

is descended from, thus each negro who joins the organization is given either the name BEY or EL. u

BEY said that he had read in the paper that the Japanese were fostering some supposedly religious organizations among the negroes but insisted that they had absolutely nothing to do with the Moorish Science Temple. He said he had never seen any Japanese in the vicinity and did not know of any members of the organization having anything at all to do with the Japanese. He said the purpose of the organization was purely religious and that they did not aim to become embroiled in political matters, it being their chief aim to help persons to have more respect for each other. u

It was noted that a large American flag hung on the wall of the room in which the interview took place, as did a flag bearing a crescent and star, which was apparently the emblem of the organization. u

BEY stated that formerly religious services were held every week, but no services had been conducted for sometime inasmuch as the colony had become too large and they had no suitable place to hold the meetings. He said that all members of the colony were registered for the draft and that if he knew of anyone who was not registered he would report them to the Draft Board himself. He said it was the policy of the organization to cooperate with the authorities of the law, and he said he knew of instances where the national head, KIRKIN BAY, had turned over to the police members who had committed crimes and had then paid the necessary fines to get them out of jail. They said that the local colony owns one hundred thirty-eight acres and that they have built the various buildings themselves. He advised that frequent donations were received from headquarters in Chicago and also from the other temples and that all that he had to do was to write to Chicago or one of the other temples and make a request for money and it was forthcoming immediately; stating he had obtained everything he had asked for in the three years he had been there. He said this colony never had to send any money to any of the other branches. When asked the reason for this, he said that this colony was known as the National Home and that a number of the members who "don't feel well" would come there to regain their health. He said further that the membership of this colony did not work on salaries and hence had no means of making money for themselves, though they did raise most of their food. He said most of the other temples were located in large cities, where many of the members had jobs at good salaries, and they supported the colony by free-will donations. u

BEY stated that the organization has a monthly publication called the "Moorish Voice" of which is wife is editor. He said this is mimeographed and about five hundred copies are mailed each month to the various temples. He furnished a copy of this magazine, and a perusal of it revealed that it consisted largely of "news letters" from the various temples, and it did not appear to contain any subversive or inflammatory material. u

BEY also exhibited to agents the Constitution of the organization from which the following excerpts are taken: u

"All members while making a public speech must not use any assertion against the American flag or speak radically against the church or any member of any organized group, because we are to teach love, truth, peace, freedom, and justice". u

"With us all members must proclaim their nationality and we are teaching our people their nationality and their Divine Creed that they may know that they a part and partial of this said government, and know that they are not Negroes, Colored Folks, Black People or Ethiopians, because these names were given to slaves by slave holders in 1779 and lasted until 1865 during the time of slavery, but this is a new era of time now, and all men now must proclaim their free national name\*\*\*". u

Nothing subversive was noted in the Constitution. u

b7c Likewise innocuous were the rules and regulations of the organization as appeared in a booklet furnished to agents [redacted] which booklet also contained the enrollment or registration of all divine ministers of the Moorish Science Temple of America and the Moorish Holy Temple of Science, for the year 1934, and also a list of the "Sheiks and Sheikesses" for the same year. These names are not being set out here in view of the probability that a later list has been obtained by other field offices. u

b7c A booklet entitled "Koran Questions for Moorish Americans" was also obtained [redacted] and this pamphlet as well as the Rules and Regulations, Constitution, and the August 1942 copy of the "Moorish Voice" are being retained in the Richmond Field Office file for possible future reference. u

The colony consists of a large building which has the appearance of a Moorish Temple, three or four other buildings constructed of concrete blocks, two or three mud chinked cabins, and numerous tents. Some twenty or thirty negroes were observed. The men wore red fezzes and the women red turbans. u

b7d Approximately one-fourth of a mile beyond the colony was located a "booster" station of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, which is a red brick building apparently unguarded. Agent was informed by Sheriff [redacted]

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b7c Agent exhibited to [redacted] the above-mentioned copy of the "Moorish Voice", and she stated that she felt certain that was the publication which was mailed out each month by the organization, as the Parcel Post packages appeared to be exactly the same size. u

A check of the indices of the Richmond Field Office reflects that in the Quarterly Report on Subversive Activities, dated August 15, 1942, the following information appears in regard to instant organization: u

"This organization, which is active in several sections of the country has influence and its members refuse to comply with the provisions of the Selective Service Act because of their "Mohammed Religion". Information has been received that this organization has been influenced by the Japanese and used as a front for the dissemination of Japanese propaganda. Meetings of this organization, which restricts its membership to members of the so-called darker races, are known to have been held at the homes of Japanese Nationals." u

A copy of this report is being designated for the information of each field office covering the territory in which branches of this organization appear to be active. u

It is to be noted that the above investigation was conducted prior to the receipt of reference report but inasmuch as the leads set out therein have been covered, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin. u

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THE CHICAGO OFFICE

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Will advise what information it may have as to the source of the funds of this organization and what indication there is of pro-Japanese or subversive activities on the part of the Moorish Science Temple.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

FILE NO. 25-3024

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEWARK, NEW JERSEY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/15/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/15, 16, 23, 30/42 11/16/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>
TITLE <b>MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SELECTIVE SERVICE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No indication of failure to register on part of members of two Moorish Science Temples in Newark. Following investigation in which 28 members of one and 10 members of another temple were checked for registration and found to be registered.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Bureau dated June 26, 1942.  
Letter from Bureau dated September 14, 1942. (Bureau files 25-66608, 25-90417, and 100-4582)

**DETAILS:**

From the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated June 3, 1942, at Newark, New Jersey, [REDACTED] stated that the leader of Moorish Science Temple in Newark, New Jersey, was [REDACTED] EL. Newark, New Jersey. Accordingly, [REDACTED] was interviewed and made available a membership list of his temple, which list contained only the last names of the members for 1942 without any addresses. [REDACTED] and his secretary [REDACTED] EL supplied as best they could the first names of the members of the temple as well as addresses. [REDACTED] appeared completely cooperative in furnishing this list and vigorously denied that he had counseled evasion of the Selective Service Act. He advised the officers of his organization, which has a temple at 2 Twelfth Street, Newark, New Jersey, in addition to himself as Grand Sheikh, were [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] Newark, New Jersey, Assistant Grand Sheikh; [REDACTED] KEY,

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b7d [redacted] Newark, New Jersey, State Secretary; [redacted] Newark, New Jersey, Chairman; and [redacted] EL, [redacted] East Orange, New Jersey, Assistant Chairman. The above mentioned including [redacted] were all found to be registered

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b7d [redacted] that his, and the other temple which is operated by [redacted] Newark, New Jersey, were identical except that the members of [redacted] temple wear beards. It is to be noted that [redacted] and is only in Newark, and hence engaged with his temple, Friday evenings and Sunday.

b7c In addition to the five above named officers [redacted] membership list had 32 male members whom he stated were of draft age. Of these, through determining addresses at the time of registration and checking with local board or by interview at which time registration cards were examined, 23 of these 32 were found to be duly registered and not delinquent with their local board. [redacted] members could not be located inasmuch as [redacted] did not have their complete names nor any addresses for them. In the other addresses of members which he and his secretary furnished, there was no indication they were trying to give erroneous addresses.

b7d [redacted] EL [redacted] Newark, New Jersey, was interviewed at the temple of which he is Grand Sheik at 230 Court Street, Newark New Jersey. He likewise made his membership list available. [redacted] that there was considerable difference between his temple and that operated by [redacted] in that his temple believed in the reincarnation of noble Jew allies and that [redacted] temple did not believe in this reincarnation and therefore [redacted] was actually a secessionist group. The membership list which [redacted] made available was in chronological form which showed the members which had been taken from April 3, 1931 to October 18, 1942. It is to be noted that only one male member was taken in between May 26, 1940 and September 13, 1940, and that joining was as sporadic in 1941 and 1942 as in other years.

b7c [redacted] claimed to have 800 members. However, the large registration book indicated that no more than that number had ever joined the temple and that over one half of these were women members. He claimed 300 to be in attendance at each meeting. An examination of his hall indicated that no more than that could be accommodated at one time.

b7c [redacted] was outspoken in his statement that he did not believe in conscientious objections, that there had been only one conscientious objector in the temple, that he had refused to support this member in his stand, and was



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b7c proud of the fact that the temple had two members in the United States Army at the present time. It was noted that the majority of the members of the temple were elderly. Ten members of [redacted] temple were selected at random and spot checked either through addresses [redacted] was able to furnish or by interview, at which time registration cards were examined. All of these members were found to be duly registered and not delinquent with their local boards.

Inasmuch as there is no indication from investigation to date of failure to register on the part of active members of either temple in Newark, New Jersey, this case is being closed.

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Subject: Letter of Transmittal.  
To: Lt. Col. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice

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The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

For the Chief, Military Intelligence Service:

J. T. FISSEL  
Colonel, General Staff,  
Asst. Executive Officer, M. I. S.

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND SERVICE COMMAND  
Services of Supply  
(Office of Headquarters)

Governors Island, N.Y.

(Place)

November 19, 1942

(Date)

Subject: **MOONKIN SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA**

Summary of Information:

1. The attached copy of report received from the Post Intelligence Officer, Balls Head Quartermaster Depot, is forwarded for your information.

2. The MOONKIN SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA was subject of a report from this office under date of May 14, 1942, entitled "MOONKIN TEMPLE, Chicago, Illinois."

3. This is transmitted for your information.

For the Director of Intelligence:

W. W. KIRMAN, JR.  
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.  
Executive Officer

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Copy rpt. subject "Negro Activities,"  
11/14/42 for PIS Balls Head QM Depot

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HEADQUARTERS BULLY HEAD QUARTERS DEPOT  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONING OFFICER  
BULLY HEAD, NEW ARMY

NAV/AS  
November 14, 1942

SUBJECT: Negro Activities

TO: Director of Intelligence Division  
Headquarters Second Service Command  
Governors Island, New York

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1. This depot, in hiring several laborers, has negro applicants. The usual Civil Service processing is followed, as well as the Identification Unit requiring Form WHI-140 to be filled out.

2. We have had difficulty in filling out this form for some applicants, particularly with those belonging to an organization known as "Scientific Alliance Temp's of America" which seems to be a negro religious sect with national headquarters at 1214 Seligman Street, Chicago, Illinois, and headquarters in various cities.

3. From members who have been processed at this depot it appears that the organization teaches its members that they are not "colored," "black," "negro," etc., and when they join this organization they assume last names such as "Ray," "El," and others. Individuals have refused to have their proper name put down and their religious name listed as an alias, and the word "black" being put down after "Color" causes them to become highly incensed.

