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OUR OPINION

Malcom X And Our Deceased President

By EMMETT J. MARSHALL, SR.

Shortly after President Kennedy was assassinated, Malcolm X, reported spokesman for the Black Muslims, knowing about all the violence religiously carried on against black people in north and south U.S.A., sometimes by the law enforcing officers and sometimes by others with the sanction of the police, jury and judge. Malcolm X being mindful of these wrongs is said to have remarked "the chickens have come home to roost." He was probably at the same time remembering that bombers in "Birmingham" are never apprehended when property and lives of black citizens are blown into kingdom come. To honor the death of such a noble American with such an expression is shocking indeed. Some news media gleefully hurled this expression of slight to the four corners of the earth. If Malcolm X made the statement, it is to be sincerely regretted. But man is more often than not the product of his own environment.

The social environment for the black American is one of segregation, denial of opportunity and often degradation. Sometimes this type of scorn has such a penetrating hurt that it leaves the blacks blankly staring in an open space and robs them of the philosophical concept of hating the sin but not the sinner. Consequently they hate both sin and sinner. This is an explanation. This is not intended to be a justification.

"Did you hear what Malcolm X said"? inquired a white acquaintance. "No, what did he say?", I replied. "He said he was glad the President was dead, and that's enough to make the whites hate all Negroes." "Wait a minute", said this writer, "remember it was an American white man who killed the President. Must all non-whites hate all white Americans for the act of one mad white man?"

Now let us examine the other side of the coin. Let us see with clear and unfaltering eyes what went on among the psychotic in the white world. How did they behave? What did they say when the news of the President's death flashed?

And remember, these people could eat in any restaurant, sleep in any hotel, go to any school and even be president if they possessed the knowledge and had the manners. In sort, they have their civil rights with all the trimmings. What did they say about the deadly bullets that snuffed out this good man's life? Let's gather these hate comments about the president as told by a white southerner, editor,

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Editor: BALM L. LEAVEL
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publisher of the Atlanta Constitution. Ralph McGill writes in the Saturday Evening Post of December 14, "Hate Knows No Direction." In this article he says "the first suspect at Dallas was a typical product of the furnaces of madness."

Although an American bred and born, and although he had worn his country's uniform, he defected to the Soviet Union." "He was a furnace of hate....but he was not alone in his hate. His breed brought out the glee of the rightwing extremists. When news of the shooting and, later, the death of the President became known, some southern newspapers received anonymous, jeering telephone calls...so they shot the nigger lover...good for whoever did it...he asked for it and I'm damned glad he got it, trying to ram damn niggers down our throats...."

Lee Harvey Oswald was a communist inspired, says the guilt conscious American. Was he? No! He was probably inspired by men like Wallace of Alabama and Barnett of Mississippi. Hell hath no fury like a southern white bigot's racist scorn. If this great country of ours ever goes down for the count of nine it is not likely to be from a foreign foe. The foe will be domestic, home grown, the Lee Oswalds, the John Birchers, the KKKs, the White Citizens Councils.

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as people misjudge things but that things have to work out so it will not hurt their future. ELIJAH stated he would see MALCOLM when he comes out (to Phoenix).

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MALCOLM commented things were going pretty well and ELIJAH said he had heard from [redacted] who said the same thing. ELIJAH said MALCOLM he thought MALCOLM was pretty well set and MALCOLM mentioned he had been working on all of his (MALCOLM's) writings when ELIJAH has been talking over the past 10 years. MALCOLM said he had been doing this during the past two weeks and was having it typed up. ELIJAH told MALCOLM to keep it for himself and to use it and look back over it. They spoke about how good it would be if they could put all their work into writing and that they are on top of the world. ELIJAH spoke of the poor brothers in Africa and how they were just filthy and lazy and that they (the Muslims) should not concentrate on them but just the people here. He added that this was the big hindrance of the black man and they must get it into the people to be clean and respectable. MALCOLM said he was feeling better and getting his voice back and ELIJAH told MALCOLM that he, MALCOLM, needed the rest.

DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971-38)

12/31/63

SAC, PHOENIX (105-83)

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On 12/19/63 [redacted] reliable, made available the following information:

MALCOLM LITTLE was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD at which time ELIJAH stated he felt better than he had during the past week. ELIJAH said he had a cold and the doctor wanted to put him in the hospital thinking that he had pneumonia but he, ELIJAH, would not go. ELIJAH said Allah was the only one they could depend on as the doctors were just trying to commercialize on the people.

MALCOLM told ELIJAH that he had sent him a letter on the previous day and he wanted to tell ELIJAH that he had put into something and send it to ELIJAH just like he had it, but since then, he, MALCOLM, checked it out and there was no truth to it. ELIJAH asked MALCOLM if he meant to tell him that there was no ill effect from it which MALCOLM said yes. ELIJAH told MALCOLM not to approach anyone in that kind of sense, but wait until someone approached him (MALCOLM). ELIJAH stated Allah is with them and for MALCOLM not to worry. He said to just go ahead on it and keep his chin up as there will always be something just like they tried to do the other week ago. ELIJAH said it will die itself and that he knows what the "snake in the grass" will do. MALCOLM said that he is busy (meaning the snake) and ELIJAH said yes but don't pay any attention to him. ELIJAH mentioned that after the first he can see MALCOLM and wants to have a talk with him. He told MALCOLM to go right ahead with everything just as usual except for taking any appointments. ELIJAH said he had a letter from a fellow that he wished MALCOLM could read

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TO DIRECTOR AND SACS CHICAGO AND NEW YORK -1-
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NATION OF ISLAM, IS - NOI.

RE PHOENIX AIRTEL DECEMBER 26 LAST.

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MALCOLM LITTLE, [REDACTED] ARRIVED
PHOENIX 12-25 PM JANUARY 2 LAST, TWA FROM CHICAGO. [REDACTED]
RELIABLE, ADVISED ON JANUARY 2 AND 3 INSTANT THAT ELIJAH MUHAMMAD
HELD LENGTHY CONVERSTATION WITH LITTLE, [REDACTED] WHICH
MAINLY CONCERNED MALCOLM AND HIS ACTIONS. ELIJAH STATED HE
WAS SUSPENDING MALCOLM FOR INDEFINITE TIME. ELIJAH STATED HE
WANTED [REDACTED] TO TAKE OVER, BELIEVE REFERRING TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MALCOLM DEPARTED PHOENIX 2 O-CLOCK TWA.
[REDACTED] TRYING TO LEAVE PHOENIX THIS PM.

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Malcolm X Is Still Suspended

Although the national period of mourning over the death of the late President John F. Kennedy ended on Dec. 22, New York Muslim minister Malcolm X still remained suspended this week from speaking publicly by Muslim leader Elijah Muhammad.

Neither Malcolm X, the fiery Black Muslim leader here nor Muhammad's Chicago headquarters would comment on when the suspension would be lifted. Muhammad suspended Malcolm last month for statements critical of the late President's death after Muhammad had called for Muslims to observe the 30-day period of mourning along with the rest of the nation.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-38861-24)

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (100-88)

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On 12/26/63 [redacted] made available the following information:

[redacted] was in contact with ELIAN MURKIN and stated that [redacted] was bringing some information from [redacted] [redacted] said it concerned some things that should be brought to ELIAN's attention right away. It concerns the reaction on the East Coast. ELIAN told [redacted] sometime next week he could bring it out to him.

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[redacted] said he (MALCOLM X) is trying to bring down everybody out there including ELIAN and he (MALCOLM X) started talking that he has something on ELIAN and everybody else, and he can't tell what he has on them. [redacted] continued by stating [redacted] wanted to have a hearing to tell on his but [redacted] said MALCOLM has such a power of bouncing back that he will bounce back right in the same position and out [redacted] [redacted] have for telling.

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ELIAN told [redacted] to get down what they had said and bring them out to him next week. [redacted] would put it on tape but ELIAN said it was best not to do so since "you never know who would listen to it." [redacted] said from what they say everyone knows it. ELIAN said MALCOLM would be out next week.

