



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MALCOLM X LITTLE

PART 17 OF 24

BUFILE: 100-399321

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SUBJECT MALCOLM X LITTLE

FILE NO. 100-399321

Section 17

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TO DIRECTOR -36-

100-399321-SNCODED

FROM NEW YORK

105-8999

MALCOLM K. LITTLE AKA IS-MMI.

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DATE 12-21-83 BY 8269 JAC

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FOUR THIRTY PM MARCH TWELVE, SIXTY FIVE THAT THE PD PICKED UP [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AT THE NYC COURT HOUSE, THIS DATE, WHERE HE WAS
MAKING INQUIRIES ABOUT THE POLICE INVESTIGATION OF THE KILLING OF MALCOLM
X. HE STATED THAT THE PD HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR [REDACTED] THE LAST FEW DAYS.
[REDACTED] SAID THE PD BELIEVES [REDACTED] WAS EITHER INVOLVED IN THE
KILLING OR KNOWS MORE ABOUT THE KILLING OF MALCOLM X THEN HE IS WILLING
TO ADMIT [REDACTED] SUMMARY REPORT ON [REDACTED] RECENTLY SUBMITTED.

[REDACTED] SAID THE INVESTIGATION IS GOING TO NOW CENTER
UPON MALCOLM X-S BODYGUARDS, SOME OF WHOM CANNOT BE LOCATED AT THIS TIME.

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TO DIRECTOR -13-

100-399321

FROM NEW YORK 105-8999

MALCOLM K. LITTLE AKA IS-MMI.

Mr. Mohr	
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Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
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Mr. Felt	
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Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
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Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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THAT NO NEW SUSPECTS HAD BEEN DEVELOPED IN THE KILLING OF SUBJ AND NO
OTHER INFO OF PERTINENCE HAD BEEN DEVELOPED.
END AND PLS HOLD.....

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TO DIRECTOR (100-399321) AND NEW YORK (105-8999)
NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON - ENCODED
FROM PHILADELPHIA 182000

MALCOLM LITTLE; IS-MMI

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Att :
FROM :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-399321)

DATE: 3/22/65

MECHANICAL SECTION, FBI LABORATORY

SAC, NEW YORK (105-8999)

SUBJECT:

MALCOLM K. LITTLE aka
IS - MMI

ReButel, dated 3/18/65, captioned as above.

NYO submitted 4 rolls of 16MM movie film to Bureau, attention Mechanical Section, on 3/16/65, to be developed in view of the fact that film was marked "Exposed" when received by the NYO.

In view of the fact that the film had been developed, it is requested that it be returned to the NYO.

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(1-Mechanical Section, FBI Lab)
1-New York

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Date: 3/16/65

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Via _____

AIRTEL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-399321)
ATT: MECHANICAL SECTION,
FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-8999)

SUBJECT: MALCOLM K. LITTLE aka
IS - MMI

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Attached hereto are 4 rolls of exposed 16MM film
(200 feet) taken of the funeral of MALCOLM X at
Ferncliffe Cemetery, Hartsdale, NY, on 2/27/65, [redacted]
[redacted] or the
benefit of the Bureau.

The Mechanical Section, FBI Laboratory, is requested
to develop, for the New York Office, said film, made
available to SA [redacted]

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SAC, NEW YORK (105-8999)

March 23, 1968

Director, FBI (100-399321) —

MALCOLM K. LITTLE aka
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DATE 12-21-83 BY 8369 jup/ew/ky

Reference is made to your communication dated 3/16-22/68 transmitting
☐ negative(s) ☒ film ☐ photograph(s) ☐ document(s) ☐
 pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request ☐ film has been developed
☐ enlargement(s) made
☐ positive copy made
☐ print(s) made
☐ slide(s) made
☐ negative(s) made
☐ Photostats made

The above is ☒ attached
☐ being sent under separate cover, via ☐ registered mail
☐ REA Express

✓ R.D. Sullivan - 811 R.B.
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10-22 PM EST URGENT 3-22-65 MFR

TO DIRECTOR, FBI --14--/100-399321/, AND PHILADELPHIA

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3/23/65*

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To: SACs, New York (105-8999)
Philadelphia

From: Director, FBI (100-399321) - 369
REC 12

MALCOLM X LITTLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - MMI

ReNYtel 3/22/65.

12-21-83
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NOTE:

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FBI NEW YORK

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URGENT 3-18-65

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TO DIRECTOR -19- 100-399321

FROM NEW YORK 105-8999

MALCOLM K. LITTLE AKA IS-MMI.

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DATE 12-1-83 BY SP-6 JAC/STG

MARCH

EIGHTEEN, SIXTY FIVE, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED RE SHOOTING OF MALCOLM X AT THE AUDUBON BALLROOM ON FEB. TWENTY ONE SIXTY FIVE. [REDACTED] STATED HE WAS NOT IN THE BALLROOM ON FEB. TWENTY ONE SIXTY FIVE. [REDACTED] INFO RECEIVED THAT [REDACTED] WAS AT BALLROOM SAID DATE. [REDACTED] ISSUED SUBPOENA TO APPEAR AT NY COUNTY GJ., MARCH NINETEEN, SIXTY FIVE. [REDACTED] DURING INTERVIEW, ATTEMPTED TO RECORD INTERVIEW WITH NYCPD ON SMALL TRANSISTOR RECORDER.

[REDACTED] STATED NO NEW SUSPECTS DEVELOPED RE MALCOLM X KILLING.

SND AND PLS HOLD.....

MAR 23 1965

MAR 30 1965

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: *87 m*
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-399321)

DATE: 3/19/65

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-8999)

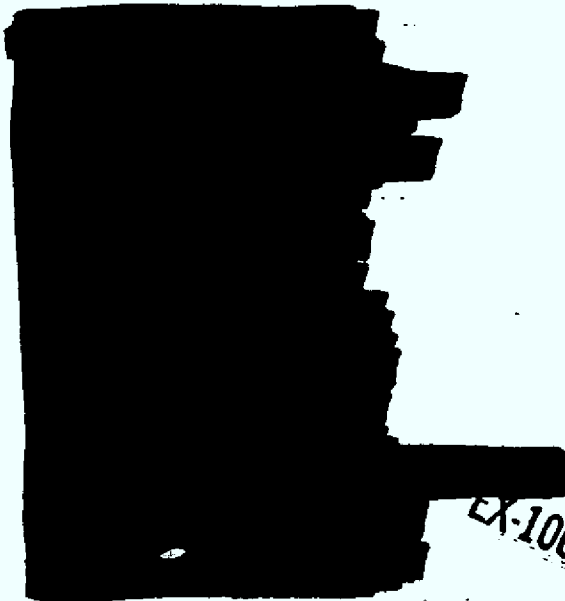
SUBJECT: MALCOLM K. LITTLE
IS - MMI

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DATE *12-21-13* BY *267 JDF/MLB*

ReNYairtel to the Director dated 3/8/65.

b7D
During the weeks March 7 and 14, 1965,
[REDACTED] were shown photographs of
individuals enumerated below, but were unable to
identify any of these individuals as being in
attendance at the OAAU meeting at which MALCOLM X
was killed, 2/21/65, held 166th Street and Broadway,
NYC.

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EX-100

Let - NY
3/27/65
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2-Bureau (100-399321) (RM)
1-Boston (RM)
1-Cleveland (RM)
1-Chicago (RM)
1-Los Angeles (RM)
1-Newark (RM)
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1-New York (RM)

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MAR 20 1965



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] contacted were:

Contacted By

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[REDACTED]

NYO continuing to display photographs of out-of-state MMI members.

Bureau authority is requested to furnish photographs of above captioned subjects *to NYCPO.*

SAC, New York (105-8999)

2/24/65

REC-7 Director, FBI (100-399321) - 371

1 - Mr. Floyd
1 - Mr. Rosack

EX-100

MALCOLM K. LITTLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUS

Bourlet 2/19/65.

Authority is granted to furnish photographs of individuals mentioned in referenced letter to the New York City Police Department (NYCPD) in connection with their investigation of the murder of Little.

As additional photographs are received, it will not be necessary to secure Bureau authority to make these photographs available to the NYCPD.

NOTE:

b7D By memorandum dated 3/11/65, approved by the Director, New York was authorized to furnish the NYCPD photographs of Nation of Islam members who have previously engaged in some act of violence. These photographs are to be utilized in connection with the investigation of the murder of Little. A group of photographs was previously furnished and referenced letter sets forth the identities of individuals whose photographs have been furnished to the New York Office. These photographs have already been displayed to [redacted] were present at the time Little was shot. None [redacted] has been able to identify these individuals as being in attendance at the meeting on 2/21/65 when Little was murdered.

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10:11 PM EST URGENT 3-23-65 FPB
TO DIRECTOR (100-399321) AND NEW YORK (1058999)
NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON-ENCODED
FROM PHILADELPHIA 230300
MALCOLM K. LITTLE. IS-MMI. PX. OTHERWISE

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RENYTEL MARCH 22 LAST, PH TEL MARCH 23 LAST, AND PH
AIRTEL TO NY MARCH 3 LAST.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

REAIRTEL STATES THAT AFTER SHOOTING STARTED [REDACTED]
OBSERVED [REDACTED] ON TOP OF MUSLIM WHO CAME TO U.S.
FROM AFRICA WITH MALCOLM. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NY AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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URGENT 3-23-65

TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON - ENCODED
FROM PHILADELPHIA 231850

MALCOLM K. LITTLE, AKA; IS - MMI.

