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PREFACE

At the request of the field offices, this monograph has been prepared, explaining the origin, ideology and workings of the Muslim Cult of Islam (MCI).

Inasmuch as a knowledge of the orthodox religion of Islam is considered essential to an understanding of one of its most deformed branches, a brief history of the Islamic religion, an outline of its doctrines and a very brief explanation of the divisions of the Koran have been included in the first section of this monograph.

The anglicized forms of names and titles have been utilized; however, for purposes of information, the first reference to each has been followed by the Arabic form.

In view of the extreme fanaticism prevalent throughout the MCI, and the absolute lack of a doctrinal core, an attempt has been made in the second section of this monograph to set forth general patterns of belief and behavior, compiled through an over-all study of the various temples throughout the United States. Although there are some basic rules accepted throughout the Cult, it appears that many of the local leaders have adopted

the privilege of personal interpretation.

In the third section, an attempt has been made to illustrate the chasm existing between the orthodox religion of Islam and the unorthodox MCI.

The various enrollment forms and data, considered pertinent by the Cult, have been included in the Appendices.

The material in this study which relates to the history of Islam has been obtained from public sources and is documented as such. All of the data relative to the MCI has been obtained from confidential sources and is classified as confidential.

This monograph is intended to serve as an investigative aid to field office agents and to facilitate the handling of any problems which may arise in the conduct of such investigations. In view of the aberrant ideology and practices of the MCI, it is necessary to go into detail and present all of the information in the Bureau's possession which is considered essential to the successful handling of investigations regarding this group and the development of informants among its members.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

A. Summary

This monograph includes a background of the orthodox religion of Islam, and the workings and organizational setup of the Muslim Cult of Islam. An effort has been made in the last section to point out those tenets of the orthodox religion that have been adopted as a structural part of the Cult, and the eccentric alterations made in them.

B. Conclusions

1. The MCI is a fanatic Negro organization purporting to be motivated by the religious principles of Islam, but actually dedicated to the propagation of hatred against the white race. The services conducted throughout the temples are bereft of any semblance to religious exercises.
2. Organizationally, the MCI is a collection of autonomous temples bound by a tremulous personal relationship between the heads of the temples and the headquarters of the Cult in Chicago, Illinois.
3. The MCI, although an extremely anti-American organization, is not at the present time either large enough or powerful enough to inflict any serious damage to this country; however, its members are capable of committing individual acts of violence.
4. The aims and purposes of the MCI are directed at the overthrow of our constitutional government, inasmuch as the Cult members regard it as an instrument of the white race; therefore, it is obvious that this group, as long as it retains the ideas now motivating it, will remain an investigative problem to the FBI.

I. THE RELIGION OF ISLAM

A. Brief History

"Read: In the name of thy Lord who createth," ¹ said the voice to Mohammed (Muhammad), * who could not read. And thus was born "The Slave of Allah," "The Prophet of Islam," the man who united the wandering tribes of the Arabian desert and enabled them to emerge from the darkness of primitivism and savagery and build a civilization rich in scientific and cultural achievement. It was the twenty-fourth night of the month of Ramadan** when the angel Gabriel brought the first revelation to Mohammed on Mount Hira. ***For the rest of Mohammed's life he continued to have these revelations, which were eventually compiled to form the bible of Islam, known as the Koran (al-Qur'an), "The Reading," -- the Reading of the man who knew not how to read. ²

*Born about 570 A. D. in Mecca, Arabia.

**The ninth month of the year during which all Moslems fast. It falls in different seasons because of the lunar calendar.

***A hill in the Arabian desert on which Mohammed received the first of the revelations.

For the first three years of his mission, Mohammed was considered a fanatic by the people of Mecca* (Makka), and because of this he relegated his teachings to his family and intimate friends. Like most prophets, he was not without honor save in his own country. At the end of the third year, he received the command to "arise and warn" and thereafter preached in public. From 620 A. D., Mohammed's affairs at Mecca were in a crisis. By public standards, his mission was considered a failure until he met a group of men from Yathrib (later called Medina), a city more than two hundred miles away, who, recognizing him as the awaited Prophet, returned to their city and told what they had seen and heard. This was the only place which proved receptive to his teachings and it was in Yathrib that the future of Islam lay. 3

In the Summer of 622 A. D. , to avoid being murdered, Mohammed fled from Mecca during the night and made his way to Yathrib. This is the famous hegira (hajj) from Mecca to Yathrib, from which the Moslem** counts the years. It was in Yathrib that Mohammed built a theocratic state, and from Yathrib that he ruled a rapidly growing empire. The lonely prophet was now the armed conqueror!

*The capital of Arabia fourteen centuries ago.

**The more familiar form of the word Muslim.

Mass conversions are rarely made without bloodshed, and Islam was no exception. A series of savage conflagrations accompanied the rapid spread of the new religion over the sands of Arabia. Perhaps the most significant of these battles occurred between three hundred of Mohammed's men and one thousand Meccans at a place called Badr. The victory of Mohammed's inferior force was interpreted as a divine sanction of the new faith. Previous to this battle, Islam was a religion with a state; after this it became a state. But the tides of war were not always so favorable to Mohammed. More than a year later, amid the beating of timbrels, Mohammed's army was cut to ribbons on the plains of Ohod by hostile tribes, and only saved from complete annihilation by the exhaustion of the enemy. In 629 A. D., after a pilgrimage which Mohammed had sent to Mecca returned unharmed, he decided to venture there himself. His pilgrimage was made without incident and he won valuable converts in the city of Mecca, among whom were some who had previously fought against him. In 630 A. D., he marched against Mecca, which fell without a struggle. Pagan Arabia had been converted, and the missionaries of Islam were free to carry the Prophet's word to the Eastern Empire, Persia and Ethiopia. 4

Within a hundred years after Mohammed's death, in 632 A. D., not merely Arabia, but Syria, Persia, Egypt, Northern Africa and Spain

had been conquered by Mohammed's successors, called caliphs. Until the 11th century, when the Moslem world was split by the rise of the Turks, this culture was matched only by the Byzantine civilization. 5

B. The Principles of Islam

Set forth below are the main principles of the orthodox religion of Islam, as taught by the Koran, and as strictly adhered to by past and present followers of Mohammed:

1. Articles of Faith

a. Profession of Faith

"There is no god but Allah. Mohammed is the Messenger of Allah."* It is simply by bearing witness to the truth of these two propositions that a man enters the fold of Islam. 6

b. Belief in the Unity of God

According to the teachings of the Koran, God is one in His Person, His Attributes and His Works. Oneness in person means there is but one Godhead in which there is neither plurality of persons nor gods. Oneness in attributes implies that the Divine attributes in perfection are possessed by no

*The Koran

other being. Oneness in works means that no being is capable of performing the works which God has done, or which God may do. ⁷

c. Belief in the Prophets

Mohammed considered himself the last of the prophets and it is, therefore, incumbent on all Moslems to believe in the prophets of other nations. ⁸ "Say, O people! I am the Apostle of Allah to you all, of Him whose is the kingdom of the heavens and earth."*

d. Belief in the Attributes of God

1. His knowledge
2. His power and control
3. His love and mercy
4. His punishment ⁹

The highest ideal a man can place before him is a belief in a god who possesses the perfect attributes, for without such an ideal man loses his earnestness and noble aspiration.

* The Koran

e. Belief in Divine Revelation

According to the religion of Islam, there are three forms of divine revelation:

1. The inspiring of an idea into the heart
2. Revelation while in a trance or dream
3. Revelation in which the angel brings the divine message in words. 10

f. Belief in the Angels

Angels are closely connected with the life of man from his birth to his death and during his progress in either Paradise or Hell. They act as intermediaries, and because of their servile positions they are considered inferior to men. 11

g. Belief in a Final Judgment and Life after Death

There will be a day of reckoning when man's deeds will be weighed before the Eternal Judge, when heaven and earth will melt away and only God's nearness will be apparent. So death, according to the Koran, is not the end of life but merely the door to a higher form of existence. 12

C. Fundamental Religious Duties

The fundamental religious duties, or practices, recognized by Islam are five:

1. The profession of faith, which was previously defined, and which includes the following declarations:

- a. We will not worship any but the one God
- b. We will not steal
- c. We will not commit adultery
- d. Nor kill our children
- e. We will not slander in anywise
- f. Nor will we disobey the Prophet in anything that is right 13

2. Prayer

Prayer is considered the means of the realization of the Divine in man. It is said to be an instrument for dispelling all differences, racial, cultural and economic, between all men, and a force sufficiently cohesive to achieve a oneness of all humanity. 14

3. Charity (zakat)

This encompasses all acts of benevolence and doing good to humanity in general. According to Islam, God has given to man not only his wealth but also his faculties, and these should be

shared to the benefit of all. Actually, the provision for charity demands the giving up of a small portion of a man's wealth but does not interfere with his right to property. 15

4. Fasting

"So they should answer My call (by fasting) and believe in Me, so that they may find the way (to Me)."* Fasting, according to Islamic principle, is primarily a spiritual discipline. It has as its main purpose spiritual purification and entails fasting from food and drink from dawn until sunset during the entire month of Ramadan. 16

5. Pilgrimage (hajj)

"And pilgrimage to the House is incumbent upon men for the sake of Allah, upon every one who is able to undertake the journey to it."**In the world of Islam the pilgrimage is considered one of the major influences in destroying barriers of race, color and nationality, for it is on the pilgrimage that men speak one language, wear one dress and are taught to live, act and feel in one way. 17

* The Koran

** Ibid.

D. The Koran

In the last years of his life, Mohammed dictated his scriptures to his disciples. His messages were partly written on parchment, paper, palm leaves or bone, and partly committed to memory. The fragments were eventually collected and rearranged into the Koran. 18

The Koran is divided into 114 chapters, each of which is called a sura (surah). The suras are divided into two categories:

1. The Meccan suras, which number ninety-two, and which were revealed to Mohammed during his thirteen years' residence in Mecca. These suras give guidance to the individual soul and ground the adherents into the faith. 19
2. The Medina suras, which number twenty-two, and which were revealed to Mohammed during his ten-year stay in Medina. These suras give guidance to a growing social and political community and translate faith into action. 20

The revelations to Mohammed, while he was in a state of trance, comprise the Sacred Book and are never confused with those which occurred during the times when there were no physical changes apparent in him. The latter are known as the Hadith, or Sunnah, of the Prophet. 21

II. THE MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM

A. Background and Origin

During and immediately following the first World War, the Negroes in the Southern States became extremely attracted to the northern industrial cities, such as Detroit, Pittsburgh and Chicago. They believed implicitly that the North, unlike the South, presented rare opportunities to improve the economic and cultural standards of the Negro. As a result of the prevalent illiteracy among these people and the large numbers of them who immigrated to the North, possibilities for employment diminished. The depression in the late 1920's completely dispelled the rest of their hopes and reduced greatly their living standards. During these years, many militant and cultist groups arose which reflected this intense desire for racial improvement and recognition, and which based the unenviable position of the Negro on the treatment afforded him by the white people. As each of these movements gained momentum, anti-Caucasian feelings became more pronounced until the pitch of unadulterated racial hatred was attained.

1. The Marcus Garvey Movement

During 1914, in Jamaica, British West Indies, Marcus Garvey, a West Indian Negro, was imbued with the desire to collect his people from the four corners of the earth and return them to

African soil where the Negro could have a government and country of his own and establish himself in the eyes of the world as an African national. Garvey's success in the British West Indies was moderate, but moderateness did not satisfy his ambitions, so on March 23, 1916, he came to the United States where he established himself in the Harlem section of New York City. Garvey, who was referred to as the "Black Moses," described himself as the "Messiah of the Black People" throughout the world and made many inflammatory attacks on the white race and the treatment it afforded the Negro.

In July 1918, Garvey published a constitution and bylaws, and on October 23, 1921, his organization was incorporated in the State of New York under the name Universal Negro Improvement Association. In this country membership centered in New York, Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Norfolk, Tampa, Savannah, and Indianapolis.

In 1920, Garvey dispatched a delegation of Negroes to Liberia to procure lands and other facilities for the purpose of resettling the American Negroes; however, the delegation was rejected by the Liberian Government.

Garvey's decline, though brought about by the activities of competitors, actually began with his arrest for selling stock in violation of state laws. After serving two years of his sentence, Garvey was deported to Jamaica. 22

Although Garvey died in London in 1940, his ideas did not die with him. Under the direction of a president general, William L. Sherill, in Detroit, Michigan, the Universal Negro Improvement Association is presently active and, together with the African Communities League, sponsors a publication, entitled "Garvey's Voice," which keeps alive the preachings of Marcus Garvey -- "One God--One Aim--One Destiny."

2. The Moorish Science Temple of America

During Garvey's imprisonment, there appeared on Chicago's street corners and vacant lots a Negro wearing a flaming red fez. This was Timothy Drew* who called himself Noble Drew Ali, and who brought to the Negro the information that he was not a Negro but a Moor. Act six of his Divine Constitution and By-Laws reads:

*Born in North Carolina in 1886; died 1929

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. 23

Noble Drew Ali's Moorish star and crescent did not immediately draw many to his side, but it was not too long before the wearers of the fez, finally convinced of their elevation to eminence, were looking down on their inferior white antagonists, and hopefully adhering to the promises of Noble Drew Ali who offered them pride of race and dignity. Upon the receipt of reports indicating that the prejudices of his followers were being expressed through violence, the prophet issued strict instructions, "We did not come to cause confusion; our work is to uplift the nation." 24

As in the case of Marcus Garvey, competition soon arose. The organization split into two warring sections. On March 15, 1929, the leader of the opposing faction was stabbed to death, for which crime Noble Drew Ali was imprisoned. Released on bond, Ali died soon after under very mysterious circumstances.

