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TITLE

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC.: ET AL

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INTERNAL SECURITY - J
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SYNOPSIS:

[REDACTED] The movement has been unpopular in Richmond and the members are said to be harmless religious fanatics of low intellect. They have little contact with persons outside their group and apparently make no effort to expand. Data identifying persons connected with MSTA #6 set out. Most of the men are too old for induction into the armed forces. [REDACTED] former teacher of MSTA #6, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] California. [REDACTED] BEY, present teacher, MSTA #6, stated he thinks this war is a religious war, and he is undecided which side is right, and that there are only two nationalities: European and Asiatics, and the negroes are Asiatics.

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He said the war between the Japanese and Chinese is like two brothers arguing, one telling the other what to do. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BEY stated it is against Moorish religion to kill anything, and it is his opinion that it would be dangerous to compel a man to fight against his religion, as such a man might turn around and shoot those who make him fight. [REDACTED]

✓ BEY, formerly a member of ISTA #6, and now connected with ISTA at Baltimore, Maryland, stated he would go to jail before he would go into the army because Brother PROPHET, leader of ISTA, Chicago, Illinois, told him not to go. When [REDACTED] BEY was ordered by the Selective Service Board to report for physical examination, he refused to let a negro doctor in Baltimore give him a blood test on the grounds that he is not colored. He was subsequently declared mentally disqualified for military service by reason of schizophrenia. [REDACTED]

✓ BEY stated on April 14, 1939, that the negroes, Chinese, and Japanese are all from the same ancestry and hope some day to be supreme, that the whites are their enemies and always will be.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file #62-25889.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 2-27-43 at Richmond, Virginia.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 3-26-43 at Newark, New Jersey.

DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated on information received from [REDACTED] Reporter for the Richmond Times Dispatch, Richmond, Virginia. [REDACTED] Special Agent in Charge, H. I. BOBBITT, on September 28, 1942, that he had received

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some general information to the effect that negroes in the vicinity of St. James and Charity Streets, Richmond, Virginia, who attended a church in that location were organizing a sect along the Mohammedan lines. [redacted] that these negroes were very ignorant and that there appeared to be one man who was the leader and two assistants who had full control of the group.

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AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

[redacted] of the Seaboard Finance Corporation, 200 North 5th Street, who has a good knowledge of the negroes in the vicinity of St. James and Charity Streets, was contacted, and he advised that he had heard nothing of a religion such as that mentioned above but furnished the names of the following negroes living in that general vicinity whom he knew to be reliable: [redacted]

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[redacted] These persons were contacted with negative results.

[redacted] and caretaker of the Virginia Boat Club, advised that he had no knowledge of such a Mohammedan movement but stated that if there were such a thing it would be known to [redacted] of the Richmond Urban League.

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[redacted] of the Richmond Urban League, advised that the Moorish Science Temple is a Mohammedan group and is located at 13 East Charity Street. He stated that he recalled a negro named [redacted] had signed his pledge card for the Richmond Community Chest as [redacted] BEY [redacted] that he was of the opinion that [redacted] was one of the members of the cult.

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[redacted] that this cult is one of the many "store front" churches which had sprung up among the colored people during the depression and that since the negroes are employed full time they have no time to spend on such religious frills and that he is of the opinion that the Moorish Science Temple is no longer active.

[redacted] checked the records of the Retail Merchants Association against the name of Moorish Science Temple with negative results.

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[redacted] Better Business Bureau, Central National Bank Building, was contacted with negative results.

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[redacted] advised that he had never heard of any Moorish people in Richmond.

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[redacted] colored, [redacted] in the city of Richmond, advised that he has seen a number of persons in the community belonging to the Moorish faith. [redacted] the members of this cult are very conservative, make no attempt to expand, and apparently have never had any trouble with anyone in Richmond. [redacted] that they seemed to stay to themselves and do very little talking with people outside their own organization.

The reporting agent observed the following sign on the door of the premises at 13 East Charity Street: "Moorish Science Temple of America #6, NOBLE DREW ALI, founder."

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For the sake of clarity the following information is being set out under subheadings reflecting the names of the heads of families which have been identified as belonging to MST. #6. It should be noted that in the main this information has been obtained through the check of records of persons using the surname BEX and EL.

[REDACTED] EL

[REDACTED] of the Virginia Electric and Power Company advised that [REDACTED] EL had been paying for the electricity at [REDACTED] since October 29, 1937.

The records of the Local Draft Board #5 reflect that [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] had stated in his questionnaire, "I have been a minister of Moorish Science since July 30, 1934 and was formally ordained July 27, 1934 by Prophet NOBLE DREW ALI (reincarnated) at Chicago, Illinois. I an Moorish-American--parents both born in Morocco." This record further reflected that [REDACTED] EL was inducted into the army on August 11, 1942. The following description was obtained from the Selective Service records:

Name
 Race
 Sex
 Age
 Date of birth
 Place of birth
 Height
 Weight
 Eyes
 Hair
 Complexion
 Peculiarities

Citizenship
 Social Security #
 Army Serial #
 Marital status

[REDACTED]

Case #E79 of the Social Service Bureau, 1201 East Broad Street, reflects that [REDACTED] EL had stated that he is a Moslem from birth, and that he and other members of this cult are not negroes but Asiatic Moslems.

According to this report EL and BEY attached to the names of the members are considered to be the free national name and that their surnames are slave names. [REDACTED] says he is the teacher of the Temple and receives no remuneration for this as all the members have small incomes or no incomes at all and are not financially able to pay him. As of November 1940 [REDACTED] was occupying a room at [REDACTED] using the same dining room and kitchen as the other occupants at the house, all of whom are

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members of [redacted] religious cult, and all of whom were receiving assistance from the Social Service Bureau. According to this record [redacted] said that his grandmother was born in Morocco, Africa. [redacted] completed the 7th grade in school and is apparently intelligent but was unable to find jobs because of his unsightly appearance which was due to his heavy beard and long hair and which he refused to cut because he said it was against his religion. He was married to [redacted] by a leader of the Moorish Science Temple, [redacted] BEY. [redacted] subsequently separated from [redacted] because he admitted to her that he was the father of a baby born to [redacted] BEY, another member of MSTA.

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[redacted] advised that she no longer attends the Moorish Science Temple because of an argument she had with [redacted] over another girl.

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[redacted] BEY advised that [redacted] is presently a [redacted] California.

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According to Case [redacted] of the Social Service Bureau, [redacted] has contributed nothing toward the support of the MSTA or the house at 1524 Brook Road, which is maintained by the members, since his induction into the army.

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[redacted] BEY
[redacted] Clerk of Local Draft Board 4, made available the Selective Service record of [redacted] BEY which reflected that he had checked his Selective Service questionnaire to indicate that he is a conscientious objector to both combatant and noncombatant military service. [redacted] advised however that he could find no record which would indicate that the conscientious objector form had been sent to [redacted] BEY.

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A letter from the Department of Public Welfare to Local Draft Board #4 dated February 2, 1942 reflects that an inquiry concerning [redacted] BEY had been made of his mother, [redacted] who had advised the welfare worker that [redacted] BEY had been living in Chicago, Illinois, since September 1941, and that he could probably be located through the Mohammedan Temple in Chicago, Illinois.

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On February 27, 1942 [redacted] BEY was classified in 1-A by the Local Draft Board. On May 15, 1942 he was given a physical examination by Local Board 18, 110 East Lexington Street, Baltimore, Maryland, which reflected a positive test for syphilis. The same board was requested to give him a second blood test on June 16, 1942. By letter dated June 23,

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1942, Chief Clerk, [REDACTED] Local Draft Board 18, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that [REDACTED] BEY had appeared at Providence Hospital on June 23, 1942 to take a blood test, but when a negro doctor had attempted to give BEY this test, he refused to allow the negro to take his blood, stating that he [REDACTED] BEY, is not a negro but a Moorish-American. [REDACTED] BEY then left the hospital without having the test made and went to the draft board and said he does not claim the negro race as his and would like for that matter to be straightened out. Then on June 29, 1942, [REDACTED] BEY addressed a letter to Local Draft Board 4, Richmond, Virginia, which is as follows: "I receive your letter date June 24, 1942, and I am very sorry that the doctor and the board got the wrong conception about my statement during the time he was about to take my blood test. The question about the matter is that I discovered that my description of registrant was check wrong and when I asked them about the rectification they didn't seem that they wanted to give me consideration. It is written in our Devine questionnaire on page 4, question 62. It said that the shade of the Moorish-American skin are olive, and if any Moorish A.M. register up in this nation or in any state according to the complexion which is provided for the following, they have violate the Devine laws and the laws of the land that was hand down for us to go by. Therefor as a citizen of the United States of America I have founded its necessary for my complexion olive to be rectify on my description of registrant as it is being done on others. I am not to cause any confusion but this registration was made through misunderstanding. I am looking for my appointment stating when they can take my blood test."

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The Selective Service questionnaire also reflects that on June 22, 1942, [REDACTED] BEY had written a letter requesting a duplicate registration card to replace the one he had lost, in which he also requested that his nationality be listed as Moorish-American and complexion be checked as olive, "because the negro problem is being solve only as it can and that is by the Moorish National Devine Movement incorporated in this Government."

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] BEY had appeared at Local Draft Board 4 in Richmond in December of 1942 at which time he was given a physical examination. On January 18, 1943, he requested that the induction order he had received from his Richmond Board on January 15, 1943, be transferred to Local Draft Board #13, 882 Park Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. The above request was approved and induction papers forwarded to Local Draft Board 13. [REDACTED] subsequently advised that [REDACTED] BEY had reported for induction at Baltimore and that upon being examined by Army doctors he was declared mentally disqualified for military service by reason of simple schizophrenia and schizoid personality. This decision was rendered by [REDACTED] Medical Examiner, on February 9, 1943.