RE NEW YORK TEL MARCH 22.

[REDACTED] WAS CONTACTED BY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NIGHT OF [REDACTED] AND TOLD
TO TELEPHONE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 12:30 AM THIS DATE.

[REDACTED] STATED DISTRICT ATTORNEY WANTS TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED]
RE MALCOLM LITTLE'S MURDER.

[REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] HE WOULD GO TO NEW YORK ON
[REDACTED] 1965. IF HE DRIVES [REDACTED] WILL MEET HIM OUTSIDE
CITY AND GO INTO CITY WITH HIM. IF HE GOES BY TRAIN, [REDACTED]
WILL MEET HIM AT STATION.

[REDACTED] WILL CONTACT MMI HEADQUARTERS IF POSSIBLE.
[REDACTED] PAYING FOR TRIP.
BUREAU AND NEW YORK WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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FBI NEW YORK

228 PM URGENT 3-19-65 JAM

TO DIRECTOR /8/ /100-399321/ AND PHILADELPHIA

FROM NEW YORK /105-8999/ 1P

MALCOLM K. LITTLE., IS-MMI

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES

DATE

RE PHILADELPHIA TEL TO THE BUREAU AND NEW YORK, THREE

EIGHTEEN, SIXTYFIVE.

DECLASSIFIED BY 8269 JEP/mw
ON 12-21-83

DURING RECENT INVESTIGATION BY THE NYO IN AN ATTEMPT TO
INTERVIEW CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MMI AND OAAU
IN NYC [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REFUSED TO CONSENT TO
BE INTERVIEWED OR SEE SAS OF THE NYO. [REDACTED]

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FBI

Date: 3/23/65

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-399321)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-8999) (P)
SUBJECT: MALCOLM X. LITTLE
IS-MMI

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DATE 12-21-83 BY [signature]

ReNKairtele 3/4/65 and 3/8/65 referring to a

The photo of [redacted] enclosed with
NKairtel 3/4/65 was displayed to [redacted]

with negative results:

On [redacted] advised
that this photograph is identical with [redacted] who was
present at the Audubon Ballroom on 2/21/65. [redacted] was
sitting in the first row of seats nearest the stage. He was
in the last seat on the right as one faces the stage.

NYO is contacting [redacted] and will advise
the Bureau and NK of the results. Copies of this photo
have been made and the original is herewith returned to NK.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Newark [redacted] (Enc. 1) (RM)
1 - New York [redacted]
1 - New York [redacted]

TLB:ats
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[signature]
[signature]

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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8:17 PM EST URGENT 3-25-65 FPD
 TO DIRECTOR (100-399321) AND NEW YORK (105-899)
 NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON - ENCODED
 FROM PHILADELPHIA 252415

MALCOLM K. LITTLE; IS-MMI.

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RE MY TEL MARCH 24, LAST. U

IDENTIFIED JOHNSON AND BUTLER AS BEING PRESENT AT
 MEETING WHEN MALCOLM WAS KILLED. U
 TOLD IT HAS 30 COOPERATIVE WITNESSES. U

DETAILED AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

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 DATE 5/18/77

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 25 1965

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FBI NEW YORK

7-30PM EST URGENT 3-25-65 MFR

TO DIRECTOR, FBI --11---/100-399321/ AND PHILADELPHIA

-----PHILADELPHIA VIA WASHINGTON ENCODED-----

FROM NEW YORK /105-8999/

MALCOLM X. LITTLE AKA, IS-MMI.

RENYTEL DATED THREE TWENTYFOUR SIXTYFIVE.

THREE TWENTYFIVE SIXTYFIVE THAT [REDACTED] FROM PHILADELPHIA WAS INTERVIEWED BY NY DU/S OFFICE AND [REDACTED] PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF INTERVIEW AND [REDACTED] WAS ASKED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE NY COUNTY GRAND JURY IN NEAR FUTURE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THREE TWENTYFIVE SIXTYFIVE, THAT NO NEW LEADS DEVELOPED ON THIS DATE IN INVESTIGATION OF DEATH OF MALCOLM X. [REDACTED] PLANNING TO INTERVIEW ALL KNOWN NOI OFFICERS AND FORMER OFFICERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH POLICE RECORDS. HOPING TO PERSUADE SOME OF THEM TO FURNISH INFO ON THE ASSASSINATION OF MALCOLM X.

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5:04 PM EST URGENT 3-24-65 FPB
TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK
NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON - ENCODED
FROM PHILADELPHIA 242130
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THREE TWENTYTHREE SIXTYFIVE, THAT NO PERTINENT INFO DEVELOPED DURING
THIS DATE RE KILLING OF MALCOLM X. [REDACTED] NOW INTERVIEW-
ING [REDACTED] /KNOWN MMI MEMBER WHO DEFECTED FROM NOI, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND ON SI AT NY/ WHO ADMITTED BEING
AT AUDUBON BALLROOM WHEN MALCOLM X WAS KILLED. [REDACTED] TOLD PD THAT WHEN HE
WAS A MEMBER NOI [REDACTED]

LATER CALLED OFF

[REDACTED] BELIEVES NOI WAS TESTING HIM. [REDACTED] TALMAGE
HAYER, WHO WAS INDICTED FOR KILLING MALCOLM X WAS OBSERVED [REDACTED] TALKING
TO [REDACTED] NOI MOSQUE NO. SEVEN NYC, PRIOR TO KILLING OF MAL-
COLM X. INTERVIEW [REDACTED] STILL CONTINUING AT THIS TIME.

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MALCOLM K. LITTLE AKA, IS-MMI.

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MARCH TWENTY FOUR, SIXTY FIVE THAT [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED BY

PD MARCH TWENTY THREE SIXTY FIVE. [REDACTED] ADMITTED BEING MEMBER OF MMI

HAVING, DEFECTED FROM NOI MOSQUE NUMBER SEVEN, NYC. [REDACTED]

AND MALCOLM X. [REDACTED] SAID THE OFFER WAS [REDACTED]

WHO LATER [REDACTED]

STATED THAT THE

NOI IN NY HAD A GROUP OF PERSONS WHO WORKED TOGETHER WHEN PERFORMING

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STRONGARM TACTICS. HE NAMED THEM AS TALMAGE HAYER, NORMAN BUTLER, THOMAS JOHNSON, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAYER, BUTLER AND JOHNSON WERE RECENTLY INDICTED FOR KILLING OF MALCOM X. [REDACTED] HAS NO PLANS OF INTERVIEWING ABOVE LISTED PERSONS UNTIL INFO CAN BE CORROBORATED BY ANOTHER WITNESS. [REDACTED] THAT HAYER IS TO BE ARRAIGNED AGAIN ON MARCH TWENTY FIVE, SIXTY FIVE, FOR THE SHOOTING OF MALCOLM X AND WILL THEN BE INCARCERATED AT THE PENITENTIARY AT RIKERS ISLAND, NY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT RUEBIN FRANCIS, WHO WAS ARRESTED WHEN MALCOM X WAS KILLED ON CHARGES OF ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON, WAS RELEASED ON TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS BAIL ON MARCH SIXTEEN, SIXTY FIVE. THE BAIL WAS COVERED BY STUYVESANT INSURANCE CO., AFTER CO-SIGNED BY ONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND KEY FIGURE CASES ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARE BEING REOPENED FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE SECURITY INDEX.

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IS - MMI

ReBulet to New York, dated 2/25/65, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 9 copies of a
LHM pertaining to the death of MALCOLM X.

Information _____ was furnished
to _____ who in turn
relayed information to SA _____

Death certificate of MALCOLM X was reviewed by

In view of the fact that MALCOLM X is deceased, his
case will remain pending by the NYO in order that the Bureau
can be kept advised of the pertinent developments in the
investigation of the assassination of MALCOLM X being conducted
by the NYCPD.

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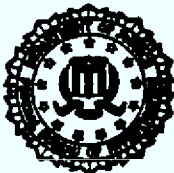
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New York, New York

March 24, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. New York 105-8999

Malcolm K. Little
Internal Security - Muslim Mosque, Inc.

Characterizations of the Muslim Mosque,
Incorporated (MMI), Organization of
Afro-American Unity (OAAU), Nation of
Islam (NOI) and NOI Number 7 are
attached hereto and [REDACTED]

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Malcolm K. Little, commonly known as Malcolm X, had just been
shot in the Audubon Ballroom, New York City, while addressing
an OAAU public rally.

b7D

[REDACTED] February 21, 1965, that
Malcolm K. Little was pronounced dead on arrival by
Dr. J. A. Collins at Vanderbilt Clinic, Presbyterian Hospital,
New York City, on February 21, 1965.