4. The following is quoted by the head of the Identification Bureau:

On November 11, Spencer Washington Ray was processed by Mrs. King. Considerable difficulty was encountered with this individual, his processing on Form WHI-140 taking a period of 45 hours. He refused to have his religious name used as an alias; he refused to be listed black, and after his mother was taken up with Lieutenant Alford, he asked to see Colonel Campbell. In answering question 14, it developed that he had been indicted by the Grand Jury, and was at liberty on a \$1000 bail for refusing to comply with draft board requirements. On November 12 he submitted an affidavit from the court, and also from his local draft board stating that he had registered under the draft as Spencer Washington, but now refused to comply with draft board requirements unless the name of "Ray" was recognized as his last name. He also stated that he would not work at the Bully Head Quartermaster Depot unless the word black was

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eliminated from Form FWH-110, and unless his last name was recognized as "Ray." Lieutenant Alford was consulted, and he stated that we could not make these changes; consequently the man would not go to work. His attitude on November 2 was entirely different than that of November 11. On the first day he was quite argumentative and insolent. On the second day he merely stated that it was against his religious belief to be termed black, and that he was sorry if he had caused any trouble, and hoped there were no bad feelings."

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1. Description

Name: Spencer Washington, alias Spencer Washington Ray  
Address: 239 North Clinton Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey  
Sex: Male  
Race: Black  
Citizenship: American  
Age: 21  
Born: August 11, 1921  
Height: 6' 4"  
Weight: 190  
Hair: Black  
Eyes: Brown  
Organizations: Moorish Science Temple of America  
Religion: Attends "Islamic" Church and lists himself as minister  
References: William A. Beeding, Chief of Police, Trenton, New Jersey  
Dr. Austin, physician, 96 Bellview Street, Trenton, New Jersey  
Mr. Quinn, lawyer, 70 Spring Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

(signed)  
RICHARD A. WARD  
Captain, A.U.S.  
Military Intelligence Officer

Copy: New Jersey Military District  
Trenton, New Jersey

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DETROIT, MICH.

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-18-42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-8-42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b> <b>RGB</b>
TITLE <b>COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY with aliases</b> <b>[REDACTED] MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - J</b> <b>CUSTODIAL DETENTION</b> <b>SEDITION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Indices of Cincinnati Field Office reflect that there is no branch of the Moorish Science Temple of America in Cincinnati.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** dated 11-12-42 at Detroit, Michigan.

**DETAILS:**

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

A search of the indices of the Cincinnati Field Division failed to reflect that the Moorish Science Temple of America exists within the territory of the Cincinnati Field Division.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Chicago, Illinois.  
December 18, 1942.

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: THE MOORISH TEMPLE OF SCIENCE OF AMERICA;  
ALLAH TEMPLE OF ISLAM;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J

Dear Sir:

b7c  
In respect to Bureau letter dated October 16, 1942, requesting that a determination be made as to whether or not there was any connection between the two subject organizations, The Moorish Temple of Science of America is a religious group founded by NOBLE DREW ALLI in 1929. ALLI died in 1934 and the leadership of the organization was taken over by CHARLES KIRKMAN BEY who resides at [REDACTED] Headquarters of the organization are located at 1032 Orleans Street, Chicago. The organization was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, July 20, 1928. The organization has approximately one thousand five hundred members and fifty six chapters located in various parts of the United States. Investigation shows the members to be registered for Selective Service and all members disclaim any affiliation with the Allah Temple of Islam. Investigation of the Moorish Temple of Science of America fails to disclose any un-American activity.

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There is, however, a Schism within the organization, a group headed by [REDACTED] EL, Chicago, Illinois, apparently as a clandestine group of the Moors, according to CHARLES KIRKMAN BEY. CHARLES KIRKMAN BEY filed an injunction against [REDACTED] in the Cook County Court on April 3, 1934, to stop all activities of [REDACTED] group. Court action is pending on the injunction.

The investigation failed to reflect that ROBERT WASHINGTON was in any way an organizer of the Moorish Temple of Science of America.

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Investigation shows that the Allah Temple of Islam was founded by [REDACTED] in Detroit, Michigan, in the early 1930's, [REDACTED] present whereabouts is unknown. The organization is presently headed by [REDACTED] who is presently under a three year sentence for violation of the Selective Service Act at Chicago, Illinois, and who is presently to be tried under violation of the Sedition Act. Within recent months the local leaders of the Allah Temple of Islam have also been arrested for evading the Selective Service Act, and the Sedition Statute. Also, approximately sixty five members were arrested in Chicago and a large volume of records and literature was confiscated.



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December 18, 1942.

RE: THE MOORISH TEMPLE OF  
SCIENCE OF AMERICA;  
ALLAH TEMPLE OF ISLAM

All members of this organization, and others present who were interviewed, declared that they were in no way affiliated with the Moorish Temple of Science of America. Further examination of the records and literature of the Allah Temple of Islam fails to indicate that there is any connection between these two organizations.

Very truly yours,

*S. J. Drayton*  
S. J. DRAYTON  
Special Agent in Charge

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This case originated at **KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE** File No. **100-1368**

Report Made at <b>KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE</b>	Date When Made <b>1-1-43</b>	Period <b>10-5;11-16,17, 18,25;12-12,18-42</b>	Report Made by <b>b7c</b>
Title: <b>COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases, ET AL. MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA</b>			Character <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - 4 CUSTODIAL DETENTION SEDITION</b> <b>40844</b>

**Synopsis of Facts:**

Investigation discloses the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, a negro organization, is active in Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held twice per week; membership estimated over 100 a year ago; members have made pro-Japanese statements. Selective Service registration files reflect as regarding "Moorish Americans". Information secured from pamphlet entitled "Moorist Voice" dated 11-42 set forth. Informant has joined the organization to furnish information to this Field Office. Information on membership cards set forth.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 11-12-42, at Detroit, Michigan.

**DETAILS:**

This investigation is predicated upon information received by Special Agent [redacted] from [redacted] who advised there was a negro organization located in the city of Chattanooga, Tennessee, which he understood was identified with a Chicago organization. According to Informant [redacted] the organization has a temple located in Chattanooga and the members are required to drop their surnames and use the name BEY instead.

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b7c Informant [redacted] the reporting agent that according to his records there are nine families who have changed their surnames to REY in Chattanooga, and according to information received by him, source unknown, there is a temple East of the railroad tracks in Chattanooga, the [redacted] of temple unknown. 40845

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b7c Informant [redacted] that the headquarters for the organization, according to information received by him, was Chicago, Illinois.

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b7c [redacted]

Later the meeting place was moved to 1730 1/2 E. Third Street, where the temple was located for sometime, later the meeting place was moved to 1718 E. Third Street.

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b7c [redacted]

The files of registrants using the surname REY were available at Local Selective Service Board No. 3, by [redacted] stenographer which are as follows:

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The meetings of the organization are Friday and Sunday nights, the book known as the Koran is referred to by the members as their Bible. The members do not believe in God and do not believe in war. They believe the rich man's money will be given to them equally when this nation is defeated.

It should be noted that it is necessary for all individuals employed at the Columbian Iron Works to obtain birth certificates. According to the file the birth certificate of [REDACTED] BEY was supported by information of the Census Bureau.

Informant [REDACTED] there are three meeting places in Chattanooga of the organization, one is located at 1718 Third Street, the exact numbers and location of others are not obtainable at the present time but will be furnished later.



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According to Informant there were more than 100 members about one year ago.

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Informant [redacted] made available a copy of this pamphlet which was photographed; the negatives are being forwarded to the Bureau with a request to furnish each interested office with a photographic copy of same.

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Informant [redacted] a resident of Chattanooga, Tennessee, joined the organization for the purpose of furnishing information and membership also activities of the organization to this Field Office.

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Membership card issued to Informant [redacted] is as follows:

This is a white card with a red rim around it and reads as follows; "Upper left and corner three-quarter moon with a star in the upper center with the word 'Islam' under it. In the center upper of the card are two hands crossed with the word 'Unity' over them. In the upper right hand corner is the black circle with the figure '7' in it and the word 'Allah' under it. The first line reads, 'Age 42 1942.' Under this is the name of Informant [redacted]. Beneath this the card reads as follows; 'This is your nationality and identification card for the Moorish Science Temple of America, and birthrights for the Moorish Americans, etc. We honor all the divine prophets, Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha, and Confucius. May the blessings of the God of our Father Allah, be upon you that carry this card. I do hereby declare that you are a Moslem under the divine laws of the Holy Koran of Mecca. Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice. I am a citizen of the U. S. A.'

NOBLE DREWALI, the Prophet, 1104 Sedgwick Street, Chicago, Illinois."

This identification card was photographed and the photographs are being retained in the files of the Knoxville Field Division.

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KNOXVILLE FIELD DIVISION

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At Chattanooga, Tennessee, will attempt to ascertain the location of Temple #30 and determine if there are un-American activities being conducted there by members.

Will also recontact all sources of information in Chattanooga regarding the activities and conduct of members of the organization and determine if there are un-American activities being conducted by members there.

RICHMOND FIELD DIVISION

At Prince George, Virginia, will furnish this office with all information regarding the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, also the national home of the organization in the future.

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois, will advise what information it may have as to the source of the funds of this organization and what indication there is of pro-Japanese or subversive activities on the part of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA.

Will also furnish any information regarding the background and history of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA that may be in the files.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Detroit, Michigan**

FILE NO. **100-4094**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-22-42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/10, 11/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BRY, with aliases, et al; MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY (J) CUSTODIAL DETENTION SEDITION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation at Anderson, Indiana, discloses organization small and relatively inactive. Organization headed by [REDACTED] KL. Informants state organization is operated in manner which conforms to that set out in reference report, except there are no pro-Japanese tendencies in Anderson Temple. Present active membership about twelve.

**Reference:**

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated November 12, 1942, at Detroit, Michigan.

**Details:**

**AT ANDERSON, INDIANA**

The writer contacted [REDACTED]

who advised that he belonged to the organization in about 1931 or 1932 for a short time. [REDACTED] that the organization at that time and since, preaches that negroes are not negroes but Asiatics; that there is no God as Christians know Him; that they worship Allah and that they had some secret meetings in houses at the time he was a member. [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] KL is probably the head of the organization at present, but [REDACTED] KL used to be the Grand Sheikh for a long time. [REDACTED] that the present location of the Temple is at 15 and Laurel Streets, Anderson, Indiana.

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\_\_\_\_\_ of the Anderson Police Department advised they had had trouble with this organization and that last May \_\_\_\_\_ Chicago, was arrested with two other negroes; that he had a gun in his possession at that time.

[REDACTED] he had attended a few meetings of this organization about ten years ago, and had joined the organization but had left it when they told him there was no Christian God.