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On 12/5/63 [redacted] reliable, made available the following information:

An unknown man from a news service in Los Angeles, California, was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and asked him about the suspension of MALCOLM LITTLE. He asked if ELIJAH objected to everything MALCOLM had said about the President in his speech and ELIJAH stated only about the chickens coming home to roost. The man said a year or two ago MALCOLM made a statement about a plane crash in Europe in which a number of white people from Georgia were killed and asked if ELIJAH suspended MALCOLM for these statements. ELIJAH stated he did not. He said his work was in accord with God's own plan. The unknown man asked ELIJAH if MALCOLM had ever lived in Arizona and ELIJAH stated not to his knowledge. He asked ELIJAH the meaning of the symbols on the Islam flag and was told Freedom, Justice and Equality. He asked if ELIJAH had contacted MALCOLM and ELIJAH said MALCOLM had contacted him. He was asked how MALCOLM reacted and ELIJAH said like a brother should and that in Islam they all follow the one. He asked ELIJAH if he knew where MALCOLM was at that time and ELIJAH said he was at the temple in New York working.

ELIJAH was asked where his son was, the one who is near the top of the Muslims, and ELIJAH stated in Chicago. He pointed out that all of his sons are in the Muslim movement. ELIJAH spoke about how the Muslims are a nation in itself in America and the man asked ELIJAH if he did not think they were all brothers and ELIJAH said no it was in-

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possible and that the man could not prove it or either prove that they were spiritual brothers. The unknown man asked ELIJAH if he was optimistic about his separation movement and ELIJAH stated it was inevitable, that it is the word of God. ELIJAH was asked about the prison riots and ELIJAH stated he did not know that it was very hard for some people to study Islam in prison and he related his experiences in Chicago when he was in the county jail there. ELIJAH was asked about the affect a Detroit judge's ruling that the Muslims were not a religious group might have on ELIJAH and his followers. ELIJAH said he would like for the judge to prove it in public that they are not religious people, and he said truth will prevail over all. ELIJAH was asked his personal reaction to the President's assassination. ELIJAH stated it had made a very ugly spot on America because America is such a scientific country and so rich. ELIJAH was asked if he felt a personal loss. ELIJAH evaded the question by saying it was carelessness on the people's part to allow the President to be out in the open and show himself like he did. ELIJAH was asked if America had gained or lost in the President's death. ELIJAH said he was not a political man when asked. The unknown man mentioned he had interviewed ELIJAH about two years ago and stated ELIJAH looked in much better health now than at that time. ELIJAH commented about his asthma and bronchitis. He also commented about the man was from Los Angeles and was getting the information for his own paper and city.

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Malcolm X Maintains Silence

Malcolm X, leader of the New York Muslims, remained silent at his East Elmhurst, L. I., home this week, suspended from all public appearances and utterances, but he was apparently putting his time to good use.

The Amsterdam News learned that the fiery Muslim leader was working on a book on his life's story which Doubleday is planning to publish in 1964, and handling administrative details of the Muslim Mosque No. 7, of which he is still the minister.

Meanwhile in Phoenix, Ariz., Elijah Muhammed, Muslim leader who had suspended Minister Malcolm last week for his post-assassination remarks on President Kennedy, refused to comment on the future of the New York Muslim leader.

Rebuked

"Malcolm is still a minister, but he will not be permitted to speak in public. I have rebuked him because he has not followed the way of Islam," Mr. Muhammad declared.

He refused to tell newsmen when the suspension would be lifted on Malcolm, but asserted, "I will decide."

Muslim sources in Chicago, the national headquarters of the religious order which is dedicated to the establishment of a Black State, denied to the Amsterdam News that there was a likelihood that Minister Malcolm would be replaced as leader of the New York Mosque. During the suspension other local ministers are handling the speaking details while Malcolm reportedly is doing the paper work at his home.

Cancellations

Some sources hinted that Malcolm X might be restored to speaking appearances after the 70-day moratorium ends on Dec. 22.