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The following description of [REDACTED] BEY was obtained from the Selective Service records:

Name
Address
Race
Sex
Age
Born
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Complexion
Citizenship
Occupation
Relatives

[REDACTED]

Education

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[REDACTED] employed by the [REDACTED] is the wife of [REDACTED] BEY. She advised that [REDACTED] BEY joined the Moorish Science Temple in February 1940 in Richmond, Virginia. She said that he has been to the main Temple in Chicago, Illinois, several times since then. According to [REDACTED] the Temple in Richmond is located at 1st and Charity Streets, and the members live in a house on Brook Road. She said that the teacher was [REDACTED] EL but that he is now in the army.

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[REDACTED] advised that she had attended a meeting at the Temple here but was unable to believe the teachings, and did not wish to observe the rules by which they are governed. She stated that they eat no meat and that they claim they are not negroes but are orientals. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] her husband, is presently living in Baltimore, Maryland, and that he had visited her on Christmas 1942 and attempted to persuade her to go to Baltimore to live in the MST there. She advised that he had told her that Brother PROPHET who is the leader of MST in Chicago, Illinois, had told [REDACTED] not to get a divorce and that he should persuade

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her to come and live with him in the Temple. She said that the draft board had been inquiring about [redacted] and that she told him that he had better do as they wanted him to or else he would get in trouble.

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According to [redacted] BEY then said that he would go to Jail before he would go into the army because Brother PROPHET in Chicago, Illinois, had told him not to go to the army. [redacted] then told [redacted] that [redacted] EL, the former teacher of MSTW in Richmond [redacted] To that [redacted] replied that [redacted] had gone to the army against the wishes of Brother PROPHET and that he no longer has any rights in the Moorish Science Temple. [redacted] advised that [redacted] will not give her his address but sends \$4.00 a week for the support of her child through [redacted] mother.

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[redacted] and [redacted] were interviewed with negative results.

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[redacted] who is the owner of the property rented by [redacted] at [redacted] advised that he had heard through some source that the name BEY used by [redacted] was the result of some religious cult to which he belonged, but [redacted] was unable to furnish any further information.

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[redacted] Pastor of the above mentioned church, - advised that the person who had mentioned the Mbslen group at the above mentioned meeting is [redacted] in Richmond.

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[redacted] She said that in the course of her duties there she had interviewed [redacted] BEY and her mother, [redacted] BEY, on April 14, 1939. [redacted] advised that these two women had a curious and pre-occupied attitude, and were inclined to give her little information about themselves until the subject of religion was brought up. According to [redacted] BEY then talked freely and told her that they belonged to the Mohammedan faith, and she discussed the difference between Mohammed and Christ as well as the difference between the Orientals and the Western Peoples.

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[redacted] informed that [redacted] BEY had said that all of the colored people, namely Negroes, Chinese, and Japanese, belonged together and they all sprang from the same ancestry. [redacted] BEY stated that some day these colored peoples hoped to be supreme and to rule the world. She further said that the white people are the enemies of the colored people and always will be. According to [redacted] BEY further stated that the question of supremacy will have to be settled some day. [redacted] said that [redacted] mother, [redacted] had stated that her grandfather came from India. According to [redacted] BEY had at one time worked for [redacted]

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[redacted] was contacted regarding [redacted] BEY but was unable to recall anything pertinent other than the fact that it was against [redacted] religion to eat any meat.

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[redacted] of the Social Service Bureau, 1002 East Broad Street, reflects that [redacted] is a member of the Moorish Science Temple. She has three children by her husband, [redacted] who deserted her in 1936, and has had three illegitimate children since that date. The following description was obtained from the records of the Social Service Bureau and the records of War Ration Board #44-2 for the City of Richmond, 101 West Broad Street:

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Name
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Alias
Race
Sex
Height
Age
Weight
Eyes
Hair

[redacted]

Marital Status
Relatives

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Case Worker for Social Service Bureau, advised that [REDACTED] BEY, along with the other members of the Moorish Science Temple, resided at [REDACTED] and never have anything to do with people other than those who belong to the MSTA. They feel that since they are not negroes they are too good to associate with negroes, and of course the white people will not associate with them. They have a feeling of insecurity, feeling that they may lose the relief grants which are being given them. They never discuss the war or their religious beliefs with outsiders. When their teacher, [REDACTED] EL, left, the only comment they made was that he had gone. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] mother, [REDACTED] BEY, is presently living at the Moorish Science Temple in Chicago, Illinois, where she went to work, and further that she has married one of the members in Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED] BEY visited [REDACTED] during January 1943, and made the trip from Chicago, Illinois, with one of the brothers at the MSTA who was driving to Richmond.

The records of the Retail Merchants Association reflect that [REDACTED] BEY was formerly [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] BEY had worked for her about six months in the early part of 1942. She said that [REDACTED] belonged to some curious religion which prohibited her eating meat, except fish, and that she wore very long dresses. She said that [REDACTED] lived in the [REDACTED] and rented her home [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] advised that the premises at [REDACTED] had been rented to [REDACTED] BEY since May 1, 1940, and that previously the same house had been rented to [REDACTED] EL since September 1938.

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[redacted] advised that the premises at [redacted] is a ten-room brick house and that there are several families of low crest negroes living there.

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[redacted] BEY

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[redacted] of Social Service Bureau reflects that [redacted] BEY, [redacted] is a member of the Moorish faith and that she shares the house with others of the same faith, regarding them as brothers and sisters. She has one son living with her, [redacted] BEY, age [redacted]. She is the widow of [redacted].

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[redacted] BEY was hospitalized for an attempted abortion on August 21, 1930, and was examined in the gynecology clinic of the Medical College of Virginia on October 13, 1939, and was advised that she needed an operation for fibroid of the uterus. [redacted] refused to consent to the operation because of her religious beliefs.

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The records of the Retail Merchants Association reflect that [redacted] BEY is employed [redacted] in Richmond, Virginia.

The following description was obtained from the Richmond War Ration Board:

Name
Race
Sex
Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Age
Address

[redacted]

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[redacted] BEY

The records of Selective Service Board 6 reflect that [redacted] BEY stated in his questionnaire, "I am not a minister of religion. I do customarily serve as a minister. I have not been formally ordained. I am a student preparing for the ministry in a theological or divinity school. I am attending the Moorish Science Temple of America which was established before September 16, 1939, and is located at 13 East Charity Street, Richmond, Virginia. I was classified IV-H by the Selective Service Board on January 25, 1943."

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The following description was obtained from his Selective Service records:

Name
Alias
Address

Order #
Race
Sex
Age
Date of birth
Place of birth
Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Complexion
Peculiarities
Citizenship
Education
Occupation
Social Security
Relatives



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[REDACTED] BEY was interviewed for the ostensible purpose of determining the reason why [REDACTED] BEY had stated in his Selective Service questionnaire that he is a conscientious objector to both combatant and noncombatant military service.

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During this interview [REDACTED] BEY advised that he had never been ordained as a teacher of MSTAs #6, but has permission to teach from Brother PROPHET, NOBLE DREW ALI (reincarnated) whom [REDACTED] BEY said is really Mohammed III. He said that NOBLE DREW ALI is located in Chicago, Illinois, and is the head of the Moorish Science Temples all over the world. He said that [REDACTED] ALI was formerly the teacher of MSTAs 6 but that he is presently in the Army.

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According to [REDACTED] BEY, the MSTA in Richmond started about 15 or 20 years ago. He exhibited his membership card bearing the date April 1932.

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According to him only a very few persons attended the meetings of the Moorish Science Temples. He explained that this is due to the fact that the Moslem rules are so strict. He said for example they are allowed to eat no meat nor do they use tobacco or liquor. He said that none of the members of the Moorish Science Temple in Richmond are of draft age other than [REDACTED] EL who is already in the army and [REDACTED] BEY who has been in Baltimore for the past two years and is connected with the MSTT there. When asked if [REDACTED] BEY is truly a conscientious objector to both combatant and noncombatant military service [REDACTED] went to the wall of his room and took down the Constitution of MSTT which also contained a picture of NOBLE DREW ALI. He then pointed to a section of the Constitution of MSTT stating that the Moorish-Americans are to abide by the laws of the United States and to cause no confusion. He also said that many members of the Moorish Science Temple of America are in the armed forces.

He stated that the only advice which is given by Prophet NOBLE DREW ALI in regard to joining the Army is for the members to study the Koran. He pointed out that the Koran teaches that Moslems shall not kill anything, then he added that as a result of this rule the Moslems eat no meat. He explained that they do eat fish but said that the fish are not killed, for they die a natural death, when they are removed from the water.

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[REDACTED] BEY said that he thought that on the basis of this rule [REDACTED] BEY would be justified in opposing to combatant service. However he said in this regard that the Moslems will fight if necessary, and he cited as an example that a Moslem will walk around a snake to avoid trouble. However, if the snake gets in his way the Moslem will kill the snake. He said also that the Moslems will fight to protect their women who are sacred to them. He stated that it is his opinion that the present war being waged is a religious war and that Allah will see to it that the side which is in the right shall win the war. [REDACTED] BEY said however that he personally has not yet decided which side is in the right. He was unable to explain why he thinks this is a religious war except to say that his study of history leads him to believe so. He did say however that there are only two nationalities in existence on this earth. He said that these two nationalities are European and Asiatics. The Europeans are made up of the so called white people whom he added are not really white or they wouldn't have any blood, and he said that the Asiatics include the negroes, the Chinese, and Japanese, also all the people of the world who are not called white. He further stated that the war between the Chinese and Japanese is like two brothers arguing, one telling the other what to do.

He also said that he was talking to someone in Capitol Square in Richmond some time ago who told him that Hirohito of Japan had tried to make peace with Chiang Kai-shek, the dictator of China, but that Chiang Kai-shek was not willing to do so. He was unable to recall the identity of the person who had told him this.