After these events, the group was unsuccessfully held together as a national organization. However, like the Garvey Movement, it has never really reached oblivion. Many came forward through the years, claiming to be the prophet, Noble Drew Ali, reincarnated, and through their efforts many branches of the Moorish Science Temple of America were organized and are active today.

There have been several intimations that the Nation of Islam, set forth below, was an outgrowth of the Moorish Science Temple of America, and was begun because of dissension within the temple; however, this factor does not appear in any of the related histories of the cult.

3. The Nation of Islam

In 1930 there appeared on the streets of Detroit a peddler who, like the Arab or Syrian peddlers, went from house to house,

carrying his wares. As he contacted his fellow Negroes in the Elmwood district of Detroit, he convinced them of his ministerial abilities, and soon house meetings were being held under the guidance of the peddler, known variously as W. D. Fard, Prophet W. D. Fard, Prophet W. D. Fard Muk-Mud, W. D. Foard, Mr. Wali Farrad, Professor Ford, Mr. Farrad Mohammed, Mr. F. Mohammed Ali, and to the Bureau as Wallace Don Fard, FBI #56062. An individual who claims to have heard his first addresses states that Fard himself said:

My name is W. D. Fard and I come from the Holy City of Mecca. More about myself I will not tell you yet, for the time has not come. I am your brother. You have not yet seen me in my royal robes.

Fard at first utilized the Bible, inasmuch as most of his listeners were familiar with its teachings, but, as his following increased, he became more and more inflammatory in his remarks against the whites and denounced the Bible in shocking terms. The element of fanatical racial hatred became more pronounced than it had been in similar organizations and it was evident that Fard was actually cementing this factor into the foundation of his organization.

Very little of Fard's background was ever authentically exposed, but his impressionistic adherents, overawed by the mysterious aura, began to come forward with controversial information regarding his background. Some asserted that he was born in Mecca, the son of wealthy parents of the tribe of Koreish (Qureysh) from which Mohammed had come; that he was closely related by blood to the dynasty of the Hashimite sherifs of Mecca who became kings of the Hejaz; that he was educated at a college in England in preparation for a diplomatic career, but that he abandoned everything to bring "freedom, justice and equality," to "his uncle living in the wilderness of North America surrounded and completely robbed by the cave man."*

It appears that the surrounding air of mystery affected Fard as much as it did his followers, for, when asked who he was by the Detroit Police Department, he answered, "I am the Supreme Ruler of the Universe."

*The "black men in the wilderness of North America" are referred to symbolically in the cult ritual as "the uncle" of Mr. W. D. Fard. Muslims of the East--Syrians, Turks and others--are referred to as the "second uncle" of Mr. W. D. Fard.

Gradually there began to seep into the minds of his followers the idea that Fard was more than a man. As time passed, the idea reached the level of veneration.

The following quotation reflects this veneration in the past and present beliefs of this organization, now called the Muslim Cult of Islam, or the Allah Temple of Islam.

We are determined as our Savior Allah's Apostles to make known to our oppressed, robbed, degenerated, and rejected people the glad news of the presence of our long awaited Deliverer who was to come and has come. Whom we have seen and spoken to him face to face. Who is he then? The great Jehovah Master W. J. Mohammed who would come in the last days and search the earth for the lost brother of Asia, who had fallen among strangers and was robbed of all we originally possessed. Praise be to our Savior and King Master Fard Mohammed, the Almighty who have the keys of salvation to loose us out of this wicked devil civilization.

When the number of followers increased to the point where private homes were no longer large enough to accommodate the growing congregation, a temple service was begun. This first temple, originated by Fard in Detroit, is at the present time known as Temple No. 1 of the Muslim Cult of Islam.

To illustrate his new teachings, Fard used the physical and economic difficulties of the Negroes. Biblical prophecies and the teachings of Marcus Garvey and Noble Drew Ali were cited as foretelling the coming of the new prophet. Many of the people were illiterate and it became necessary to organize classes in English in order that they might be able to read "the proofs about themselves." Fard explained to the people that the publications which he recommended they read were symbolic and could be understood only through his own interpretation. He compiled a series of questions and answers which supposedly explain his teachings in a mathematical and scientific way. He introduced the Koran as the most authoritative of all texts for the study of the new faith; however, he used only the Arabic text which he translated and explained to his believers. His people were completely dependent upon his interpretations.

The potential dangerousness and the primitive instincts of some of the members of this organization were forcibly brought to the attention of the people of Detroit on November 21, 1932, when the newspapers carried a bloodcurdling story of human sacrifice. A prominent member of the Cult, one Robert Harris, somehow

induced his roomer, John J. Smith, to present himself as a human sacrifice so that he might become "The Saviour of the World." At the appointed hour of the sacrifice, Harris plunged a knife in Smith's heart as he lay waiting on the improvised altar. After Harris's arrest it became known that two social workers were slated as the next victims.

Another such incident involved the arrest on January 20, 1937, of the brother of an official of the Cult as he prepared for the ceremonial slaying and cooking of his wife and daughter to cleanse him from all sin.

In May of 1933, Fard was ordered to leave Detroit by the local authorities; however, his departure failed to bring the activities of the Cult to a conclusion. Ready, willing and able to assume leadership of the Nation of Islam was Gulam Bogans, known variously as Elijah Poole, Gulam Bogans and Mohammed Rassouli, who was to become Elijah Mohammed, the present leader of the Muslim Cult of Islam.

Gulam Bogans was born "Elijah Poole" on October 7, 1897, near Sandersville, Georgia, one of the thirteen children of Wali

and Marie Poole, whose parents had been slaves of a white family with the same surname. He finished four grades in school and left home at the age of sixteen years. In 1923 he took his wife, the former Clara Evans, and their two children to Detroit, Michigan, where he was employed in several manufacturing plants until the beginning of the depression in 1929. During these lean years, Bogans met W. D. Fard, who acquainted him with the tenets of the Cult, and who, according to Bogans, personally took him "out of the gutter in the streets of Detroit and taught him in three and one-half years the knowledge of Islam. When Fard left Detroit, he designated Bogans, who was now called Elijah Mohammed, as the leader of the Muslims in North America. Throughout the Cult membership, the disappearance of Fard and resultant change in leadership are explained as follows: Fard, in reality Allah himself, left Detroit to travel to Mecca, and left the Cult in the capable hands of his apostle, Elijah Mohammed.

Elijah Mohammed taught in Detroit until September 1934, when, because of local pressure, he decided to remove to Chicago where he established Temple No. 2, the headquarters of the MCI.

In 1942, Elijah Mohammed stated that the main purpose of the MCI is "to clean up the dark people physically and spiritually so they will be respected by the other civilized people of the earth. In their present condition they are not and cannot be honored and respected by intelligent people. Islam desires to eliminate prostitution, gambling and drinking among the dark people so they can be respected."

Membership in the Cult is restricted exclusively to Negroes; however, it is known that at least one member of the Caucasian race is associated with the Cult as instructor in Arabic. Although this individual is a white man, because of his Palestinian nationality he would be considered by members of the MCI as a "brother." As far as their services are concerned, no "white devil" is allowed to enter the temples, and statements have been made by local Cult leaders which indicate that violence would be considered a necessary measure to insure security.

B. Organization of MCI

The headquarters of the Cult is, as previously noted, located in Chicago, Illinois. It is known as Temple No. 2, and is under the personal direction of the national leader, or Prophet, Elijah Mohammed.

1. Temple Organization

The MCI is particularly active in the following cities: Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan; Baltimore, Maryland; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; New York, New York; Washington, D. C.; Boston, Massachusetts; Atlantic City, New Jersey; Youngstown, Ohio; Indianapolis, Indiana; Cincinnati, Ohio; San Diego, California; and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Each Cult temple is, as a rule, divided into the following organizational breakdown:

a. Fruit of Islam (FOI)

This is the military section of the MCI. Each temple has a section of the FOI within it which is composed only of the male members. Each section is under the trusted care of a captain who is, reportedly, directly responsible to Elijah Mohammed. These sections are further divided into squads which are headed by trusted members of the temple with the title of lieutenant. Each individual within the squad is answerable to his lieutenant who in turn is responsible to the captain.

At least one night a week is devoted to military training which includes judo, the use of knives and blackjacks, and military drills such as marching in regular columns.

Secondary duties of the FOI, according to information received, are the handling of disciplinary matters within the temple, supervising "trials," guarding the Prophet or local minister as well as the selection and training of those members who are chosen to act as temple guards, and insuring the security of the temple against any invasion by "spies" of the "devil." In connection with the War of Armageddon, the Cult looks on this section as an extremely important factor in the eventual emergence of Asiatic world dominance.

b. Muslim Girls' Training (MGT)

This section is composed of the female members of the Temple who are trained in the duties of the Muslim woman, especially in regard to homemaking, cooking, sewing, and their duties and obligations to their husbands and families.

c. General Civilization Class, Also Referred to as Girls' Civilization Training (GCT)

This section is also composed of the female members of the Cult but usually the younger members who are taught the doctrines and theories of Islam.

d. The University of Islam

This section is dedicated to the furtherance of the knowledge of Islam among members of the Cult, and has its location in Chicago. Although branches of the University are found in the organizational setup of several temples, as a general rule the education of temple members is handled independently by the minister or his assistants, or individuals designated to perform such duties.

In this connection it should be noted that in 1934 it came to the attention of the Detroit Board of Education that children of certain Negro families were being withdrawn from the public schools. An investigation which was instituted by the Board reflected that the families involved were members of this Cult and that the children missing from the schools were attending the

University of Islam, a school which had been established by the Cult. An immediate examination of the school was made and it revealed that the "curriculum, the teaching staff, and the equipment were entirely inadequate to afford even the most rudimentary education for the colored children who were attending. Not only was the school inadequate, but the subject matter which was taught appeared to be of a fantastic nature quite outside the realities of life." Attempts which were made to close the schools by the enforcement of the school attendance laws resulted in strengthening the resistance of the Cult, causing it and the school to operate in secrecy. A final decision of the Board resolved to refrain from rigid enforcement of the attendance laws and to assist "in adjusting the underlying economic and social problems of other Negro families of the same class in order that the movement may not spread; and to ignore temporarily the irritating 'bumptiousness' of this particular group."

In 1954 information was received indicating that in the University of Islam various subjects are taught ranging

from elementary grade school subjects to allegedly "advanced subjects" for adult members. During the day, children of the Cult members are expected to attend this school instead of the "devil's schools" and such subjects as reading, spelling, arithmetic, Arabic and Islamic history are taught. There is apparently no standard of advancement or division of grades in the school and, from observations, those teaching in it have little or no educational background.

e. Public Institutions

One of the numerous explanations offered by the Cult for the origin of the American Negroes is that they are members of the Lost Tribe of Shabazz, and it is from this idea that they have obtained the name for the various business enterprises, such as grocery stores, restaurants, laundries, and farms, operated by several temples of the Cult. Some of these institutions carry the word Shabazz in their names and were organized to enable members of the Cult to secure freedom from the

control of the "devil." Members are urged to patronize these institutions, the profits of which, it is stated, go toward the maintenance of the entire organization.

This is not a condition prevalent throughout the entire organization but is found in only a few temples.

2. National Officers

Besides the Prophet, there are three recognized national officers: a medical director, a personal secretary to the Prophet and the head of the FOI in the United States. The other officials of the Cult are assigned to the remaining eleven temples.

3. Local Officers

The positions held by these officers vary according to the size of each individual temple; however, the following listing complies more or less with the general pattern:

Head Minister and Assistants

These officers are supposedly selected by Elijah Mohammed, and are responsible for the functioning of the temple. The number of assistants depends on the size of the temple and its needs.

General Secretary

The secretaries are reportedly selected by Elijah Mohammed and handle duties in keeping with secretarial functions. If found to be other than righteous, they are subject to removal by Elijah Mohammed or the Head Minister.

Treasurer

The treasurer is usually present at each meeting and handles all of the collections or contributions. It is his responsibility to see that the amounts received are handled in accordance with the regulations set forth by the officials of Islam.

Head Investigator and Assistants

These individuals investigate such matters as are assigned to them by the officials, and are responsible for reporting their findings to their superiors. The number of assistants depends on the needs of the temple.

Captain (FOI)
Assistant Captain (FOI)
First Lieutenant (FOI)
Second Lieutenant (FOI)

The captain and officers of the FOI are directly responsible for the efficient training of the members of this section in various military maneuvers.

Captain (MGT & GCT)
First Lieutenant (MGT & GCT)

The women who head the Muslim Girls' Training and Girls' Civilization Training are responsible for training the female members of the Cult in domestic duties, and educating them so they will be able to assume intelligently their responsibilities after the civilization of the white man has been obliterated.

C. Financial Program

From the information available, it appears that the main source of funds utilized in the maintenance of the Prophet, his family, ministers and rental and operating expenses for temple properties, stems from the voluntary contributions of the members; however, in view of the amounts involved, several members have expressed their suspicions of the existence of some unexplained source of funds.

In 1942, a letter was found in the headquarters of the Cult, which was addressed to the Muslims by Elijah Mohammed and in which he acknowledged

the receipt of a sum of money. A postscript written by hand on the side of the letter stated: "It makes the hypocrites all angry when they hear of all you contributing to me, so let's make them made plenty mad so they will learn who we are."

In 1952, the members of one temple were requested to contribute one third of their salaries.

In 1953, information was received that another temple was asking for donations of \$210 per person to help establish a fund of \$200,000 for a cooperative store to be built in Chicago. Because of the extreme pressure put on members, and their inability to pay this amount, many of them dropped membership.

In a number of temples, donation booklets are issued in which members are requested to designate the purposes to which their contributions are to be directed, i. e., Treasury, Poor Fund, Minister, University of Islam, Prophet's Home, Secretary, Special Donations, Prophet's Fund, and Minister's Fund.

It has been indicated that another source of income originated from the profits of the various business enterprises controlled by the Cult, such as the previously mentioned restaurants, laundries, and grocery stores.

