q.

This statement is made of my own free will, no threats or promises to me have been made.

Augustus Carnipuzzo

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Subscribed and sworn before me this 27th day of November 1942.

Notary Public, Genesee County, Mich.
My Commission expires

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EXHIBIT #27

Statement of Augustus Turnipseed - 3602 Haines St., Flint, Michigan, taken in Air Plant Protection Office, Army Air Forces, Buick Plant #13, Flint, Michigan, by Asst. Investigators Frank Zeiter and Durward W. Harrell, in presence of Murray Young, Detective, Michigan State Police, Flint, Posti

Q. What is your name? A. Augustus Turnipseed.

Q. What is your address? A. 3602 Haines St., Flint, Michigan.

Q. Where are you employed? A. A. C. Spark Plug, Industrial Ave.

Q. What is your Badg No.? A. 701659.

Q. Do you work on machinegun job? A. Yes.

Q. Sed, I want you to tell us what you know about Major Takahasi.

A. A few years ago two colored men from Detroit contacted me, and wanted me to get a meeting hall for one of their meetings, for the development of Our Own. These men told me that they had been to Doctor Leach and that he had sent them to me. I got the hall for them, and by word of mouth, advised the colored people of this meeting.

Q. Who was the main speaker of this meeting? A. A Japanese by the name of Major Takahasi.

Q. How many people attendedx this meeting? A. I would say around 200 or 250.

Q. What did this Jap talk about? A. The main thing he talked about was what the people should do for themselves, and that how well they had done themselves by looking out after themselves; just a little history of how they come up, that was the main thing; so they would have strength. He told us that we did not have anything to fight with; that we would be unable to help them.

Q. Was Dr. Leach at this meeting? A. Yes.

Q. What else did you do at this meeting? A. We elected officers (tempora

Q. Who were the officers? A. I was elected President, I don't remember who were the rest of the officers elected.

Q. How many meetings did you hold? A. Three meetings.

Q. Where were they held? A. At the church.

Q. Did the Jap attend any of the other meetings? A. Yes, I think one other one.

Q. Were any of the Moorish-American people at these meetings?

A. Oh yes?

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Q. Where do you get your money?

A. I have some property, I gave 295 acres of land, Prince George county, Virginia, which I gave to the Organization to the Elk Folks Home.

Q. What other property do you have?

A. I have two farms in Chicago paid for, which brings me in about $500 a month, 240 acres of land in Mississippi, all farm land. 500 acres farming land in Arkansas.

Q. How did you come into possession of all this property?

A. Some from his mother's side and some from his father's side. My mother was a native of the South, she was brought to this country when she was 14 years old from Morocco. My father was a full-blooded Sioux Indian.

Q. How do you determine whether these people are descendents of Morocco or mo

A. We check the records of their forefathers and the slave owners' records, we

Q. Do you have these records?

A. No, I don't have them, but Noble Drew Ali had them but they were destroyed in 1929.

Q. How can you check any member since 1939 as to their descent?

A. Well, now we have to take their word for it/

Q. I notice when we ask your people to swear as to the truth of their statement, that they refuse to swear but that they affirm their statement, why is that?

A. The Mohamedan religion doesn't allow them to swear.

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Q. Do you believe in hell and heaven?

A. We believe that heaven is the state of mind. We don't believe that God created hell to burn his own people, we believe that when a man violates the law and gets in prison, etc., that he makes a hell for himself.

Q. Do you believe in the hereafter?

A. We believe in re-incarnation and predestination, in other words if a man was born to be a thief, he is going to be a thief and you can't help it.

Q. What do you believe happens when a man dies?

A. We believe that his body goes back to dust and the breath goes back to the God that gave it.

Q. What happens to the breath when God gives it back?

A. Nobody knows what happens to the breath, that's his business. But I believe that he puts it back in another human body with a curse unit that makes bad people.

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Q. Was Noble Drew Ali ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Who was his wife? A. Mary Forman (maiden name).

Q. Is she alive today? A. She is living, she is married again now.

Q. Do you know where he was married? A. Chicago.

Q. Do you know when he was married? A. Shortly before he died.

Q. Had he ever been married previous to this? A. That, I don't know.

Q. What was the date of his death? A. July 10, 1929.

Q. As his secretary, and I presume close friend, you and he traveled together considerably, did you not?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. In all those associations with this man, did you ever attempt to satisfy yourself as to who he was, where he came from, his background, etc.?

A. No, I never tried.

Q. If you were going to accept this man as your prophet, wouldn't it behoove you to satisfy yourself to know more about this man?

A. I believe in the religion and that he was only a prophet, whether he was or not, wouldn't materially change my thoughts of the organization.