He went on to say that he felt [REDACTED] BEY could not oppose to noncombatant service unless--then he paused and said, "No, I'm sure Brother PROPHET did not tell him to do so." He said he personally would oppose to combatant service because it is against his religion to kill, and he would not like to go into noncombatant service as he does not wish to have anything to do with this war. However, he said if he were called for noncombatant service he would comply rather than cause any trouble. He stated he is of the opinion that it would be dangerous to make a man fight against his religion because such a man might turn around and shoot the man who was making him fight. He advised that he had never heard [REDACTED] EL, former leader of MSTA 6 make any comment on his views of the subject of war, and he said that [REDACTED] is apparently well satisfied in the United States Army. He went on to say that there were some persons in Chicago, Illinois, who were arrested for violation of the Selective Service rules and who said they were connected with the MSTA. However, he said that he had learned from Brother PROPHET in Chicago, Illinois, that these men who had violated the law were not connected in any way with MSTA. He said that a large number of F. B. I. agents had at that time gone to Brother PROPHET, had taken his picture, read all of his literature, and had decided that Brother PROPHET was all right.

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He went on to state that MSTA advocates peace and that the members are of the belief that there is room enough in this world for everyone to live in peace.

The records of the Richmond Police Department reflect that [REDACTED] BEY has no criminal record there other than a minor traffic violation.

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[REDACTED] of the Atlantic Paint and Varnish Company, informed that [REDACTED] BEY had worked as a laborer in his factory from October 1942 to December 1942.

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[REDACTED] colored employee of the Atlantic Paint and Varnish Company, Twenty-second and Main Street, advised that he had talked to [REDACTED] BEY frequently about his religion. According to [REDACTED] BEY belongs to a Moorish Temple in Richmond which is a branch of a national organization, and that the literature is sent from the national headquarters which is located in another state. [REDACTED] advised that the religion shows a belief in God but not in Christ. [REDACTED] said that he had noticed nothing in their discussions which would lead him to believe that BEY is in any way sympathetic with the Japanese or in any way un-American. He said that BEY is a regular purchaser of war savings stamps.

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[REDACTED] BEY

The records of Local Draft Board #3 reflect that [REDACTED] BEY is connected with the Moorish Science Temple of America. He was not

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classified by his Local Board because of over age. The following description was obtained from the Selective Service records:

Name
 Address

 Age
 Race
 Sex
 Date of Birth
 Place of Birth
 Height
 Weight
 Eyes
 Hair
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 Citizenship
 Social Security
 Occupation
 Marital Status
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[REDACTED] Atlantic Paint and Varnish Company, advised that [REDACTED] BEY had been employed there from October 2, 1942, to November 7, 1942, that he wore chin whiskers, and belonged to a Moorish cult.

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[REDACTED] employee, Atlantic Paint and Varnish Company, advised that [REDACTED] BEY belongs to the Moorish Temple in Richmond. He said that he had seen no indication of un-American sympathy on the part of [REDACTED] BEY.

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[REDACTED] BEY

The records of Local Board 4, Richmond, Virginia, reflect the following description of [REDACTED] BEY:

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 Sex
 Weight
 Height
 Age
 Date of Birth
 Place of Birth
 Eyes

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Hair
Complexion
Scars
Social Security
Education
Occupation

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Marital Status
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[REDACTED] of Charles A. Smith, Incorporated, junk yard, 824 North 17th Street, telephonically contacted [REDACTED] the junk yard, and [REDACTED] stated that he had formerly employed a negro by the name of BEY but was unable to recall anything concerning him, and stated that BEY should be known to [REDACTED] a reliable employee of the junk yard.

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[REDACTED] advised that he did not recall anyone by the name of BEY but stated that he remembered a man with long hair and long whiskers who was formerly employed there and that the employees had nicknamed this man "House of David". [REDACTED] advised that this person never talked about his religion in any way.

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[REDACTED] EL

The records of Local Draft Board 5 reflect the following description:

Name
Serial #
Address
Race
Sex
Age
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height

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Weight
Eyes
Hair
Complexion
Employer

[REDACTED]

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This record further shows that this person failed to return his occupational questionnaire to Local Draft Board.

[REDACTED] of the Citizens Service Exchange, 1903 East Marshall Street, advised that JULIUS THOMAS who lives at 1524 Brook Road had first made his application to participate in the activities of the Citizens Service Exchange on January 14, 1936. [REDACTED] stated that for the past 6 months he had been engaged as a laborer at the Richmond Army Air Base, but had during the past week quit that job to become a night janitor at the Railroad Y. M. C. A.

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[REDACTED] said that he still does odd jobs [REDACTED]. She advised that she had never heard him make any reference to his religion but said that he is a moron in intelligence, and if he is mixed up in any subversive activity it would be through pure ignorance that he had become involved. She stated that he had been married and is separated.

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[REDACTED] colored. [REDACTED] member of Local Draft Board #3, and [REDACTED] have both advised that RALPH PRIMUS is identified with the Moorish Science Temple of America.

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[REDACTED] It should be noted that so far as it is known [REDACTED] has never used either the surname BEY or EL.

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The records of Local Draft Board 7 reflected the following description:

Name
Serial #
Address
Race
Sex
Age
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height

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Weight
Eyes
Hair
Complexion
Peculiarities
Social Security
Education

Dependents
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[Redacted] II

The records of Local Draft Board 5 reflect the following description:

Name
Address

Race
Sex
Age
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Citizenship
Social Security
Employment

Marital Status

Sons' address



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This record reflects that he is a conscientious objector by religious faith but did not file a conscientious objector form and upon physical examination was placed in IV-F because of flat feet and hemorrhoids.

[Redacted] Acca Freight Repair Yards, Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroad, advised that [Redacted] had been employed by the railroad as a laborer intermittently since February 2, 1927, and that he had been forced to dismiss [Redacted] from the service on September 10, 1942.

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[redacted] who was [redacted] foreman at Acca Freight Yards advised that [redacted] was a very poor worker [redacted] but that he had heard him state nothing about his religion.

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[redacted] colored laborer for the Acca Freight Repair Yards, advised that [redacted] had told him he belonged to the Moorish faith. However, he had never talked about this religion, nor had he expressed himself in any way as being opposed to the American War effort.

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[redacted] subsequently advised that [redacted] is presently employed by the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroad in the Coach Department of the Passenger Car Shop, 1800 West Leigh Street.

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The records of the Local Board 3 reflect that this person is connected with the NSTA. His records also reflect the following description:

Name
Address
Order #
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Race
Sex
Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Complexion
Citizenship
Social Security
Education
Employment

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[redacted] of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, advised that [redacted] EL had worked for that company for about 7 years as janitor and had resigned in January 1943 because he felt the work was too hard for him. [redacted] said that [redacted] had never used the name EL while working there.

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[redacted] colored janitor for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, advised that he had worked with [redacted] a great deal and talked to him frequently but that [redacted] had never said anything about his religion or anything to indicate that he might be un-American.

LULA BENDER SUITS EL

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Case [redacted] of the Social Service Bureau reflects that LULA BENDER SUITS EL of 1524 Brook Road is connected with the Moorish Science Temple. This record reflects that this person was born about 1874 near Weldon, North Carolina, and that she is unemployed and too old to ever work again. According to this record, this person is dependent upon members of the Moorish Science Temple Church for her shelter, and she receives food and fuel from the city funds. She is illiterate and has two children who will have nothing to do with her because of her religion. According to this record LULA SUITS spends her spare time caring for the children of other members of her faith who live at 1524 Brook Road, and the rest of the time she spends attending services at the MSTA. She apparently enjoys the companionship of the other members of the household, and she states, "They are sufficient unto themselves and do not care to mingle with people on the outside."

On November 15, 1941 she told a case worker of the Social Service Bureau that children should not be permitted to attend picture shows, parties, or dances. When LULA was advised that pictures are frequently educational, she said she agreed, and for that reason moving pictures were shown in the MSTA, and in this way the children derived a benefit from them without going to a "show house" to see them. She said the rules of her church are so strict that very few persons attend the meetings.

The following description was obtained from the records of the War Ration Board for the city of Richmond:

Name	LULA BENDER SUITS EL
Address	1524 Brook Road, Richmond, Virginia
Race	Negro
Sex	Female
Height	5' 2"
Weight	125 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Gray
Age	69

[redacted] EL

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The records of Local Draft Board 7 reflect the following description:

Name
 Order #
 Address

 Date of Birth
 Place of Birth
 Race
 Sex
 Height
 Weight
 Eyes
 Hair
 Complexion
 Citizenship
 Scars
 Social Security
 Education
 Occupation

 Marital Status
 Wife
 Daughter



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This record further reflects that he was classified in III-A on June 4, 1942.

[redacted] Proprietor of [redacted] advised that [redacted] of [redacted] had worked for him as a porter from January to July 1942. He advised that [redacted] was a good worker and had never mentioned his religion nor used the surname EL while working there.

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[redacted] colored employee of [redacted] advised that he had worked with [redacted] and that [redacted] had told him he is a member of the Moorish Church. [redacted] said that [redacted] had advised him that he came from a foreign country and is a Moor, so not being a citizen of the United States, he will not have to go into the army. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had never said anything in favor of our enemies but on the other hand talks as if he hopes the United States will win the war. He advised that [redacted] is presently working for Ruffin and Payne.

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[redacted] colored truck driver for [redacted] advised that he has lived in the house on the [redacted] floor below [redacted] for the past three years. According to [redacted] has belonged to the Moorish-American cult since that time and that [redacted] wife also belongs. [redacted] said however he doubts if [redacted] is really a Moor because he talks like he comes from North Carolina. [redacted] advised that he had never heard [redacted] say anything in favor of the Japanese or Germans, nor had he heard him say anything about not going to the army. [redacted] is of the opinion that [redacted] is all right in regard to the war.