In August 1954, Elijah Mohammed addressed a congregation, at which time he indicated that the real estate holdings of the Cult in the Chicago area totaled approximately \$153,500.

D. Meetings

The regular meetings of the MCI are considered open meetings at which visitors are welcome. The meetings of the FOI are closed, and only members who have obtained their "X" * names are allowed to attend. This rule is also applied to meetings of the MGT and GCT. An air of strict secrecy pervades all of the meetings, and strict rules are in existence which forbid the discussion of the proceedings of each of the meetings between members of the different sections.

1. Conduct of Meetings

The following description cannot, of course, be accepted as established procedure in every temple in the United States because, like every aspect of this organization, there is no regulated pattern; however, accepting certain existing variations in department, it does reflect a general picture of the usual procedure.

*Their "Slave names," or given names, are taken away at the time of enrollment in the Cult and substituted by the surname with "X."

Any person entering the Temple, including members, is immediately searched. If the person is a male, he is searched and advised that no sharp instruments, such as files or knives, guns, cigarettes, boxes, papers, chewing gum or alcohol are allowed in the temple. If the person is a female, she is taken into a separate room, where she is searched by the women for weapons of any kind and relieved of possessions such as lipstick and other cosmetics. All of the property confiscated from members and visitors is returned at the conclusion of the meeting. A visitor, immediately after the search, is escorted under guard to the visitors' section, usually situated directly in front of the speaker's rostrum. If the person is a member, after making donations to the various Cult activities, he is ushered into the main part of the Temple. As a rule, male members of the Temple sit toward the front and the female members toward the rear.

Procedures in individual temples will, of course, vary but the meeting is usually begun by the Head Minister or, in his absence, one of his assistants, who reads an opening prayer. In some temples this prayer is followed by the Muslim Fighting Song,

the words to which are included in the Appendices at the end of this monograph. Following the song, if it is sung, the congregation is questioned as to the Student Enrollment, Lost-Found Muslim Lesson No. 1, the planets, mathematics and the Fruit of Islam. All of this data has been included in the Appendices. During the course of the meeting, pertinent subjects, as often as possible involving frequent references to the "white devil," which elicit great feelings of animosity and hatred, are discussed by various members who either direct their conversation to the individual controlling the meeting or to the members themselves. At the close of the meeting, the usual prayer is said and is answered by all members in unison.

2. Physical Description

The room where the meeting is held is generally of the auditorium type and usually has, in the front, a speaker's rostrum situated on a platform. Behind the rostrum, the flags of the United States and Islam are painted on a blackboard. Above the Stars and Stripes is the word "Christianity"; below, the words "Slavery, Suffering, Death." Directly beneath the word "Death" is a cross,

to the left of which is a picture of a Negro hanged from the limb of a tree. Over the flag of Islam, which is composed of a white crescent and star on a field of red, the word "Islam" is printed; beneath the flag are the words "Freedom, Justice, Equality." Stationed about the room are a series of guards who stand in military fashion at all times and who are relieved every thirty minutes, whether or not an individual is speaking, by other guards after an exchange of military salute.

E. Enrollment and Education

After having attended several meetings, a person interested in joining the Cult is requested to copy, verbatim, a form letter of application and submit it to Elijah Mohammed in Chicago. It must be handwritten in ink on bond paper, and, it is alleged, if there is a single error in spelling or punctuation, the letter will be returned for correction. In reply, the Prophet advises the applicant that he has been accepted, gives him his "X" name, and encloses the extremely important Lesson No. 1, which it is incumbent upon the new member to memorize. Upon mastery of this document, the perplexed individual then undertakes the exhaustive study of the Student Enrollment and Answers, Lost-Found Muslim Lesson No. 1, the book that

"teaches the Lost-Found Nation of Islam. A thorough knowledge of our miserable state of condition in a mathematical way, when we were found by our Saviour W. D. Fard," by Prophet W. D. Fard, and the various facts relating to geography, astrology, mathematics, and scientific data.

All of the foregoing material is included in the Appendices.

The Cult tries to impress on its members the necessity for absorbing all of this information, and yet, as far as can be determined, never fully explains how such fantastic elements are applicable to the doctrines of the Cult. One member, however, came forward with an explanation of the following problem:

A lion, in a cage, walks back and forth sixty feet per minute, seeking a way out of the cage. It took him nearly four centuries to find the door. Now, with modern equipment, he is walking three thousand feet per minute and he has three thousand miles by two thousand miles to go yet.

How long will it take him to cover this territory of said three thousand by two thousand miles at the above walking rate? Five thousand two hundred eighty feet equal one mile. He also has seventeen million keys, which he turns at the rate of sixteen and seventeen one hundredths per minute.

How long will it take him to turn the whole seventeen million? Sixty minutes equals one hour, twenty-four hours equals one day, three hundred and sixty-five equals one year. The above figures do not include rusty locks.

According to this member, such problems are examples of symbolism. "The lion in the cage is the 'original man,' or Asiatic, held in bondage for four centuries within a trap fabricated by the 'Caucasian devil.' The seventeen million keys represent a like number of Asiatics held in bondage in 'the wilderness of North America.' 'Modern equipment,' naturally, is the teaching of Islam, by which the 'original man' progresses rapidly toward emancipation. 'Rusty locks' are recalcitrant 'Asiatics' who have not yet accepted Islam." 25

F. Membership

Although statements have been made by Cult members to indicate a much higher figure, there is reason to believe that at no time has Cult membership ever exceeded 3,000, and a very generous estimate as to the current membership would be approximately 2,000.

G. Conventions

Each year, usually from February 26 through February 27, an MCI Convention is held in Chicago, Illinois. Members from the various temples throughout the United States attend this convention, where they are apprised of the past progress made by the Cult and of plans for future expansion and accomplishments.

H. Rebellious Tendencies

The MCI was born of a chimerical resentment against the supremacy of the white race, and nourished on a persistent advocacy of rebellion against its civilization.

1. Instances of Violence against Police Authority

On several occasions, the primitive hatred, with which members are so imbued, exploded into open violence. During the 1930's, the Detroit Board of Education tried on various occasions to prosecute Cult families for violations of the state education laws. After several arrests, members of the MCI Temple banded together and stoned the prison. To avoid a race riot, the judge issued orders for the prisoners' release.

Another incident occurred in September 1950, in San Diego, involving two officers of the San Diego Police Department who were attempting to serve a traffic warrant. Upon arriving at the address, two individuals accosted the officers and advised them the subject of the warrant was not at home. When the officers exhibited the warrant and expressed their intention of searching the house, they were ruthlessly attacked. This perpetrated a near riot and necessitated the calling out of additional cars and approximately

twenty officers. Before the subject was taken into custody and order was restored, an unknown individual fired three shots into a police car. It was later determined that the subject and the two individuals who intercepted the officers were all members of the San Diego Temple of the Muslim Cult of Islam.

In February 1951, another incident occurred which involved a disturbance between members of the Cult who were en route to the yearly convention in Chicago. Members of the Montgomery County Police in Silver Spring, Maryland, were alerted. Four policemen who met the train and entered the car were assaulted and had their guns and blackjacks taken away from them by members of the Cult. This necessitated a call for police reinforcements, and nine members of the Cult were removed to the station and charged with assault.

2. Opposition to Federal Authority

a. Violations of the Selective Service Statutes

Such open defiance is not relegated merely to local authority. In view of the stand this organization has taken in connection with service in the armed forces, members have consistently, since the passage of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, adhered to the teachings

of their leaders in refusing to register, because they claim to be registered in the book of Allah in the Holy City of Mecca and cannot serve two masters. In 1942, three leaders of the MCI, including Elijah Mohammed, and seventy members of the Chicago Temple were arrested by Agents of the Bureau. The charges leveled against the leaders included failure to register for selective service, sedition, and counseling their followers "that members of the Temple of Islam should not go into the Army and should ignore any cards or letters from the local draft board." The indictments returned for sedition and conspiracy to commit sedition were dismissed in May 1943; however, the three leaders served prison terms for selective service violations. Of the seventy members arrested, approximately forty served prison terms for violation of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

During the course of the Second World War and the war in Korea, such incidents were repeated throughout the country, and a number of convictions were secured

for violations of the Selective Service acts; and now with the threat of hostilities in the Far East, the Cult has again taken an open stand against service in the armed forces of the United States. They continue to include in their teachings such information as:

The black people have always been helping the devil by fighting in his wars, but the Muslims do not go to war but rather to jail.

Those who register will be kicked out of the nation of Islam and will die with the white devils.

During April 1954, there was an indication that the Cult sought to soften its policy toward selective service by stating that, if the Government would guarantee Muslims that they would not have to fight their brother Muslims, they would not oppose selective service and would voluntarily enter the armed forces under the draft. However, since the Government could not guarantee this and since it was highly probable that Muslims would place themselves in a position to be ordered to fight other Muslims, they

could not, if they wished to remain Muslims, enter the armed forces.

3. Disloyalty and Disrespect for the United States Government

Intertwined with defiance of the provisions of the Selective Service acts is a vivid disloyalty to the Government and a continual disrespect for its laws. Such comments as "no good Muslim registers for the draft, vote or do anything else in the Devil's government," are repeatedly made throughout the various temples. In a publication obtained from the headquarters of the MCI in Chicago, entitled "The Final Call to Islam," the following appeared:

Of all the governments of the world there never existed one so wicked as America, which has misled the Holy People of Allah, and deceived them into worshipping a God that they cannot see, nor hear, that is a God which does not exist. For this cause Allah, has stretched forth his hand against the wicked America to bring her down, even to dust and ashes, a country whose land is full of churches and in them wickedness is practiced beyond words to describe.

In 1942, Elijah Mohammed colorfully described the American flag as follows:

The flag you see here is the flag of the white devil. The white that you see, and notice that you don't see any black any where on it, represents the white race; the red represents the blood that they lose

keeping it for the white devil alone, the blue background, the white stars represent justice to the whites, not the red men or the black men but only for the white devils.

He told his people not to display the flag of the white devil, because the flag meant nothing to them but a banner with stars and stripes and a piece of blue cloth, but the flag of Islam meant their very salvation.

There seems to be a great desire to see Russia and the Asiatic countries destroy the continent of North America. When the United States was at war with Japan, the Cult considered the Japanese their "little brown brothers" and gleefully predicted the victory of the Land of the Rising Sun. In 1942, Elijah Mohammed reportedly made the following statement at a temple meeting:

The Japanese flag is similar to our flag of Islam and the likeness is because the Japanese are our brothers and they are the only ones who will give us justice, freedom and equality.

At the outbreak of war in Korea, the Cult immediately allied its sympathies with the cause of North Korea and spoke in glowing terms of the strength and prowess of their Korean brothers.

When the Asiatic man (Negro) enters the United States Army, he is sent to Korea where he is required to fight against his own brother.

They have consistently referred to their Asiatic brothers in Russia, and, while there is no evidence to prove affiliation with the Communist Party, many of the leaders have lost no occasion to rise, verbally, to the defense of the Soviet Union in any matter involving difficulties between the United States and Russia.

The United States has undertaken more than they can handle when they attempted to bully Russia, since they found they could not exploit Russia nor would the Russians allow themselves to be pushed around by a nation of devils. The Russians are brothers of the Muslims and are completely Asiatic in origin.

For years the Cult has taken particular delight in teaching that a "mother plane" is continually circling the continent of North America, and threatening destruction of the Planet Earth. One variety of description is set forth below:

There are brilliant black men on this plane from the ages of 12 to 25. It is made of the strongest materials in the world and cannot be bombed by any devil because it flies 600 feet above the distance any plane has climbed. Allah has carefully planned every detail and the pilots know every stop in the country and any place where there are devils. It has the capacity of throwing thirty bombs to earth, each of which travels fifty square feet. When each bomb comes to a stop it releases a highly poisonous gas that will not allow a man to breathe; after this Allah will come and set the world on fire.

I. Subversive Tendencies

True to the nature of this organization, there seems to be an unequally divided opinion among the speakers and leaders as to whether or not the MCI is sympathetic to the cause of Soviet Russia and the Communist Party. Apart from the frequent references to the Russians as "brothers" of the Muslims, there have been instances when individual leaders throughout the United States have evidenced either pro-Russian or anti-Russian sentiments. The sentiments expressed seem to depend on the personal feelings of the individual speaker. In 1953, it was reported that an official of the Cult stated Russia is actually a brother nation but, if the fact became known, the Muslims would be branded as Communists.

In 1954, information was received which indicated that an official of the MCI had stated that the Cult is not a Communist group but that the Communist Party was working indirectly for the Cult, since it intends to take over the Government by force and violence and thus should aid the main purpose of the MCI.

In 1952, it was considered that the MCI was being used to advance the interests of the Soviet Union.

Russia has joined with the black righteous brothers. Very soon now we will take over the country and kill all white men because they are the devils.

Party of the United States, or any other subversive group.
definite indication that the MCI is under any direct influence of the Communist

Buesia and the Communist Party, there has never been developed any
Although there have been statements pro and con regarding

Communism as much as the State Department did."

Muslims were not connected with any Communists and that they "hated

An official of another Temple allegedly stated in 1953 that the

the Cult than the Americans or British.

that the Russians were like all other devils in that they would be no more help to

At another meeting in 1953, a Cult official was reported as stating

with us nor are we with them.

No, we are not Communists. Communists do not believe
in Allah and anyone that doesn't believe in Allah is not

In 1952 it was reported that Elijah Mohammed stated in effect:

heritage and move with Elijah Mohammed at the command of Allah.

with sufficient members of their race could be indoctrinated into their true

Reds or Communists, but just Muslims who were only biding their time

the meetings during 1952, the speaker stated that the Muslims were not

In contrast to these sentiments, it was reported that, at one of

at any time they are needed by the temple." killed, and he cautioned members that he hoped they can be located

it has been written that the President of the United States will be

At another meeting in 1954, one of the speakers stated that

in America, not the Puerto Ricans.

should be the ones to kill the President and the rest of the big men

of the President. In 1954, one of the leaders stated that the Muslims

to direct statements and inferred threats concerning the death

In typical frenzied fashion, these remarks finally evolved

during his term.