LITTLE, MALCOLM K. M.A. & MRS.
On March 18, 1965, a review of New York City,
Department of Public Health, death certificate number 4133
lists Malcolm X (Little), also known as Al Hajj Malik El
Shabazz, 23-11 97th Street, Queens, New York, date of birth -
May 19, 1925, at Nebraska, father - Earl Little, mother -
Louise Helen, died on February 21, 1965. The death certificate
reflected that on February 21, 1965, Milton Helpern, M. D.,
Chief Medical Examiner, New York City, certified the death
of Malcolm K. Little, caused by multiple shot-gun slugs and
bullet wounds of the chest, heart

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Malcolm X. Little

b7D [REDACTED] that funeral services were held for Malcolm X at the Church of God in Christ, New York City, on February 27, 1965, and he was buried at Ferncliff Cemetery, Hartsdale, New York.

Grave diggers at the Ferncliff Cemetery wanted to leave Malcolm X's coffin above ground until the funeral party left the cemetery. Attorney Milton R. Henry of Pontiac, Michigan, insisted that the coffin be lowered by members of the "Nationalists" and also that they would bury Malcolm X's body rather than having him buried by any white man. Services ended at Ferncliff Cemetery at 12:58 p.m., February 27, 1965, with Malcolm X being buried by members of the MMI.

Malcolm X Little

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APPENDIX

ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN UNITY (OAAU)

On June 28, 1964, MALCOLM X LITTLE, founder and leader of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI), publicly announced the formation of a new, all Negro, militant civil rights action group to be known as the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU), with himself as Chairman. This announcement was made at a public rally held by the MMI in the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City.

A printed and published statement of basic OAAU aims read by MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that it shall include "all" people of African descent in the Western Hemisphere, as well as "our" brothers and sisters on the African continent. It is patterned after the "letter and spirit" of the Organization of African Unity established (by African heads of States) at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May, 1963.

A recording of the remarks of MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that the aim of the OAAU is to eliminate differences between Negroes so they can work together for "human rights," while the initial objective is to "internationalize" the American civil rights movement by taking it to the United Nations. LITTLE condemned the non-violent civil rights movement and claims that Negroes should be taught to protect themselves, when and if necessary. The OAAU will sponsor a program for Negroes of education, politics, culture, economics and social reform.

On August 19, 1964, a confidential source advised that the headquarters of the OAAU are located in MMI headquarters, Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 7th Avenue, New York City.

Malcolm K. Little

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APPENDIX

MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

The March 13, 1964, edition of "The New York Times," a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 20 which indicated that MALCOLM X (LITTLE), former national official of the Nation of Islam (NOI) who broke with the NOI on March 8, 1964, publicly announced in New York City on March 12, 1964, that he had formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). The MMI, according to the article would be a broadly based politically oriented black nationalist movement for Negroes only, financed by voluntary contributions. In this public statement MALCOLM X urged Negroes to abandon the doctrine of non-violence when it is necessary to defend themselves in the civil rights struggle, and he also suggested that Negroes form rifle clubs to protect their lives and property in time of emergencies in areas where the government is unable or unwilling to protect them.

Incorporation papers of the MMI filed on March 16, 1964, with the Business Section, Clerk of Courts, New York County, New York, New York, reflect that the MMI was incorporated under the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York to work for the imparting of the Islamic Faith and Islamic Religion in accordance with "accepted Islamic principals." The principal place of worship to be located in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York.

The May 23, 1964, edition of the "New York Amsterdam News," a weekly Negro newspaper published in New York City, contained an article by columnist JAMES BOOKER in which he indicated that he had heard that the visit by MALCOLM X with Muslim leaders during his African tour has changed him to become soft in his anti-white feelings and to become more religious.

On October 6, 1964, a confidential source advised that the MMI is apparently affiliated with the true orthodox Islamic Religion through its affiliation with the Islamic Foundation (of New York), 1 Riverside Drive, New York City. The only teachings of the MMI are on the Islamic Religion.

A second confidential source advised on October 20, 1964, that the headquarters of the MMI are located in Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, where they were established on March 16, 1964. These headquarters are shared with the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU) which is also headed by MALCOLM X.

Malcolm K. Little

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APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM, formerly
referred to as the Muslim
Cult of Islam, also known as
Muhammad's Temples of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam," (NOI) and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 8, 1964, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the NOI; Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960, MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD'S organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD'S teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

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On May 7, 1964, a third source advised Muhammad had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

Malcolm K. Little

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APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM, MOSQUE #7,
NEW YORK CITY

On May 5, 1964, a source advised that the Nation of Islam (NOI) affiliate in New York City is known as Mosque #7, also known as Temple #7, and is located at 102 West 116th Street, New York City. Mosque #7 is part of the NOI headed by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. Mosque #7 has two branches; Mosque #7B at 105-03 Northern Boulevard, Queens, New York City, and Mosque #7C at 120 Madison Street, Brooklyn, New York. These branches are part of Mosque #7.

The date Mosque #7 originated in New York City is not known.

However, in connection with the origin of Mosque #7, it should be noted that in 1953 a second source advised that there was a Temple of the NOI (known to source then as the Muslim Cult of Islam) in New York City located at 135th Street and 7th Avenue, as far back as 1947.

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OF MALCOLM X. [REDACTED] HAS INTERVIEWED FOUR PERSONS ON THIS DATE
RE MALCOLM X CASE. [REDACTED] ^{member of Islam} HAS LEARNED FROM INTERVIEWING
NOI MEMBERS RE MALCOLM X KILLING THAT ONE [REDACTED] ^{Vel Armstrong} HAD BEEN CONNECTED
WITH A FEW HOMICIDES IN THE NY AREA. NYO FILES REFLECT ONE [REDACTED]
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-399321)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-27649) (RUC)

DATE: 3/23/65

SUBJECT: MALCOLM K. LITTLE, aka
IS - MMI

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Re Boston letter to Director dated 3/8/65,
and Boston airtel to Director dated 3/8/65, which
enclosed copy of a letterhead memorandum captioned
as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and
for New York two copies of a letterhead memorandum dated
and captioned as above. This letterhead memorandum is
not being classified since it is not believed that the
information it contains would reveal

[REDACTED] was interviewed by SA [REDACTED]
on March 12, 1965.

[REDACTED] mentioned as having [REDACTED]
concerning members of Muhammad's Temple
of Islam No. 13, Springfield, Mass. [REDACTED]

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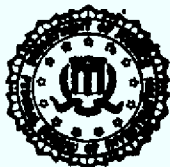
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Boston has not been able to establish the whereabouts of [REDACTED] on February 21, 1965, beyond the fact that he was reported to have left his residence at 1:30 a.m., on the morning of February 21, 1965, and was seen driving off in his automobile. He was not present at the services of Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 11 on the afternoon of February 21, 1965.

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It is suggested [REDACTED] may be able to place [REDACTED] in New York City on February 21, 1965, if he was in fact in New York. b7Dc

Any further information developed will be immediately furnished to the Bureau and New York.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Boston, Massachusetts

March 23, 1965

MALCOLM K. LITTLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - MMI

b7D [REDACTED] is a member of Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 11,
35 Intervale Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts. [REDACTED]

b7D [REDACTED] had no
knowledge as to who might have been involved in the
slaying of Malcolm X and he himself first heard of it
on a radio newscast while he was in his home on February
21, 1965. He stated that he does not believe that Muslims
were responsible for the slaying and he has heard nothing
from fellow Muslims which would make him think differently
or which would make him think any member of the Boston Temple
might have been involved.

b7D [REDACTED] advised that her records show that a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was admitted to Boston City Hospital at 2:00 p.m., on
[REDACTED] suffering from a lacerated [REDACTED]

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MALCOLM K. LITTLE

b7D The records show that [REDACTED] was treated by removing [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] bandaging it, and immobilizing it with a cast. [REDACTED] was hospitalized until [REDACTED] was released. The hospital report shows that [REDACTED] claimed the wound was caused by an accident in [REDACTED]

A characterization of the National of Islam and Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 11 is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

b7D On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that to the best of his knowledge, no members of Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 13, Springfield, Massachusetts, were absent from Springfield on February 21, 1965, the date Malcolm X was slain. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Springfield on that date. [REDACTED] heard no mention in Temple No. 13 of planned reprisals on the part of Nation of Islam members against the followers of Malcolm X.

A characterization of Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 13 is contained in the appendix hereto.

b7D [REDACTED] Nation of Islam activity in the greater Boston area were contacted and advised that they had no information which would indicate that any of the members of Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 11 had participated in the slaying of Malcolm Little.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM, formerly
referred to as the Muslim
Cult of Islam, also known as
Muhammad's Temples of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised Elijah Muhammad has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam," (NOI) and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 8, 1964, a second source advised Elijah Muhammad is the national leader of the NOI; Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960, Muhammad and other NOI officials, when referring to Muhammad's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. Muhammad claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following Muhammad's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including Muhammad, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

2.

APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM, formerly
referred to as the Muslim
Cult of Islam, also known as
Muhammad's Temples of Islam (Cont.)

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised Muhammad had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 7, 1964, a third source advised Muhammad had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to Muhammad, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

APPENDIX

1.

MUHAMMAD'S TEMPLE OF ISLAM NO. 11,
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, ALSO REFERRED
TO AS THE NATION OF ISLAM (NOI)

On March 18, 1954, a source stated that the Nation of Islam (NOI) had become active in Boston, Massachusetts, and knew that it had held meetings as early as November, 1953.

On May 11, 1964, a second source stated that the Temple of Islam in Boston, Massachusetts, is known as Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 11 or Muhammad's Mosque No. 11. It is located at 35 Intervale Street, Dorchester (Boston), Massachusetts, and is the local branch of Muhammad's Temple of Islam whose headquarters are in Chicago, Illinois.