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The following description was obtained from the records of the War Rationing Board of [REDACTED] EL'S wife:

Name
Address
Race
Sex
Height
Weight
Age
Eyes
Hair

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RICHARD JOHNSON BEY

Case #14923 of the Social Service Bureau reflects that RICHARD JOHNSON, also known as RICHARD JOHNSON BEY, is a member of the Mohammedan sect. This record states that he is very proud of the fact he is a preacher without pay. He says it is against his religion to receive pay for preaching. The following description was obtained from this record:

Name	RICHARD JOHNSON BEY
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	1876
Address	[REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia
Place of Birth	St. Matthews, Calhoun County, South Carolina
Height	5' 11"
Weight	200 pounds
Complexion	Black
Hair	White
Scars and Marks	Right eye missing
Marital Status	Married
Wife	[REDACTED] BEY

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JAMES MULDROW BEY (Deceased)

Case #11618 of the Social Service Bureau reflects that JAMES MULDROW BEY, who was a member of the MSTA, died August 18, 1942. According to this person MSTA believed that the only people living are members of this faith and everyone else is dead. They believe in having any number of children by as many women as desired. His wife is listed as [REDACTED] BEY

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The records of the War Rationing Board for the city of Richmond lists the following persons at that address: [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] BEY.

The records carry the following description of [REDACTED] BEY:

Race
Sex
Age
Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BEY

[REDACTED] of the Richmond Urban League, 112 West Charity Street, identified [REDACTED] grocer on Third Street, as a member of the WSTA.

[REDACTED] auditor of the Richmond Community Fund, 803 1/2 East Main Street, made available the pledge cards for 1941. The card assigned to [REDACTED] was signed [REDACTED] BEY.

Records of Local Draft Board #7 reflect the following description:

Name
Address

Serial #
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Race
Sex
Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Complexion
Education
Marital Status
Occupation
Name of person who will always know his address

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The records of the Retail Merchants Association reflect that a marriage license was issued to [REDACTED] BEY, colored [REDACTED] merchant, and [REDACTED] city, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BEY

The records of Local Draft Board #3 reflect that PEE COBB BEY is a member of the Moorish Science Temple of America. The following description was obtained from these records:

Name
Alias
Address

Serial #
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Race
Sex
Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Complexion
Marital Status
Wife

Education
Occupation
Social Security
Address

[REDACTED]

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Case #8659 of the Social Service Bureau reflects that PINK COBB BEY claims he is not a negro but a Moor and has the religious name BEY. This record states he has the appearance of a negro although he has a full beard. He lives with colored people in a colored district. According to his statement he voluntarily became a Moor about 8 years ago and used the name BEY although legally his name is COBB. He has had very little schooling but can write his name. In January 1941 he moved to 1524 Brook Road to a house occupied by other members of the same faith as he, where he lived 8 months and moved to 618 North 28th Street. He contemplated moving back to 1524 Brook Road, but he returned and was unable to get along with the occupants and again moved on December 4, 1941 to 620 North 27th Street. His family does not live with him as they are unable to get along but did share his room at 1524 Brook Road for several weeks during the summer of 1941. He requested the Social Service Bureau to put the name BEY on his relief check. He said he had not had his name legally changed to BEY as he did not have the money but exhibited his HSTA membership card as proof of his name.

WILLIAM GARY

The case of [redacted] of the Social Service Bureau records reflects that two families of [redacted] his wife and children; [redacted] his wife and children, ten of them were at one time living in a single room at [redacted]. They were asked to move but because they were destitute they had no place to go. The following information was obtained from the records of the War Rationing Board for the city of Richmond:

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Name [redacted] EL
Address [redacted]
Height [redacted]
Weight [redacted]
Age [redacted]
Sex [redacted]
Race [redacted]
Eyes [redacted]
Hair [redacted]
Mother of [redacted] EL.

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Name [redacted] EL
Address [redacted]
Height [redacted]
Weight [redacted]
Eyes [redacted]
Hair [redacted]
Age [redacted]
Sex [redacted]
Race [redacted]

Name [redacted] EL
Address [redacted]
Age [redacted]
Brother of [redacted] EL

Name [redacted] EL
Address [redacted]
Age [redacted]
Brother of [redacted] EL

The records of the Richmond Social Service Exchange reflect that [redacted] and [redacted] have a son named [redacted] who is married to a girl named [redacted]. This record further reflects that WILLIAM GARY has a daughter named [redacted] residing at [redacted]. It is therefore believed that the two families referred to in the case of [redacted] as residing

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at [redacted] are the families of WILLIAM GARY and his son [redacted]

The records of Local Draft Board #7 reflect the following description of WILLIAM GARY, 1524 Brook Road, Richmond, Virginia:

Serial #	U-2260
Date of Birth	May 1, 1890
Place of Birth	Halifax, North Carolina
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Height	5' 5"
Weight	138 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Social Security #	227-01-3570
Citizenship	United States
Education	5 years elementary
Employment	Helper on a truck for the U. S. Army, Richmond Quartermaster Depot, as of August 26, 1942

This record reflects that WILLIAM GARY moved from 1524 Brook Road to 1816 Cedar Street where he was residing as of August 26, 1942.

The records of Local Draft Board #5 reflect the following description:

Name	[redacted]
Address	[redacted]
Race	[redacted]
Sex	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	[redacted]
Height	[redacted]
Weight	[redacted]
Hair	[redacted]
Eyes	[redacted]
Complexion	[redacted]
Education	[redacted]
Citizenship	[redacted]

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According to this record [redacted] was living at [redacted] Richmond, Virginia, on August 20, 1942, and working as laborer [redacted]

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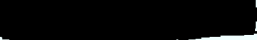
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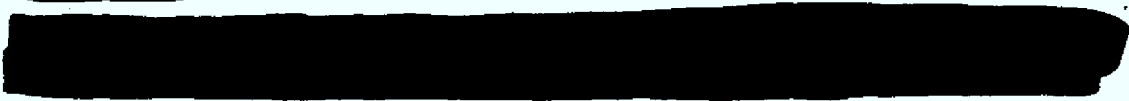
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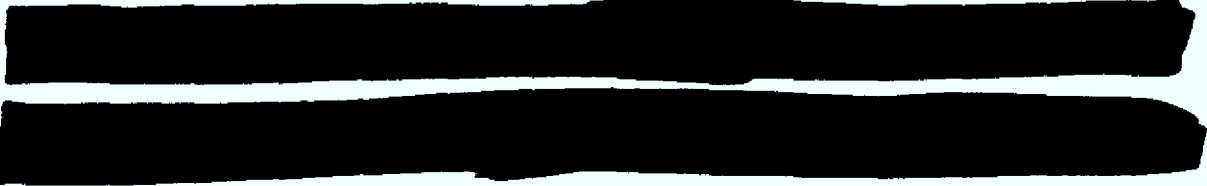
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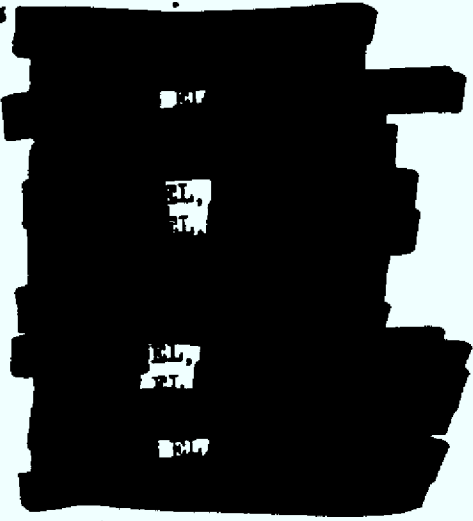
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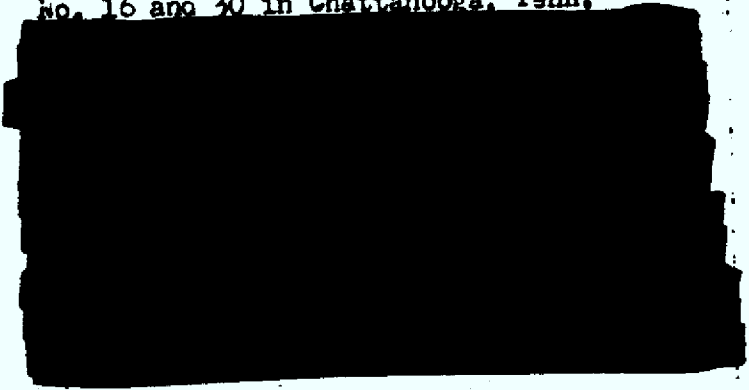
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The weekly meetings are being held in members homes, however, the Sunday meetings are conducted in Temple no. 16. One of these meetings has been held in the home of [REDACTED] B.Y. [REDACTED] one in the [REDACTED] home on [REDACTED] and the meeting for the next [REDACTED] was to be held in the home of [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

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In Temple No. 16 on Sunday afternoons, Sunday School is conducted for the children, beginning at 2:00 P.M. Church services are conducted for the adults at 7:00 P.M.

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Copies of the Moorish Voice, the official organ of the ASTA which is mimeographed at the Moorish Home at Prince George, Virginia, were obtained and photographed and the original copies are being made a part of this file in the Knoxville field Office.

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At Chattanooga, Tennessee, will re-
contact [REDACTED] for addi-
tional information regarding activities and discussions at meetings
of the ASTA at Temples No. 16 and No. 30.

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FILE NO. 16-41

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 5/19/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20/42, 3/25, 4/20/43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE CHARLES KIRKMAN BEY, with alias; Col. C. Kirkman Bey			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J CUSTODIAL DETENTION SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject is national head of one branch of Moorish Science Temple of America, which has membership of approximately 1500 members. Subject is aware that his organization is under investigation. Subject is registered for Selective Service in Chicago.

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No criminal record and confidential Subject.

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This report is predicated upon the information that the Subject was found to be the national head of a branch of the Moorish Science Temple of America, which is presently under investigation in Chicago, File 61-293.

ED: [REDACTED]

The records of Selective Service Board #64, located at 844 North Cash, Chicago, Illinois, reflect that CHARLES KIRKMAN BEY, 1104 Sedgwick, Chicago, Illinois, was born September 7, 1896, at Mobridge, South Dakota. He claimed in his questionnaire that he was a minister and head of the Moorish Science Temple of America.