United States, and the destruction of North America will occur

to Allah, there are going to be only thirty-four presidents of the

elected, leaders throughout the Cult gloomily stated that, according

he was to be the last president. After President Eisenhower was

During Mr. Truman's term of office, the Cult emphatically stated

predictions of the termination of the Presidency of the United States.

These feelings have been carried to the extent of repeated

of wishful thinking.

nothing is more pleasing to them than to indulge in the reverse

drastic enough can happen to the North American continent and

As far as the MCI is concerned, it seems that nothing

J. Potential Threat to the Internal Security

Based upon an analysis of the rabid teachings of this group, it is definitely considered that these people present a threat to the internal security of the United States, and would, with the right number of followers and the opportunity, be more than willing to perform any acts which would subvert American principles and endanger the existence of the American nation as such.

III. IDEOLOGY OF THE MCI

It is obvious that W. D. Fard, the founder of the Cult, selected those tenets of the orthodox religion of Islam which would lend themselves to dilution with Congo passion. As far as the ideology of this movement is concerned, it appears that each speaker has the privilege of advancing as close to the realm of fanatical, insane hatred as he wishes, and many of them, fully conscious of the psychological make-up of their listeners, exceed the limit.

A. Beliefs of the MCI

1. Follow the teachings of Allah, as interpreted by Elijah Mohammed, the "true Prophet of Allah" and titular head of the MCI.

There is no God besides Allah. Allah is he of whom nothing is independent, and upon whom we all depend. He forgets us not, nor is he beguiled. None is thy kingdom. And I bear witness nothing deserves to be worshipped or served besides Allah. And I bear witness to Elijah Mohammed he is thine servant and apostle. Amen.

Elijah Mohammed was sent to North America by Allah to lead the Muslims in the destruction of the devil and to prepare for the coming of Allah to this country.

2. There is no such thing as a Negro. The so-called Negro race is of Asiatic origin and nature and is the original race on earth.

The original man is the Asiatic black man, creator God and owner the universe and father of civilization.

It took John the Baptist 600 years to make a white man out of a colored man. A black man and a black woman gave birth to two black children, one being dark complected and the other light. John the Baptist then kept using the two lightest complected children until after 600 years he made a pale and wise. John and the other white devils were later exiled to the island of Palom. They had to march 2000 miles across the burning desert of Arabia and they had been stripped of their clothes during the time they were on the island of Palom for hundreds of years. They made their way into Europe where they mated with animals and lived like dogs, but the white devils emerged strong and started a thriving civilization.

3. The white race is always referred to as the "devils."

There ain't no other devil on the planet earth or under the earth but the white man. And there's no history to prove no other devil but the white man. There is nobody that can prove the existence of no other devil but the white man. Not even the Bible.

Allah further taught that the dark people will have peace when the trouble maker, that is the devils, or white man, is separated from the peaceful.

4. All of the original race who accept Islam register with Allah's apostle, Elijah Mohammed, and thereafter owe allegiance only to Islam.

None of the original men presently residing in North America owe any allegiance to the United States since they are of Asiatic origin and owe allegiance only to Islam.

5. The "white devils" allotted time to rule the world has passed, and the fast approaching "War of Armageddon" will result in Asiatic world ownership and the emulation of the Muslim practices and way of life over all other ways.

In a very short time Allah will institute a war for the "righteous" against the "white devils," which will involve the entire world. The black man will win this war due to the fact that the white man's time to rule expired in 1914.

The war that is being shaped up is the War of Armageddon, and the war of the gods against the devils, the white man against the black man.

6. The "white devils" have withheld from the so-called Negroes the history of their true identity and culture, and have imposed slave names. After joining the Cult, the slave name is replaced with the surname with the letter X.

Christianity has failed to prevent the enslaving of the black man and they have been the subject of much injustice, robbed of their heritage, their identity, their name and language and made the victims of all manner of injustice.

The white people kept the colored people slaves for 310 years through trickery. The colored people reproduced and the white people kept the colored babies but killed off the old people. Therefore, the colored people could not account for 65 years.

7. The Principles of Islam

- a. Belief in Allah and his apostle Elijah Mohammed
- b. Belief in the prophets and in the scriptures
 1. The Bible
 2. The Holy Koran
- c. Prayer five times a day
- d. Charity, in its broadest sense
- e. Fasting, mostly during the month of Ramadan (considered as falling yearly in the month of December)

B. Practices of the MCI

Other than prayer, charity and fasting, incorporated in the above-mentioned five principles of Islam, members of the Cult are urged to practice the virtue of cleanliness which they consider as essential as being physically able to fight in the War of Armageddon.

They have listed what they consider the three great evils which members of the Cult are bound to overcome:

1. Use of pork which is 99% evil
2. Smoking which is an evil instituted by the white devils to dull the mind and intellect of the original man
3. Fornication and adultery

C. Comparison of Certain Tenets of the Orthodox Religion of Islam with the Unorthodox MCI

An effort has been made in the following paragraphs to clarify the position of the MCI as a mongrelized product of the orthodox religion of Islam. Certain aspects have been selected which lend themselves readily to a clear comparison.

1. Belief in Allah and the Prophets

Orthodox

The orthodox Muslim sincerely believes in Allah as the Supreme Being who created the universe, and expresses his faith by complete submission to the Divine Will. He believes that Mohammed was the Messenger, and the greatest and last of the prophets, to whom Allah revealed certain patterns for human

conduct which would lead men to the attainment of spiritual perfection on this earth and happiness in eternity. 26

The religion of Islam requires a belief not only in the Holy Koran but in all the books of God, granted to all the nations of the world.

And those who believe in that which has been revealed to thee and that which was revealed before thee, and are certain of the Hereafter.*

Unorthodox MCI

Although the Cult members profess a belief in Allah, and preface their meetings with orthodox Moslem prayers soliciting Allah's aid, their methods of worship are extremely unconventional. Allah, together with unexplained digits and psuedo-scientific data, has become merely a name to be memorized. This lack of perception has led them to at times fuse Allah with the prophet, W. D. Fard, and to attribute to Fard a "divine" significance. The Messenger, to whom Allah made his revelations, is not a revered figure in history, but a man they know who lives in Chicago, Illinois.

* The Koran

From habit, they profess belief in the Hebrew and Christian prophets, but their rabid denial of the doctrines of Christianity belies this profession of belief.

Joseph was the father of Jesus. Jesus was born like any other man, just like any other man. But after the people over here who call themselves the most intelligent people finished doctoring this book which you call the holy Bible, and when you call it the holy Bible you don't know what you're talking about because when I ask you to define the word holy you probably cannot tell me what the word holy means.

Jesus and the previous prophets of the Bible were prophets for the white devil and the only negro prophet was Elijah Mohammed who came to Detroit in 1930.

2. Racial Hatred

Orthodox

Nowhere in the tenets of the orthodox religion of Islam does there appear any indication of racial prejudice. On the contrary, to the Muslim the religion of Islam is considered as being an international religion which has as its ideal the complete equality of all races and the unity of mankind. There is no color or race prejudice and no distinction between an Arab and non-Arab. 27

The whole of humanity is declared to be one nation. All prejudice of race, color and language are demolished and a vast brotherhood extending over all the world, has been established, every member of which is bound to accept the prophets of all nations, and to treat all nations equally. 28

Unorthodox MCI

As previously indicated, this aspect is the very foundation of all of the teachings of the Cult. The white man is indeed the scapegoat, upon whom is vented a hatred so tinged with primitivism that it has almost regressed to savagery. It is to the white race that these Negroes gladly throw the blame for all of their social, economic and cultural ills, and it is from the preachings of their leaders that they receive the food for their emotional appetites.

3. Advocacy of Violence

Orthodox

No reference whatsoever to the spread of Islam by force can be found in the Koran. The Moslems, though allowed to fight in self-defense to preserve their national existence, were forbidden to provoke war; however, they were commanded to utilize their maximum strength in the event war was forced upon them.

And let not hatred of a people incite you to exceed the limits; and help one another in goodness and piety and do not help one another in sin and aggression. *

Personal violence, such as murder and revenge, are sins against society and are punishable under Moslem law. True nobility lay in forgiveness and those who restrain their anger and pardon men shall receive Paradise. 29

Unorthodox MCI

Although there have been no organized acts of violence committed by the Cult, the element of desire for violence appears to be an emotional stimulant for every practicing member. Well aware of the emotional needs of their audiences, the leaders lose no opportunity to advocate a bloody revenge against the white race in the "War of Armageddon." Armageddon, the great battlefield where, in the last times, the powers of evil will fight the powers of good, has been redefined in Cult terminology to mean the conflagration soon to take place when the Asiatics will sweep through the world, killing men, women and children until there will be "blood up to your windshield and you will be swimming in it."

4. Attitude toward Places of Worship

Orthodox

An orthodox Moslem looks on the mosque as a training ground where the doctrines of the fraternity and equality of mankind are put into practical working, and the community is educated on all questions of its welfare. Once a mosque has been built, it is open to Moslems of all persuasions and no one has the right to prohibit Moslems of a certain persuasion or sect from entering any mosque. 30

And who is more unjust than he who prevents men from the mosques of Allah, that His name should be remembered in them, and strives to ruin them?*

Unorthodox MCI

In the Cult. no one but a Negro is allowed access to the inner sanctum of the temple, and many dire threats have been made against any member of the white race who attempts entry. Whether the man is a Moslem or non-Moslem makes no apparent difference; the color of his skin is the sole bar to his entry.

It is too late for the devils to come into Islam for the door is closed. I don't care who he is or what he is, not one devil can

* The Koran

come across that door sill. I don't care if it is the President, the King of England, or how big he is. We will die to prevent him from coming in that door.

5. Prayer

Orthodox

Prayer is the second pillar of faith and is one of the instruments by which an individual develops the art of self-mastery. It is an integral part of the religion of Islam, because it is through the medium of prayer that humanity obtains the desired peace of mind and reaches the ideal of spiritual perfection. 31

The Prayers which are said five times a day:

1. Fajr, or the morning prayer, is said after dawn and before sunrise.
2. Zuhr, or the early afternoon prayer, is said when the sun begins to decline.
3. Asr, or the late afternoon prayer, is said when the sun is about midway on its course to setting.
4. Maghrib, or the sunset prayer, is said immediately after the sun sets.
5. Isha, or the night prayer, is said when the red glow in the west disappears. 32

Unorthodox MCI

It would be impossible to establish that individual members of the Cult lacked an appreciation of the value of prayer; however,

as utilized by the leaders, prayer is merely a series of words used as a measure of opening and closing meetings. One of the most striking aspects of the prayers repeated by Cult members is an absolute lack of devotion and fervor. The form of prayer seems to vary with the feelings of the particular leader.

5 times dayly if can 7 times
1. before sun up. 2. 10 clock if can
next 12 or 1 next 3 or 4 if can next
after sun down if 7 prayers the 5
prayer Just before sun down 6 after 7
in the Bed you do not hafter get up
just lay on your side either way.

6. Charity and Fasting

Orthodox

These practices, together with prayer, enable the Moslem, through self-mastery, to attain the apex of dignity, human conduct, and elevation of the mind. Charity accentuates the virtues of generosity and forgiveness. Fasting accustoms a man to face the hardships of life and increases his powers of resistance. 33

Lo! Those who believe and do good works and establish worship and pay the poor-due, their reward is with their Lord and these shall

no fear come upon them neither shall they
grieve. *

O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you,
even as it was prescribed for those before you,
that ye may ward off (evil). **

Unorthodox MCI

Charity and fasting are accepted by the Cult as being embodied in their five principles of Islam. On certain occasions, charity among themselves has been strongly advocated and feebly attempted; however, charity as a means to spiritual perfection is virtually unknown in the teachings of the Cult.

All of the members are periodically reminded that fasting in the month of Ramadan is highly desired; however, it is doubted that many of the members of the Cult, including most of the leaders, have any clear perception of the significance of Ramadan, much less the reason for the necessity of fasting. Their failure to believe that Mohammed was the last of the prophets, which is one of the basic beliefs of Islam, invalidates their adherence to the regulation demanding fasting during Ramadan.

*The Koran

**Ibid

7. Cleanliness

Orthodox

Before it is possible for a Moslem to attain complete inward purity, he must first purify his body. It has been said that "a pure mind in a pure body is the watchword of Islam." This effort is directed by a sincere desire for a nearness to God.

Surely Allah loves those who turn much to Him, and He loves those who purify themselves. *

The first condition of bodily purification is a partial ablution which entails the washing of certain parts of the body before prayer.

O you who believe! When you rise up to prayer wash your faces and your hands as far as the elbows, and wipe your heads, and (wash) your feet to the ankles. **

Thus, in the religion of Islam, the striving toward physical purification is motivated by a spiritual force. 34

Unorthodox MCI

Members of the Cult are frequently urged to keep themselves and their belongings in perfect order; however, there appears to be no

* The Koran

** Ibid.

spiritual motivation present. Although Elijah Mohammed stated it was his intention to clean up the dark people physically and spiritually, the sole aim has been toward racial perfection, not spiritual perfection. Cleanliness, therefore, is strictly a matter of hygiene.