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APPENDIX

MUHAMMAD'S TEMPLE OF ISLAM NO. 13,
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS,
ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE
NATION OF ISLAM (NOI)

On March 9, 1955, a source advised that the Nation of Islam (NOI) had, at that time, just opened a Temple in Springfield, Massachusetts.

On May 11, 1964, a second source advised that NOI Temple No. 13 is located on the corner of Oak and Tyler Streets, Springfield, Massachusetts. The membership refer to Temple No. 13 as either Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 13 or Muhammad's Mosque No. 13. This source stated that Temple No. 13 is a part of the national organization which has its headquarters in Chicago, Illinois.

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FROM SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-39918) (P)

SUBJECT MALCOLM K. LITTLE, aka
IS - MMI

Re Philadelphia teletypes to Bureau, copy for New
York, 3/16, 18, 23, 23, 24, 25/65. u

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he advised [REDACTED] was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was interviewed the previous night by [REDACTED]

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b7D [redacted] and [redacted] of the [redacted] he admitted membership in the MMI and OAAU and told [redacted] where he was sitting when MALCOLM LITTLE was killed. [redacted] showed [redacted] a photo of an individual they identified as a member from NYC and asked [redacted] if this person was on the door when he entered the Audubon Ballroom. [redacted] told the police he thought he observed this person on the door on 2/21/65 either when he was entering or leaving. u

b7D [redacted] was then shown a photo of TALMADGE HAYER. He identified HAYER was a person who stood up and told an individual to his left to "get your hand out of my pocket." HAYER, according to [redacted] then took something from his clothes, either from a pocket or from his belt, and pointed it toward MALCOLM LITTLE. u

b7D [redacted] was shown a photo (full length) of NORMAN BUTLER. After seeing the full length photo of BUTLER he identified BUTLER as being present at [redacted] [redacted] had previously been shown a mug shot of BUTLER which he said looked familiar but he could not make a positive identification from the mug shot. u

b7D [redacted] was also shown a full length photo of THOMAS JOHNSON and identified JOHNSON as an individual who was present at the last OAAU meeting. At the time he could not state whether he was definitely present at the meeting [redacted] was previously shown a mug shot of JOHNSON. He stated JOHNSON looked familiar but could not make a positive identification. u

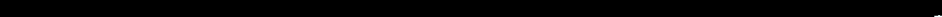
b1 [redacted] b7D [redacted] also told police that as soon as the first shot was fired he fell to the floor. While on the floor he observed a man running out of the ballroom loading a clip for an automatic gun. He only saw this man as high as his hands. He could not identify this individual. u

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[REDACTED]

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b1 [REDACTED] (C)
On 3/23/65 SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] concerning information he could furnish [REDACTED] in the event he was called on to testify. [REDACTED] furnished the same information as previously set forth in this communication. [REDACTED] was also advised to contact [REDACTED] in NYC prior to contacting the Philadelphia [REDACTED] [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to cooperate with the police as he wanted whoever killed LITTLE brought to justice. u

b7D In regard to MMI security, [REDACTED] tried to start an FOI in MMI but that MALCOLM LITTLE would not allow it. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] felt the MMI security was inadequate but that MALCOLM LITTLE gave the final orders on security. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] knew nothing about the shooting as he was in the back room when the shooting occurred. u

[REDACTED] stated he felt the police were indirectly responsible for the murder of MALCOLM LITTLE as they did not furnish LITTLE sufficient protection when he appeared in public. u

b7D With regard to [REDACTED] statement that he was in the back room when the shooting occurred, it is to be noted that the [REDACTED] after the shooting on 2/21/65 stated she observed [REDACTED] on top of the Muslim who came to the United States from Africa with MALCOLM LITTLE. She stated that [REDACTED] was attempting to protect this individual. u

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b1 [REDACTED] (C)X
They asked him who was speaking when he entered and he stated BENJAMIN. U

BENJAMIN then introduced MALCOLM LITTLE and MALCOLM LITTLE began his speech. LITTLE gave the MUHAMMAD greeting, and then stated "Brothers and Sisters." U

After LITTLE stated "Brothers and Sisters" a commotion started a few rows in front of him. LITTLE stopped speaking, came from behind the rostrum and a few people started to stand. LITTLE then told the people to take it easy and sit down. While this was going on the individual

b7D [REDACTED] TALMADGE HAYER, stood up and told a person to his left "Get your hand out of my pocket." The person beside HAYER stated, "I wasn't in your damn pockets." This was occurring at the same time as LITTLE was speaking. After standing up HAYER pushed his coat back and pulled an object from his left side, either from a pocket or from his belt. The object looked metallic

[REDACTED] HAYER then pointed the object he took from his clothing toward LITTLE. [REDACTED] then heard what sounded like a gunshot and fell to the floor. He told [REDACTED] to get down but she was still sitting. He later pulled her down. U

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b1 [REDACTED] (C)
[REDACTED] again stated that the first shots he heard were from directly in front of him. While lying on the floor he felt other shots came directly in front of him and from the right of the ballroom. u

b7D [REDACTED] was then asked if the individual on HAYER's left could be identified. [REDACTED] he was not sure. u

b1 [REDACTED] (C)
b7D [REDACTED] observed JOHNSON sitting to his right. u

b1 [REDACTED] (C)
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b1 [REDACTED] c
Shortly after the murder most people interviewed refused to talk; however, recently many people have furnished information. u

b7D [REDACTED] u
The above is furnished for the information of New York and the Bureau. Philadelphia will maintain close contact with [REDACTED] and immediately furnish New York and the Bureau any information obtained [REDACTED] u

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MALCOLM K. LITTLE, AKA IS DASH MMI
RE NY TEL THREE TWENTYNINE SIXTYFIVE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THREE
THIRTY SIXTYFIVE THAT [REDACTED] BUFILE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FAILED TO APPEAR IN COURT, NY THREE
TWENTYNINE SIXTYFIVE ON CHARGES OF POSSESSION OF A GUN. [REDACTED]
FORFEITED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS BAIL. [REDACTED] WAS ONE OF MALCOLM X-S
BODYGUARDS ON TWO TWENTYONE SIXTYFIVE WHEN MALCOLM X WAS KILLED. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WAS SEEN WITH LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY DAY AFTER MALCOLM X-S DEATH. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WAS WARRANT FOR [REDACTED] ARREST FOR FAILING TO APPEAR IN COURT ALSO
WANTED BY [REDACTED] FOR QUESTIONING IN DEATH OF MALCOLM X. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] KNOWN MEMBER MMI SUBPOENAED TO APPEAR BEFORE GRAND JURY THIS DATE. ACC-
ORDING TO [REDACTED] MAY BE HELD IN CONTEMPT FOR REFUSING TO
ANSWER QUESTIONS BEFORE GRAND JURY. CURRENT INVESTIGATION BEING
CONDUCTED BY NYO [REDACTED] FOR CONSIDERATION ON THE SECURITY

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On 2/28/65, JOHN ALI, National Secretary of the Nation of Islam (NOI) and AUBREY BARNETTE, former NOI member from Boston, Massachusetts, were among the guests appearing on "Kup's Show", a TV panel type discussion televised on tape from Chicago over WBKB-TV from approximately 12:15 AM to 3:00 AM. IRVING KUPCINET, Chicago newspaper columnist and TV moderator conducts the show.

This show was taped by SE [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] the tapes were transcribed by Stenographer [REDACTED]

The following is a transcript of the program insofar as the NOI, JOHN ALI and AUBREY BARNETTE are concerned.

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These persons and remarks regarding the NOI were on the first part of the show only. The information adds nothing more to what has already been reported regarding the NOI and pertinent parts can be readily utilized in annual or semi-annual reports. It is therefore not being put in letterhead memorandum form and is being furnished for the Bureau and interested offices:

The following is the transcript:

KUP'S SHOW - FEBRUARY 27, 1965

KUP:

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen and welcome to another session of conversations unlimited on Kup's Show. Tonight, because the Black Muslims are holding their National Convention in Chicago, we thought in keeping with our efforts to be on top of the news and to present all sides of the question that we would have various representatives for the Black Muslims, against the Black Muslims, and perhaps one or two who are neutral. Let's meet our guests now. First, this is AUBREY BARNETTE of Boston, former member of the Muslims, whose article, "The Black Muslims Are A Fraud" appears in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post. Mr. BARNETTE flew here from Boston and appears in the studio today under police protection. Next is GORDON HALL, one of America's leading authorities on the extremists of both the left and the right. He's a one-man organization. From the great State of Missouri, this is Congressman RICHARD BOLLING, Democrat, who suggests methods for speeding up the legislative process in our Congress in his new book, "House Out of Order". Next is

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Dr. C. ERIC LINCOLN, Social Philosopher, currently at Brown University. He is the author of the definitive study called The Black Muslims in America. His newest book is "My Face is Black". And this is JOHN ALI, National Secretary of the Black Muslims and head of their school here. I'm IRV KUPCINET of the "Chicago Sun-Times", your moderator, and we'll join our lively group right after this message.