As a result of his suspension Malcolm was forced to cancel several radio and television appearances and college speaking engagements, including one at

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_____ reliable, made available the following information on the dates designated:

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_____ was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and said _____ and ELIJAH's release concerning MALCOLM X's suspension, and that _____ had a delegation of three people at the office that morning who wanted to know if ELIJAH had backed down on his stand regarding white people-- in regard to the President. _____ wanted ELIJAH's statement, whereupon ELIJAH said "no--what he had said--he was not backing down on any truth. ELIJAH said MALCOLM speaking as he did "This was not in accordance with our policy." ELIJAH said MALCOLM "He spoke out of turn according to our policy." _____ then spoke to ELIJAH about a headline such as "MALCOLM X Bows to the Will of the Messenger". ELIJAH commented that it was just a disciplinary action, and that their policy had not changed. ELIJAH said he disagreed mainly about MALCOLM's comments about the chickens coming home to roost. He disagreed with MALCOLM using such terms.

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He said it was wrong--it was out of place. Upon being asked how long the suspension would last, ELIJAH said it would depend on MALCOLM's actions. [redacted] inquired about any split between ELIJAH and MALCOLM, and ELIJAH said there was none. He said MALCOLM X is still on his post as Minister of the New York City Mosque, but was only relieved of making public speeches until such time ELIJAH felt he was fittted again. ELIJAH said "It was only a little spanking--that's all." [redacted] said they would write it up that MALCOLM was still on his post and that it was a disciplinary action and it was not in keeping with the principles of the Islamic faith for men to make those type of remarks. ELIJAH agreed to this. ELIJAH commented his speech was going on at the same time in Los Angeles and MALCOLM's did not correspond with ELIJAH's speech, and yet MALCOLM knew of ELIJAH's speech. They were just poles apart, and ELIJAH said "You just have to whip a child when he gets out of line, and that's all there is to it; and that is all he is getting, just a whipping for getting out of line."

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[redacted] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and said it came out very good yesterday and what ELIJAH had done was a stroke of genius. [redacted] said ELIJAH was absolutely right and it took real courage to do it. [redacted] said there was an altogether different reaction there and this was with the world. [redacted] hoped other people would appreciate it; whereupon ELIJAH said it may take some time and would have to grow on them. ELIJAH said the wise look after tomorrow. [redacted] thought this thing had moved the entire group up to a higher level. [redacted] said the New York Times had a story [redacted] would send to ELIJAH. [redacted] added that [redacted] contacted [redacted] to thank ELIJAH personally, and [redacted] said [redacted] was meeting with the President that day and this makes it all the better. When [redacted] met with the President, [redacted] would point the thing out to him. [redacted] continued stating [redacted] thanked God [redacted] had this behind [redacted] went to meet the President. [redacted] pointed out that the President knows [redacted] is a friend of ELIJAH's. ELIJAH commented this (MALCOLM's talk) was just baby language and it just didn't fit and it could hurt the parent. He said so

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give the baby a little spanking sometimes and it will make the baby speak grown-up language. ELIJAH said grown-up language is respected, but baby language is not. [REDACTED] spoke to ELIJAH about the front page of the paper (MUHAMMAD Speaks).

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[REDACTED] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and went over with him about an article which stated "From the death of ABRAHAM LINCOLN to the assassination of President KENNEDY, it proves that on each side of the occasions where outlaws overrule legal authority, it is in the case of Presidents who opened their mouths and said something favorably for the so-called Negro. I am not saying this was the reason President KENNEDY was assassinated, but it seems very strange that every President said something favorable for the so-called Negro pays for it with his life. We can also substantiate this by the fact that any Negro who wants to lead the so-called Negro to a better life and towards true peace, freedom, justice and equality which he is entitled to enjoy is also subjected to some kind of assassinations or attempts at assassinations. I know these to be facts. There are some who seem not to want a true freedom and who will also speak unfavorable and plan unfavorable actions against those who dare to lead a true struggle for justice and equality.