Anderson Police Force, advised that the meetings of the Moorish Science Temple were now very small. He stated that there were not more than twelve members in the organization at the present time. He advised that the organization used to have weekly dances on Sunday night which were attended by large groups of negro youths. [redacted] He and his partner were assigned to cover these gatherings as they had been a source of trouble. [redacted]

to his knowledge these meetings made no mention of the war or the Japanese efforts and promises to free the colored people and he believed it to be a strictly religious organization.

Writer interviewed [REDACTED] EL, who is identical with the subject referred to in the lead of reference report, who stated that her husband, [REDACTED] EL had, up until about a year ago, been the Grand Speik of the Anderson Lodge. She stated that she had sold pictures of KIRKMAN KEY up until the time she and her husband had ceased to take an active part in the organization. [REDACTED] EL advised that the organization at no time spoke of the Japanese government and that all members in Anderson were loyal to the United States; that all male members had registered for selective service as required. [REDACTED] EL stated that all members in Anderson were completely in favor of this government's war effort and entirely loyal to the United States. It was noted by the writer that a large American flag was displayed in their home.

Writer contacted [redacted] who searched his records for all persons registered under the name of [redacted] or BEY. This search disclosed [redacted] EL, [redacted] EL, [redacted] EL.



b7c [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED]  
It was noted that none of these registrants was delinquent.

b7c The writer interviewed [REDACTED] EL, formerly Grand Sheikh of the Anderson organization, at his place of employment, [REDACTED] Anderson, who advised that he had been affiliated with the organization since 1927 but that for the last two years he had not taken an active part. [REDACTED] EL advised that there were no secret meetings held at any time to his knowledge and that during the course of the history of the organization at Anderson they had enrolled a total of 75 or 78 members, but that there were not more than thirteen members active at the present time. The writer questioned [REDACTED] EL concerning the names which were furnished the writer by [REDACTED] and he stated that these men were all active in the organization.

b7c [REDACTED] EL advised that he was well acquainted with Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY and that KIRKMAN BEY had never made any statements regarding the American war effort during the times he addressed the meetings at Anderson. [REDACTED] EL stated that the founder of the organization was NOBLE DREW ALI, but stated that the organization had no connection with the House of Islam in Chicago and that none of their members was pro-Japanese in sentiment.

b7d [REDACTED] prosecuting attorney for Madison County, advised the writer [REDACTED] that all records of the Temple had been seized at the time and that he had gone over them very carefully and there had been nothing to indicate that this Temple was pro-Japanese in sentiment. He stated that following the raid and closing the Temple had reopened after a short period but that it was very inactive at the present time. He stated that the principal appeal of this Temple had been Sunday night dances held for negro youths but since that time other recreational clubs had opened which offered stiff competition to this organization. [REDACTED] he did not believe the organization to be subversive in nature.

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INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

\* At Columbus, Indiana

Will ascertain the location of Temple 15 Branch and will attempt to ascertain if there are un-American activities being developed through members of this Temple.

\* At Gary, Indiana

Will ascertain the location of Temple 22 and will obtain all information pertinent thereto as to officers and any remarks that might lead to prosecution as to sedition.

\* At Indianapolis, Indiana

Will ascertain the location of Temple 15 and determine if there are un-American activities being conducted thereat by members.

\* At South Bend, Indiana

Will ascertain the location of Temple 17 and will conduct a pertinent investigation to ascertain if un-American activities are being conducted thereat.

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Case Originated at DETROIT, MICHIGAN Lsvl. FILE NO. 100-2273  
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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY: 1/15/43 :23,29,30;1/4-8, :  
: : 11,13/43 :

Character of Case  
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CUSTODIAL DETENTION  
COL. C. KIPKMAN BEY, with aliases ETAL: SEDITION  
MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA :

Synopsis of Facts:

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has secured numerous copies of "The Moorish Voice", photographic negatives of which are enclosed herewith to the Chicago Field Division. "The Moorish Voice" for April, 1942 contains quotation of COL. C. KIRKMAN BEY as "Remember the Rising Sun; you can't stop them for it is as impossible as bringing down the sun, moon, and stars."

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pictures of the bill of exchange. Copies will be sent to the Bureau when proper identification is completed. Effort continuing to ascertain any outside source of income or contact for group. Description of BEY and WILLIAM KITTLE, BEY set forth.

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REFERENCE:

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Bureau File #62-25339  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 12/26/42  
at Louisville, Kentucky.

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[REDACTED]

The writer accompanied [REDACTED] to this neighborhood and provided [REDACTED] with a camera with which he took pictures of most of the assembled group, including most of the leaders, as well as the interior of the Temple. [REDACTED] posed as a camera fiend and no suspicion was cast upon his desire to take these pictures and when he advised that he would be able to make prints of the pictures available to them, he was more readily accepted as an ardent member of the organization. The prints and negatives are being retained in the files of this office until full identification of all the persons who appear in this group is made.

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[REDACTED] visited [REDACTED] BEY, Grand Sheikh, at the Temple, and under pretext secured the "Koran" which is the basic religious book of this organization. The "Koran" was immediately made available to the Louisville Field Division and photographic negatives of same are enclosed with this report to the Chicago Field Division for enlargement.

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During his visits to the home of the members of this organization [REDACTED] has been successful in securing copies of "The Moorish Voice". Already, in January, he has made available four copies dated respectively February, April, August and October, 1942. The contents of these issues are photographed and the negatives thereof are being enclosed with this report to the Chicago Field Division for enlargement. In the perusal of these issues of "The Moorish Voice", several hitherto unknown chapters were discovered, namely:

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Temple #17 - Harvey, Illinois (this may be a branch)  
" #25 - Exorse, Michigan  
" #26 - Steubenville, Ohio  
" #37 - Argo, Illinois (this may be a branch)  
" #43 - Mt. Clemens, Michigan

Reference was also made to the fact that visitors bearing the name BEY attended various gatherings of the Moorish Science Temple of America, from Illinois, stated not given.

The various offices for which copies of this report have been set out, will receive copies of the photographs of the contents of "The Moorish Voice" referred to above as soon as Chicago is able to develop same.

In the August 1942 issued of "The Moorish Voice" it was noted that COL. C. KIRKMAN BEY evidently has some kind of an advisory council, the names of the members of which were set forth as follows:

Lt. Col. M. ABDULLAH  
Brother MALONE BEY  
Brother I. COOK BEY  
Brother W. DAVIS EL  
Brother C. BARKER BEY  
Brother F. HARRISON BEY  
Brother F. NELSON BEY

b7c [REDACTED] BEY's address was given as the Moorish Home in Prince George, Virginia, while the others were taken care in Chicago.

b7d It was also noted that at a meeting of the Chicago Temple #9, [REDACTED] BEY was stated to be the [REDACTED] aid. These names are being set forth so that the Detroit and Chicago offices may consider them for inclusion as subjects in this case for sedition purposes.

From an inspection of the April 1942 issue, wherein it was noted that COL. C. KIRKMAN BEY was addressing the members of one of the temples, he was speaking on the way the present war would straighten things out, and was quoted as saying: "Remember the Rising Sun; you can't stop them for it is as impossible as bringing down the sun, moon, and stars."

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Reference is made at this point to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 2, 1942 at Indianapolis in the case entitled "MORRIS SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - J", in which a lead appeared for the Louisville at Paducah, Kentucky. In connection with this lead, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

The following were all interviewed and advised they had never heard of subject organization [redacted] BEY, [redacted] or anyone whose name ends in ALI, EL, or BEY:

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[redacted] McCracken  
County Welfare Department  
[redacted] Kentucky State Highway Patrol  
[redacted] Paducah Police Department  
[redacted] Paducah Police Department  
[redacted] Sheriff of McCracken County  
[redacted] Greater Paducah Assn (C. of C.)  
[redacted] Paducah Sun-Democrat  
[redacted] Clothing Store  
[redacted] Masonic Temple  
[redacted] where most negro organizations meet.  
[redacted] of Education  
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The following Confidential Informants [redacted] whose identities are known to the Bureau [redacted]

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In addition to the above, the following records were examined with negative results: City Directory and Telephone book; Records of Selective Service, Boards 103, 109, and 110; records of taxpayers in McCracken County; records of voters in McCracken County; Police and Credit records.

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The following description of [REDACTED] BEY was provided by [REDACTED]

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Name	[REDACTED] BEY
Age	50 +
Height	5' 5"
Weight	140#
Eyes	Brown, piercing
Hair	Not noted
Build	Medium
Complexion	Dark brown
Peculiarities	None
Residence	[REDACTED] Louisville, Ky.
Social Security	[REDACTED]
Race	Negro

The following description of WILLIAM NETTLES BEY was provided from the records of the Franklin County Court Clerk, [REDACTED]

Age	63
Date of birth	12/25/74
Height	5' 3"
Weight	150#
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark brown
Race	Negro

b7d, b2 ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU: Original notes of [REDACTED] dated 12/27/42; 1/1/43; 1/2/43; 1/3/43; 1/8/43.

ENCLOSURES TO CHICAGO: 1 set of pictures 3"x4 1/2" of the "Koran"  
1 set of negatives 3"x4 1/2" " " "  
4 sets of negatives of copies of "The Moorish Voice"  
for Feb., April, Aug., and Oct. 1942.

ENCLOSURES FOR DETROIT: 1 set of pictures 3"x4 1/2" of the "Koran"

ENCLOSURES FOR RICHMOND: 1 photographic enlargement of [REDACTED] BEY,  
organizer for ISTA who left Louisville for  
Prince George, Va. in December, 1942.

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All offices for which copies of this report are designated will attempt to ascertain what connection, if any, the "Brothers of the Military Department" have with the activities of the various temples of the Moorish Science Temple of America. It has been noted consistently in "The Moorish Voice" that the "Brothers of the Military Department" provide entertainment at various meetings.

All offices receiving copies of this report are also requested to report any specific plans made by the respective temples in their divisions for activities for the coming year, which may have been discussed during the holiday activities of the Moorish Science Temple of America.

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

b7c Will ascertain what connection, if any, the "Pittsburg-Mississippi Club" of which [REDACTED] are members, has with Temple #9 at Chicago. It was noted in the issue of "The Moorish Voice", the negative of which is enclosed with this report, that [REDACTED] COL. C. KIRKMAN BEY in Temple #9 and expressed their appreciation for what he was doing.

b7c Will attempt to verify whether or not COL. C. KIRKMAN BEY has an advisory committee comprised of the following men [REDACTED]

DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN:

b7c Will attempt to verify whether or not COL. C. KIRKMAN BEY has an advisory committee comprised of the following men [REDACTED]

LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY:

Will attempt to ascertain whether WILLIAM NETTLES BEY has any connection with the PSTA outside of Louisville, Ky.

Will attempt to ascertain whether or not there are any foreign sources of income or contacts with the local group or its leaders.