COMMERCIAL

KUP:

Gentlemen, I'd like to get right to the point. AUBREY here, whom we have introduced already as a young man from Boston, has written an article in the Saturday Evening Post in which he says the Black Muslims are a fraud. He appears here, as we have announced, under police protection. He suffered a terrible beating in Boston and won a court case as a result of the beating. A number of bones were fractured and other injuries, right, AUBREY?

AUBREY:

Yes.

KUP:

Why do you think the Black Muslims are a fraud?

AUBREY:

I'd say the Black Muslims are a fraud because they have deceived the public. They have tricked their members and they are not carrying out any of the programs that they have projected.

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KUP:

Can you tell us what, more specifically, the programs they have claimed to --

AUBREY:

Yes. Well, one of the reasons why I joined the Black Muslim movement was because I thought it was an organization that stood for a lot of ideals that I could uphold. And this was the idea of moral uplifting. I thought they had a program for improving the moral climate in the Negro community, a program for reforming juvenile delinquents and for preventing dope addiction and so forth. I thought that they had a program of economic upliftment. I thought they had an educational program and after being in the movement for some time, I finally left the movement in disgust because the Muslims, while they publicly pronounced they had these programs, they had never put them into practice and it is my conclusion now that they don't intend to put them into practice.

KUP:

Now, after you announced that you were leaving the Black Muslims or the Mosque in Boston, Mosque Number 11, this is when you suffered that beating which you attributed to your defection?

AUBREY:

No. I had left the Mosque in 1963, in November of 1963, and I didn't suffer this beating until about a year later. I thought that I could forget about the Muslims, the Black Muslim Movement

and I had put them aside and had returned to the outside world of reality, had gone to work in a bank as an auditor. I finally decided I would take advantage of my college training. I went back, I left the organization and went to work in the outside world. And I thought I could forget about the Black Muslims but I soon found in August of 1964 that I couldn't forget them because they didn't forget me.

KUP:

JOHN, this is a sort of a direct attack, a frontal attack I might say on the organization you represent as National Secretary.

JOHN:

Well, one of the first things that I'd like to say. Well, we've been well acquainted for 34 years with different people in America making attacks on Mr. MUHAMMAD and the original Islam. First, I'd like to bring this clear to you and which I'm quite sure you are aware of - the principle of religion which is allowed or protected by the Constitution. And a person has a right to practice any religion they wish. And so it is with us. I mean this is, you might say, a sort of a hypocrisy of this subject occurring on your show because you don't find this type of discussion concerning religious activity anywhere in America except for relation to the Muslims who follow the Honorable

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. A person has the prerogative to worship anything as their religion. If they want to say that this cup is their religion (picks up cup), that is between them and the person who will go along with it. And it is no one's prerogative to say it is or is not a religion. This is guaranteed by the Constitution. And in this case we had the original Islam which has been taught by the Honorable ELIJAH MUHAMMAD in this country for the past 34 years. And he is the man of God and if we're wrong then it's between us and our Maker. It is no one's prerogative to classify us or to say we are approved of by any society or by any other group of people.

And we're not seeking it and we don't ask for it.

KUP:

That wasn't AUBREY's point.

JOHN:

Well, I'm saying that BARNETTE here who alleged to have been with us. I mean, we can understand the article in the Saturday Evening Post. We know the reputation of the Saturday Evening Post as a very reckless magazine because they have several suits against them now for libel and slander. In fact, even the subjects that he says on your show are subjects to inspection by attorney because we have an attorney here who is in for this purpose. And the Saturday Evening Post has a reputation for slander. In fact, -

KUP:

I gather you put your threat in there very slyly, right?

JOHN:

One of the biggest awards ever made against a publication has been against the Saturday Evening Post, which is also a magazine which is beset with mismanagement and loss of advertising review and -

KUP:

I am not going to defend or knock down the Saturday Evening Post -

JOHN:

All this is in connection with understanding the source that is behind this man doing this, because he is a paid man. He was paid for this article in collaboration with someone else and we are very much acquainted with Quislings and how they get their due and so naturally the history of this must be taken into account, too, when you discuss this article on your show because you mentioned the Saturday Evening Post, which right now, this magazine is suffering the loss of advertising revenue and also circulation and a shakeup on their board of management and stockholders fight and everything else. And they are doing everything they can to create attention towards the magazine in gaining circulation. And they are notorious for even printing untruths in order to gain circulation.

KUP:

But the man who wrote the article is right here. Let me repeat, the Saturday Evening Post is not on trial here. He wrote the article. He lived through this experience. You should answer his questions. -

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JOHN:

The article states that he wrote the article in collaboration with someone else. I mean this is - the Saturday Evening Post is not a magazine of fact but is a magazine of fiction. This is the reputation of the magazine. They have had more serial, more document, more theater and plays written from their stories of fiction, like this, than any other publication in the country. And Mr. BARNETTE, we might say, suffers from a figment of imagination.

AUBREY:

Well I certainly have everything, every bit of evidence to document everything I've said in this -

JOHN:

Well, if you have any evidence of anything or fraud of anything, then you present it to the court.

AUBREY:

I have documents to back up every statement that I have made.

JOHN:

Any evidence that you have. - And when you call somebody a fraud, I mean, first you are a college student, and you cite your reputation for -

AUBREY:

The public -

KUP:

Please, one at a time. Let JOHN finish.

JOHN:

And you cite your reputation for being an educated man and you have evidence, evidence which should be presented in courts. If you have evidence of anything of being a fraud, you should present this thing in a court and not going around by making reckless accusations as you have done and are still doing.

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AUBREY:

I am submitting my claims to a court of public opinion.

JOHN:

Because you have none. What do you call is a fraud? What do you say is a fraud? Name one thing.

AUBREY:

Each program that has been projected is a fraud.

JOHN:

Name one program. Name one!

AUBREY:

The economic program.

JOHN:

Name one. What economic program?

AUBREY:

The economic program. The \$3,000,000 Islamic Center.

JOHN:

What about it?

AUBREY:

It hasn't been built.

JOHN:

All right. Then what about it? What is a fraud about it?

AUBREY:

It is a fraud because the money was collected for one purpose, and the purpose the money was collected for, the money was never used for that purpose.

JOHN:

Now that is where I won't say that you are a liar because I'll ruin this show, and I'm much too intelligent for that but I'll say as LINCOLN told one of his generals that you be reckless with the truth. But I'll say this, the economic - The three programs that was announced by Mr. MUHAMMAD. Do you know what some of the money was raised for and as I wrote in the paper about this program, this program -

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AUBREY:

Wait a minute. Please, please.
Now -

JOHN:

You said \$3,000,000.

AUBREY:

The \$3,000,000 program.

JOHN:

There was never no \$3,000,000
program. First you have your
facts mixed. There was a
\$20,000,000 program which
we announced.

AUBREY:

The Islamic Center program.

JOHN:

Is a \$20,000,000 program.
And your reputation for keeping
up to date on things was never
very accurate anyway but when
you mention about a \$3,000,000
program first you mention something
which does not exist. There never
was a \$3,000,000 program.

AUBREY:

I completely agree with that -

JOHN:

There was a \$20,000,000 program
which was announced by Mr. MUHAMMAD
and funds -

KUP:

Let me clear up one point, JOHN,
on the program. In your article
you say that this was a \$20,000,000
educational program. \$3,000,000
was raised and never spent.

AUBREY:

Right.

KUP:

That is what the problem was -

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JOHN:

He doesn't know anything about this. This is a lie. I say he doesn't have any facts for this and the fact, Mr. BARNETTE. We have a warrant out for him now in Boston for misappropriation of funds.

KUP:

Were you familiar with that, AUBREY?

AUBREY:

No, sir. This is a quite new and reckless charge -

JOHN:

It is not reckless.

AUBREY:

- didn't even swear a warrant out.

JOHN:

Listen, he was in the organization and this is one of the reasons why he defected from the group because misusing funds and things.

AUBREY:

I left the organization sometime -

JOHN:

This is one thing he had never stated. I mean, when you write your article why you left, you should -

AUBREY:

It took them some time to figure I had misappropriated some funds, when I left the organization in 1963. This is 1965. And you just getting your warrant out? Sounds like a trumped-up charge to me.

JOHN:

Another trumped-up article, I mean, are you just writing this article now? You haven't listed one thing as a fraud. What is a fraud?

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AUBREY:

The entire program is a fraud.

JOHN:

Now what is a fraud? What program?

AUBREY:

Well, take the program step by step.

JOHN:

I'll take it step by step.

AUBREY:

Well, take a look -

JOHN:

It's on the back page of "Muhammad Speaks" newspaper.

AUBREY:

Right. We're for the war of freedoms.

JOHN:

Right.

KUP:

I'd like to recite once again that I wish one at a time would speak. GORDON, you wanted to get a word in edgewise.