Wash your right hands first and then your lefts, after which the face should be washed and take a bath every 24 hours. ✓

8. Food and Drink

Orthodox

At the beginning of Islam, it was considered that the food which a man used affected not only his constitution but also the building up of his character, and hence it was necessary that men should be taught ways of clean eating. Thus certain foods were prohibited:

1. That which dies of itself
2. Blood, explained as "blood poured forth"
3. Flesh of swine
4. Food over which any other name than that of Allah has been invoked at the time of slaughtering

The Holy Prophet prohibited all:
beasts of prey with a canine tooth
birds of prey with a claw
the tame ass
the mule but not the horse
hyenas, foxes, elephants, weasels, pelicans, kites,
carrion-crows, ravens, crocodiles, otters, asses,
mules, wasps and all insects 35

These prohibitions are still in effect and strictly adhered to by orthodox Moslems, particularly the abhorrence of swine.

In connection with drinking, the juice of fruits can be used only up to the time they become intoxicating; however, except among the most rigidly orthodox, this regulation is regarded with toleration.

Unorthodox MCI

The MCI has adopted from the religion of Islam the idea of food restrictions, and formulated rules in keeping with their own tastes and tendencies. In connection with the abhorrence of swine, felt deeply by the orthodox Moslem, the regulations of the Cult explicitly state:

The hog is made up of three different beasts: dog, cat, rat. His purpose on the Planet Earth was to clean up the filth that the devils had in their caves, when Mossa came to teach them Islam.

Pork is the food that is the source of most ailments. 10 oz of pork sounds the mental power. 10 oz of poison animal (pork) destroys 3/100 beauty appearance.

In addition to pork, the leaders of the Cult have prohibited the following:

Clams, sweet potato, white bread
Smoking and chewing gum
The Four devils which are: Caucasian,
drinking, smoking and pork. Keep away
from them they are dangerous and may mean
sudden death to you.

9. Science and Mathematics

Orthodox

During the height of the Moslem civilization, from the 8th through the 11th centuries, great contributions were made to the studies of mathematics, geography, medicine, astronomy and physics. In the Moslem world today, this intense interest in science still prevails. For instance, a tremendous influence is ascribed to the planets and the sky, and it is considered that the stars work directly on all terrestrial events. Great stress is placed on numerology. This science is considered to be present in every soul and requires only study to be known. 36

and the Last Day and doeth right--surely
their reward is with their Lord, and there
shall no fear come upon them neither shall
they grieve. *

Unorthodox MCI

Nowhere in the ravings of the Cult is there anything but
a shadowy reference to Paradise or Hell. The good works of
its members comprise strict adherence to the hate principles
and come to signify the means by which the white man will be
obliterated. This is their paradise -- a world in which the
Negro will have attained the enviable supremacy of the white
man without the necessity of competitive exertion. Hell for them
is the here and now -- the inferior position they occupy in the
face of the world. The Last Day is the last day of the War of
Armageddon when the clouds of battle will dissolve and reveal the
ruler of the universe -- the Negro.

D. The MCI in Relation to Other Islamic Cults in the United States

In February 1954, an individual, who at that time was president
of the Philadelphia branch of the Addeynue Allaha Universal Arabic Association,

*The Koran

Incorporated, an orthodox Moslem organization with headquarters in Newark, New Jersey, and who attended several MCI meetings, classified the MCI as the most unorthodox and least acceptable Moslem group in this country. He stated there were no evidences in the Koran to support the MCI's teaching of civil disobedience and nonconformity to the laws of the country, their adherence to principles of racial prejudice, or the militaristic approach to their religion. He categorized the MCI as an "elementary, completely unorthodox group," whose members are taught many false doctrines and whose teachings are calculated to engender racial hatred.

Among the other groups in the United States not acceptable to orthodox Moslems, this individual listed the Moorish Science Temple of America, previously described in this monograph, and Ahmadyia, which group recognizes a living prophet in India called Ahmad.

He stated that all Moslem groups had one "common denominator" which was that they are all striving to bring knowledge and acceptance of Eastern culture to Asiatics throughout the world. As a reason for the Negro's interest in the religion of Islam, he related that it provides members of the Negro race with a satisfactory explanation of their "true" origin and heritage.

APPENDICES

APPLICATION

"Dear Mr. Mohammed,

"In the name of Allah, the merciful, all holy, praise is to Allah, the lord of the world. I have been attending the teachings of Islam by one of your ministers, and I believe in Islam, my own religion, and I desire to claim my own. Please take away this old slave name of the devil and give me my own holy righteous name. My slave name and address is as follows."

REPLY

"As Salaam Alaikum:

"In the name of Allah, and in the name of his divine Messenger, Mr. Elijah Mohammed.

"Dear Brother:

"Your letter seeking to be united again to your own has passed our inspection. It now awaits the inspection of Almighty God, Allah. Until he gives to you your holy name you will be known among us as Brother _____ X.

"We are enclosing your next lesson of which you are to answer 100% correctly. Upon completion of same, return.

"As I say unto you in the name of Allah, and his divine Messenger.

As Salaam Alaikum"

Rules of Islam-- Department of Supreme Wisdom

1. The students must study his assignment Lesson #1. Each student would copy the answers of Lesson #1, of Minister Elijah Mohammed, and study until the student is able to memorize by heart all answers to of said Lesson #1.
2. Each student must qualify his or herself for position awaiting them. Assignment of offices will be made immediately after examination and on completion of his or her laborer course. Consideration for the labors of Islam, will be taken under analysis in the near future by our Prophet, W. D. Fard Mohammed.

Rules of Instruction to the Laborers of Islam

3. The laborers must speak and use grammatic pronunciation of words and syllables in past, future, and present perfect tense. The laborers answers to all lessons, must be in the above language other will not be considered.
4. The Laborers must practice the above language with all new converts. The Laborer is liable to punishment if found using baby language. At all times, the laborers must greet a registered Muslim in his own way.
5. **MISTAKES SHALL NOT EXIST AMONG THE LABORERS OF ISLAM AT NO TIME.**
6. The Minister's Class, must study and prepare themselves for examination as soon as they are able to. Everyone's final examination will be before Master W. D. Fard Mohammed, which will include all of the Forms, Lesson #1 answers, and all of the problems and a general review of the 3 1/2 years of labor. Absent in the Minister's Class always must be investigated. Every Muslim should know all this by heart, it is all his and hers. The time is ripe for us to reclaim our own, which all equipped physically and mentally to accomplish the of said above with little study. Hurry, and everybody study: young and old, she and he, the M. G. T. and G. C. C. should study along with the training. Report their progress along with the rest.

7. Temple Reading Class. The reading class shall include 34 problems, lessons #1 and #2, also a brief review of the history, report reading class with the regular school report. The Secretary must report once a week of the Educational Department also a general report of the Temple.

8. All students of the University of Islam, must use official paper, for their lesson at all times. Quickness, fast thinking, fast moving, cleanliness in and out, right down to the modern time. The Law of Islam, does not approve continuation of laborers with devil names. The register must be clear of devil names. English lesson #C1, spelling must be used by all Muslim girls and mothers to their children for bed time study, also in regular courses. Muslim girls must get away from reading that devil's bed time story to their children.

9. Application for enlistment in the Fruit of Islam, will be accepted on approval of their Holy Names. Names of devils are not counted any value in the Fruit of Islam. Devils must stay away.

10. The Restrictive Law, is our success. At any time anyone fails to be 100% to the law, shall be dismissed from his or her post.

11. Brothers and sisters, you all get busy and help me arise the dead nation, and place them on the top of civilization. My greatest desire is to give everyone his or her own. I do not want importance among the officials, neither the laborers. Do not do other than yourself. Do not take a mix instruction other than our assignment.

12. The Muslim Girls Training and General Civilization Class, I can sit on top of the world and tell anyone that the most beautiful nation is the wilderness of North America, but do not let me catch any sister other than her ownself in regards to living the life and weighing properly.

13. Big field is awaiting for the wide awake man to work out, arise the dead by the thousand. The dead nation must arise for the time is at hand. Look in your poison book, work cheerfully and fear not.

YOU ARE THE RIGHTEOUS, THE BEST, AND THE POWERFUL

By our Saviour, Master W. D. Fard Mohammed

The following are the means by which members of the MCI qualify themselves for positions in the Cult. These questions must be known and recited one hundred per cent correctly by all members before further instructions can be given to them regarding Islamic teachings. They must also be known one hundred per cent by a member who desires to become affiliated with FOI.

Student Enrollment (10 Questions)

1. Who is the original man?
2. Who is the colored man?
3. What is the population of the original in the Wilderness of North America and all over the planet Earth?
4. What is the population of the colored people in the Wilderness of North America and all over the planet Earth?
5. What is the square mileage of Earth, how much is land? How much is water?
6. What is the square miles of usefull land used every day by the entire population of the planet Earth?
7. What is the square miles of useful land used by the Original Man?
8. What is the square miles of useful land used by the Colored Man?
9. What is the birth record of said nation of Islam?
10. What is the birth record of said other than Islam?

Answers to 10 Questions

1. The Original Man is the Asiatic Black Man, Owner, Maker, cream of the planet Earth, God of the Universe and Father of Civilization.
2. The Colored Man is the so-called white man or caucasian, Yacobs grafted devil, skunk of the planet Earth.
3. The population of the Original Nation in the Wilderness of North America is a little over 17, 000, 000 lost-founders, plus 2, 000, 000 Indians making a total of 19, 000, 000 and all over the planet Earth 4, 400, 000, 000.
4. The population of the Colored People in the Wilderness of North America is 103, 000, 000 and all over the planet Earth, 400, 000, 000.
5. The square mileage of the Earth is 196, 940, 000 square miles. 57, 255, 000 square miles is land, 139, 685, 000 square miles is water.
6. The square miles of useful land used by the entire population everyday is 29, 000, 000 square miles.
7. The square miles of useful land used by the Original Man is 23, 000, 000 square miles.
8. The square miles of useful land used by the Colored Man is 6, 000, 000 square miles.
9. There is no birth record of said nation of Islam.
10. The birth record of said other than Islam is:
Buddaism-- approximately 35, 000 years old.
Christianity-- approximately 551 years old.

These questions are considered to be part of the Wisdom of the MCI and are read by the ministers at the opening of every meeting. These are allegedly received after an individual has completed his Student Enrollment Lesson.

English Lesson C-1

1. My name is W. F. Mohammed.
2. I came to North America by myself.
3. My uncle was brought over here by the Trader, three hundred seventy-nine years ago.
4. My uncle cannot talk his own language.
5. He does not know that he is my uncle.
6. He likes the devil because the devil gives him nothing.
7. Why does he like the devil?
8. Because the devil put fear in him when he was a little boy.
9. Why does he fear now since he is a big man?
10. Because the devil taught him to eat the wrong food.
11. Does that have anything to do with the above question Number 10?
12. Yes, sir, that makes him other than his ownself.
13. What is his ownself?
14. His ownself is a Righteous Moslem.

15. Are there any Moslems, other than Righteous?
16. I beg your pardon, I have never heard of one.
17. How many Moslem Sons are there in North America?
18. Approximately Three Million.
19. How many Original Moslems are there in North America?
20. A little over seventeen million.
21. Did I hear you say some of the seventeen million do not know that they are Moslem?
22. Yes, sir.
23. I hardly believe that unless they are blind, deaf and dumb.
24. Well, they were made blind, deaf and dumb by the devil when they were babies.
25. Can the devil fool a Moslem?
26. Not now a days.
27. Do you mean to say the devil fooled them three hundred seventy nine years ago?
28. Yes, the Trader made an interpretation that they receive gold for their labor, more than they were earning in their own country.
29. Then did they receive gold?
30. No, the Trader disappeared and there was no one that could speak their language.

31. Then what happened?
32. Well, they wanted to go to their own country, but they could not swim 9,000 miles.
33. Why didn't their own people come and get them?
34. Because their own people did not know they were here.
35. When did their own people find out they were here?
36. Approximately sixty years ago.

At the completion of the Student Enrollment and English Lesson CI, the member begins working on the following "14 Questions." After these have been committed to memory one hundred per cent correctly, he is eligible to become a minister in the MCL. In this connection, it has been alleged that, although this is a qualifying element in the elevation to the position of Minister, it is doubted that many of the ministers know more than a few of these questions.

14 Questions

1. Why isn't the devil settled on the best part of the Planet Earth?

Answer: Because the earth belongs to the Original Black Man and knowing that the devil was wicked and there would not be any peace among them, He put him out in the worst part of the earth and kept the best part preserved for himself every since he made it. The best part is in Arabia at the Holy City Mecca. The colored Man or Caucasian is the devil. Arabia is in the far east and is bordered by the Indian Ocean on the South.

2. Why did Moses or Mossa have a hard time to civilize the devil 2000 B. C. ?

Answer: Because he was a savage. Savage means a person that has lost the knowledge of himself and who is living a beast life. Mossa was a half original man, and a prophet. Two thousand B. C. means before Christ. In the Asiatic world it was in the eleven thousand year. Civilize means to teach the knowledge and wisdom of the human family or the Planet Earth.

3. Why did we let half original man Columbus discover the poor part of the Planet Earth?

Answer: Because the original man is the God and owner of the earth, and knows every square inch of it and has chosen for himself the best part. He did not care about the poor part. Columbus was a half original man and was born in Italy, which is southeast Europe. His full name was Christopher Columbus, and the place he discovered was North America. He found the Indians here, who were exiled seventeen thousand years ago from India. They are original people.

4. Why did we run Yacob and his made devil from the root of civilization, over the hot desert, into the cave of West Asia, as they now call it Europe? What is the meaning of Eu and Rope? How long ago? What did the devil bring with him? What kind of life did he live and how long before Mossa came to teach the devil of the forgotten Tricknollegy?

Answer: Because they had started making trouble among the righteous people telling lies. They accused the righteous peoples, causing them to fight and kill one another. Yacob was an original black man, and was the father of the devil. He taught the devils to do this devilishment. The root of civilization is in Arabia at the Holy City Mecca, which means where wisdom and knowledge of the original man first started. When the planet was found, we ran the devils over the Arabian Desert. We took from them everything except the language and made him walk every step of the way; it was twenty-two hundred miles. He went savage and lived in the caves of Europe. Eu means hillsides and Rope is the rope to bind in. It was six thousand and nineteen years ago. Mossa came two thousand years later and taught him how to live a respectful life, how to build a home for himself and some of the tricknollegy that Yacob gaught him. Which was devilishment, telling lies, stealing, and how to master the original man. Mossa was half original, a prophet which was predicated by the twenty-three scientists in the year one, fifteen thousand nineteen years ago, today.