"The tragic death of President KENNEDY should serve as a warning to all rulers and people of value, that value can't be trusted openly in the presence of thieves and robbers. There has never been a President elected to such a high office that had the heart of everyone for him and never was a king that had the people wholeheartedly with him regardless as to how good the king, the president, the prime minister, the spokesman for the king or president. There may be some people that don't like the high officials holding the top office of the nation. I do think that they should be well protected and all precautionary steps to insure such persons' safety to be taken. Riding in open cars or walking openly in the public is a risk to be taken by anyone leading such high office, especially when they are political officials, through spiritual teachers, through spiritually teachers such as prophets of God and

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messengers their lives haven't been spared in the public according to recorded history of the lives of these characters. There are both friends and enemies of public servants and we must be aware of them. Such outlaw actions permitted in America is a disgrace and shame to a Government and people who are recognized as world leaders and examples of what others should do in the way of friendship and cooperation.

"With the great scientifically advancement that America has made, it does not seem possible in this modern time that such tragic that took on the 22nd of November should have happened. Since this is a long ways from the assassination of President MCKINLEY, there is 62 years between the two assassinations of the Presidents of the United States of America and with such great advancement in science of protection, these things shouldn't ever happen. Again it shows to the world that the Government of America and people are actually given to such outlaw and violent actions. To take human lives at well disregarding their own legal law against such action makes the country to be classified as a country or government of outlaw where people have no safety of their lives under the law that claims to safeguard the lives of human beings. Mr. MALCOLM has been and is still a great worker in the minister of ours. He has been dismissed indefinitely from public speaking. We can't ignore our policy and therefore when one isn't in step with our policies, they must suffer some kind chastising or knowing and neglecting the knowledge that one have of the policy of good and protection. I don't classify Minister MALCOLM as a hypocrite for he is no such man according to his work, but I do say we all must be reminded of anything that isn't in accordance with our policy."

b7c [redacted] pointed out that this was what ELIJAH had given [redacted] the previous day, and [redacted] asked ELIJAH about a headline. ELIJAH agreed that a picture of himself and President KENNEDY could be used on the front page of the newspaper (MUHAMMAD Speaks).

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b7c [redacted] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and asked ELIJAH if he was familiar with an article in the

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December 5, 1963 New York Post. ELIJAH stated he was not, whereupon [redacted] said it stated in the article that the Muslim movement faces a split over the suspension of Minister MALCOLM. The article was written by [redacted] and went on to state that there was a rivalry between [redacted] and Minister MALCOLM X for control of the Muslims. [redacted] inquired of ELIJAH if he had any comments on it and ELIJAH said he didn't know anything about it. [redacted] asked if he thought the newspaper was in error, and ELIJAH stated there was no such thing as a split or breaking up between them. ELIJAH added that Minister MALCOLM had been suspended indefinitely from public speaking but not completely out of the labor of Islam. ELIJAH was asked if this included conducting services in the temple and ELIJAH stated it did. [redacted] stated the article [redacted] said there was a possibility that the suspension came from younger Muslims in Chicago, but ELIJAH said it came from him. [redacted] also stated there was speculation around New York City that ELIJAH called Mr. KENNEDY "our President" and said the Muslim movement was saddened by his death. [redacted] said there was speculation that this was a softer line than from what ELIJAH said "certainly he was our President as well as everyone else". ELIJAH stated when a man is elected President, he is the President of all that's under the American flag and we are no exception. [redacted] said that from [redacted] listening to Muslim Ministers in New York, they have always said in no uncertain terms that all white people were "devils" and there was no getting along with them. ELIJAH said "that don't mean that we are not under the President's own rule and authorities--we are under his rule and authorities."