GORDON:

I want to make the point that since this gentleman makes a big issue of the courts and your attorney being here, which is an old gambit I might add, talking business of getting into a squabble like this and they want you to know somebody's listening and therefore you're not supposed to say anything. You know if the courts and the attorneys and all the rest are involved, why don't you take this gentleman to court since the Saturday Evening Post -

JOHN:

I mean, one -

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GORDON:

Let me finish. If he is allegedly so reckless, take him to court and prove that his charge that you people are a fraud, which I would completely endorse having studied the Muslims myself. Why don't you take him to court and have the courts decide in the United States whether what he said is true or false. You make a big issue of all this business of attorneys and all of that -

JOHN:

Well, like I said again, one -

GORDON:

And when this warrant, by the way -

JOHN:

One thing not concerning you at all is our religion and you have no right to tell me how I should act in my religion. I mean, whatever your religion, that is your business. I mean this is the thing that is going on where the religion of black people has been decided by white people and they tell them how they should conduct their affairs. This is what we have, what Mr. MUHAMMAD protests. And how we practice our religion is of no concern to you. You practice yours whatever way you wish. The fact that Islam is in this country is something which is widely known. They have it in the Masonic Society. They practice it. And for you to say that our religion is a fraud. We can expect this from you because Mr. MUHAMMAD teaches the history of the white people

in this country and they are opposed to the religion of Islam and the only success that Islam has been in the last 34 years since the time he has been preaching this religion. I mean, ten years ago, you couldn't find the mention of Islam in even in the printing. His parent corporation, the field magazine, which publishes the Encyclopedia Britannica, or one of the reference books -

KUP:

The World Book.

JOHN:

They call it Mohammedism. Only since Mr. MUHAMMAD has been teaching has there been any respectability given to this religion and much of it. And concerning your trying. There are in fact. You don't even believe in your own Constitution when you tell me how to practice my religion. I mean this is not your prerogative.

GORDON:

This man has so many charges. We'll be all day catching up with him. Let's go back to the beginning premise. I thought -

JOHN:

Let's go back to the principle of religion.

KUP:

Let AUBREY get the floor, please.

AUBREY:

Beginning with the fraud. The religious, the religion of Islam as practiced by the Nation, the so-called Nation of Islam, is no similarity between orthodox Islam and what the Nation of Islam practices.

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JOHN:

Well, if you must understand

AUBREY:

If you must talk religion in here, one of the principles of Islam is that you pray five times a day and there are certain steps and procedures that you must go through in order to pray. Now, in all the years that I have been in that temple, members have been trying to get the minister to teach them how to go through these "rakas" or how to perform the prayers. They have not been taught yet.

JOHN:

Well, that is something that I say is a lie. I mean, how we - again you must understand. I can understand your being so innocent not knowing because you are being used like so many of our people, being used by the white man to fight one of their causes. Because one, how I practice religion. If I want to worship this cup and worship it on that table or on top of the table, that is up to me. There is no such thing as orthodox -

AUBREY:

Well, if that is what you want to do, that is what you should tell, that is what you tell the public. That is what you want to do -

JOHN:

You don't have to tell the public. You tell the public -

AUBREY:

You shouldn't tell the -

JOHN:

You don't have to tell the public.

AUBREY:

public one thing and do another thing.

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KUP:

One at a time, please.

JOHN:

It is surprising how you allow yourself to be used like this.

AUBREY:

Now, the farthest concern -.
Let's go to the University of Islam.

JOHN:

It is one -

KUP:

JOHN, let him finish.

AUBREY:

Now, a university by all accepted practices, and Dr. LINCOLN, you straighten me out, you straighten us out on this -

JOHN:

Speak for yourself. I asked for no flat reason like that for your magazine article.

AUBREY:

Now a university, in order to be classified as a university in this country, you have to have a certain number of undergraduate and graduate schools. Now the Nation of Islam has been advertising for years in their brochures the University of Islam.

JOHN:

All right, bring it out.

AUBREY:

This is only a grammar school.

JOHN:

Bring it out.

AUBREY:

It is only a grammar school. It's not a university. It doesn't have any colleges. It doesn't have any college students. But yet it's advertised as the University of Islam. This is a fraud.

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JOHN:

All right, let's go to that now.
You say that is a fraud.

AUBREY:

That is a fraud.

JOHN:

Well, this will show you how little - I mean, to be a college student, this is really surprising. This will show that you are still on the indoctrination of the whites. In fact, under Mr. MUHAMMAD we are the only people who rightly have the title to use the word University because ALLAH is the God of the universe and Islam is universal. And using names, any person may use any name they wish to go by as long as they are not using for, is not an illegal name. And Islam is universal -

AUBREY:

It is a fraud.

JOHN:

And so when we say university, the University of Islam has never been represented as a school, as a school of graduate studies. It has been always been told -

AUBREY:

Just a minute, by all accepted standards a university has to have -

JOHN:

That is by your, by white man's standards. By your standards. By the things that you go by.

AUBREY:

When we live in a -

JOHN:

We who

AUBREY:

country we usually use the English language.

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JOHN:

We who have knowledge, we have, we know, that when we say the University of Islam it is referring to the school and -

KUP:

Let me get this straight now, JOHN -

JOHN:

Yes?

KUP:

You say the University of Islam is a grade school?

JOHN:

It goes from the kindergarten to the 12th grade. Right. And it has never been represented as -

KUP:

It has nothing to do with -

JOHN:

It is not a graduate school.

KUP:

Or a university.

JOHN:

The name of the school is the University of Islam.

KUP:

Well, the -

JOHN:

Because Islam is universal. It assuages (?) even more than this world.

KUP:

Well, you explain that by saying this is your decision to qualify that name.

JOHN:

No. Mr. MUHAMMAD's decision.

KUP:

Yes.

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JOHN:

To qualify this, which is his prerogative because university involves more than just locale of some buildings or 20 things. These are things of the white man's -

AUBREY:

It has to have a couple of undergraduate schools present there.

JOHN:

standards where they have the American Association of Colleges where they say in order for a university to exist and they have proof of it, say all right it must have 20 buildings, one library with 500 books and such and such like that. We're not seeking accreditation from that group and we're not representing ourselves as belonging to that group. And the right of this name to be on this school which goes from kindergarten to the 12th grade which anyone knows and if you've been there and if you ever was around, your eyes really are closed much more than what we thought.

AUBREY:

I've been in quite a few towns.

JOHN:

The school has never been represented as anything more than that. And if Mr. MUHAMMAD desires

AUBREY:

It has been represented as the University of Islam.

JOHN:

This is one of the reasons why he has this \$20,000,000 program is to build, is to build schools of our own among our people. And to have, and he's been stating this that he wants to build. It is in his program. He wants to build; he wants to build houses.

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AUBREY:

That is part of a program. That is a program.

JOHN:

And we have children, we have over 600 children. We have children now who are going to school and we don't have delinquency existing among our children and if we had the facilities we would have -

AUBREY:

This is another fraud.

JOHN:

more than Muslims going there.

AUBREY:

This is another fraud. That you don't have delinquency existing among Muslim children.

JOHN:

Right. The only delinquent we have is you and we're -

AUBREY:

I'm not -

JOHN:

glad that you're not with us.

AUBREY:

I'm not going to belittle, I'm not going to belittle anything that you -

JOHN:

You belittle yourself by being in public.

KUP:

Let him finish, now. One at a time.

AUBREY:

If you do something --, I give you credit for it. But when you say you don't have any juvenile delinquency among Muslim children, you're deceiving the people or you're deceiving yourself. Because juvenile delinquency definitely does exist among the Muslim children.

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JOHN: Name one. Name one.

AUBREY: Several cases.

JOHN: Name one!

AUBREY: In Boston.

JOHN: Name one!

AUBREY: In Boston -

JOHN: Name one!

KUP: Well, let him name it, JOHN.

AUBREY: In Boston, there is a case -

JOHN: Name one!

AUBREY: where a child was taken away from -

JOHN: Name one!

AUBREY: his Muslim parents and taken to his Christian parents in order to stay out of reform school.

JOHN: Name one!

AUBREY: In Boston, Massachusetts, that is the case.

JOHN: Name the people. I mean you are citing something that it is a hypo -

AUBREY: That is the case.

JOHN: Hypo, hypothetical proposition.

AUBREY: It is not a hypothetical case. I know the case.

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JOHN:

Name and names.

AUBREY:

I know the case very well. And in fact -

JOHN:

Name the names. You say something which is irrelevant, immature and not pertaining to the issue. You are a man which does not deal with facts.

KUP:

Let's pause here a moment for a message and we'll be right back.

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KUP:

GORDON, you want to get a word in edgewise between these two combatants.

GORDON:

I'll try to. If we accept the basic premise from this side of the table that a group establishes itself as a religion in this country and once having established itself, that no criticism should come, therefore, because the person has his own religion and that is his business and not yours or mine. This would mean then that let us say, then that we can have a Christian group anywhere in the United States set itself up with the word "Christian", which is done all the time, the country is loaded with hate groups with the word "Christian" in the title, -

JOHN:

(Starts to speak)

GORDON:

Let me finish. And then they began to assault Roman Catholics and Jews and anybody that they happen to dislike, but because they are a Christian religion, so-called, and incorporated under that title, no one is allowed to say anything

about the viciousness of the attacks on other groups because they are a religion. This is a totally false premise and the Muslims, like everybody else in the United States, are subjected to press criticisms, television criticisms, analysis and all the rest. There is nothing sacred about ELIJAH MUHAMMAD although apparently you think so.

JOHN:

Well, I'd like to answer you on that. I mean, I can appreciate and understand your type on this because this is written what would be done. Because Mr. MUHAMMAD is a man of God, and we don't object to criticism. In fact, we expect it because it is written that the last day, the last day would have attacks from unbelievers and hypocrites and devils. And so, we can expect this. We understand this coming from you. Because you are opposed to Islam from the very beginning. It is not your nature to accept it. And we can understand your criticizing it and going against it and also opposing it and getting others to do this because it is written, that you'll be doing this.