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[REDACTED] The information was compiled by [REDACTED] the now defunct Illinois Writers Project, which was a WPA project. [REDACTED] is now affiliated with the Office of Civilian Defense in the Chicago area. The research was conducted for anthropological reasons to determine if there was any cultural connection between the various Negro cults in Chicago and vicinity. This investigation shows the Subject's connection with the early history of the Moorish Science Temple of America.

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It was ascertained [REDACTED] that the 16th National Convention of the Moorish Science Temple of America was held at 1032 Orleans, Chicago, Illinois, from September 15 to September 20, and that CHARLES KIRKMAN was the Supreme Grand National Advisor and Moderator of that branch. It was further ascertained that he had a following of approximately 1500 members located in fifty-four active chapters throughout the United States. The details concerning the various chapters are contained in Chicago file 61-293. Subject required the secretary of each chapter to submit a financial report. He stated that the Internal Revenue Department was requiring him to file an income tax return from his organization, which is a religious corporation under the state laws of Illinois. The Subject also required that each chapter report any and all members working in defense plants, those buying war bonds and stamps and those serving in the armed forces, along with their addresses. The exact purpose of the statistics was not divulged. In the course of the convention the Subject stated he knew the FBI had been investigating the Moorish Science Temple. He said that he had been informed that certain members within the organization acted as informants for the FBI. He openly asked all members present if they were acting in such capacity and, if so, if they would please apprise him of the fact. No member responded to his request, however. He advised the members that they had nothing to fear from the FBI if they obeyed the laws of the Government. He also told the members present that now was the time for Negroes to better themselves financially and socially by getting jobs in defense plants.

Two organizations striving to foster racial pride have attracted numbers of Chicago Negroes from time to time. These are the Moorish American Science Temple and the Nation of Islam, ordinarily referred to as "cults."

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Essentially they are religious bodies, opposing the Christian faith. Members of the Moorish American Science Temple insist that they are not Negroes and avoid the use of the word or of "black" when referring to themselves, maintaining that they are really Moors and that their skin is "olive-hued." On the other hand, the Islamites not only call themselves Negroes but are proud of the name, contending that the Negro is "the original man." Neither endorses the "Back to Africa" Movement.

In 1925 a small Negro wearing a flaming red fez similar to those worn by Turks appeared in empty lots and on street corners of Chicago's South Side to proclaim a startling new doctrine. He was Noble Drew Ali, born Timothy Drew in North Carolina. Prophet of Islam, and founder of the Moorish American Science Temple. Little is known of Drew Ali's early history. He is reputed to have been an expressman in Newark, New Jersey, where he is said to have founded the first Moorish American Science Temple as early as 1913. There is also some evidence to indicate that he had established branches of his cult in Pittsburgh and Detroit before he came to Chicago.

Drew's main contention was that the people commonly known in America as Negroes are of Moorish descent and thus Asiatics. Act six of his "Divine Constitution and By-Laws" reads:

"With us all members must declare their nationality and their Divine Creed that they may know that they are a part and partial (sic) of this said government and 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 must proclaim their free national name to be recognized by the government in which they live and the nations of the earth, this is the reason why Allah the Great God of the universe ordained Noble Drew Ali, the prophet, to redeem his people from their sinful ways. The Moorish Americans are the descendants of the ancient Moabites who inhabited the North Western and South Western shores of Africa.

Prophet Nobel Drew Ali did not immediately rally many disciples to his banner, the Moorish star and crescent on a field of red. But he persisted, and at length was able to set up permanent headquarters. Though semi-literate,

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he possessed an eloquent tongue, a persuasive manner, and a native shrewdness which enabled him to sway the poor and unlettered people who listened to him. Most of them remembered the race riots of 1919; all of them had experienced discrimination and other wrongs. Drew Ali was offering them pride of race and dignity. In 1927 a successful convention encouraged Drew Ali to expand his proselytising activities to other cities. It is difficult to ascertain just how many temples resulted, but those in Pittsburgh; Detroit; Charleston, West Virginia; Lansing, Michigan; and Youngstown, Ohio are fairly well authenticated.

Drew Ali had written and published his "Koran," a slim pamphlet consisting of a curious mixture of the Mohammedan holy book of the same name, the Christian Bible and anecdotes of the life of Jesus—the whole bound together with the Prophet's own pronouncements and interpretations. The Prophet began to do a profitable business in various nostrums and charms he had concocted, among them Old Moorish Healing Oil, Moorish Purifier Bath Compound and Moorish Herb Tea for Human Ailments.

More and more "Asiatics" flocked to the star and crescent standard. They flaunted their fezzes on the street and treated the white man with undisguised contempt. The Prophet announced that each devout Moorish American must carry a card bearing his credentials and his real (or Asiatic) name, signed by the Prophet with his seal. Often enough "slave" names were transformed into "real" ones by the simple addition of "El" or "Bey," these being titles signifying Moorish dignity. The membership card and button, when displayed to Europeans, would convince them that the bearer was enlightened and a member of an organization to be feared and respected.

To the Prophet this theory of new-found independence had been a more or less purely ethical or theoretical point, and he had not reckoned on its practical effect among his zealous followers. Alarming reports of street brawls, threats, insults, and minor violence centering around Moorish Americans were brought to his notice. Members were accosting the white enemy on the streets, showing their membership cards and buttons, and proclaiming in the name of their Prophet, Noble Drew Ali, that they had been freed of European domination.

Recalling the downfall of the militant Abyssinians and contemplating the current difficulties of the Garvey movement, Drew Ali issued this ukase:

"I hereby warn all Moors that they must cease from all radical or agitating speeches while on their jobs, or in their homes, or on the streets. Stop flashing your cards before Europeans as this only causes confusion. We did not come to cause confusion; our work is to uplift the nation."

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Drew Ali's leadership was soon contested. In 1929 he became embroiled in a quarrel with CLAUDE GREENE, politician and former butler of JULIUS ROSENWALD, who previously had joined the temple. One day Drew arrived at his office to find that GREENE had moved all the furniture outside and declared himself Grand Sheik. A civil war ensued, each faction enlisting support from temples in other cities. GREENE was shot and stabbed to death in his offices at the Unity Club on the night of March 15, 1929.

Drew Ali, arrested as he sat with his wife and group of followers celebrating (authorities charged) the murder of his rival, was defended by Attorneys AARON PAYNE and WILLIAM L. DAWSON, temple members who later gained political prominence. The Prophet, from prison issued a message to his flock:

"To the Heads of all Temples, Islam:

"I, your Prophet, do hereby and now write you a letter as a warning and appeal to your good judgment for the present and the future. Though I am now in custody for you and the cause, it is all right and it is well for all who still believe in me and my father, God. I have redeemed all of you and you shall be saved, all of you, even with me. I go to bat Monday, May 20, before the Grand Jury. If you are with me, be there. Hold on and keep faith, and great shall be your reward. Remember my laws and love ye one another. Prefer not a stranger to your brother. Love and truth and my peace I leave all.

"Peace from

Your Prophet

Noble Drew Ali."

This proved to be Drew Ali's final official proclamation. Released on bond, he died under mysterious circumstances a few weeks later. One theory is that he succumbed to injuries inflicted by the police during his imprisonment, another is that he was set upon by partisans of GREENE after his release and beaten so severely that he never recovered.

After Drew Ali's death Attorney AARON PAYNE attempted unsuccessfully to hold the group together. Each among several of the Prophet's disciples

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announced that he alone was the rightful inheritor of Drew Ali's leadership. STEVE GIBBONS EL (formerly the Prophet's chauffeur) and IRA JOHNSON HEY (who had been imported from Pittsburgh to assist in quelling the GREENE revolt) each maintained that the dead leader's spirit had entered his body. JOHNSON, a man of action, invaded the office of MEALY EL, another aspirant, and demanded recognition as Grand Sheik. MEALY EL demurred and received a terrific mauling. JOHNSON then dispatched his henchmen to kidnap KIRKMAN HEY, who claimed possession of Drew Ali's last will and testament.

KIRKMAN's wife, secretly surmising that her husband was being detained in JOHNSON's apartment, directed the police thither. A gun battle ensued in which two policemen and one Moor were killed. Sixty-three Moors were arrested, and JOHNSON was committed to the State Hospital for the Criminally Insane, where he subsequently died. STEVE GIBBONS also was apprehended after he had forced his way into Attorney PAYNE's home in search of Drew Ali's papers.

GIBBONS, too, was sent to the insane asylum, but was released several years later. In 1941 he was heading a Chicago temple on East 40th Street and still asserting his claim to the title of Grand Sheik of all Moorish American Science Temples. GIBBONS was one of six contestants, each one a temple leader and each one designating his own as Temple No. 1.

Services in each temple observe with minor deviations, the pattern established by Drew Ali. First, a minor sheik, a sheikess or the chairman reads and explains Drew Ali's version of the Koran. Then follows a more elaborate discourse by the Grand Sheik (in some temples called the Governor), the whole ceremony being punctuated at intervals by Christian hymns with the words Allah, Drew Ali, and Moslem substituted for God, Christ and Christian. Friday is observed as a holy day of rest, "because on a Friday the first man departed out of the flesh and on a Friday the first man was formed in flesh and on a Friday the first man departed out of the flesh and ascended unto his father God Allah, for that cause Friday is the Holy Day for all Moslems all over the world."

Since Drew Ali considered MARCUS GARVEY his forerunner (in a relationship analogous to that of John the Baptist and Jesus) and paid tribute to him in his Koran and in his sermons, Moorish Americans frequently laud and quote the Jamaican organizer.

January 8, the Prophet's birthday, is a special occasion in all temples. Full Moorish regalia is worn by those members who can afford it, and there is likely to be feasting and distribution of gifts as in Christmas celebrations in Christian churches. A number of unconverted guests are invited; the customary speeches take on a more evangelistic tone. Expositions of the teachings and principles of the Prophet are offered in a simplified form for the benefit of those still under the influence of "The Folly" (Christianity).