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[redacted] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, and stated [redacted] was putting a story together on MALCOLM X's suspension and there were things [redacted] could not seem to reconcile in [redacted] mind. [redacted] first [redacted] could not understand ELIJAH's actions since ELIJAH was opposed to the whites and yet has chastised MALCOLM for his statement. ELIJAH commented Minister MALCOLM had not been cast out of the ministry

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but only deprived of speaking in public for the present time. He said Minister MALCOLM had ignored orders and it was not in keeping with their policies. [redacted] said ELIJAH's policy has been to oppose the whites and it was hard for [redacted] to understand since MALCOLM's statement was about the death of a white. ELIJAH said they had to go by certain rules. [redacted] mentioned there were rumors about a split and ELIJAH said there was nothing to it. ELIJAH said Minister MALCOLM and he are still brothers. [redacted] asked about MALCOLM being shifted to make room for someone else and if anyone else had taken over the speech making MALCOLM normally did. ELIJAH said it is yet to be determined. He said it was routine--where one can serve best he is put there. He stated he hoped such rumors didn't get too far out of hand, and that "MALCOLM and I is not split by no means. We are still brothers and I still think MALCOLM is a wonderful worker of mine. But the way I say, we have rules; we must obey them." ELIJAH stated no other shifts had taken place.

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MALCOLM X was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and commented that his family was fine and that his wife (MALCOLM's) was expecting again. ELIJAH told MALCOLM he did need some rest. ELIJAH asked if the laborers had received the letter and MALCOLM said he thought one may have come last night. He said he didn't receive it and he wasn't cut. ELIJAH said he had a copy of the letter and was going to send one to MALCOLM, to keep for himself. MALCOLM said [redacted] was there and [redacted] didn't read a letter but [redacted] read one last night. MALCOLM stated he had no knowledge of it as he had not been out that day at all. ELIJAH told MALCOLM to see the secretary and he would tell MALCOLM. ELIJAH said he would talk to MALCOLM whenever he sees him and he would be sending for MALCOLM sometime soon. MALCOLM stated [redacted] was going to teach the next day (12/8/63) and MALCOLM was going to ask [redacted] to teach the next Sunday. ELIJAH said that would be fine. He told MALCOLM to get a rest and around the first he may see him. He told MALCOLM it was very nice of what MALCOLM had said which was written in the Times (New York Times) and other papers there. ELIJAH said if they had the whole 17 million

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willing to confess, they could all go home tomorrow. He said the main thing was that the public would love it-- that in Islam it makes them true brothers and they have true unity. He said they do not act like the Christians seeking revenge and so forth. ELIJAH said Islam makes them all wiser. MALCOLM agreed and stated he understood. ELIJAH thanked MALCOLM for giving the public a very good-- (possibly) statement. ELIJAH told MALCOLM a little rest would give MALCOLM time to get caught up on some things.

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67C [REDACTED] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and told him that they had been given good coverage on the incident and it was favorable for them. [REDACTED] mentioned everyone agreed with what ELIJAH had done, and the reaction was good. ELIJAH said he thought that it would help him.

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Muhammad Suspends "Mouthy" Malcolm X

As reported in the Courier three weeks ago, Malcolm X, the fiery, 'mouth' spokesman for the Black Muslims, has fallen out of favor with Elijah Muhammad, leader of the group. This week a spokesman from the group's newspaper said the official word on Malcolm Shabazz is that the erstwhile spokesman "has been suspended."

"When Malcolm Shabazz spoke in Manhattan Center, New York City," said the spokesman, "he was speaking for himself and not for the Muslims." The spokesman read from an official notice written by Elijah Muhammad.

"Malcolm Shabazz has been suspended from speaking for the Muslims for the time being," said the spokesman.

Weeks ago, the Courier reported that the fire-breathing director of Muslim activities in New York had been "put out" of his lofty position of eminence in Washington, D. C. when he gave way to Lonnie X. Cross, an articulate, educated professor.

Before the ouster, hints had been seeping out of the Muslim headquarters (permanent home in Chicago)

that Malcolm was becoming a little "too independent" for his own good and that he might be angling for the leadership of the Muslims.

The spokesman from the office here didn't venture a guess on who would replace Malcolm in New York. He only quoted from the statement issued by Muhammad and declined comment on the exact reason the talkative Malcolm X was suspended.

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Elijah Suspends Malcolm

Malcolm X, fiery assistant to Elijah Muhammad and the man rumored to be the next leader of the Black Muslims, was suspended from the organization on Wednesday for remarks he made concerning President Kennedy at a Manhattan Center rally on Sunday.