Q. Did he ever prophesy anything? A. That, I don't know.

Q. What is a prophet?

A. A prophet is a man who forsees disaster and trouble, whatever befalls nations.

Q. What did Noble Drew Ali forsee?

A. He foretold the people about all the trouble that is now going on. He said that the United States would be the prosperous National of all if it carried out the principle as laid down by George Washington. And unless they did that, the worse would come.

Q. Where were you during the first World War?

A. I was here in the United States, supervisor on a farm for my uncle.

Q. Were you registered for the first World War?

A. Yes, but I was deferred on account of being on the farm.

Q. Are you registered in this Draft? A. Yes, sir.

Note: Subject produced registration certificate with local board #64, Chicago, Illinois.

Q. Have you had any military training? A. Yes, in a military school in Ky

Q. Have you ever traveled in Japan? A. No, sir.

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Statement of Charles K. [illegible]-Bey taken in the presence of Durward W. Harrell and Frank Salter and Detective Murray Young, Michigan State Police, in the office of Air Plant Protection, Buick Motor Div., GMC, Flint, Mich., at 3:15 p.m. November 25, 1942, taken by Mary M. Roth.

Q. What is your name? A. Charles Kirkman-Bey.

Q. What is your address? A. 1104 Sedgwick St., Chicago, Ill.

Q. What is your age? A. 46 yrs.

Q. Place of birth? A. Mobridge, S. Dakota, Sept. 7, 1896.

Q. What is your nationality? A. Moorish-American.

Q. What is your education?

A. When I was two years old my parents took me to Egypt. I had 12 yrs. schooling in Egypt and India. I attended Cairo University of Egypt for six years, and Delhi University, Delhi, India for 6½ years. When I was about 23 years of age I returned to the United States and attended Campbell College in Mississippi.

Q. Do you speak any foreign languages?

A. I speak the Arabic language, and also read and write in this language. I also read and write the Syrian language. I can speak some Spanish but I can't write in this language.

Q. What do you do for a living? A. Religious work.

Q. What type of religious work?

A. Divine minister of the Moorish-Science Temple of America.

Q. What title do you hold in this organization?

A. Supreme Grand advisor and moderator.

Q. What do your duties consist of?

A. Overlook all the temples, prosecute anyone that violates the laws of the U. S. Government.

Q. What authority do you have to prosecute anyone?

A. Authority given to me by the grand body of the organization?

Q. How can you prosecute anyone?

A. First we try them in our own organization, if it is a matter we cannot handle we turn it over to proper authorities.

Q. Have you ever turned anyone over to police officials?

A. Yes, sire, many cases. I brought them in myself.

Q. What type of cases?

A. Mostly city ordinances in Chicago, and some in New York City.

(Exhibit No. 2)

Statement of Fred Douglas Morris taken in the presence of Murray Young, Detective Michigan State Police, and Frank Zelter, Assistant Investigator Army Air Forces Air Plant Protection, in the office of AAF at Buick Motor Division, GMC, Flint, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Jan. 5, 19[illegible] taken by Mary M. Roth.

Q. What is your name? A. Fred Douglas Morris.

Q. What is your address? A. 3628 Michigan Ave., Flint, Michigan.

Q. Where are you employed? A. Foundry, Buick Motor Div., GMC, Flint.

Q. What position do you hold? A. Separate wires from Aluminum.

Q. What is your Badge No.? A. 3072100.

Q. How long have you been employed at Buick? A. Since 1934.

Q. Are you a member of the Moorish Science Temple?

A. I was, but I'm not now.

Q. When did you join this organization?

A. In 1933.

Q. When did you quit the organization? A. Haven't attended since 1936.

Q. Why did you quit the organization?

A. I couldn't understand anything about it.

Q. Did you ever hear any talk about the Japanese?

A. About in 1934 or 35, I heard a Japanese talk at the Baptist Church on the subject " Development of our own", he asked if there were any pale-skinned folks, he referred to white people, he said this this the land of the free and the home of the brave, but we will not forget how they treated us in California.

Q. How long did you stay in the organization? A. About two yrs.

Q. Do you believe in the principles of this organization?

A. I can't answer that, because I don't understand the principles.

Q. What is your opinion of this organization?

A. This organization teaches us where our ancient forefathers come from, the tribble of El or Bey, I asked where that originated from but no one could tell me because they didn't know. I don't believe what they tell me because they don't tell me the reason or their religions or where they originated from. They say their religion is Islamism not Mosleim I don't see that and I don't fool with anything that hasn't a foundation for their facts, I don't get anything out of it. I never joined the Adapts because I don't know what that is.

Q. This statement is of my own free will, no threats or promises have been made to me.

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Fred Douglas Morris

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