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The leader of each of the bickering factions has striven in vain to build up an organization as powerful (and as lucrative) as the parent body disrupted by internal warfare and the death of Drew Ali. According to Attorney AARON PAYNE, the Prophet in one year amassed a fortune of \$36,000.00 and commanded a membership of 12,000. Politicians respected and courted him, and Congressman OSCAR DE PRIEST was reputed to have joined the temple.

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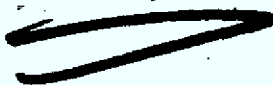
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47 years
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Weight	235 pounds
Build	Heavy
Complexion	Brown
Peculiarities	None

This case is being closed inasmuch as the investigation is being continued under the main file on the Moorish Science Temple of America.

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MOONISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA
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There is being forwarded herewith a copy of a report prepared by Special Agent [redacted] dated May 19, 1943, at Chicago, Illinois, captioned "Charles Kirkman Bey, with alias Colonel C. Kirkman Bey, Internal Security, J, Custodial Detention, Sedition".

It is thought that this report may be of interest to you in connection with the captioned organization.

Enclosure *W*

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
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- Mr. Piper _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
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Subject: Letter of Transmittal.

To: Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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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:

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Mar 8, 1943.
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Subject: Disaffection in Negro Cult.

Summary of Information:

It is reported that a national, semi-religious organization of Negroes, known as the Moorish Cult, teaches that the Negro is not subject to the laws of this country, but having been brought here originally against his will, still owes allegiance to his African home. Other teachings include disregard for the United States flag, which is replaced by a flag of their own, no participation in politics, and a benevolent attitude toward dancing and swing music.

Male members reportedly wear a distinctive headgear similar to a fez and the women wear a purple headgear, the description of which is not known at present.

This organization is reported to be nation-wide, concentrating on the youth of the Negro communities, and when one of the members is drafted into military service, great sorrow is expressed.

In connection with activities of the organization in Anderson, Indiana, it is stated that so-called divine services are held weekly at a church on 16th Street, Anderson, which operates under a charter from Chicago. A convention was held here last summer which was attended by many visitors from Chicago.

The head of the Anderson branch is Hellon Boone, an employee of the Delco Remy Company. Another local leader is known as "Big-Foot" Townsend.

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May 31, 1943

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Director, FBI

RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA
INTERNAL SECURITY (J)

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith the original and one copy of the reports of [redacted] reflecting information which he has obtained concerning the captioned organization.

Two copies of informant's reports are being retained in the appropriate files of the New York Office.

Informant has been advised to follow and report further activities of this organization.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
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E. E. CONROY
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Please refer to your letter of May 31, 1943, transmitting copies of reports prepared by [redacted] in connection with the [redacted] of [redacted].

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It is suggested that the information received at the New York Field Division be promptly transmitted to the office of origin in this case if of value to it.

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62-25889
SECTION 8

600 Alderson Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
April 20, 1945

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Director, FBI

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Re: [REDACTED] CASE
ESPIONAGE (C);
[REDACTED] et al
INTERNAL SECURITY (C);

THE IRISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUSTODIAL RETENTION

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover there are being forwarded to the Bureau Technical Laboratory nine 23-foot rolls of exposed Mini-Fan film pertaining to the above entitled cases. The outside of the metal containers holding this film are marked 1 to 9, inclusive.

For the benefit of the Technical Laboratory, there is being set out a description of the type of material photographed.

EX 11 Exposures 1 to 60, radio log pertaining to Spanish vessel SA MONTANA;

Exposures 61 to 125, navigation log pertaining to Portuguese vessel SA OIL TANKER.

EX 12 Exposures 1 to 90, radio log pertaining to Portuguese vessel SA OIL TANKER;

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Exposures 91 to 125, letters relating to case of [REDACTED] et al, Internal Security (C);

Exposures 126 to 200, navigation log pertaining to Portuguese vessel SA PINEL.

Exposures 1 to 100, radio log pertaining to Portuguese vessel SA PINEL;

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Exposures 101 to 150, pamphlets belonging to case of MEXICAN SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA;

Exposures 151 to 200, radio log pertaining to Portuguese vessel SS INYAMBANE.

BOX #4 Exposures 1 to 200, radio log (cont) and navigation log pertaining to Portuguese vessel SS INYAMBANE.

BOX #5 Navigation log pertaining to Spanish vessel SS VIZCAYA.

BOX #6 Navigation log (cont) and radio log pertaining to Spanish vessel SS VIZCAYA.

BOX #7 Radio log (cont) relating to SS VIZCAYA and navigation log on Portuguese vessel SS GAZA.

BOX #8 Navigation log (cont) pertaining to Portuguese vessel SS GAZA.

BOX #9 Radio log pertaining to Portuguese vessel SS GAZA.

The Technical Laboratory is requested to transmit to the Philadelphia Field Division two copies of prints relating to the case of ██████████ et al, the exposures on which will be found in Box #8.

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With regard to exposures relating to the case of "MEXICAN SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA", three prints of the exposures should be transmitted to the Philadelphia Field Division.

As for the remainder of the film, which deals with ship logs pertaining to the described vessels, two sets of these prints should be directly transmitted to the New York Field Division and one copy of such prints should be sent to the Philadelphia Field Division.

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The Technical Laboratory is further requested to expedite the development of the film herein referred to in view of the fact that it contains information pertinent to the investigation presently being conducted in the so-called ██████████.

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If the results of the film development warrant that additional copies of the prints be made later, the Bureau will accordingly be advised.

Very truly yours,

J. P. EARS
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: New York - Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLY

cc: Philadelphia File 100-8597
100-13442

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

May 17, 1943

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Attn: Technical Laboratory

Re: CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

GERMAN-AMERICAN FEDERATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SWEDISH ACTIVITIES
INTERNAL SECURITY - M

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA
INTERNAL SECURITY - J

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ESPIONAGE - G

ET AL
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INTERNAL SECURITY - T
CASE
ESPIONAGE - S

Under separate cover there are being forwarded to the Bureau Technical Laboratory seven 25 ft. rolls of exposed Minipan film, pertaining to the above entitled cases. The outside of the metal containers holding this film are marked one to seven inclusive.

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Date: May 25, 1943

To: SAC, Philadelphia

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

Subject: [REDACTED] CASE
ESPIONAGE (C)

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[REDACTED] et al
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated April 20, 1943, transmitting nine rolls of film containing exposures pertaining to the above named cases.

You are advised that the films were developed and prints made in accordance with your request. It is noted that parts of two rolls were out of focus, and therefore, no prints could be made from them. Three enlarged photographic prints of all good exposures pertaining to the case entitled [REDACTED] CASE, ESPIONAGE (C), were made and two sets of prints are being forwarded to the New York Field Division, and one set is being returned to your office under separate registered cover.

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In connection with the case entitled [REDACTED] et al, INTERNAL SECURITY (C)", and the case entitled "MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA", three enlarged photographic prints of each exposure were made and are being returned to your office together with all of the negatives under separate registered cover.

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cc-New York

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- Box #1 Exposures 1 to 75, radio log pertaining to Portuguese S. S. Serpa Pinto. Exposures 76 to 85, documents pertaining to the GERMAN-AMERICAN FEDERATION. Exposures 86 to 200, navigation log of the Portuguese S. S. Serpa Pinto.
- Box #2 Exposures 1 to 105, navigation and radio logs, pertaining to the S. S. Sines. Exposures 106 to 160, two notebooks and miscellaneous material pertaining to the COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE U.S.A. Exposures 161 to 168, radio telegram form pertaining to SWEDISH ACTIVITIES. Exposures 169 to 200 pertaining to navigation log of the S. S. Nyasa.
- Box #3 Exposures 1 to 85, membership books pertaining to the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. Exposures 86 to 200, radio and navigation logs pertaining to the S. S. Sandades.
- Box #4 Exposures 1 to 200, radio and navigation logs pertaining to the S. S. San Thome.
- Box #5 Exposures 1 to 112, radio and navigation logs pertaining to the S. S. Amarante. Exposures 113 to 130, documents pertaining to Exposures 131 to 190, communications pertaining to
- Box #6 Exposures 1 to 130, radio and navigation logs pertaining to the S. S. Manuel Calvo.
- Box #7 Exposures 1 to 25, radio logs pertaining to the S. S. Serpa Pinto. Exposures 26 to 108, pad and book with telephone numbers pertaining to ET AL, BRIENRY, FAG. Exposures 110 to 170, pocket diary pertaining to INTERNAL SECURITY and CASE, SPIONAGE - G.

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The Technical Laboratory is requested to transmit to the Philadelphia Field Division one copy of the documents pertaining to the GERMAN-AMERICAN FEDERATION in Box #1; copies enlarged to 8½" x 11" of the notebook and miscellaneous material pertaining to the COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A. in Box #2, and two copies of the radio telegram form pertaining to SWEDISH ACTIVITIES also in Box #2. With regard to the exposures relating to the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, Box #3, three prints of these exposures should be transmitted to the Philadelphia Field Division; in Box #5, one copy each of documents pertaining to and two copies each of communications referring to in Box #7, two copies each, of pad and book with

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telephone numbers pertaining to
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As for the remainder of the film in the seven boxes which deal with ship logs pertaining to described vessels, two sets of these prints should be directly transmitted to the New York Field Division and one copy of such prints should be sent to the Philadelphia Field Division.

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The Technical Laboratory is further requested to expedite the development of the film herein referred to in view of the fact that it contains information pertinent to the investigation presently being conducted in the so called "CASE".

If the results of the film development warrant that additional copies of prints be made later, the Bureau will be accordingly advised.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Sears
J. F. SEARS, SAC

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cc: N. Y. - Asst. Director E. J. Connelley

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Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Re: ██████████ CASE
ESPIONAGE - C

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██████████ ET AL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

MCCORMACK SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 25, 1943 to this office, with copy to the New York Office, transmitting photographic prints of the exposures pertaining to the above entitled cases.

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Upon examination of these prints, it was ascertained that the Bureau had transmitted three copies of the prints pertaining to the ██████████ CASE to this office, although the reference letter stated that only one copy of prints was being forwarded.