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This Case Originated At: DETROIT, MICHIGAN      Louisville File #100-2273

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DETROIT, MICHIGAN      12/26/42      12/3,4,7,8,10,  
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TITLE: "CHANGED"

CHARACTER OF CASE:

COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY, With aliases; William  
Kirkland Bey, Bill Kirkland, "Eyes Eyes"

INTERNAL SECURITY - J  
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MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Possibility that St. Mary's Spiritual Church, 439 South 9th Street, Louisville, Ky. is "front" for MSTA now slim. Headquarters of Louisville Temple #45 established at Apartment #8, 437 South 9th Street. Meetings held Friday and Sunday nights at 7:30 P.M. with ARTHUR SLATON BEY as Grand Sheik. MARY CLIFF BEY, organizer, has apparently gone to MSTA home in Virginia. Local membership estimated at 200, but with only 20-40 active. City Air Raid Warden Survey for names and ages of BEYs progressing favorably. At meeting *b7c*

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ENCLOSURE BEHIND FILE

Membership and dues card of Informant copied, together with issue of "MOORISH - VOICE" organ for national group. Selective Service check of names obtained to date reflects members registered properly, although some delinquency noted on change of addresses.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 12/8/42 at Louisville, Kentucky.

DETAILS:

The title of this case is being CHANGED in view of the fact that St. Mary's Spiritual Church at 439 South 9th Street, Louisville, Kentucky does not seem to be connected with the NSTA and is therefore being dropped from the title.

Inasmuch as the Louisville Field Division has succeeded in linking Temple #45 of the NSTA in Louisville with the national organization, together with the fact that Detroit has been origin in this case, the origin for the Louisville file is being changed to Detroit.

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY: :

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In accordance with the efforts of the writer to ascertain the background information on Temple #45 of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] the Brock Building at the corner of 9th and Magazine Street, in 1940. At that time, the NSTA was meeting therein and paid a rental of \$4.00 per week. He knew MARY CLIFT BEY and [REDACTED] BEY, both women, quite well. [REDACTED] went on to say that when he remodelled the building, the NSTA was forced to move, inasmuch as it could not meet the rental fee. He added that he had no respect whatsoever for this organization and although he did not deem it subversive, he stated he knew it was some kind of a racket.

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At this point [REDACTED] was re-contacted to establish the identity of the woman who had led the burial services for one of the BEYS. Upon viewing the picture of MARY CLIFT BEY, he established her identity as leader of the BEYS and stated that it was not [REDACTED] who was the leader of the BEYS as he had first stated to the writer.

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Steps were immediately taken at this time to have [REDACTED] secure membership in the MSTA. It should be noted at this point, with regard to the reliability of [REDACTED] that after he had attended this meeting he had personally expressed his dislike for what had gone on there to several responsible colored people in Louisville whom the writer later contacted and who vouched for the reliability of [REDACTED]

b7d [REDACTED] who works [REDACTED] across from the City Water Works, advised that he knew of several BEYS in Louisville and that two of them lived in the same building with him at 934 West Walnut Street. One of these men he named as [REDACTED] BEY and the other's name he could not recall. [REDACTED] estimated the active membership of the group to be between 15 and 30 members and went on to say that in the fall of 1941 the Grand Chancellor of the National Group had come to Louisville from Chicago to attend a public meeting of the MSTA. [REDACTED] also that if any further information comes to his attention with regard to these BEYS, he will immediately communicate with the Louisville Field Division.

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b2 [REDACTED] subsequently advised that [REDACTED] he visited the M.S.T.A. at 437 South Ninth Street and talked with a man named [REDACTED] BEY. [REDACTED] ascertained that the meetings were held on Friday and Sunday nights at approximately 7:30 P.M. [REDACTED] was invited to attend these meetings and agreed to do so as soon as possible. Also during this contact [REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED] ascertained that ARTHUR SLATON BEY was the new leader of the organization inasmuch as [REDACTED] BEY had departed for Virginia very recently. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The exact whereabouts of [REDACTED] BEY were subsequently [REDACTED]

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ascertained to be in Prince George, Virginia, which is the location of the  
M.S.T.A. home. [REDACTED]

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The order was as follows:

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b2 The group together sang a song to the music of "Give Me That Old Time Religion", substituting ISLAM in the words for the "LORD". After this all of the assembled members faced the east and held up five fingers of the left hand and two of the right hand. Then the rules of the national organization were read from a gold picture frame upon the wall. After this an old Baptist song was sung, the tone of which was familiar to [REDACTED] and again the words were changed to suit the organization. Following this ARTHUR SLATON BEY gave a reading from a book or pamphlet which seemed to contain excerpts from the KORAN. Then followed a lecture by the Assistant Grand Sheikess on "The Rise and Fall of Man." This [REDACTED] was a strictly religious talk. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Subsequently ARTHUR SLATON BEY gave a lecture which [REDACTED] boiled down to being a talk on the benefits to be gained by being a Moorish American. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that \$11.00 was taken up from the members to go for the colony in Virginia and \$4.00 was taken up for business purposes. After the meeting was over [REDACTED] had an opportunity to mingle among the members and after talking with ARTHUR SLATON BEY, the Grand Sheik, he was cordially invited into membership which he accepted. He ascertained that the membership fee for the Louisville Temple was \$1.00, which covered his membership card and dues card. He also learned from ARTHUR SLATON BEY that there were over two hundred (200) members of this organization in Louisville but that only twenty to forty were active at this time.

b7d, [REDACTED] then gave the following description of the meeting room:

b2 This room was a very poorly kept room which was lighted by kerosene lamps and had for its heating arrangement a large coal stove in the center of the room. On both sides of this coal stove were arranged the chairs for the members. These chairs all faced the east. Directly in front of the

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members was a large table at which sit the Master of Ceremonies [REDACTED] BEY. Behind this table and in speaker's chairs sat the Grand Sheikh and the Assistant Grand Sheikoss. Behind them on the wall were, in order and reading from left to right facing the members, first the emblem of the organization, The Crescent and Star; Next to that was the national flag of the organization, a red flag in the center of which was a five-pointed star; Third, and its position was in the direct center of the wall, was a gold frame which contained the national laws of the organization; Fourth was the United States Flag; Fifth was the Mystic Symbol #7, which was encircled. [REDACTED] the room was in a shabby condition which typified the condition of the entire rooming house and it did not seem as though the members had very much money. [REDACTED] ascertained from talking with the members that at one time a lady left Louisville for Lexington, Kentucky to organize another chapter there but this date no word has been heard from her and to the best of the knowledge of several of the members there were no other chapters in the State of Kentucky. [REDACTED] that from his conversation with one or two of the women members that the tone of their statements over War Bonds was to the effect that the Japanese were sure to win the war. Nothing else [REDACTED] was said which would indicate sedition. Also, the next meeting of the organization was scheduled for Sunday night, [REDACTED]

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The writer then contacted [REDACTED] who is chief air raid warden for Louisville, district #4. This district covers the entire negro sector in which the N.S.T.A. is located. [REDACTED] gave enthusiastic response to the program suggested by [REDACTED] Civilian Coordinator for the City of Louisville to the proposition that a complete survey be made of the colored sector from Sixth Street west to Twelfth Street and from Jefferson Street to Broadway. [REDACTED] subsequently at his own expense provided Temporary Confidential Informant [REDACTED] with enough mimeographed forms for his air raid wardens to visit each home in this sector and to ascertain the name, age, etc. of the occupants therein.

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The writer subsequently contacted Temporary Confidential Informant [REDACTED] in company with Temporary Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who advised that from his contact as air raid warden with the people living in 437 South Ninth Street, the following information was secured with regard to the residents therein. The occupants of Apartments #1 and #2 were out. Apartment #3 is occupied by:

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[REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Apartment #5:  
OLIVER JACKSON BEY (M.C.)  
Age 72, Birthplace; Arizu, Mississippi  
ANNA JACKSON BEY (F.C.)  
Age 61, Birthplace; Lexington, Ky.

Apartment #6:  
BIRDIE NAL BEY (F.C.)  
Age 52, Birthplace; Carlisle, Kentucky  
WILLIAM M. YOUNG (M.C.)  
Age 61, Birthplace Chester, South Carolina

Apartment #7:  
ARTHUR SLATON BEY (M.C.)  
Age 52, Birthplace; Madisonville, Kentucky

Apartment #8:  
Temple of M.S.T.A.

Apartment #9:  
Vacant

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Apartment #10:  
[REDACTED] EL (F.C.)  
[REDACTED]

AT JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA:

b7c The following investigation was conducted by the writer  
and Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office:

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[REDACTED] to meet with  
Temporary Confidential Informant [REDACTED] At this conference the  
general matter of the investigation pending on the M.S.T.A. was explained  
and reference was made to [REDACTED] to eliminate the possibility that information  
concerning his connection with the M.S.T.A. might possibly known to the two

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of these men and throw any discredit upon his work [REDACTED]  
This was done in view of the fact that much unfavorable comment has been made  
by Louisville members who have discharged members of the M.S.T.A. in many  
cases for apparently no other reason than the fact that they were members of  
the organization. [REDACTED]

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The original notes of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] are being retained in the Louisville file.

[REDACTED] that it was his personal opinion that this  
speech was in direct correlation to the remarks made by the Assistant Grand  
Sheikess and that in speaking of "they" the Grand Sheik was referring to the  
Japanese, mentioned in the speech of the Assistant Grand Sheikess. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that the members of this organization seemed in full accordance

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with the comments expressed by the leader of this group. [REDACTED]  
that statements made further on by the Grand Sheik were made in a round  
about way substantially as follows:

"That if they were members of this organization when the Japanese came they would be saved."

1 [REDACTED] that he had copied down the following  
statements which were made by any member of the organization when they  
arose to speak:

"I give honor to ALLAH, father of the universe; I give honor to his son, NOBLE BROTHER ALL; I give honor to C. KIRKMAN BEY, our chief advisor and moderator; I give honor to the national flag and the descent flag with the five-pointed star which represents love, truth, peace, freedom and justice. Descended from MOROCCO born in America which makes me a Moorish American; I give honor to SISTER M. CLIFT BEY who brought us the light; I give honor to our Grand Sheikh ARTHUR SLATON BEY and to our Assistant Grand Shoikess, [REDACTED] BEY; I give honor to MOSLEMS all over the world;"

After this the member will then make his speech. [REDACTED] that the only other address of the evening was made by [REDACTED] REY who commented favorably on the speech made by the Assistant Grand Duques.

Subsequently, under the pretext of obtaining the names of the most active members of the organization [REDACTED] [REDACTED] found that the following people were the most active members of the Louisville organization: [REDACTED]

RAY and his wife

TALLY DONES EL (CH). Age 52  
2224 Eddy Street

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[REDACTED] (M.C.)  
[REDACTED] BEY  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (M.C.)  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] that the Adept Chamber is the inner center of the H.S.T.A. and that only certain qualified members can belong to it. [REDACTED] in the meetings of this Adept Chamber are formulated the policies and programs of the national organizations. [REDACTED] that ARTHUR SLATON BEY is a "Little Fish" in the national organization and that since the departure of MARY CLIFF BEY for Prince George, Virginia, the Louisville organization has been without a representative in the Adept Chamber.