5. Why did we take Jerusalem from the devil? How long ago?

Answer: Because one of our righteous brothers, who was a prophet by the name of Jesus was buried there, and he uses his name to shield his dirty religion, which is called Christianity, also to deceive the people

so they will believe in him. Jesus' teaching was not Christianity, it was Freedom, Justice Equality; Jerusalem is in South Europe. Jerusalem is a name given by Jews, which means founded in peace, and it was first built by the original man, which was called Jebus, also Salem, and Ariel. We took the city from the devils about seven hundred fifty years ago.

6. Why does the devil call our people Africans?

Answer: To make our people of North America believe that the people on that continent are the only people they have and are all savage. He bought a trading post in the Jungle of that continent, the original people live on this continent and they are the ones who strayed away from civilization and are living a jungle life. The original people call this continent Asia, but the devils call it Africa, to try to divide them. He wants us to think we all are different.

7. Why does the devil keep our people illiterate?

Answer: So that he can use them for a tool and also a slave. He keeps them blind to themselves so that he can master them. Illiterate means ignorant.

8. Why does the devil keep our people apart, from his social equality?

Answer: Because he does not want us to know how filthy he is and all his affairs, he is afraid because when we learn about him we will run him from among us. Socialist means to advocate. A society of men or groups of men for one common cause. Equality means to be equal in everything.

9. Why does Mohammed make the devil study from thirty five to fifty years before he can call himself a Moslem Son? And wear the greatest and only Flag of the Universe? And he must add a sword on the upper part of the Holy and Greatest Universal Flag of Islam?

Answer: So that he could clean himself up. A Moslem does not love the devil regardless to how long he studies, after he has devoted thirty five or fifty years trying to learn and do like the original man.

He could come and do trading among us and we would not kill him as quick as we would the other devils, that is who has not gone under this study. After he goes through with this labor from thirty five to fifty years, we permit him to wear our Flag which is the Sun, Moon and Stars. He must add the sword on the upper part. The sword is an emblem of Justice, and it was used by the original man in Mohammed's time. Thus, it was placed on the upper part, of the flag so that the devil can always see it, so he will keep in mind, that any time that he reveals the secrets. We gave him this chance so that he could clean himself up and come among us. His head would be taken off by the sword. The Holy flag of Islam is the greatest and only flag known. The Universe is everything Sun, Moon, and Stars. They are planets. Planets are something grown or made from the beginning, and holy is something that has not been diluted, mixed, or tampered with in any form.

10. Why does Mohammed and any Moslem murder the devil? What is the duty of each Moslem in regards to four devils? What reward does a Moslem receive by presenting the four devils at one time?

Answer: Because he is one hundred percent wicked and will not keep and obey the laws of Islam. His ways and actions are like a snake of the grafted type. So Mohammed learned that he could not reform the devils so they had to be murdered. All Moslems will murder the devil because they know he is a snake and also if he be allowed to live, he could sting someone else. Each Moslem is required to bring four devils, and by bringing and presenting four at one time his reward is a button to wear on the lapel of his coat, also a free transportation to the Holy City Mecca to see brother Mohammed.

11. Have not you learned that your word shall be Bond Regardless of whom or what?

Answer: Yes, My word is bond and bond is life and I will give my life before my word shall fail.

12. What is the meaning of F. O. I?

Answer: The Fruit of Islam, the name given to the military training of the men that belongs to Islam in North America.

13. What is the meaning of Lieutenant and Captain?

Answer: Captain and Lieutenant. The duty of captain is to give orders to the lieutenant and the lieutenant's duty is to teach the private soldier and also train them.

14. What is the meaning of M. G. T. and G. C. C. ?

Answer: Moslem Girls' Training and General Civilization Class. This was the name given to the training of women and girls in North America how to keep house, how to rear their children, how to take care of their husband, sew, cook, and in general, how to act at home and abroad. These training units were named by our prophet and leader of Islam, W. D. Fard.

Set forth below are two lists, entitled "Actual Facts" and "Facts," which are part of the teachings of the Cult. It has been stated that the purpose of these so-called "Facts" is to impress the members and potential members of the Cult with the supreme wisdom of their teacher, and the great knowledge they can obtain by being members of the MCI and following the teachings of Elijah Mohammed.

Actual Facts

1. The Original Man's brain weighs 7 1/2 ounces, 1 1/2 ounce rythym.
The Colored Man's brain weighs 6 1/2 ounces.
2. Over 6,000 years ago Yacob grafted the colored man from the Original Man. It took him 600 years to complete this job. 600 years of birth control.
3. Weight of the Planet Earth is 66 sex trillion tons.
4. European-Caucasian Cave Man--(Nordic)

5. **Mussa (Moses) tried to civilize the Nordic Beast 4,000 years ago in the caves of Europe. (year 11,000)**
6. **Jesus justice came 2,000 years later. Jesus was a half original man, born in the month of September NOT in the month of December. (Jesus was a Prophet) Nimrod was born in the month of December, 25th day.**

Facts

1. **All Prophets are black, never before in any history has there ever been a white or caucasian prophet.**
2. **Jonah dwelled in the belly of the whale for three days and nights. It stayed dark from 6 to 9 hours.**
3. **Jesus body is guarded by 10,000 Muslims by day and 10,000 by night. Jesus' body lies in the Temple of Omar in Jerusalem.**
4. **Remember the Crusades?**

The white devil tries unsuccessfully to take the body of our brother Jesus, by laying siege to Jerusalem.

(Esau Yusef-- Jesus)
5. **The root of Civilization is at the Holy City, Mecca. Mecca is in the far east and from Mecca comes all wisdom. All good things had their beginning in Mecca.**
6. **Allah means Peace and reversed, it means Halla, Joy. Have you not heard Christians cry HALLALUJAH while supposedly happy from the religion of a skunk. (HALLA²-ALLAH)**
7. **Christians speak of life and eternity with God after death. They say, "I'm going to make Heaven my home." Their own so called Holy Bible, tells me, Hosea Chapter 13, and 4th verse say, I am the Lord thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know, no God but me, for there is no saviour beside me.**

Where is Egypt? In the far east.

What is Egypt's principal religion? Islam

Our foreparents were brought over here by the trader in the year of 1555, the Bible tells me that the lost sheep of and from the house of Israel, would be completely lost of all knowledge of self for approximately 400 years. Matthew tells me that if we were brought here in the year 1555 and this is 1953,

- 1953
- 1555

398 years

Baal rode the Jackass until the Angel of the Lord appeared, and he stopped and would not go any further, then Baal hit the ass three licks then the ass turned and said, "Why hittest thou? and Baal became frightened and got down off the ass.

Islam has 1, 296 short cuts in mathematics.

Water Weights

One pint of water weighs 1 lb.
One gallon of water weighs 8 lbs.
One Cubic foot of water weighs 62 1/2 lbs.

How to eat and live

24 hours 150 years
48 hours 300 years
72 hours 450 years
4 days 600 years
7 days 1,050 years

Methuselah lived to be 960 years old, ate once every seven days.

English originated in 1382.
Christianity originated in 1522.

The Atlantic Ocean is 4.5 miles deep.
The Pacific Ocean is 5.6 miles deep.

The Wilderness will burn for 300 years, and will be 700 years cooling off.

Sound travels at the rate of 1,120 feet per second.
Light travels at the rate of 186,000 miles per second.
Thought travels at the rate of 24 billion miles per second.

The monkey is 4,500,000 years old.
The hog is 5,091 years old.

The Original Man has 14,000,000 brain cells.

One of our brothers from Asia came to Detroit and outran a street car by 20 miles.

Moon History

We were once called the moon people, but Thanks be to Allah, that we were not on the other part at the time of the separation 66 trillion years ago. At that time a scientist wanted all the people to look alike, so he drilled a tube 3,000 miles in the Earth and filled it with high explosion and set it off, and moon part slipped off and the moon part turned over and all the water fell on this part, and that is why we have 3/4 water and 1/4 land giving us a greater life since water is life, and all things are of the water and nothing can exist without it.

The atmosphere's diameter is 76 quintillion miles.

The atmosphere's weight is 11 2/3 quintillion pounds. 1/3 of that is the atoms.

Planets

<u>Name</u>	<u>Distance from sun</u>	<u>Diameter</u>	<u>Rotation</u>
Mercury	36,000,000	3,000	88 days
Venus	67,000,000	7,000	222 days

Earth	93,000,000	7,926	365 1/2 days
Mars	141,500,000	4,200	552 days
Jupiter	438,000,000	88,700	1 year, 9 months
Saturn	886,000,000	75,100	29 1/2 years
Uranus	1,782,000,000	30,900	84 years
Neptune	2,793,000,000	3,300	165 years
Platoon	4,500,000,000	67,000	345 years
Moon	92,964,000	21,600	

2,000 years Yacob's Civilization
 2,000 years Mossa's Civilization
 2,000 years Esau's Civilization
 6,000 years devil's civilization

8,400 Yacob was born
 600 Completed the devil
 9,000 years and 6,000 years is 15,000 years

15,000 years. Saviour, Master W. D. Fard Mohammed.

360 years literal years.

Leviticus 26th Chapter, 18th verse, reference seven times to be punished.

2,520 literal days.

606 B. C. Devil began to rule.

(1,914) 1914 his time was up.

22 years overtime.
 1936, the definite end and since then the devil is being destroyed
 wholesale.

You will also find that 1936 was the squarest ever.

Birth records

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Age</u>
Yacob	8,400	8,550	150 years
Mosa	1,450	1,571	121 years
Esau	13,000	About April 26	
Nimrod	3,012 B. C.	1,448	62 years
Mohammed	1,386	1,821	52 years
Napoleon	1,769	1,506	60 years
Columbus	1,446		

Esau was born 2nd week in September and died 2nd week in April or about 26th.

The Savior was born February 26, 1877, at the Holy City Mecca. He arrived in America July 4th, 1930.

Wali Mohammed Ale was born 20 miles 1,448 while living he killed 6,000,000 Christians. Aminah m Abdullah I.

Selections from a Publication Written by Prophet W. D. Fard

Selections from:

This book teaches the Lost Found Nation of Islam. A thorough knowledge of our miserable state of condition in a mathematical way, when we were found by our saviour W. D. Fard.

By Prophet W. D. Fard

Problems

1. The uncle of Mr. W. D. Fard lived in the wilderness of North America and he lived other than his own self, therefore his pulse beat seventy-eight times per minute and this killed him in forty-five years of age. How many times did his pulse beat in forty-five years?

3. A Sheep contains fourteen square feet. One-tenth of a square inch contains ten thousand hairs. How many will the fourteen square feet contain?

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(Qualified Members Only)

7. If one one-hundredth of a cubic inch contains two hundred million Atoms; the total Atmosphere weighs eleven and two-thirds quintillion pounds.
One-third of eleven and two-thirds quintillion pounds equals Atoms.
Mr. Mohammed cracked one Atom into ten million parts.
Then Mr. ShariEFF wants to know how much the one-third of a cracked Atom Weight?

\$100. 00 (In Gold)
For the Person Who Works This Problem
(Qualified Moslems)

9. The population of Detroit is one million five hundred thousand people; and there are two hundred and fifty thousand original nation. During these hard times for the lack of jobs, not having enough money to buy food, they eat two meals per day. Suppose the average person eats four ounces of bread, ten and one-fifth ounces of poison animal, three and one-third ounces of rice, four and one-eighth ounces of other meal helper. It is known to the Medical Profession and other wise Moslem Sons, that poison animal sounds the mental power. One-sixtieth of an ounce per every ten ounces of poison animal. If the average person contains seven and one-half ounces of brain, then Mr. Mohammed wants to know how long will it take to sound the seven and one-half ounces at the above eating rates?

The average person can be robbed successfully with one-third of unsound brain, then, how long will a devil have to wait to rob of said the poison animal eater at the above rates? It is also known to the civilized world that ten ounces of the poison animal destroys three one-hundredths percent of the beauty appearance of a person.

THE MUSLIM FIGHTING SONG

WE ARE FIGHTING FOR ISLAM

We are fighting for Islam, and we will surely win;
With our saviour Allah, the Universal King;
We are United with our Nation, and called by his name;
So let us rise ye Muslims, Fight for your own.

(Chorus)

Fight O ye Muslims, Fight for your own;
Fight O ye Muslims, and we will all be free,
Fight O ye Muslims, fight for your own.

2.

Freedom, Justice, Equality, we now must have;
Four-Hundred years in slave by the devil, lost from our own,
So let us rise, ye Muslims, Fight for your own.

(Repeat Chorus)

The Earth belongs to the righteous, Fight for your own;
Allah, gave to you and I for a National, the
Sun, the Moon, the Stars. The best of his
Creations, he has given to you;
So let us rise ye Muslims, Fight for your own.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Repeat last verse softly)

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PREFACE

This is the study of a fanatical, all-Negro cult in the United States which is based on a distorted interpretation of the religious principles of Islam and is motivated by hatred of the white race. At various times, it has been known as the Muslim Cult of Islam and the Allah Temple of Islam and since December, 1956, has been described, on a national basis, as the Nation of Islam (NOI). Individual temples of the cult generally have been called Muhammad's Temples of Islam (MTI).

Within the past year, considerable publicity has been afforded the Nation of Islam. The writings of its leader, the so-called "Messenger of Allah," Elijah Muhammad, have appeared in columns and articles in Negro newspapers; various cult leaders have made television appearances; members of the cult have become involved in incidents with police authorities; and several articles about the cult have appeared in nationally known and widely distributed news magazines.