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Therefore, in view of the possibility that all prints pertaining to the ██████████ CASE were inadvertently transmitted to this office, two sets of these prints are being forwarded under separate cover to the attention of Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY in New York City.

Very truly yours,

J. P. HEARS, SAC

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cc: Asst. Director E. J. CONNELLEY, N.Y.

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FILE NO. **100-5662**

REPORT MADE AT CINCINNATI, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE 6-4-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-29; 5-10, 14, 20, 21-43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., ETAL			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (J) SELECTIVE SERVICE SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation in Cincinnati Field Division reflects that subject organization does not presently exist here. Reported to have existed many years ago in Cincinnati, but is now broken up and location of its past leaders unknown.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File Number 62-25889.

Bureau letter dated 4-2-43
 Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
 New York, N. Y., dated 4-14-43.

DETAILS:

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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[REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED] of Cincinnati Negro publication known as the "Union", 238 East Fourth Street, advised that subject organization was active in Cincinnati many years ago, but has not been active in the recent past, and as far as he knows, no attempts are being made to reorganize it. He also stated that the former leaders of this organization are not now known to him and he has no idea where they might be located.

b7c [REDACTED] of the Negro publication "The Independent", 657 West Court Street, Cincinnati, advised that years ago, a branch of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. was active in Cincinnati but that it has long since been out of existence and its past members are not now known to her.

Investigation conducted in the recent past and presently being conducted by the Cincinnati Field Division in Columbus, Steubenville, and other cities of this division in connection with the case entitled "Foreign Inspired Agitation Among The American Negroes in the Cincinnati Field Division" has failed to reflect any indication of the existence of any branches of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.

Informants have been instructed to continue to check on subject organization, and in the event that subsequent investigation reflects any existence of this organization in the Cincinnati Field Division, the activities of same will be ascertained and the office of origin advised.

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Director, FBI

RE: **MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA.
INTERNAL SECURITY J.**

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith the original and
one copy of the reports *[redacted]*
[redacted] relative to the captioned matter.

Two copies of *[redacted]* are being retained
in the appropriate files of the New York Office.

Very truly yours,

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**E. E. CONROY
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REPORT MADE AT HUNTINGTON, W. VA.	DATE WHEN MADE 6-5-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-21;5-31-43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE MORRISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC.; C. KIRKMAN BEY, was, Supreme Grand Advisor and Moderator, et al		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION SELECTIVE SERVICE <i>b7c</i>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 20%;"><i>b7c</i></div> <div style="width: 80%;"> <p>Investigation at Charleston, W. Va. indicates Temple #2 of captioned organization not presently active in Charleston, W. Va. [REDACTED] BEY, reputed leader of Temple #2, not known by informants or other sources of information. Captioned organization has never been incorporated in the State of W. Va. and has never been licensed as a burial association in the State.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Chicago Field Division dated April 2, 1943, of which Huntington received copy. (62-25889).</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA</u> ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE <u>12-1-80</u> BY <u>SP-4 JCH/SL</u></p> <p>The city and telephone directories at Charleston were searched with negative results as to a listing on either Morrish Science Temple of America, Inc. or [REDACTED] BEY, who is reputedly the leader of the organization in Charleston.</p> <p><i>b7c</i> [REDACTED] Charleston Retail Credit Bureau, advised from the files of that Bureau that the [REDACTED] contained no record on either captioned organization or [REDACTED] BEY.</p> <p><i>b7c</i> [REDACTED] Office of the Secretary of State, State Capitol, searched the corporation files of that office and advised that they contained no record of the incorporation of the Morrish Science Temple of America</p> </div> </div>			
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b7c in the State of West Virginia. [REDACTED] that these records are complete and accurate as to West Virginia corporations dating back to the year 1800. It is noted that in these files there is no record of any organization of a title similar to the captioned organization incorporated in the State of West Virginia.

b7c [REDACTED] Insurance Commissioner, State of West Virginia, with offices in the State Capitol, from the records in his office advised that the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. has never operated in the state of West Virginia as a licensed burial association, nor has it ever been licensed as an insurance company of any sort operating in the State of West Virginia.

b7c [REDACTED] West Virginia State Coordinator for the Security Division of West Virginia Office of Civilian Defense, who has been an attorney in the city of Charleston for many years and who has access to sources of information among the negro population in the city of Charleston, advised that he had never heard of the instant organization, nor had he heard of any negro individual in Charleston by the name of [REDACTED] BEY. [REDACTED] that he would make discreet inquiries among his negro sources of information and would advise the reporting Agent of the result thereof.

b7c [REDACTED] State Coordinator for the Service Division of the West Virginia Office of Civilian Defense who has sources of information among the negro population, advised that he had never heard of the captioned organization or [REDACTED] BEY, but would make appropriate inquiries and would advise the reporting Agent of the results of his inquiries.

b7c [REDACTED] Office of Civilian Defense, State of West Virginia, advised that he had never heard of the Moorish Science Temple of America as existing in Charleston and further stated that he had never heard of [REDACTED] BEY. [REDACTED] that he believed if BEY had been very active in Charleston at any time, he would have heard of him. [REDACTED] that he would make discreet inquiries among the negroes in Charleston for the purpose of determining whether this organization is presently active there and when and if it had ever been active in Charleston.

b7c [REDACTED] negro elevator operator, Federal Building, Charleston, who is an intelligent individual and a graduate of Howard University and has lived in Charleston during the greater part of his life, advised that he had never heard of [REDACTED] BEY, nor had he heard of any organization bearing the name of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. or any similar name. [REDACTED] that he would make discreet inquiries among his friends and associates to determine if any of them had any knowledge of BEY or the captioned organization.

b7c [REDACTED] Charleston, who is regarded in the community as a patriotic American and has lived all of his life in Charleston, having contacts with all negroes in different sections of the city, advised that he has never heard of instant organization or BEY.

b7c [redacted] that he feels certain that there had been no real activity by this organization or BEY in Charleston either now or in the past, inasmuch as if such were the case, he would know about it.

b7c [redacted] Charleston, who has three sons in the armed services of the United States, regarded as a highly loyal American, advised that he has never heard of the existence of the Moorish Science Temple of America and states that it is his firm belief that if there ever had been any activity by this organization in Charleston, it was extremely limited in its scope inasmuch as he feels certain he would have knowledge of such an organization had it ever been very active in Charleston.

b7c [redacted] employed as a maintenance man in the United States Court House, advised that he has lived all of his adult life in Charleston and states that over the period of the past 15 years he feels certain there has been no widespread activity of instant organization in Charleston, inasmuch as he has never heard of the organization and feels certain he would know of same had there been any activity by them.

b7c [redacted] that he had never heard of [redacted] BEY.

b7c [redacted] Charleston, who is well informed on activities of all kinds in Charleston, advised that he had never heard of the instant organization and that he had never heard of [redacted] BEY. He advised that he would make inquiries among his negro contacts in Charleston and would advise the writer of the results.

b7c [redacted] all previously mentioned in this report, were recontacted and all stated that their inquiries had met with negative results as to the existence now or in the past of the Moorish Science Temple of American, Inc. in Charleston, West Virginia, or of knowledge of [redacted] BEY by persons in Charleston.

b7c Inasmuch as there is no indication that the instant organization is presently active at Charleston, and further that there is no indication that [redacted] BEY is presently in Charleston, no further investigative action is anticipated in this field division and this case is being considered RUC.

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Made at SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	Date 5-25-43	Period 3-16, 30, 31; 4-21, 22; 5-6-43	Made by [REDACTED]
Title CHANGED: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, C. KIRKMAN BEY, WAS, [REDACTED]			Character INTERNAL SECURITY SECTION

SYNOPSIS: Several ne[redacted]ces at Augusta reported to have changed name to BEY or EL, claiming to be Asiatics. [REDACTED] BEY classified L-R by IB 3, Augusta. No other persons named BEY or EL registered by IB in Richmond County. Group meetings regularly at 1039 Roberts Street, Augusta, which is a house in a negro neighborhood and has a sign "Moorish Luncheon" in the front.

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Previous informant has no additional information concerning meetings.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 100-6582. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 3-22-43 at Savannah. Bureau letter dated 5-1-43, to Savannah.

DETAILS: The title of this case is being marked changed to reflect the correct name of the subject organization as set out in referenced letter from the Bureau. This case was previously carried as ALLAH TEMPLE OF ISLAM, AKA MOOSLES AND MOOSLES et al.

AT AUGUSTA, GA.

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A check of the 1943 Augusta city directory failed to disclose any record of [REDACTED] EL and it was indicated that [REDACTED] BEY and his wife [REDACTED] resided at [REDACTED] and that one [REDACTED] EL resided at [REDACTED]. There were no other individuals by the name of BEY or EL listed.

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[REDACTED] at Local Board 1 and [REDACTED] at Local Board [REDACTED] in the Marion Building, advised that there was no record of [REDACTED] or of any individuals named BEY or EL, at either of these boards.

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[REDACTED] Clerk of Local Board 3, Marion Building, advised that she had no record of [REDACTED] or anyone named EL. [REDACTED] made available however, the selective service file of [REDACTED] which was the only registrant whose last name was BEY.