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[REDACTED] Plans will be made by the Louisville office subsequently to follow this very closely.

The following investigation was conducted on November 21 by Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office:

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[REDACTED] clerk of Selective Service Board #77, advised that she had registered with her the following BEYs:

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MATTIE FISHER BEY, 934 1/2 West Walnut Street; 48 years of age  
JIMMIE MOON BEY, 934 1/2 West Walnut Street; 47 years of age  
ARTHUR SLATON BEY, 437 South Ninth Street, 51 years of age.

This information was subsequently corroborated by [REDACTED] assistant clerk of Board #77, who further advised from a search of her records that [REDACTED] EL, with residence at [REDACTED] had registered with the Board.

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EL. [REDACTED]

The names of other BEYs secured from the City Directory were not able to be traced inasmuch as those BEYs no longer lived at that address.

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The writer then contacted [REDACTED] United States Employment Service, colored branch, at 717 West Walnut Street, who advised, after a search of his files, that he had registered with him the following BEYs:

TALLIE JONES BEY, 2224 Eddie Street; age 52  
Employment record poor.

EL. [REDACTED]

BEY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] went on to say that the BEYs have often come to his attention through their "obnoxious" activities and that many times after he had referred them for employment to various places in Louisville, Ky. and their reference had been refused by the employer on two grounds; one the activities and statements of the BEYs themselves with regard to their organization and two the immediate antagonism of the employer which developed toward the employee.

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[REDACTED] has been successful in furnishing to this office his membership card, membership button, dues card and dues collection book as well as a copy of the "MOORISH VOICE". This office has made copies of all of these which will be forwarded for appropriate use to various auxiliary offices.

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ENCLOSURES:

TO THE BUREAU: One photograph of the membership card; membership pin; dues card and dues book of the M.S.T.A. Louisville.  
One issue of the MOORISH VOICE; November, 1942 issue.

TO CHICAGO: Photographic copies of the membership card, membership pin; dues card and dues book of the M.S.T.A. together with photographic copies of the contents of the November 1942 issue of the M.S.T.A.

TO NEW YORK: Photographic copies of the membership card; membership pin; dues card and dues book of the M.S.T.A. together with photographic copies of the contents of the November 1942 issue of the M.S.T.A.

TO PHILADELPHIA: Photographic copies of the membership card; membership pin, dues card and dues book of the M.S.T.A. together with photographic copies of the contents of the November 1942 issue of the M.S.T.A.

TO INDIANAPOLIS: Photographic copies of the membership card; membership pin, dues card and dues book of the M.S.T.A. together with photographic copies of the contents of the November 1942 issue of the M.S.T.A.

TO: CLEVELAND, DETROIT, KANSAS CITY, <sup>Wingsville</sup> MILWAUKEE, NEWARK, RICHMOND, AND CHICAGO: Photographic copy of the contents of the November, 1942 issue of the MOORISH VOICE.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

ALL OFFICES FOR WHICH LEADS ARE SET FORTH BELOW SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO COVER THE OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL HOLIDAYS OF THE NOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE IN EACH OF THE CITIES INDICATED BELOW. AS NOTED IN "THE NOORISH VOICE" JANUARY 8, 1943 IS THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY WHILE JANUARY 15, 1943 IS THE NEW YEAR OF THE NOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE. ALL MEMBER TEMPLES WERE ADVISED TO PLAN NOW FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THESE NATIONAL HOLIDAYS. COVERAGE SHOULD BE OBTAINED FOR POSSIBLE VISITS BY NATIONAL OR OTHER PROMINENT LEADERS TO ANY OF THESE TEMPLES AND THE DETAILS THEREOF RECORDED.

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NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK:

b7c Will cover the activities of Temple #34 and Temple #21, possibly at the home of [REDACTED] BEY, address unknown. [REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED] is possibly connected with Temple #21.

AT NEW YORK CITY:

Will cover the activities of Temple #27.

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT E. ST. CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Will cover activities of Temple #22.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

b7c Will cover activities of Temple #9, possibly at the home of [REDACTED] EL. [REDACTED] EL of this Temple resides at [REDACTED]

PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA:

b7c Will cover activities of Temples #11, #33, and #40, possibly at the home of [REDACTED] BEY.

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CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

AT TOLEDO, OHIO:

Will cover the activities of Temple #18, possibly at the home of [REDACTED] EL.

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO:

Will cover the activities of Temple #7 at the home of [REDACTED] BEY.

DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

AT FLINT, MICHIGAN:

Will cover the activities of Temple #19, possibly at the home of [REDACTED] BEY.

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN:

Will cover the activities of Temple #25.

b7c KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

Will cover the activities of Temple #46, at the branch Temple at 1315 North 9th Street.

MILWAUKEE FIELD DIVISION

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

Will cover the activities of Temple #3, possibly at the home of [REDACTED] BEY.

INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA:

Will cover the activities of Temple #17, possibly at the home of [REDACTED] BEY.

AT ANDERSON, INDIANA:

Will cover the activities of Temple #42 possibly at the home of [REDACTED] EL.

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AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA:

Will cover activities of Temple #15.

NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

AT TRENTON, NEW JERSEY:

b7c Will cover activities of Temple #43, possibly at the home of [REDACTED] EL.

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY:

Will cover activities of Temple #10.

RICHMOND FIELD DIVISION

AT PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA:

Will ascertain activities of the members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA Home, in connection with their holidays.

KNOXVILLE FIELD DIVISION

AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE:

Will ascertain activities of Temple #30.

LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY:

Will continue to report results of Air Raid Warden's Survey of the colored section and immediately check Selective Service status of any new BEYS that are uncovered.

b7E [REDACTED]

Will make an effort to place at least one more confidential informant of this office in the Louisville branch of the MSTA.

Will further report information secured from Confidential Informants of this office and will cover the activities of Temple #4, during the coming national holidays of the MSTA.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Colonel G. Kirkman <sup>6+</sup> ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>7C</sup>  
with aliases; ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>7C</sup>  
with aliases; Moorish <sup>6+</sup> <sup>7C</sup>  
Science Temple of America.

Declassified Date  
(Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. 17.23)  
GEOFFREY S. CALHOUN

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>6+</sup> <sup>7C</sup>  
dated November 12, 1942, at Detroit, Michigan,  
relating to the above named subjects.

From the facts submitted in the report, we do not think that  
there is sufficient evidence to establish prosecution under  
the sedition statutes.

However, it is requested that further investigation be con-  
ducted for the purpose of establishing an action under Title  
18, Section 10, United States Code. It is noted on page 3  
of the report that the doctrines purported to be taught by  
the leaders of the Moorish Science Temple of America may  
constitute a violation of the above cited statute. It does  
not appear that the organization advocates the overthrow of  
government by force or violence, but this may be implied from  
the information supplied by ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>62+</sup> <sup>7D</sup>  
It is suggested that sources be developed to ascertain whether  
any of the organizers or speakers of the organization may have  
made any statements which might come within the provisions of  
the statute.

On page 5 of the report it is noted that ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>6, 7C</sup>  
of the organization, is reported as teaching that negroes  
should lay down their arms and surrender to Japan. If it can  
be established that such statements were made in the presence  
of any member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the  
speaker may well be prosecuted under Title 50, Section 33,  
United States Code.



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Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss \_\_\_\_\_

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It is also requested that similar investigations be conducted at Flint, Michigan, with particular reference to the activities of [redacted] referred to on page 15 of the report.

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The activities of [redacted] referred to on page 18 of the report, should be further investigated, along parallel lines. Similar investigation is requested concerning the activities of [redacted] referred to on pages 21 and 22.

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6, 7C  
and 7D  
It is requested that informant [redacted] referred to on pages 22 and 23, advise further concerning the statements and activities of [redacted] reported to be an organizer for the Moorish Science Temple.

It is noted that most of the information concerning the Moorish Science Temple of America has been procured from confidential informants. It is suggested that the integrity and reliability of such informants be definitely established, and that it be ascertained whether such informants would be available as witnesses in the event a criminal case is developed.

It is requested that these investigations be conducted as soon as possible, and that copies of such reports be made available to the Criminal Division.

Respectfully,

*Wendell Berge*  
WENDELL BERGE,  
Assistant Attorney General

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Date: February 1, 1943  
To: SAC, Chicago

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, et al  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J  
SUBVERSION  
OVERTHROW OR DESTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT

I am forwarding herewith copies of a memorandum dated January 22, 1943, received from the Department relative to the investigation of the above-captioned case.

It is requested that the Detroit Field Division conduct the additional investigation outlined in the Departmental memorandum. The Detroit office should also establish the integrity and reliability of the informants in this matter and submit the results of the investigation as expeditiously as possible in accordance with the request of the Department.

The Chicago Office and the other Field Divisions receiving copies of this letter are requested to conduct investigation along similar lines in their Field Divisions, and in addition should endeavor to learn fully the origin and scope of the Moorish Science Temple and its branches in the various cities.

Mr. Telsen \_\_\_\_\_ Efforts should also be made to obtain membership lists of this organization and particularly the names of the officers, directors and organizers of the group.

- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
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- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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To: January 22, 1943

SAC, Indianapolis

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
C. Kirkman Bey, was, et al  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J  
SEDITION

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 22, 1942, at Indianapolis, Indiana, which reflects an interview with [redacted] the Anderson Police Force, and Jack Campbell, Prosecuting Attorney for Madison County, Indiana. Both of these persons stated that the records of the Moorish Science Temple at Anderson, Indiana, had been seized and further Mr. Campbell stated there was nothing in them to indicate a pro-Japanese attitude on the part of the members of the Temple.

It is requested that you determine the date when these records were seized and their present whereabouts. It is believed that in instances where records of this nature are in the possession of law enforcement agencies they should be obtained and reviewed by an Agent rather than relying on the recollection of another person. The date of the raid when these records were seized should have been reported as well as the location of the records. It is suggested that an effort be made to obtain these records as it is believed even if they do not contain pro-Japanese or pro-Axis material, they should reflect the membership and aims of the organization.

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Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

FILE NO. 100-2876

REPORT MADE AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA	DATE WHEN MADE 1/20/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/5/43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases et al. MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (J) CUSTODIAL DETENTION SEDITION

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** No record of subject organization or of individual subjects in Atlanta Field Division.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted]  
dated November 12, 1942, at Detroit, Michigan.

DETAILS: Indices of the Atlanta Field Division contain no information concerning the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA or any of the individual subjects listed in the title of referenced report.