GORDON:

You weren't listening to what I was saying before.

JOHN:

Because, and from your attack on Mr. MUHAMMAD's position. From your attack on Mr. MUHAMMAD, this shows the, this shows the shallowness of your mentality. I mean, you attack the man because you are on this program.

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GORDON:

I simply said there is nothing sacred about him. Has that become an attack?

JOHN:

I mean he is sacred. I mean, we say that he is a man from God. And not something incorporated or going into the laws of the state on the religion laws. I mean something that he has a message directly from God. And if you object to his methods -

GORDON:

A final point, -

JOHN:

You have the -

GORDON:

A final point -

JOHN:

opportunity tomorrow because he will be at the Coliseum speaking there tomorrow at 2:00 PM and never yet has any white person come up and denounced the teaching that he's teaching for the past 34 years as being something false or fraud as they have paid people among us to do. This has never, there has never been one white man to denounce him. I mean, the man is teaching a religion. He is teaching our people to clean themselves off; he is teaching them not to be addicts. He is teaching them to be self-sufficient and to do things for themselves. Why should you object to this? Why should you denounce this man as not being sacred? What has he done to you? How does this interfere with you? Teaching our people the principles of Islam -

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GORDON: Can we go back to what I said?

JOHN: No. Wait a minute, -

GORDON: You're making a long-winded, -
Can we go back to what I said.

JOHN: No. You're trying to disguise
yourself and cover up your
hatred for this man which we
all know about.

GORDON: I mean -

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JOHN:

Because you have

GORDON:

You said a few minutes ago
that you never heard about me.

JOHN:

Why are you concerned about
him?

GORDON:

You said a few minutes ago you
never heard about me. So how do
you know about all the things
I've said?

JOHN:

Why are you concerned about
him? Why do you come on this
program? To discuss MUHAMMAD?
I told you -

KUP:

Wait one second. This is getting
no place, JOHN. Let me turn to
Dr. LINCOLN. Let me turn to
Dr. LINCOLN, on one side.
Dr. LINCOLN, you've made a
definitive study of this group.
I'd like to get your opinion
of the Black Muslim movement.
There is no doubt there is
some good points to the organization.

LINCOLN:

Well, as you know, I made the
study as a social philosopher
not as a partisan, not as an
opponent of Islam and not as a
salesman for Islam. What I did,
beginning in 1956, was to try to
study the movement with all of
the tools that a sociologist

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LINCOLN:

normally uses and to get as much insight into the movement as I could get. I feel that I know a little bit about Islam as it is taught by Mr. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. I do not claim to know all. After all, I was a person outside the movement and not inside and there were certainly some things that perhaps I possibly do not know. But nevertheless I feel that I know something about it and certainly I know something about it from the point of view of a sociologist.

KUP:

Now, you made a statement that there is about 100 thousand members which AUBREY has differed with you on. He claims the membership is much much smaller. About 7,000 I think, according to your article. Is that right, AUBREY?

AUBREY:

Yes. The present membership is at around 7,000, at the peak.

JOHN:

Well, I'd like to comment on that because, one -

KUP:

One second.

LINCOLN:

I'd like to speak to the question. At the time I began research on the movement in 1956, this was several years ago and my estimate of 100,000 members was made around 1960 when the movement seemed to have gained membership and seemed

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LINCOLN:

to have been at a pinnacle. I have never offered this number as a hard and fast number for the membership.

KUP:

Would you make a guess about its membership today?

LINCOLN:

This was the number at which I arrived at through my, through my own calculations, my visits to many, many temples, to questionnaires that I sent out, to talking with other people and so on. And this also was not limited to what you might call card-carrying Muslims. One thing about the Muslim movement is that there are many people who apparently follow the teachings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD who are not formally associated with the movement. Now whether the membership of the movement is down to 7,000 now as Mr. BARNETTE claims, or whether it is up to 200,000 now as Mr. MUHAMMAD claims, I frankly don't know.

JOHN:

Well, I'd like to make one point. Mr. MUHAMMAD is not claiming any membership of any figure. I mean, well, first of all you must understand the nature of Mr. MUHAMMAD's mission. I mean, his job is delivery of a message to the so-called American Negro and the principle of Islam is based on principles of practice or beliefs, five principles. One is belief

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JOHN:

in the law of the apostles and the books they wrote, prayer, charity, fasting, and pilgrimages when they are financially and physically able. And anyone, if they are practicing no principles, can be a Muslim or may not be a Muslim. It is up to the individual and if a person is practicing a principle that is what makes them a Muslim. And they can be practicing a principle and not necessary for a person to attend our mosque, too, in order to be a member. They can read Mr. MUHAMMAD's life in the paper. Anywhere they get it. They can get it from another person. And that is up to the individual, because we are not claiming membership of any nature.

KUP:

(Starting to speak)

JOHN:

I was going to say this, Mr. KUP. Mr. MUHAMMAD is teaching on nationwide radio across the country every Sunday. We have our paper which is one of the, is the widest circulated news medium among the so-called American Negro that is getting his message out. And any one of the people all across the country hearing may at one time or may at another time be practicing the religion of Islam. And this is what makes a person a Muslim and not cards. We don't carry any cards around or anything of that nature.

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AUBREY: What is the purpose of the letter that is sent out, JOHN?

LINCOLN: May I speak?

AUBREY: Each prospective person who attends a temple meeting, he receives a letter. And he fills it out and either says he has attended two or three meetings and he believes in the teaching and then he signs his name and he gets an answer back.

JOHN: Well, that explains itself.

AUBREY: That is the same as his enrollment. What is the purpose of it?

JOHN: It explains one who has attended the meeting. But we have people who read the "Muhammad Speaks" newspaper, which is out every Friday. With the newspaper we have people listening to Mr. MUHAMMAD's broadcasts which are, which we have on one of the most powerful transmitters in the country, on XERF which broadcasts not only in the United States but all the way up -

AUBREY: But certainly you don't have -

JOHN: to the Dominion of Canada, South America and other places.

AUBREY: But certainly you wouldn't have a letter to, certainly you wouldn't have a letter to claim a person who has been to a -

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JOHN:

This letter -

KUP:

One minute.

AUBREY:

teaching or not. I mean, it is obvious if you see him there at the teaching, he's been there at the meeting. Why give him a letter?

JOHN:

Mr. MUHAMMAD, I mean, Mr. MUHAMMAD and his ministers. They study. After a person hears, they don't have the--. Like you, you're not responsible for yourself anymore. All his job is the clear deliverance of his message to our people and not necessary for them to attend our meetings or attend in mosques or attend meetings of that nature in order to follow. They're told to either accept it or reject.

LINCOLN:

I want to return, if I may, to the question of membership. Because I think that it is important insofar as Mr. BARNETTE has found one figure and I have suggested another. I interviewed Mr. MUHAMMAD less than three hours ago and he said to me at that time that his membership was certainly in excess of 200,000. He did not nail down the figure.

KUP:

What did he base that on, Dr. LINCOLN?

LINCOLN:

Officially, I did not ask him his basis for it but he said that. He also said as far as people who were following him who

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LINCOLN:

were not, I hope you don't find the word offensive, by card-carrying Muslims -

JOHN:

I was going -

LINCOLN:

I don't intend to take offense.

JOHN:

I'm not understanding you, Doctor.

LINCOLN:

All right then. Well, he said that insofar as followers were concerned he perhaps had well over a million. He said perhaps and he didn't know. He did not attempt to be definite at that point.

KUP:

Did he explain why the attendance at the Coliseum is so small then, if he has such a large membership?

GORDON:

--and much less attendance today.

JOHN:

Well, I'll say this -

LINCOLN:

May I continue my statement, please? He also said further that in the last year, this is a statement since the defection of MALCOLM X, it is his claim that the membership has doubled. There is one other point I would like to make for clarification about attempting to take sides here.

KUP:

Well, let me ask you before you leave that field, do you,

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KUP:

as a sociologist, do you accept this as face value or do you have some system of checking this figure?

LINCOLN:

I have no way, no accurate way of course of checking the membership of Islam. I don't believe anybody has. For an organization of this type, it is impossible, so far as I know even for anyone who is a member of the organization to say with accuracy what the membership is.

KUP:

And you're saying his figure may be as wrong as the 2 million or the 1 million or the 100 thousand. Anyone may be wrong.

LINCOLN:

I figure, I would say this. That Mr. BARNETTE arrives at his figure and certainly through a method that he believes to be accurate and true. And I try to do the same thing. But of all the people who have been studying the Muslims and there have been many, I do not know any 2 people who agree on number. I don't think that they can.

KUP:

Un huh.

LINCOLN:

Let's take ALEX HALEY (ph.), LOUIE LOMAX, and since I have been studying the Muslims I have received hundreds of letters from graduate students all over the country and from police officials who have been studying officials who have been

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LINCOLN:

studying the movement and I have never seen two figures that were identical. Also, I will be frank with you. I simply don't know.

KUP:

Yes, that's understandable.