This file reflected that [REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED] had registered for Selective Service on 2-16-42 at which time his employer was [REDACTED]. His guest on notice which was dated 6-29-42 reflected that his address was [REDACTED] that he had received four years of elementary schooling, that his only physical defect was having been shot in the leg and that he was at that time employed as a house painter [REDACTED] earning \$37.50 weekly. [REDACTED] BEY stated that he had been married at Augusta on 2-20-22 and that he supported the following members of his family group:

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Name	Date support began	Age	Relation
[REDACTED] BEY	1922	23	Wife
[REDACTED] BEY	1938	3	Child
JULIA RAMEY BEY	1929	65	Mother
HENRY RAMEY BEY	1929	42	Father
[REDACTED] BEY	1929	36	Cousin
[REDACTED] BEY	1938	31	Cousin
[REDACTED] BEY	1938	10	Cousin

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It was noted that the 1943 Augusta city directory listed [REDACTED] as residing at [REDACTED] rather than [REDACTED]

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On 8-11-42 [REDACTED] BEY was classified in 3-A and on a subsequent date, date not given, was reclassified into 4-H. His description as set out in his Selective Service records was as follows:

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Race	Oriental
Age	42
Born	[REDACTED]
Height	5' 5"
Weight	140#
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Complexion	Light brown

It was observed by the writer that the house at 607 E. Georgia Street, which is the reputed meeting place of the subject group, is an unpainted, rather large and delapidated wooden house, in the negro section of Augusta. In the front of it is a sign-reading, "Moorish Lunchroom" and a blue and green half-moon cutout is pasted on the glass of the front door. On one occasion a negress, approximately 5' 5" and appearing to be about 40 years of age, was observed to pull a small wagon into the yard of this house and to enter the house as though she is the individual who resides there. This negress was attired in a long skirt of a red material and wore a piece of cloth wrapped about her head in the fashion of a turban.

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Various members of the Augusta Police Department were asked at various times whether they know of any negroes who wore beards and Patrolman [REDACTED] advised that a negro named [REDACTED] who resided at about 32 Walker Street, was the only such negro he had observed. Others who were questioned had seen no such negroes in Augusta.

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[REDACTED] who is employed by the S. K. Mills Coal Company, 520 Fenwick Street, advised that the only negro whom he has observed in Augusta with beards seemed to be those who go to a meeting at a house on Roberts Street near the negro school house. He stated that the negro who lives in this house is named [REDACTED] and when asked whether a lunchroom is operated there he stated that it is his understanding that box lunches are prepared at this address and are sold to the negro workmen. [REDACTED] suggested that a negro whose first name is [REDACTED] and who is known as [REDACTED] and who is employed as a mechanic for the Georgia Railroad, lives in a blue house near the Moorish lunchroom, would have information concerning the activities at this place and would be a reliable individual to contact relative thereto. He also advised that [REDACTED] who is the subject of a pending Theft from Interstate Shipment case in Savannah, lives just around the corner from the Moorish lunchroom and because her business is also the proprietorship of a small negro lunchroom, she should be able to give information concerning the activities at 1039 Roberts Street.

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The writer who is acquainted with [REDACTED] considers that it is not advisable to contact her.

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[REDACTED] that it is his understanding that meetings are held at the house on Roberts Street on Sunday night and that they are supposedly attended by two cars of white people. He stated that he himself has no first hand knowledge of the membership or the purpose of this group but that he would be on the alert to obtain such information and will immediately impart it to the writer.

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b7c THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION at Pice Bluff, Arkansas, will ascertain the identity and connection with NOSLE Group of [REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED] and of Sister [REDACTED] EY [REDACTED]

b7c THE SAVANNAH FIELD DIVISION at Augusta, Ga. will continue to maintain contact with [REDACTED] and endeavor to have him attend meetings of this organization and make reports thereon.

Will attempt to ascertain the names and addresses of other members of this group and will check their Selective Service status to establish possible violation of the Selective Service law.

Will attempt to develop additional informants that will report on the exact nature of the meetings held at 1039 Roberts Street and to advise whether the teachings of this group are seditious or un-American in character.

b7c Will obtain description and background information on [REDACTED] FL, 1039 Roberts Street, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] FL.

b7c Will check the Selective Service status and Police Department record of [REDACTED]

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Military Intelligence Service
Washington

JUN 4 1943

Subject: Letter of Transmittal.

To: Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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

For the Chief, Military Intelligence Service:

L R Forney

L. R. FORNEY
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Asst. Executive Officer, MIS.

Enclosures:

Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
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SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE DIRECTOR INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
CIVIC OPERA BUILDING, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
(Office of Headquarters)

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SPKON 836.8-J.

Chicago, Illinois
(Place)

May 26, 1943
(Date)

Subject: Walter J. Jones (Boy)
2008 Dwight St.
Flint, Michigan

Summary of Information:

Information received at this office indicates that Subject is the Grand Sheik of Temple #52, Flint, Michigan. Subject was questioned in regard to pro-Japanese activities of this organization on February 15, 1943, and he denied any talk in his temple about Japanese.

Subject's home was searched with his permission, and there was revealed a large picture of Tojo in uniform, also a news clipping about the "untouchables" of India fearing the Japs; also an unregistered revolver (in disrepair).

On February 18, 1943, Subject called the FBI office and stated he had not been able to eat since the interview of February 15, and that he wished to give a statement and to "tell the truth."

Contents of the statement given by Subject were as follows:

Leaders of his Temple told members (as late as November, 1942) that the Japs would win; that the Japs would save the dark skinned people; that he (Subject) joined the organization in 1931, quit soon thereafter and returned in 1937; that he was made Grand Sheik in 1940. Subject stated that he got the picture of Tojo from a female member whom he advised not to carry around a thing like that; that he couldn't explain the news clipping found in his home.

Subject further declared that it is the belief of the leaders of the Temple that the Japs are friends of the Moors; that clippings are passed around to members relating Jap victories.

Subject is reported to be the leader of group which met at 2516 St. John St., Flint, Michigan. It is further reported that Subject has a son in the U. S. Army located at a camp in Indiana; name: Robert Vere Jones.

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The name of Josephus Hopkins (Key) of Flint, Michigan, was included on the secretary's membership list of Moorish Science Temple of America in Flint, Michigan, as of November 23, 1942. It has been reported that this individual was inducted into the Army from Flint, Michigan, on February 16, 1943.

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United States Department of Justice
New York 7, New York

June 12, 1943

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Director, FBI

RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA
INTERNAL SECURITY - J

Dear Sir:

b2, b7d There are being transmitted herewith the original and one copy of the report of [REDACTED]

b2, b7d [REDACTED]

Two copies of Informant's report are being retained in the appropriate files of the New York Office.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812
Chicago, Illinois

June 14, 1943

Director FBI

RE: JESSE ~~SHELBY~~ el; ALBERT ~~STRICKLIN~~ el;
① MOORISH TEMPLE OF SCIENCE #1
INTERNAL SECURITY - J
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] made at Chicago May 17, 1943 in the above entitled case. In this report it is set forth that Jesse Shelby el and Albert Stricklin El of Chicago were indicted by a Mississippi Grand Jury in February, 1942, along with [redacted] and [redacted] for sedition, as a result of statements made and activities carried on by these persons while organizing a branch of the Moorish Science Temple at Milestone, Mississippi in February, 1942.

The report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 21, 1943 at Jackson, Mississippi sets forth that [redacted] and [redacted] were tried and convicted and are presently serving a term at Tchula, Miss. Shelby and Stricklin left Mississippi prior to apprehension, according to this report and the indictment is still outstanding as to them, although no attempt has yet been made by the Mississippi State authorities to remove these individuals for a trial.

The reference report sets forth that Shelby and Stricklin are now located and have been residing at 3229 Indiana Avenue, and that meetings of the Moorish Science Temple are held there weekly. The investigation to date has failed to reveal a violation of the Federal sedition laws committed in Illinois.

[redacted] Further investigation reveals that [redacted] has been sick and has been confined in bed for some time, and it is reported that he may be suffering from tuberculosis.

The Bureau requested this office to submit the facts contained in the reference to the Department of Justice for an opinion as to

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Director FBI 6/14/43

RE: JESSE SHELBY; ALBERT
STRICKLIN; MOORISH SCOTT
TEMPLE

Federal prosecution for sedition, in view of the statements made
by [redacted] and [redacted], in Mississippi during February, 1942.

It is suggested that in the event prosecution is declined,
the facts be brought to the attention of the proper state authorities
by the Jackson Field Division, and to assist the state authorities
in the event they desire to remove them for prosecution under the
State statute.

Very truly yours,

S. J. Drayton

S. J. DRAYTON
Special Agent in Charge

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To: Mr. Wendell Berge
Assistant Attorney General

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

Subject: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED
C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases
SUPREME GRAND ADVISER AND MODERATOR, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY (J)
SEDITION
SELECTIVE SERVICE

[redacted] and [redacted] endeavored to organize locals of the captioned organization in Yazoo and Humphreys Counties, Mississippi, and apparently did establish locals in Belzoni and Mileston, Mississippi. It was reported that these locals taught that negroes who joined the organization would not be required to register under the Selective Service and Training Act, or report for induction if they had registered. It was also claimed that membership in the organization would assure them of good treatment when the Japanese invaded the United States.

As a result of their activities [redacted] and [redacted] were tried in the Circuit Court of Holmes County, Mississippi, in 1942. [redacted] was sentenced to a term of five years imprisonment and [redacted] to two years, neither sentence to exceed the duration of the war, for a violation of Section 178 of the Mississippi laws of 1942, making it a criminal offense to teach any belief which advocates the overthrow by violence of the present form of government.

E. A. Tamm
Classified by [redacted] Shelby El and Albert Stricklin El of Chicago, Illinois, were indicted by a Mississippi Grand Jury in February, 1942, with [redacted] Coffey and [redacted] as a result of their activities in connection with the Moorish Science Temple at Mileston. It appears that Shelby El and Stricklin El departed from Mississippi before their arrest could be effected. It also appears that the state indictment is still outstanding against them although no attempt has been made by the Mississippi state authorities to remove them to Mississippi for trial. Shelby El and Stricklin El are now residing at 3229 Indiana Avenue, where meetings of the Moorish Science Temple are now held. The investigation to date has failed to reveal a violation of the Federal Sedition laws at Chicago.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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The activities of Shelby El and Stricklin El are detailed in the reports of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 17, 1943, at [redacted]

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Chicago, Illinois, and Special Agent [redacted] dated April 21, 1943 at Jackson, Mississippi. These were furnished to the Division of Records on May 31, 1943 and May 11, 1943, respectively.

It is requested that you advise if the facts contained in these reports are sufficient to warrant prosecution of Shelby El and Stricklin M. and if it is desired that federal prosecution be had against [redacted] and [redacted].

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