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Re. St. Mary Church & Power Center

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January 22, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: St. Mary's Church and Power Center  
of Applied Christianity; with alias

Reference is made to the reports of Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] dated December 1, 1942, and December 8, 1942,  
at Louisville, Kentucky, regarding the above named sub-  
ject.

The Criminal Division will appreciate copies of the re-  
ports of investigations presently being conducted relating  
to the Selective Service status of the members of the  
above named organization.

It is requested that these reports be made available as  
soon as possible.

Respectfully,

*Wendell Berge*  
WENDELL BERGE,

Assistant Attorney General

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WENDELL BENTIE  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC.  
C. Kirksan Bay, was  
Supreme Grand Advisor and Moderator, et al;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J  
SEDITION  
SELECTIVE SERVICE

Reference is made to your memorandum of January 22, 1943, in the captioned case indicating that there was not sufficient evidence at that time to establish prosecution under the Sedition Statutes. Reference is also made to your memorandum of the same date entitled "St. Mary's Church and Power Center of Applied Christianity" which refers to the captioned organization, requesting further information in connection with this group.

There is attached a memorandum outlining the scope and activities of the Moorish Science Temple throughout the United States together with the following reports:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated March 6, 1943, at Louisville, Kentucky.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated March 16, 1943, at Detroit, Michigan.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated March 19, 1943, at New Haven, Connecticut.

b7c

There have been forwarded previously to the Division of Records the following reports pertaining to the Moorish Science Temple of America:

Mr. Tolson the following reports pertaining to the Moorish Science Temple of America:  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated February 11, 1943,  
Mr. Glavin at New Haven, Connecticut, and forwarded March 9, 1943.  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated February 15, 1943,  
Mr. Rosen at Louisville, Kentucky, forwarded March 9, 1943.  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated February 22, 1943,  
Mr. Coffey at Jackson, Mississippi, forwarded March 9, 1943.  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Kramer  
Mr. McGuire  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated February 27, 1943,  
at Richmond, Virginia, forwarded March 20, 1943.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated March 1, 1943,  
at Springfield, Illinois, forwarded March 20, 1943.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated March 1, 1943,  
at Kansas City, Missouri, forwarded March 27, 1943.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated March 13, 1943,  
at Indianapolis, Indiana, forwarded March 27, 1943.

It is requested that you consider prosecution of the leaders of each branch of this organization who have made statements which may be in violation of the Sedition Statutes or the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940. You will be furnished additional information relative to the activities of this group immediately upon receipt thereof.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures *ph*



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
633 Federal Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

January 14, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: COL. C. KIRKMAN KEY, WAS ETAL  
MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J  
CUSTODIAL DETENTION  
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] in the above captioned matter which will immediately follow this letter by registered mail. [REDACTED] b7d,

Enclosed with this report are the original notes of [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau. b2

It should be noted in this report that the photographic negatives of the "Moran", which is the basic religious document of this organization, as well as negatives of four issues of "The Moorish Voice", for February, April, August and October of 1942 have been sent to the photographic laboratory of the Chicago Field Division for enlarging into readable size.

Inasmuch as the Louisville Field Division is being continuously supplied with additional copies of "The Moorish Voice" which copies are a prolific source of information as to the activities of the Moorish Science Temple of America, such copies should, if they contain pertinent information be photographed and copies made available to all auxiliary offices interested in this investigation. |

The Louisville Field Division does not have either the manpower nor technical equipment available to produce the number of copies required and so a temporary measure has been devised of sending these negatives to the Chicago laboratory for enlargement, inasmuch as the Bureau wishes as much work of this kind as possible be done in the field. However, in view of the large amount of work which should be done in this case, the Louisville office would like to have specific instruction from the Bureau as to how this work could be more economically and expeditiously handled, bearing in mind the fact that this material is [REDACTED] u

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Director, FBI

RE: COL. C. MIRKMAN BEY, WAS ETAL  
ROCKWISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J  
CUSTODIAL DETENTION  
SEDITION

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be used in each auxiliary office for evidentiary purposes.  
Will you kindly give this matter your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

*Herbert K. Woss*  
HERBERT K. WOSS  
SAC

GWR:jf  
100-2273

cc: Detroit

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

633 Federal Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

December 26, 1942

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY, Was; Et Al;  
MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J, CUSTODIAL  
DETENTION, SEDITION. b7c

Dear Sir:

b7c Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] of Detroit dated November 12, 1942 in the above-captioned matter.

In this report it was noted that the office of origin in this case was stated as Detroit, Michigan, although it was also noted that the national headquarters of this organization are in Chicago, Illinois.

b7c Furthermore, the question has arisen in the Louisville Field Division regarding the possible prosecution of local subjects under the Sedition laws as well as the Selective Service laws. The report of Special Agent [REDACTED] sets forth the name of COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY as the principal subject in this case.

b7c The report of Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office which has been forwarded to the Bureau, air mail special delivery, has designated Detroit as the office of origin in this case instead of Louisville.

In view of the possibility of individual prosecutions in this case, as well as the fact that the national headquarters of this organization are in Chicago, will you kindly advise this office as to the correct designation of the office of origin in this case so that all future reports may be captioned accordingly?

Very truly yours, 8

62-25889-55  
*Herbert K. Moss*  
HERBERT K. MOSS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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TT:mme  
62-25389

Date: January 25, 1943

To: SAC, Louisville

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, et al  
SEDITION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J

Reference is made to your letter of January 14, 1943, in the above captioned matter stating that your Field Division is obtaining copies of "The Moorish Voice" published by the Moorish Science Temple of America and indicating that you desire to send photographic copies of this newspaper to the several Field Divisions interested in the investigation of this matter.

It is suggested that if this newspaper does contain articles and editorials of interest in this investigation, these should be reviewed and summarized for the benefit of other Field Divisions. It does not appear that it will be necessary to send photographs of the complete newspaper to each Field Division as it would be necessary to review them in each Field Division and thereby result in a duplication of work. Regarding the use of the photographic copies of the newspaper for evidentiary purposes, it appears that the originals would be the best evidence and therefore should be available for transmittal to any Field Division where it may become desirable to introduce them in evidence. Material such as the "Koran" and other records of the association should

Mr. Tolson be similarly handled.

Mr. E. A. Tamm

Mr. Clegg It is also noted that the original notes of [REDACTED] were transmitted to the Bureau with the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated January 15, 1943, at Louisville. These notes will serve no purpose at the Bureau and as it is well to have them available at Louisville in the event of prosecution, they are being returned herewith.

Mr. Tracy

Mr. Carson In connection with your letter of December 26, 1942, regarding the prosecution of the subjects residing at Louisville, it is suggested that you consult the United States Attorney for any suggestions that he may have in the conduct of this case.

Mr. Kramer

Mr. McGuire

Mr. Quinn Tamm

Mr. Nease

Miss Gandy

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As it appears that the national headquarters of this organization is at Chicago, Illinois, the Chicago Office should be designated as office of origin.

Enclosure - Via Registered Mail

cc Chicago

FIT:mac  
62-25889

Date: January 26, 1943  
To: SAC, Kansas City

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject:

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
C. KIRKMAN REY, was, et al,  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J  
SEDITION

Reference is made to your letter of December 1, 1942, indicating that no further investigation is being conducted by the Kansas City Field Division in the captioned matter, and further that it is being considered as referred upon completion to the Detroit Field Division.

Your attention is called to the Bureau letter of November 6, 1942, requesting further investigation in this matter particularly to determine if the leaders counseled members of the Moorish Science Temple of America not to register for Selective Service with a view toward prosecuting such leaders for conspiracy to violate the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940. It was also pointed out at this time that the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 7, 1942, at Kansas City, indicated that fifteen members were arrested for violation of the Selective Service Act but did not reflect their names or the disposition of their cases.

Therefore, it does not appear that the investigation has been completed in your Field Division and it is requested that in addition to responding to the Bureau letter of November 6, 1942, you determine the extent of the association in your Field Division and particularly if seditionous statements were made at any of the meetings as it appears that speakers before branches of this organization in other Field Divisions have indicated a definite pro-Japanese sympathy. It is desired that this investigation be given immediate and vigorous attention.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC,  
KANSAS CITY

Transmit the following message to:

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, ET AL, IS, J. REBULET NOVEMBER SIX  
LAST ADVISE IMMEDIATELY NAMES OF FIFTEEN MEMBERS ARRESTED FOR VIOLATION  
SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT AND DISPOSITION OF CASES.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Knoxville, Tennessee  
January 12, 1943

Director, F.B.I.

RE: COL. C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases,  
ET AL; MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF  
AMERICA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J; CUSTODIAL  
DETENTION; SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are twenty nine developed photo-  
graphic negatives which were made of a pamphlet entitled "Moorish Voice"  
and one of membership cards "Moorish Science Temple of America".

Please furnish enlarged copies of same to the  
following Field Offices: Bureau, Richmond, Chicago, Indianapolis, New  
York City, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Detroit, Kansas City, Milwaukee,  
Newark and Knoxville.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Murphy*  
W. A. MURPHY, SAC

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Date: January 30, 1943

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To: SAC, Knoxville

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: COL. C. KIRKMAN KEY, with aliases, ET AL;  
 MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R; CUSTODIAL DETENTION; SEDITION

Reference is made to your letter dated January 12, 1943, with which you transmitted twenty-nine negative photographs of a pamphlet entitled "Moorish Voice" and membership cards "Moorish Science Temple of America."

In accordance with your request, one enlarged photographic print of each negative is being forwarded by registered mail to the Richmond, Chicago, Indianapolis, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Detroit, Kansas City, Milwaukee and Newark Field Divisions, one enlarged print of each is being retained in the Bureau, and the negatives and one set of enlargements are being forwarded to your office herewith.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

FILE NO.

100-1553

REPORT MADE AT <b>MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-13-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-4-43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <span style="float: right;">MIN</span>
TITLE <b>SALES OF U. S. WAR BONDS AND STAMPS, which aliases, DR AL [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY CUSTODIAL DETENTION SEDITION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Informants of negro activities advise there is no branch of subject organization operating in the Memphis area.

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DATE 11-13-80 BY SP-4 JSP/K

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated November 13, 1942, at Detroit, Michigan b7c

**DETAILS:** AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE b7d, b7c

[REDACTED] that there is no branch of the Moorish Science Temple of America operating in the Memphis area. He stated that some time ago he read in a newspaper about this organization's branch in Chicago, and, being interested in the colored race, he went to many of his negro friends in town and asked them if there was a Moorish Science Temple organization operating in Memphis, and they assured him that there was not. The informant concluded that he has implicit faith in the sincerity of his negro friends, and he was positive that they would not attempt to conceal anything from him.