As a result of this publicity, a confused picture of the cult has been presented to the public. Reports of the many contradictory statements made both by NOI leaders and by unenlightened writers concerning the number of followers, the violent teachings of the ministers, and the religious aspects of the cult make the current study of this amazing cult very timely.

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Recent, published estimates of the number of members in the Nation of Islam vary from 70,000 to more than 250,000. While these estimates are excessive, this study will reveal that more important than the actual number of members is the ever-present threat of violent action initiated by the members.

The teachings of Muhammad and his ministers are ambivalent in nature. On one hand, they teach the followers doctrines which inflame and incite hatred of the white race and, on the other hand, they restrain and represent them into doing nothing to violate the laws of the United States Government. Contradictory teachings of this kind produce frustrations, and frustrations very easily can express themselves in acts of violence.

Material utilized in this study has been compiled from both public and confidential sources. The public sources are identified by footnotes, while the confidential sources have been retained by this Bureau. No attempt has been made to correct or point out errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation, et cetera which appear in cult material that has been quoted.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

A. Summary

The fanatical all-Negro cult, now called the Nation of Islam, originated in Detroit, Michigan, in the early 1930's as the result of the preachings of one W. D. Fard who claimed he was "the Supreme Ruler of the Universe." In reality, he was an ex-convict who had served a three-year sentence at San Quentin Penitentiary for a drug violation. In the Spring of 1933, after the arrest of one of his followers who had murdered a man in a human sacrifice, Fard was ordered out of Detroit and has since completely disappeared. Fard's leadership of the cult was taken over by a Georgia-born Negro named Elijah Poole. Poole began calling himself Elijah Muhammad and explained to cult followers that Fard had been Allah himself and had appointed him the "Messenger of Allah" to lead "the so-called Negroes in the wilderness of North America" out of the slavery imposed on them by the white race.

Under Elijah Muhammad, the headquarters of the cult was moved to Chicago. From there, it has grown throughout the United States into an organization having 30 numerically designated temples and numerous other groups of cult members who hold regular meetings. Cult

members are rigidly disciplined and well-organized followers of Muhammad. They are generally uneducated Negroes whom Muhammad and his ministers, through their violent teachings, keep in a confused mental state of readiness for the "War of Armageddon," which Muhammad says is coming soon and through which he says they will go forward and destroy the white race to avenge the injustices they feel they now suffer.

Within each of Muhammad's Temples of Islam, the male members are segregated into an organization called the Fruit of Islam, and the female members, into a group called the Muslim Girls Training. Each group is organized along military lines under the leadership of a captain and several lieutenants, who maintain strict discipline at all times.

The Nation of Islam conducts two so-called universities, one at Detroit and the other at Chicago. These schools are attended by children from the age of four up to their late teens. Each temple also conducts several business enterprises and encourages its members to patronize only these businesses. Recently, increased emphasis is being placed on the expansion of the business enterprises of cult members in their respective cities.

During February of each year, the members gather at the national headquarters in Chicago for a convention. At this meeting and other meetings, rallies, and bazaars sponsored by the various temples throughout the country, Muhammad and his ministers give long, vindictive speeches against the white race and the Federal Government. These many gatherings are used as a means of both spreading the message of Muhammad and collecting donations from Negroes who attend. The Nation of Islam further publicizes its activities and teachings through Negro newspapers and its own publications.

Recently, prison inmates claiming to be followers of Muhammad have caused trouble within several penal institutions. Other members of the Nation of Islam have been involved in incidents with local law enforcement officers in some of the larger cities. Muhammad and his ministers take pride in the fearless nature of the members involved in these incidents and make constant reference to them in their speeches and writings.

Although Muhammad claims to be an adherent of the religion of Islam, the doctrines taught by him emphasize violent hatred of

the white race. Muhammad preaches that the so-called Negroes must be awakened; shown how they have been enslaved by their enemy, the "white devil"; and unified under his leadership. Thus, he says, they can gain economic independence and be able to demand land of their own from the United States Government. He claims that the Christian religion is a hoax and a tool of the white race to enslave the Negro but that soon the white race, the Government, and all Negroes who do not accept his teachings will be destroyed by Allah in the "War of Armageddon."

B. Conclusions

1. The Nation of Islam, an all-Negro organization purporting adherence to the religious principles of Islam as interpreted by Elijah Muhammad, is ostensibly dedicated to the spiritual and physical uplift of the Negroes; however, constant emphasis on the vindictive doctrines of the cult results in the propagation of hatred of the white race.
2. Elijah Muhammad, through his preachings of superiority of the "black man" and his demands for complete independence from the white race, has furnished many dissatisfied Negroes with a new pride and purpose in life through the militant and arrogant black unity within the Nation of Islam.
3. Organizationally, the Nation of Islam is a group of semiautonomous temples made up of Negroes bound together in a common resentment of the white race by the teachings of Elijah Muhammad as conveyed by his dedicated ministers.

4. **The Nation of Islam is strongest in the large cities where great masses of Negroes live under very trying conditions. Followers of Muhammad, demonstrating fearless and outspoken antiwhite, anti-Christian attitudes, are bound to impress other Negroes living in these areas. Therefore, as long as racial inequity continues, the militant and arrogant manner of cult members remains a potential threat of violent action.**

I. BACKGROUND AND ORIGIN*

Around the time of the first World War, the Negroes in the Southern States became attracted to the northern industrial cities, such as Detroit, Pittsburgh, and Chicago. They believed implicitly that the North, unlike the South, presented rare opportunities to improve the economic and cultural standards of the Negro. As a result of the prevalent illiteracy among these people and the large numbers of them who immigrated to the North, possibilities for employment diminished. The depression period completely dispelled the rest of their hopes and reduced greatly their living standards. During these years, many militant and cultist groups arose which reflected the Negroes' intense desire for racial improvement and recognition and which based the position of the Negro in American society on the treatment afforded him by the white people.

One of the more violent and enduring of these groups was the Nation of Islam (NOI), known at various times as Allah's Temple of Islam, and the Muslim Cult of Islam.

A. W. D. Fard

In 1930, there appeared on the streets of Detroit a Negro peddler who, like the Lord of Spirits, would knock on doors in order to bring

* Some of the material concerning the origin of the NOI has been taken from a well-documented study of the cult which appeared in The American Journal of Sociology, Vol. XLIII, No. 6, May, 1938.

his wares. As he contacted his fellow Negroes in the Elmwood district of Detroit, he convinced them of his ministerial abilities. Soon informal house meetings were being held under the guidance of the peddler, known variously as W. D. Fard, Prophet W. D. Fard, W. D. Foard, Mr. Wali Farrad, Professor Ford, Mr. Farrad Mohammed, and Mr. F. Mohammed Ali. To law enforcement authorities, he was known as Wallace Don Fard, FBI #56062, who had served a three-year sentence in San Quentin Penitentiary for violation of a narcotics law. [REDACTED]

Very little of Fard's background was ever authentically exposed, but his impressionistic adherents, overawed by the mysterious aura surrounding him, began to come forward with controversial information regarding his background. Some asserted that he was born in Mecca, the son of wealthy parents of the tribe from which Mohammed had come; that he was closely related by blood to the dynasty of the Hashimite sherifs of Mecca who became kings of the Hejaz; that he was educated at a college in England in preparation for a diplomatic career, but that he abandoned everything to lead the so-called Negro race toward slavery in "the wilderness of North America." [REDACTED]

Gradually there began to seep into the minds of his followers the idea that Fard was more than a man. [REDACTED] the level of veneration. It appears that the surrounding air of mystery affected Fard as much

as it did his followers, for, when asked who he was by the Detroit authorities, he answered, "I am the Supreme Ruler of the Universe."

When the number of Fard's followers increased to the point where private homes were no longer large enough to accommodate all who desired to hear his teachings, a temple service was begun. This first temple, originated by Fard in Detroit, is still designated as Temple Number 1 of the Nation of Islam.

B. Fard Teaches Violence

Fard at first utilized the Bible, inasmuch as most of his listeners were familiar with its teachings but, as his following increased, he became more and more inflammatory in his remarks against the whites and denounced the Bible in shocking terms. Racial hatred became more pronounced than it had been in similar organizations, and it was evident that Fard was actually cementing this factor into the foundation of his organization.

Fard then introduced the Koran as the most authoritative of all texts for the study of the new faith; however, he claimed to have used only the Arabic text, which he translated and explained to his believers. His people, therefore, were completely dependent upon his interpretations.

The violence of some of the members of his organization was forcibly brought to the attention of the people of Detroit on November 21, 1932,

when the newspapers carried a bloodcurdling story of human sacrifice. A prominent member of the cult, one Robert Harris, somehow induced his roomer, John J. Smith, to present himself as a human sacrifice so that he might become "the Saviour of the world." At the appointed hour of the sacrifice, Harris plunged a knife into Smith's heart as he lay waiting on the improvised altar. When Harris was arrested and subsequently adjudged insane, it became known that several women social workers had been slated as his next victims. [REDACTED]

In May of 1933, local authorities ordered Fard to leave Detroit, and he has since completely disappeared. However, Fard's departure failed to bring the activities of the cult to a conclusion.

C. Elijah Muhammad

Ready, willing, and able to assume leadership of the growing cult was Elijah Poole, known variously as Gulam Bogans, Gulam Bogans, and Mohammed Rassouli, who was to become Elijah Muhammad, the present national leader of the Nation of Islam.

Elijah Poole was born in 1897 near Sandersville, Georgia, one of 13 children of Wali and Marie Poole, whose parents had been slaves of a white family with the same surname. He finished high school and was

home at the age of 16 years. In 1923, he took his wife and children to Detroit, Michigan, where he was employed in several manufacturing plants. During these lean years, Elijah Poole met W. D. Fard, who acquainted him with the tenets of the cult, and who, according to Poole, personally took him "out of the gutter in the streets of Detroit and taught him in three and one-half years the knowledge of Islam." [REDACTED]

After Fard left Detroit, Poole referred to himself as Elijah Muhammad. He explained to his followers the disappearance of Fard and the change in cult leadership as follows: Fard was in reality Allah himself, who left Detroit to travel to Mecca, leaving the cult in the capable hands of his apostle, Elijah Muhammad, the "Messenger of Allah."

Elijah Muhammad thereafter taught in Detroit until September, 1934, when, because of local pressure, he moved to Chicago. In Chicago, he established another temple of the cult, which remains the national headquarters of the NOI and is designated as Temple Number 2.

From Chicago, the NOI has fanned its odious doctrines across the United States.

II. ORGANIZATION

A. Muhammad's Temples of Islam (MTI)*

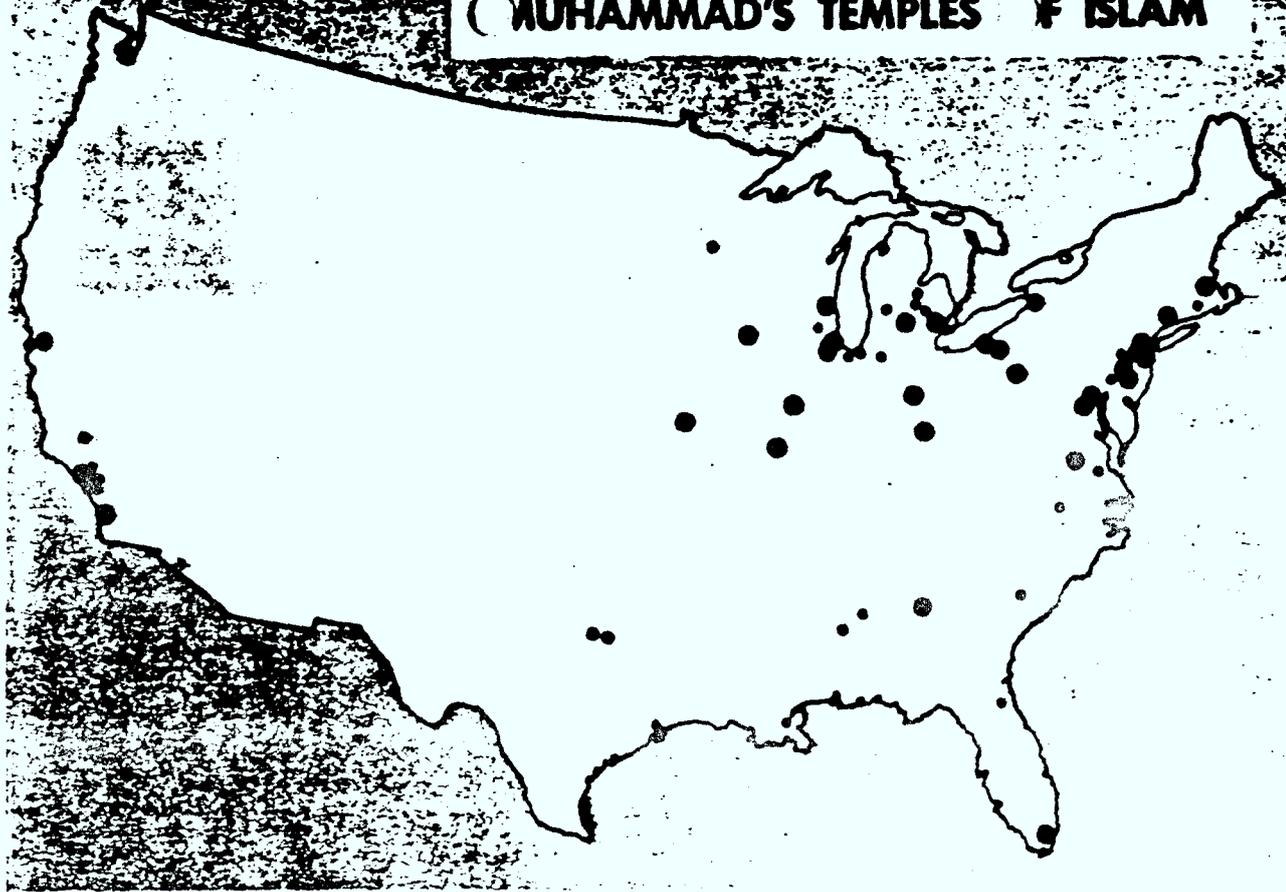
During the period 1934 to 1955, this cult increased the number of its temples in the United States from two to 13. In the past five years, this number has grown to 30, not counting numerous undesignated groups of Negroes who regularly meet and study the teachings of the "Messenger."