JOHN:

Mr. -

LINCOLN:

One, one other thing. Just as a matter of academics. The question of the word, the use of the word university. I may be able to clear up something along this line. Back in the 1860's and 70's, when most Negro colleges were established in this country, they almost invariably called themselves universities. I think that this was probably to show their aspiration to become universities and probably to elevate at least within their own minds what they themselves were doing. To give you a concrete example. I teach at Clark College in Atlanta, which was established in 1869 as Clark University, when it was really just a normal school at that time. They didn't drop the name university until 1940. I can give you another example. Claflin College in South Carolina, which is a school much smaller than mine, calls itself Claflin University. So, I think, this is perhaps, I don't know Mr. BARNETTE, but

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LINCOLN:

this is perhaps how the use of the name came to be.

KUP:

While we're talking about membership, let me get to another point which I think is very serious. JOHN, I'd like to get your opinion. Because I think AUBREY touched on a very important thing here. He says in the Saturday Evening Post article that he came to realize that the one thing the Muslims cannot live with is success. The Muslims want no part of successful people. For this reason Muslims do not court prominent Negroes. CASSIUS CLAY is one exception, of course. But one thing that has amazed many people is the lack of any Negro intellectual, any Negro of any prominence to support this movement.

JOHN:

By explaining intellectual -

KUP:

Can you explain that?

JOHN:

I mean, intellectual means dealing with a person who has knowledge. It can mean someone who is, when you say intellectual what do you mean, intellectual? Do you mean someone having degrees, going to college and who have a string of degrees?

KUP:

Let's not get into a battle of semantics.

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JOHN: I want to know what you mean when you say university.

KUP: I didn't say that. I said intellectual.

JOHN: Because we have, because we already had difference of words here on university.

KUP: There are many Negro intellectuals. Dr. LINCOLN is recognized as one. RALPH BUNCHE, -

JOHN: Well, I'll tell you.

KUP: There are thousands of Negro -

JOHN: Well, I'll tell you. All the Muslims who follow Mr. MUHAMMAD we call them intellectuals.

KUP: Well, you know they're not, though. To classify the American Negro, -

JOHN: I mean, according to whose standards are you going by? By your standards? The white man's standards? Or are you going by -

KUP: No. I'm going by the accepted standards.

JOHN: Are you going by the standards of the world? Or what people have -

KUP: I'm going by accepted standards, JOHN. Apparently -

JOHN: Are you going by the accepted standards where people are concerned

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JOHN:

about the knowledge of themselves? I'd say that we're all intellectuals. Because it takes a very intelligent man to recognize when he has been lost and cut off from his own people and realize he must now do something for himself. And Mr. MUHAMMAD -

KUP:

Name one intellectual, the status of Dr. LINCOLN -

JOHN:

I'll name one -

KUP:

Mr. RALPH BUNCHE, or anybody else.

JOHN:

I'll name one greater, Mr. MUHAMMAD, because he himself, the very fact that he had this discussion on your show shows he was intellectual. If he wasn't, you would not be discussing him. Here's a man who -

KUP:

No, we discuss people of all walks -

JOHN:

I mean if he were -

KUP:

of life. That's no category.

JOHN:

I mean, by the very fact that he is intellectual is the fact of your conversation here. Because why would you be concerned about a man who went less than a normal grade school education and you have doctors here, you have doctors here, you have Congressmen here and you have college graduates. Why are you college graduates concerned about this little man who is an uneducated man, according to your standards?

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KUP: Well, do you mean that if we're discussing the Klu Klux Klan, -

JOHN: Wait a minute -

KUP: on the same level that you would say these were intellectuals, because we're discussing them?

JOHN: No, -

KUP: Is that your argument?

JOHN: No, I'm saying this. It is even more to his credit that he can take people who were formerly dropouts out of school - inspire them to do things for themselves.

KUP: Well, let me go back to the original question, JOHN.

JOHN: If we felt like going to school, we have, we don't make claims. We're not braggarts or going around bragging and saying who we have in our midst. Because in Islam we accept everyone; whether they be uneducated or educated, whether they be professional or unprofessional. I mean, we have many in our group. I don't mean we don't go around telling you that this man does good. Like they do in the American society where they have these status symbols and things and we, who belong to a certain category that you had \$10,000 and you have a ranch home and all these different things. Because we're not concerned with those status symbols. Or you go to Brown University, -

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KUP: Well, you made your point; will you hold it?

JOHN: Because I've gone to school myself. We have a -

KUP: Let me turn to a sociologist. Let me turn to a sociologist. One second, JOHN. This will be an interesting point for a sociologist. Can you explain, Dr. LINCOLN, why on my terms, no Negro intellectual or no Negro of any stature has accepted or supported ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the Honorable ELIJAH MUHAMMAD?

LINCOLN: Well, essentially this is a mass movement. And as a mass movement, it will have an appeal to a certain class of people which will not normally -

KUP: What kind of people would you say are included in this class?

LINCOLN: I would say that it would appeal primarily to the people who are the most disprivileged, the people who are the farthest down and the people who have not been, for reasons of various kinds of profession, to make their way successfully in today's world in which they live. And these are likely, though not exclusively, they are likely to be the people that include fewer of what we would call intellectuals and other groups. However, there are some people in the Black Muslim movement

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LINCOLN:

who are well-educated and I can think of at least one who might be called an intellectual. This is LONNIE CROSS, who has a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Michigan, I believe, and who was chairman of the department of mathematics or at least taught mathematics at Atlanta University. I believe he is at your Washington Center.

JOHN:

In fact, we have many intellectuals. Dr. CROSS is one of your associates. But we have many more who go to college and schools -

LINCOLN:

This I don't doubt but I just want to point -

JOHN:

We graduate them ourselves. We have some going to Harvard. We have some going to Brown. We have some going to Loyola, right here, the University of Chicago. We have some going to, going all over to schools.

AUBREY:

(starting to speak) - In the whole time I was in your organization, -

JOHN:

Let me finish -

KUP:

Go ahead, JOHN.

JOHN:

I want to talk. Let me finish. One more thing you understand, too, is what you might call the intellectual classes going on. Anyone who made a study of revolution or change always

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JOHN:

finds that the intellectual class are generally the privileged class going with the present society. And Mr. MUHAMMAD is teaching a religious movement which is dedicated to change in the last day. Where a divine God with the, or the God will be behind them. And you have a similar parallel, a precedent in the history of Moses. Because Moses too, history is compared to Mr. MUHAMMAD. They were both uneducated people and they had what you call the uneducated with them. I mean the people that were following Moses were uneducated and the intellects opposed him like they oppose Mr. MUHAMMAD. And they objected to him because they went along with the Pharoah. Because the benefits and the stature they received were granted by the Pharoah. And this is the only way they could maintain these things by continuing to go along with Pharoah.

KUP:

Your history is a little bit wrong, JOHN, but we have to, pardon me, JOHN, we have to interrupt for a message. We'll be right back.

COMMERCIAL

KUP:

A short time ago, gentlemen and audience, we had the late MALCOLM X on the show and we'd like to show you a clip from our previous broadcast of January 30th, a few weeks before he was assassinated, to show you what he said on this show, after which we'll come back to hear from CASSIUS CLAY.

VOICE:

MUHAMMAD is a faker and -

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MALCOLM:

If ELIJAH MUHAMMAD really believed in the same god that I believed in; I believed in ELIJAH MUHAMMAD stronger than he believed in himself. I believed in his God more than he did and I was not aware of this until I found that he was confronted with a crisis in his own personal moral life and he did not stand up as a man. Anybody can make a moral mistake but when they have to lie about it and will be willing to see that murder is committed to cover up their mistake, not only are they not divine, they're not even a man. If a man sits as a judge and a woman is brought in front of him and charged with adultery and the judge himself is the one with whom she committed adultery but the judge stands up and berates the woman, letting no, in order to make no one even suspect that he is the real criminal who was involved with the woman and humiliates her and then sends her into isolation, completely destroys her reputation, with no kind of protection for her, of her whatsoever. And she takes it, she loves him so much and believes so strongly in his sense of justice so much she allows herself to be projected almost as a prostitute and that man permits this, then that is not a man. To have gotten weak for a woman is one thing. It is human, and it is natural. But after getting weak and completely destroying her reputation, to do nothing whatsoever to protect her as a woman, then he is not a man. And to commit murder and to see followers line up to kill each other and to mutilate each other, then this is not a man.

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VOICE:

Doesn't ELIJAH MUHAMMAD preach non-violence and the non-use of guns and weapons and so forth?

MALCOLM:

When I was in the Black Muslim movement we never carried weapons. We were taught against that. And we were never taught that. We never actually fought at any time. We were told that God was going to come, you know, and do all these things. When the Muslim brothers were beaten in Louisiana, we weren't allowed to fight back. Nothing was done to equalize the situation. ELIJAH told us that God would come and do it. But to show you that there is lack of consistency. Now he orders his followers to go out and attack each other, to mutilate each other. If the ability, the talent, the skill, the know-how, the Black Muslim brothers have been trained into were used against organizations like the Klu Klux Klan or the White Citizens Council or the racist elements in this country, then I could somewhat go along with the present trend of their fighting each other, too. But when all of their physical energy is expended fighting only, fighting each other then I say something is wrong.

KUP:

Are you trying to tell us that there's been an attack on your life because of your withdrawal or dismissal from the Muslim organization?