[REDACTED] that there is a different condition existing among the negroes in Southern cities than there is in Northern cities. He informed that the negroes in the North forming subversive organizations have mostly the law enforcement bodies to punish them, while in Memphis and other Southern cities, the white citizens would not tolerate organizations such as the Moorish Science Temple and would take it upon themselves to dissolve it.

[REDACTED] that he will keep a watchful eye open for the Moorish Temple, and if he ever hears of any activity on its part in Memphis, he will immediately notify the field office.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <b>[Signature]</b>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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b7c [redacted] that there is no organization named Moorish Science Temple of America operating in Memphis, nor are there any other societies that operate similar to that here. [redacted] that he is personally acquainted with hundreds of negroes in Memphis of all classes, and he was sure that if the Moorish Science Temple had members in Memphis he would surely have heard about it. He explained that an organization as unique as the subject organization could not be kept secret by the negroes long, as the members themselves would be bragging about it to every one they knew.

b7c [redacted] commented that he will notify the field office if he ever received information concerning the subject organization.

b7d, b7c [redacted] who has previously furnished this field office reliable information concerning negro activities in the Memphis area, was contacted, and he advised that he had read quite a bit about the Moorish Science Temple of America in the newspapers. He informed that he was absolutely sure that there is no branch of that organization operating in the Memphis area.

b7c [redacted] President of the Memphis Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, advised that in this capacity as president of the aforementioned organization, he has occasion to meet and discuss with colored people of all classes in Memphis. He stated that he knows of the Moorish Science Temple of America from articles he has read concerning it, but that he has never known of any branch or member of this organization in Memphis. [redacted] that he will keep a watchful eye out for any information pertaining to this group, and should he ever receive any, he will notify the field office at once.

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FBI KANSAS CITY

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DIRECTOR  
FIVE MOONISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, ETAL, IS. FOLLOWING MEMBERS  
OF THIS ORGANIZATION WERE ARRESTED AT KANSAS CITY KANS. JANUARY NINE  
NINETEEN FOUR TWO.

WAS RELEASED IMMEDIATELY SINCE IT WAS FOUND THAT  
WAS TOO YOUNG TO REGISTER. [REDACTED] WAS ALSO RELEASED IMMEDIATELY  
SINCE IT WAS FOUND THAT HE WAS TOO OLD TO REGISTER. ON JANUARY NINE  
NINETEEN FOUR THREE [REDACTED] REY. ST. [REDACTED] REY. JR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REY. [REDACTED] REY. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WERE CONVICTED IN USDC KANSAS CITY KANSAS AND EACH SENTENCED  
TO SERVE FOUR YEARS AND PAY A FINE OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE [REDACTED]  
MEMBERS OF THIS CULT HAVING PREVIOUSLY BEEN RELEASED ON THE ORDER OF  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE US ON OCTOBER TWO FOUR, NINETEEN FOUR  
AS SET FORTH IN REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] DATED  
OCTOBER TWO THREE, NINETEEN FOUR TWO AND AS INDICATED IN LETTER  
TO THE BUREAU DATED OCTOBER TWO EIGHT, NINETEEN FOUR TWO IN EACH OF  
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February 8, 1943

Date:

SAC, Chicago

To:

40858

From:

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, Inc., et al

Subject:

INTERNAL SECURITY - J

SELECTIVE SERVICE

DEFERMENT

A review of the Bureau's files discloses that the headquarters of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., is situated at Chicago, Illinois, under the leadership of C. Erickson Key, "Supreme Grand Advisor and Minister of the Temple." The Chicago Office is requested to initiate immediate investigation relative to the membership and strength of this organization, its attitude toward the Selective Training and Service Act, and if seditious statements have been made at any of the meetings or if a pro-Japanese attitude has been expressed by the leaders or members of the group. The Field Office for which copies of this letter are designated, should similarly determine the nature of the activities of the branches within their Field Division and complete any investigation with respect thereto which may now be pending.

It is observed that the Moorish Science Temple was organized in 1913 by Noble Drew Ali who headed the group until his death in 1929, being succeeded by C. Erickson Key. The organization proposed to recover the birthright of the Moors which they alleged was taken from them and to enable them to again govern their own country, Morocco. The organization also identified the negroes as Asiatics and a strong pro-Japanese sympathy has been found in several of the branches. It also appears that [redacted] an alien Japanese, under the alias [redacted] and claiming that he was a major in the Japanese army, was instrumental in the promotion of a branch of this group in Detroit, Michigan.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated at CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Level: FILE NO. 100-2273  
Report Made At CHICAGO, ILLINOIS for which Report Made By b7c

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY: 2/5/43 Date: 1/18, 18, 21-23,  
2/27, 29, 30; 2/1-4, 2-11/43

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COL. C. KIRKMAN BEY, WAS, ETAL  
WORKS: SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA

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DATE 11-13-80 BY SP-4 JRM/GJ

INTERNAL SECURITY

SEDITION

OVERTHROW OR DESTRUCTION OF GOVT

Synopsis of Facts:

Moorish New Year celebrated by Temple 45 quietly. No plans made of any importance for the coming year. Membership of local organization, comprised of some 106 members, set forth both Agent and regular members. Check of financial records indicates no income or expenditures of foreign nature. Some of statements made to Confidential Informant [redacted] are as follows: "...it is was is the finish of the Europeans (white people). President ROOSEVELT is the last European President who will sit in the chair of that office. After the fall of the Europeans, the country will be ruled by COL. C. KIRKMAN BEY." "...The Japanese are members of the Asiatic Nation and therefore are our brothers." "...The Japanese are trying to teach the Chinese the religion of their forefathers which will bring about the freedom of the dark nations." "...When the time comes, the world will be governed by our leaders and the Moors will come to their Home, where they will be safe while the country is being bombed." [redacted] interpretation of Chapter 45 of the Koran entitled "The Divine Origin of the Asiatic Nation" set forth, linking the Japanese to [redacted]

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Forwarded: Herbert K. Moore SAC:

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of sex, etc., may be forth as obtained from local board reviewing board.

REFERENCE:

Letter File 402-25870.

Bureau letter dated 2/1/43

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Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 1/15/43  
at Louisville, Kentucky.

DETAILS:

It is to be noted that the character of this case is being  
CHANGED in accordance with referenced Bureau letter of  
February 1, 1943, and the accompanying memorandum from  
the Department of Justice; it having been previously  
carried as INTERNAL SECURITY - J. CONFIDENTIAL DETENTION;  
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AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY:

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[REDACTED]

The following information was provided this office by Informant [REDACTED]. From an inspection of the records of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the following was noted, which is in brief a summary of the minutes of practically every meeting since the organization was started in Louisville. Notations as to financial transactions engaged in by the organization and a list of persons who have been associated in any way with the organization were also made. Included in the following list of past members as well as those presently active, will be found those who are regular members as well as members of the Adopt Chamber. Immediately following is a list of the present [REDACTED]

Grand Sach  
Assistant Grand Sach  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Assistant Recorder  
Chairman  
Assistant Chairman  
Mifti (keeper of flag)  
Doorman

It is to be noted in the following list that those addresses which are dated a previous year are 1942 and are thought to be the correct present addresses.

NAME & ADDRESS

CHARTER MEMBERS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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NAME & ADDRESS

CHARTER MEMBER

ADEPT MEMBER

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ARTUR LOVING BEY (deceased),  
924 West Madison

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Nothing pertinent is set forth at this time from the perusal of the minutes of these meetings, inasmuch as the same has not been afforded careful study to date. However, the financial transactions of this organization noted from the period covering August 1939 through September 1942, indicated that the general average of money turned in by the local chapter to the Head Office was as follows:

Adapt. fee rebate	17.00 per head	\$34.00
Monthly dues	5.25 per head	7.00
Special Accounts	From all	15.00

No indication was received that any disbursements had been made nor any income received from any foreign source. Further study will be afforded the financial transactions of this organization in order to verify the above statements.

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[REDACTED] EL, Assistant Grand Sheikess, brought to the meeting part of the Sunday Courier-Journal for January 31, 1943, which referred to the meeting of President ROOSEVELT and CHURCHILL at Casablanca, in a Moorish Garden. It was inferred that even the President had to go to the Moors for his guidance and that therefore the Moors must be right. [REDACTED] EL then spoke on the Chapter in the Koran on the "Rise and Fall of the Asiatic Nation" in which she ranked the negroes with the Japanese, Chinese, Mexicans and other darker peoples of the world.

On February 1, 1943, [REDACTED] EL at her home, during which visit she stated that "The time is coming when all of those who do not have membership cards will be lost. All those who are still called negroes will be out of a job and out of everything else...This country is going to be ruled by Moharrad's law. Why do you think ROOSEVELT went to the Moorish Gardens? .....This country is ruled right now by a Sultan, [REDACTED] BEY. EL tells ROOSEVELT what to do."

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, succeeded in gaining an invitation to become a member of the [REDACTED]

The following information is set forth from his notes, taken during this meeting.

"I made my first visit to the apartment of [REDACTED] EL - learned of the great NOBLE DREW ALI, a prophet of the Muslim religion.....In 1913 he went to Washington, D. C. and demanded the right to reveal the secret of the true nationality of the dark people of this country, to tell them that they were members of the Asiatic Nation. NOBLE DREW ALI is a prophet, the spirit of Jesus returned in another body, and knew the secret and demanded the right to tell them that they were not negroes as they had been named by the Europeans (white men) but were direct descendants of the ancient Moabites and Hamites of North and South Africa. They were known as Moors, and their descendants having been born in America, were therefore Moorish-Americans, rather than Negroes, a name given them by the white man (or European).

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When America was discovered in 1492 by COLUMBUS, it was already inhabited by a nation of people whom COLUMBUS called or named Indians. They, too, were descendants of a tribe of the ancient Asiatic Nation and are therefore our brothers.....The country was taken from them by Europeans who had no right to take it when it lawfully and rightfully belonged to our Asiatic brothers, so we have a perfect right to take it back.

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"I was then shown Temple #45, it was located in the same apartment house, in Room #9. It is a small room lighted by kerosene lamps. I has a long table behind which sits a large draped chair. In the chair is a framed copy of the Constitution and By-Laws written by the prophet MEAL FORT ALL, which is read at each meeting. Just above the chair are two flags on the wall; the American Flag hangs on the left and the Descent Flag on the right. The Descent Flag is blood red with a green five-pointed star in the center. In describing the Descent Flag, [REDACTED] EL stated that it was originally white, but because of the blood shed by our people at the hands of the Europeans (when the Asiatic nation fell from the ruling status) the flag was dyed red. Sometime it will again be white and that flag (she pointed to the American Flag) will come down, although now, for reasons best known to the Knors, it is necessary for it to hang there."