"Minister Malcolm did not speak for Muhammad, the nation of Islam or any of Mr. Muhammad's followers," said Muhammad in a telegram to newspapers.

"The correct statement on the death of the President is: 'We with the world are very shocked at the assassination of President Kennedy.'"

Malcolm X reached at his home said this to the Amsterdam News: "Yes, I'm wrong. I disobeyed Muhammad's order. He was justified 100 per cent. I agree I need to withdraw from public appearance."

Chickens to Roost

Malcolm X addressed a crowd of about 700 at the Sunday rally. He was quoted as linking the death of Mr. Kennedy as an instance of "the chickens coming home to roost" and accusing the late President of "twiddling his thumbs" at the slaying of

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South Viet Namese President Ngo Dinh Diem and his brother, Ngo Dinh Nhu.

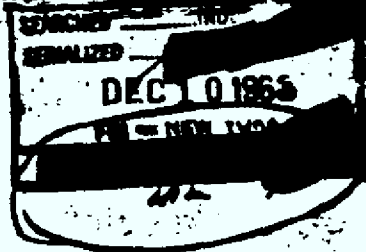
"Chickens coming home to roost never made me sad," Malcolm X was quoted as saying. "They always made me glad."

Elijah Muhammad was scheduled to speak at Sunday's rally. He cancelled out following the President's slaying. Malcolm X took over.

Muhammad's telegram read as follows:

"Have suspended for the present time Minister Malcolm Shabazz of New York because of statements made Sunday, Dec. 1 at Manhattan Center. Minister Malcolm did not speak for Muhammad, the nation of Islam or any of Mr. Muhammad's followers. The correct statement on the death of the President is: 'We with the world are very shocked at the assassination of President Kennedy.'"

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Malcolm X Endorses Boycott

Black Muslim leader Malcolm X endorsed the Rochdale Movement boycott campaign against the Jamaica Avenue merchants, in a Thanksgiving Day civil rights rally at Queens Plaza, St. Albans.

Calling it a step in the right direction, Malcolm X said his group would aid the Movement's drive. But he cautioned that the boycott was just a start.

Next moves would be to refrain from buying "when you don't work" followed by refusal to buy "where you don't own."

Last Phase

Malcolm X tied this last phase to a plea that Negroes start their own businesses. He said Negroes should build factories and super markets and provide jobs for their own kind instead of asking white people for jobs.

Herman Ferguson, chairman of the sponsoring Movement, followed the speech with a "Statement on Economic Militancy of Black Americans." The grass roots direct civil rights action he read, was leading from social to economic militancy.

The Rochdale Movement is committed to researching, developing, and implementing an economic blueprint which can be adopted by Black communities throughout the United States," the statement said.

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It listed the following four points in its economic creed: 1. creating jobs instead of asking for jobs; 2. buying stocks in key industries in order to have a voice in their management; 3. buying government bonds and other "economic paper" in order to place an "economic vote" beside the "political vote" and 4. using its collective economic might to support the American ideals of freedom, justice and equality.

"Then and only then," said the statement, "will White Americans be forced to respect the inalienable human rights of Black Americans."

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Malcolm X Answers Jackie Robinson

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the Defender issue of Nov. 18-22, Jackie Robinson said, in his column, that he was shocked at Adam Clayton Powell and Malcolm X attacking Dr. Ralph Bunche in speeches. This is Malcolm X's reply to Jackie Robinson.

Dear Good Friend,
Jackie Roosevelt Robinson
You became a great baseball player after your white boss (Mr. Branch Rickey) lifted you to the Major Leagues.
You proved that your white boss had chosen the "right" Negro by getting plenty of hits, stealing plenty of bases, winning many games and bringing much money through the gates and into the pockets of your White Boss.