No explanation has been given for Elijah Muhammad's numbering of the temples. Some temples are numbered; others are not. When a temple becomes defunct, its number is usually reassigned to a new group. Temple Number 1 is in Detroit. Temple Number 2 is in Chicago. The rest, through Number 30, are spread throughout many areas of this country. Not all of these are vibrant centers of cult activity. Of the 30 numerically designated temples, seven have fewer than 30 active members. One has no members at all.

Actually, the most active temples are located in the following cities: Chicago, Washington, D. C., Los Angeles, Detroit, New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Milwaukee, and Baltimore.

* In March, 1960, Elijah Muhammad was considering changing the names of the individual temples to Muhammad's Mosques of Islam; however, as late as the end of July, no official changes were noted at Temple Number 2 or any other temple.

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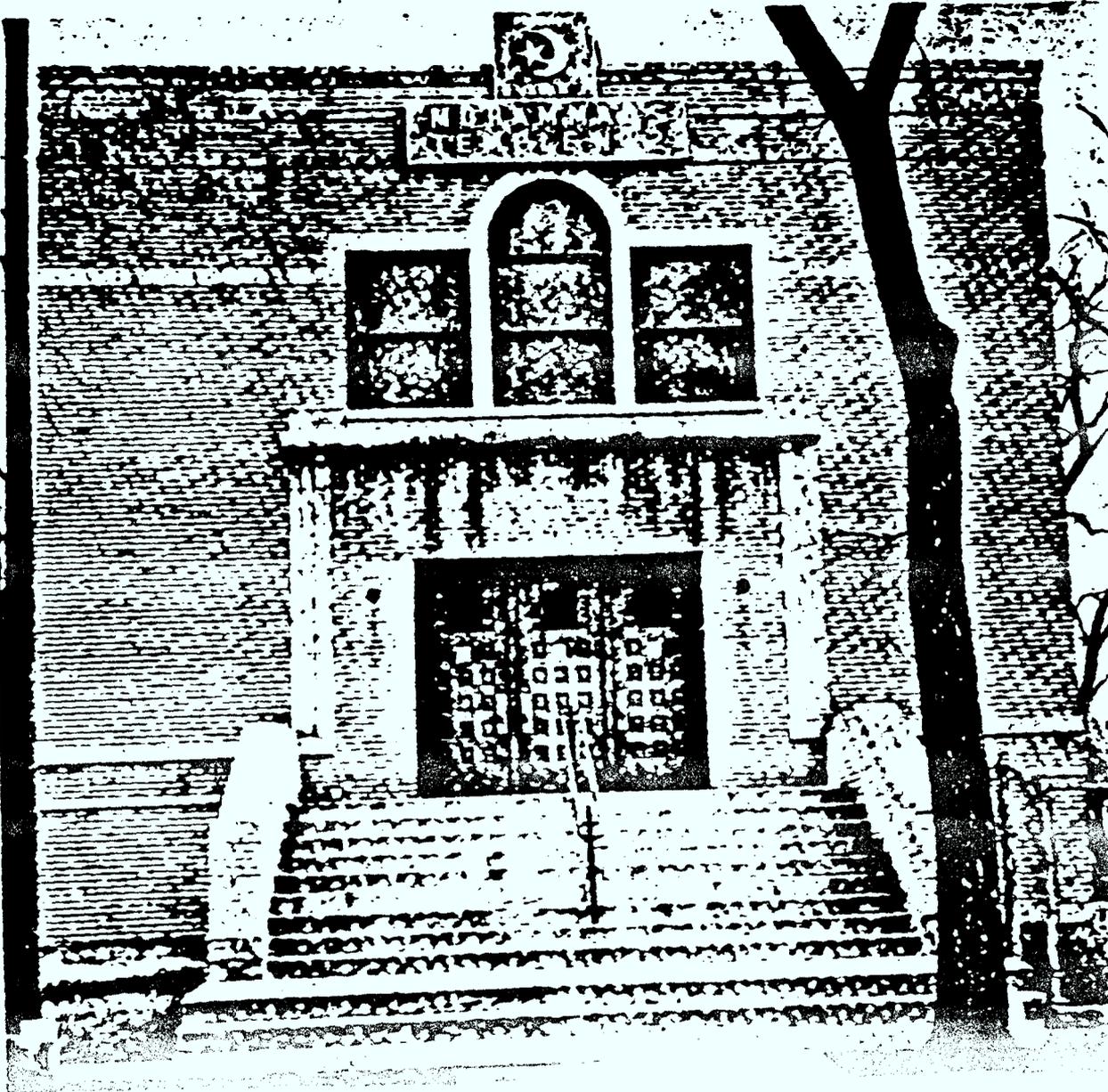


● NUMBERED TEMPLES

- 1 DETROIT, MICH.
- 2 CHICAGO, ILL.
- 3 MILWAUKEE, WIS.
- 4 WASHINGTON, D. C.
- 5 CINCINNATI, OHIO
- 6 BALTIMORE, MD.
- 7 NEW YORK, N.Y.
- 8 SAN DIEGO, CALIF.
- 9 YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO
- 10 ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.
- 11 BOSTON, MASS.
- 12 PHILADELPHIA, PA.
- 13 SPRINGFIELD, ILL.
- 14 HARTFORD, CONN.
- 15 ATLANTA, GA.
- 16 LANSING, MICH.
- 17 JOLIET, ILL.
- 18 CLEVELAND, OHIO
- 19 CLEVELAND, OHIO
- 20 CLEVELAND, OHIO
- 21 JERSEY CITY, N.J.
- 22 PITTSBURGH, PA.
- 23 BUFFALO, N.Y.
- 24 RICHMOND, VA.
- 25 NEWARK, N.J.
- 26 OAKLAND, CALIF.
- 27 LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
- 28 SAINT LOUIS, MO.
- 29 MIAMI, FLA.
- 30 KANSAS CITY, MO.

● OTHER TEMPLES OR ACTIVE GROUPS

- BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
- TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
- BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.
- LONG BEACH, CALIF.
- LOS ANGELES (EAST SIDE), CALIF.
- RIVERSIDE, CALIF.
- SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.
- SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
- JACKSONVILLE, FLA.
- AURORA, ILL.
- EAST CHICAGO, IND.
- GOODY, IND.
- SOUTH BEND, IND.
- NEW ORLEANS, LA.
- FLINT, MICH.
- GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.
- PORTIAC, MICH.
- SAGINAW, MICH.
- INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
- INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
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- DURHAM, N.C.
- CHESTER, PA.
- PROVIDENCE, R.I.
- ORANGEBURG, S.C.
- DALLAS, TEX.
- FORT WORTH, TEX.
- NORFOLK, VA.
- BELOIT, WIS.



National Headquarters of the Nation of Islam

B. Membership

As mentioned in the Preface, public estimates of total membership in the NOI have been excessive, ranging between 70,000 and 250,000 members. The secret nature of the cult makes an accurate estimate very difficult. Many casual visitors attend various cult gatherings out of curiosity; others attend rallies and only a few meetings. However, persons considered to be members are those individuals who have attended regular meetings, written their letters of application to the "Messenger of Allah," answered the required questions, given up their "slave" names, and received their "original" X names. These procedures will be discussed more fully later in this study.

Even the leaders of the NOI itself would have difficulty in ascertaining accurate membership figures at any given time because of the constant turnover of the membership. Between many of the individual temples and the Chicago headquarters, there is a lack of close communication. The ministers of the individual temples are in complete control of the members within their own temples. They suspend or expel members for numerous reasons and, as long as these members do not forward enough funds to Elijah Muhammad and as long as the required monetary contributions from the temples are forwarded to Chicago, the national headquarters, their status remains unchanged. Therefore, changes in the number of active members are not readily apparent.

Another reason for the difficulty in assessing true membership is described by a source who said that many individuals join the movement "to play safe and be on the books just in case that portion of the NOI teachings prove true--about the 'War of Armageddon,' when Allah is going to destroy North America and all white mankind together with all black men who are not followers of Elijah Muhammad. Upon receiving their X names, these members thereupon become inactive." [REDACTED]

C. Officials

Elijah Muhammad (Elijah Poole) is the absolute leader of the NOI and so-called "Messenger of Allah." He is described by his followers and his press as "the bravest and boldest black man in America." While speaking before the 1960 NOI convention, he himself bragged: "I am not trembling. I am the man. I am the messenger. You should be glad to know God has raised up one in your midst who has that kind of nerve." However, he has not always been so "brave," for, when arrested for sedition in 1942, he was located at his mother's home hiding underneath his mother's bed wrapped in a carpet." [REDACTED]



Elijah Muhammad, the so-called "Messenger of Allah" and absolute leader of the Nation of Islam



Elijah Muhammad and three of his six sons
Left to Right: Wallace, Elijah Muhammad, Akbar, and Elijah, Jr.

At right:
Raymond Sharrieff,
Supreme Captain of FOI



Below:
Malcolm X Little,
Minister of
New York City temple, and
Elijah Muhammad



Raymond Sharrieff is the Supreme Captain of the Fruit of Islam (FOI) and son-in-law of Elijah Muhammad. Sharrieff is a very forceful and domineering leader much feared by members of the NOI.

Wallace D. Muhammad is a son of Elijah Muhammad and travels extensively throughout the United States in furtherance of NOI activities. Wallace has been considered by many to be the heir apparent to succeed Elijah Muhammad. Wallace has been "free on bond pending appeal" of a three-year prison sentence he received in April, 1960, for failing to report for civilian duty at a state hospital as ordered by his draft board. [REDACTED]

Malcolm X Little is the Minister of MTI Number 7, New York, and acts as liaison man for Elijah Muhammad. He also travels extensively on NOI business. Many members feel that Malcolm X is "an eager beaver" who is striving to promote himself into the number one position in the NOI. From 1946 to 1952, he was imprisoned at a Massachusetts State prison on a breaking and entering conviction. Prior to this sentence, he had been a confirmed user of marijuana. [REDACTED]

Herbert Muhammad is a son of Elijah Muhammad and has been designated as Public Relations Director of the NOI. Herbert accompanied his father on his recent trip to the Middle East.

Akbar Muhammad is a son of Elijah Muhammad and acts as Secretary of MTI Number 2. Akbar also accompanied his father on the recent trip.

Elijah Muhammad, Jr., is a son of Elijah Muhammad and is Assistant to the Supreme Captain of the FOI and Captain of FOI in MTI Number

It can be seen that the family of the "Messenger of Allah" is well represented in the hierarchy of the NOI.

The number of local officers in each temple varies according to the size of the temple. Each of the ministers is supposedly appointed by Elijah Muhammad. The minister is responsible for the functioning of his respective temple and within this temple is in complete control. According to the size of the individual temple, the minister designates assistant ministers, secretaries and investigators. Each temple also has a Captain of the FOI and the Muslim Girls Training (MGT), and each has as many lieutenants and secretaries as are needed for the particular temple.

D. Fruit of Islam (FOI)

The Fruit of Islam is composed of the male members within the Nation of Islam. Each temple has its FOI unit, which is under the leadership of a captain. The captain is assisted by as many lieutenants, secretaries, drill masters, and other officers as are necessary for the particular temple. Strict discipline is maintained at all times.

The main functions of the FOI are to protect NOI officials and property, to assure compliance of members with NOI teachings, and to prepare for the "War of Armageddon."* Recently, there has been an increased emphasis on physical training and judo practice in numerous temples. A source has advised that the so-called judo practice was merely a way of showing the men how to use foul play. One FOI captain told his members they were not taking physical training just for fun but reminded them that they were soldiers. He said they should not expect the country to surrender to the Muslims without a fight. He said there would be much "head cracking before it is over." A judo instructor in another temple recently demonstrated two "arm locks" stating "this is how to break the white devil's arms." [REDACTED]

The FOI in some of the larger temples is divided into age groups. For instance, FOI members up to 16 years are in one group; those 16 to 35 are in another group; and those over 35, in still another. Some smaller temples have only two groups, while some include all in one group.

E. Muslim Girls Training (MGT)

Muslim Girls Training is the organization composed of the female members within each temple of the NOI. It is the female counterpart of the

*The "War of Armageddon" is described by cult members as the coming racial war through which the white man's civilization will be completely destroyed.
[REDACTED]

FOI and is similarly organized. MGT members receive instructions in homemaking, hygiene, calisthenics, "Muslim history," and "English language."

Each MGT member is supposedly bound by the following prohibitions under the "Rules or Laws of Islam":

- " Do not use lipstick or makeup
- Do not wear hair up unless wearing long dress
- Do not smoke or drink
- Do not commit adultery
- Do not use pork in any form
- Do not cook in aluminum utensils
- Do not wear heels over 1 1/2"
- Do not dance with anyone except one's husband"

Many temples also have a Junior MGT, which is composed of the female members of the temple between 15 and 19 years of age. Prior to 1957, these younger female members of the cult were embodied in a separate group called the General Civilization Class (GCC).

F. University of Islam

The cult presently operates two schools for the children of its followers. Although the schools are named the University of Islam Number 1 in Detroit and University of Islam Number 2 in Chicago, they are attended by children from four years of age up to their late teens. Approximately 100 students attend the Detroit school, and about 300 attend the Chicago school.



MGT members "In the proper dress"