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[REDACTED] attended the regular meeting of the ASTA on Sunday [REDACTED] at which he stated the meeting was "opened at 7:30 P. E. by a prayer to the Great God Allah with all standing facing the East with both hands raised, all fingers on the left hand up and two fingers on the right hand. After this there were songs, the first title being 'Moslem is the Old Time Religion' ... the next song was 'Our BEIS and EIS are Going to Shine', which song was started by [REDACTED] EL. The words are as follows:

Our BEIS and EIS are going to shine,  
Our BEIS and EIS are going to shine,  
When the star goes up and the stripes come down,  
Our BEIS and EIS are going to shine."

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[REDACTED] that he again visited [REDACTED] EL on February 3, 1963 stating: "I wanted to take instructions from the Grand Master, ARTHUR STATION BEY, but did not find him at home, so went to the apartment of [REDACTED] EL, and instruction was given by her.

"I learned that the teaching of Islam, according to the Holy Koran, concerning JESUS is that he was the son of JOSEPH and MARI, an ordinary man but filled with the spirit of Allah, and was a prophet sent to free

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people. He was put to death before he finished this work. [REDACTED] at this point that JESUS was personalized by the ISTA so that the people would feel that no person or thing was beyond their reach or ambition and that they all might strive toward the same goal. This is a strictly religious conception of the organization). Some years later MOHAMED came and took up this work. (JESUS was a married man and the father of seven children, according to the ISTA). Both JESUS and MOHAMED were descendants of the Hamites and Caananites and were of the All Tribe...The next prophet was NOBLE DREW ALL who is the spirit of JESUS returned in another body to finish the work he started many years ago, namely, the freeing of his people, the dark nations of the world. These people are known to Moslems as the Asiatic Nation.


NOBLE DREW ALL went to Washington, D. C. about 1913 and demanded the breaking of the seven seals which sealed the Book of Knowledge of the Descendants of the Dark People of this country and the Europeans present at this meeting fell to the floor like dead men and the seven seals were broken. Then he went forth and began to teach Islam to the dark nation in this country and to name them according to their ancient tribes, BEY and EL."

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In answer to [REDACTED] question as to how they knew which tribe name to take, EL stated that it was impossible to know now, "but that some day three who came from the East would come and tell them the correct name of the tribe to which they belonged...The fall of the Europeans started in 1914 and is the result of their brutal treatment of the Asiatic Nation in this country and all over the world. This was the finish of the Europeans. ROOSEVELT is the last European President who will sit in the chair of that office in Washington. After the fall of the Europeans the country will be ruled by Sultan C. KIRKMAN BEY."

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In answer to [REDACTED] question as to why the Japanese and Chinese were a different color from the tribes of dark people in this country and Africa, he was told that the Japanese and Chinese were the direct descendants of Ham and therefore a different tribe, but are members of the Asiatic Nation and therefore our brothers. [REDACTED] questioned as to why, if they were members of the same tribe, were they fighting each other, to which [REDACTED] EL answered "Because of Christianity their teaching has caused the Chinese to turn into the teaching of Islam. Islam is the teaching of the ancient All Tribes. This is the only religion that will free the Asiatic nation and those who will not accept it must be killed so that they will not interfere with the freedom of the Nation. The same thing will happen in this country. When the time comes, all the dark nations who will not accept the teaching of the prophet NOBLE DREW



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The other 25 members are urged to have no word with the activities  
 of the C. P. U. of Minn. Leader told this may be heard from the  
 outside of a C. P. U. will soon be in this government. They are  
 told that the C. P. U. will be in the C. U. except the Jewish  
 and the Jewish leader. The C. U. is giving money for that  
 group.

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With reference to the notes of both of these informants, it has been reflected that at the past three meetings, there has been very little recurrence of any statements which would give a faint indication of pro-Japanese or pro-axis sympathies. [redacted] the view that it was not necessary to say things of this type any longer because most of the people who were attending meetings regularly, were old timers in the organization and had been attending for years. Therefore a recital of policy or sympathy or the future activities, are more or less unnecessary as it would be a "rehash" of what each of them already knows so well. The only time that things of an evidentiary nature may be expressed is when a new member, such as [redacted] attends a meeting and the Grand Spokesman or Assistant Grand Spokesman, or other members, may say something to him representing the past activities of the organization, which could be considered as indicating Japanese sympathy.

Both clearly stated that continual reference is made to the books that will sell upon this country and that the security which will be afforded by the National Home is one of the main drawing points of the organization.

Chief Clerk of the Carson County Tax Assessing Board, located at Amarillo, Texas. He advised that he had no record of title insurance or automobile registration for any DEYS or ELS in the City of Amarillo or County of Carson.

Informant provided information that [redacted] Head of Sugar Rationing Board #117 at the Military School, Zamboanga and Legazpi, reflected that the soldiers in Legazpi were liked with his [redacted] having spoiled or over indulged. Their names and listed them as are set forth as follows:

DOB	1/11/1951	DOB	1/11/1951
Height	5' 10"	Height	5' 10"
Weight	160#	Weight	160#
Eyes	Brown	Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown	Hair	Black
Race	Black	Race	Black

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Name: ARMA LEM... MOTHER REY  
Registered: 3/5/42  
Address: 150 South 10th  
Age: 34  
Height: 5' 4"  
Weight: 150#  
Eyes: Black  
Hair: Black  
Race: Negro

Name: BIRN... REY  
Registered: 5/7/42  
Address: 437 S 9th  
Age: 52  
Height: 5' 3"  
Weight: 180#  
Eyes: Brown  
Hair: Mixed Gray  
Race: Negro

Name: [REDACTED] REY  
Registered: 3/5/42  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Age: 45  
Height: 5' 4"  
Weight: 150#  
Eyes: Black  
Hair: Black  
Race: Negro

Name: [REDACTED] REY  
Registered: 5/7/42  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Age: 40  
Height: 5' 1"  
Weight: 145#  
Eyes: Brown  
Hair: Black  
Race: Negro

Name: LINDA ELTON REY  
Registered: 3/5/42  
Address: 731 S. 1st  
Age: 35  
Height: 5' 4"  
Weight: 150#  
Eyes: Brown  
Hair: Black  
Race: Negro

Name: [REDACTED] REY  
Registered: 5/4/42  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Age: 16  
Height: 5' 4"  
Weight: 142#  
Eyes: Brown  
Hair: Black  
Race: Negro

Name: [REDACTED] REY  
Registered: 3/5/42  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Age: 34  
Height: 5' 4"  
Weight: 150#  
Eyes: Black  
Hair: Black  
Race: Negro

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

All offices for which copies of this report are designated will attempt to ascertain what connection, if any, the "Brothers of the Military Department" have with the activities of the various temples of the Moorish Science Temple of America. It has been noted consistently in "The Moorish Voice" that the "Brothers of the Military Department" provide entertainment at various parties.

All offices receiving copies of this report are also requested to report any specific plans made by the respective temples in their divisions for activities for the coming year, which may have been discussed during the holiday activities of the Moorish Science Temple of America.

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Will ascertain what connection, if any, the "Pittsburg-Mississippi Club" of women [redacted] members, has with Temple [redacted] at Chicago. It was noted in one issue of "The Moorish Voice" the narrative of [redacted] with reference report, that [redacted] met COL. G. HIRSHMAN BEY in Temple #9 and expressed their appreciation for what he was doing.

Will attempt to verify whether or not COL. G. HIRSHMAN BEY has an advisory committee composed of the following [redacted]

DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN:

Will attempt to verify whether or not COL. G. HIRSHMAN BEY has an advisory committee composed of the following [redacted]

MEMPHIS FIELD DIVISION

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:

Will furnish the last will [redacted] the copies of the report of Special Agent [redacted] at Memphis City which reflects prosecution and failed to [redacted] members of the Moorish Science Temple [redacted].

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LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY:

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AUG 1 attempt to determine whether [REDACTED] has any  
connection with the KETA records of Louisville, Kentucky.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
633 Federal Building  
Louisville, Kentucky  
February 15, 1943

Director, FBI

b7c RE: [REDACTED]  
MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J; SEDITION;  
OVERTHROW OR DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT

Dear Sir:

b7c Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated February 15, 1943 at Louisville, Kentucky, in the above captioned matter.

b7c Reference is also made to the memorandum to the Director from the Department of Justice, dated January 22, 1943, in this matter, copy of which memorandum was made available to the Louisville Field Division. In this memorandum it was stated that from the facts submitted in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated November 12, 1943 at Detroit, Michigan, it was not considered that there was sufficient evidence to establish prosecution under the Sedition Statutes. Further investigation was requested to establish possible action in connection with the advocacy by the MSTA of the overthrow of the government by force or violence.

b7c In view of the fact that the investigation conducted in the Louisville Field Division seems to indicate that there may be possible action instituted against this organization and/or its members in Louisville, under the Sedition or Overthrow of the Government Statutes, it is requested that the information contained in the referenced report of Special Agent [REDACTED] as well as other pertinent serials of this case, be referred to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice for its consideration.

b7d, b2 It is to be noted that the reports of Confidential Informants [REDACTED] have been verified and the information which they have furnished this office in connection with this case, has been accurate and in considerable detail.

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As an additional point, it might be well to mention that the Louisville office is in possession of almost every publication of "The Moorish Voice", which is the official monthly publication of this organization, which has been published since 1939. This has been a prolific source of information, although it does not contain any specific reference to pro-Japanese sympathy. Photographic copies have been made of



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many of these issues as well as copies of the Koran, which is the official religious book of the organization.

While investigation in this matter at Louisville will be actively continued, the opinion of the Department as to the statements and activities of the local group, particularly with reference to their adherence to the policies of the national group, would be of material assistance in developing additional leads in this case.

Very truly yours,

*Herbert K. Moss*

HERBERT K. MOSS  
SAC

cc: Chicago

GWM:jf  
100-2273

at Bureau of Education  
United States Department of Justice  
510 Trust Company Building  
New Haven, Connecticut  
February 16, 1943

JAM:JEF  
100-6195

Director, FBI

RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE  
OF AMERICA, INC., et al;  
INTERNAL SECURITY J  
SELECTIVE SERVICE  
SEDITION  
Bureau File No. 62-25889

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to your letter dated February 8, 1943,  
concerning the captioned subject. Reference is also made to report of  
Special Agent [redacted] dated February 11, 1943, entitled  
[redacted] MOORISH SCIENCE  
TEMPLE; INTERNAL SECURITY J; SELECTIVE SERVICE; SEDITION".

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According to the referenced Bureau letter dated February  
8, the Chicago Field Division is designated the office of origin in  
cases involving the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC. Due to  
that fact, two copies of the referenced report of Special Agent [redacted]  
are being forwarded to the Chicago Field Division. In the future  
the New Haven Field Division will carry the Chicago Field Division  
as the office of origin in all cases involving the MOORISH SCIENCE  
TEMPLE.

Very truly yours

*R. H. Simons*  
R. H. Simons  
Special Agent in Charge



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