In those days, I was one of your many ardent fans; your speed and shifty base running used to hold me spellbound. And, according to the attack you leveled against me and Congressman Powell in your recent column, I must confess that even today, you still display the same old "speed," the same "cunning" and "shiftness," and you are still trying to win "The Big Game" for your white boss.
In this same recent column you accused me and Dr. Adam Clayton Powell of misleading our people. Aren't you the same ex-baseball player who tried to "mislead" Negroes in Nixon's camp during the last presidential election?

Evidently, you were the only Negro who voted for Nixon, because according to the polls taken afterward, very few Negroes were dumb enough to follow your "mislead."

Today, you confess to our people that you now think Nixon would have been the wrong man. Aren't you also confessing that if Negroes had been dumb enough to follow you three years ago that you would have been guilty of misleading them?

You never give up. You are now trying to lead Negroes into Nelson Rockefeller's political camp.

If you admit that you were wrong about Richard Nixon three years ago, how are we to be sure that you've become so politically mature in the meantime to be right in your choice today? Your "shiftness" is confusing and very misleading.

We hear that you are about to be appointed boxing commissioner of New York State by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller. Does this have any bearing on your efforts to get Negroes into Rockefeller's camp? Just who are you playing ball for today, good friend?

Our people followed you on the football field and the baseball field, but we are cautious and doubtful about your shifty position in this political field.

When Mr. Rickey picked you up from obscurity and made you a big leaguer, you never let Mr. Rickey down; and since Mr. Black has given you a well-paying position with Chock-Full-O-Nuts, you have never let Mr. Black down. And, now, with Nelson Rockefeller promising to make you the Boxing Commissioner of New York, you

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we know you can't afford to let Gov. Rockefeller down.

Your column also accused me of attacking Dr. Ralph Bunche. This is untrue. I have never attacked Ralph Bunche. No Muslim ever initiates an attack on anyone.

Dr. Bunche had attacked the Muslims in general and me in particular from a college campus in the state of Mississippi. His venomous poison was carried by all the major networks.

My reply to Dr. Bunche's unwarranted attack was made strictly in self-defense (as is this present letter an answer to your unjust attack).

If Dr. Bunche's UN position is supposed to confine him to matters "above and beyond" America's race problems, whenever he does escape the confines of UN protocol, why does he al-

ways attack our Muslim religious group.

This is the third time he has attacked our religion. Is he anti-Islam?

Since he was in Mississippi while making this recent speech, he would have shown more intelligence had he directed his full attention toward the whites in that area, who are bombing Negro churches and murdering innocent little Negro girls.

Why waste precious time and energy on us? Muslims don't bomb churches. Muslims didn't shoot Medgar Evers in the back. Muslims have never lynched anyone.

Dr. Bunche should realize he CAN'T fight an effective battle on two different fronts at the same time.

He can't fight the Muslims, and at the same time be effective against the lynchers of Negroes.

But Dr. Bunche seems more anxious to discredit and destroy the Muslim religious group than he does the white lynchers of Negroes. Whenever I read the speeches he makes for American consumption, I often wonder if his script-writer isn't some anti-Muslim Israeli?

You also quoted the comedian, Dick Gregory, whose script-writer has him saying that most Negroes never knew the Muslims existed until the white man put them on television.

I must confess that this is part-true.

The Muslims have been in the Negro community for a long time. But, Negroes, such as yourself, who regard yourselves as Negro "leaders" never know what is going on in the Negro community until the white man tells you.

You stay as far away from the Negro community as you can get. You never take an interest in anything in the Negro Community until the white man himself takes an interest in it.

You, yourself would never shake my hand until you saw some of your white friends shake it.

Negro "leaders" never knew Muslims existed until the white man discovered them. Right today, most of these same Negro "leaders" know about Muslims only what the white man has told them.

Finally, good Friend Jackie, you attacked me for not attending the funeral of Medgar Evers who was murdered in Mississippi. When I go to a Mississippi funeral, it won't be to attend the funeral of a black man!

And you Negro "leaders" whose bread and butter depends on your ability to make your white boss think you have all these Negroes "under control," better be thankful that I wasn't in Mississippi after Medgar Evers was murdered, nor in Birmingham after the murder of those four innocent little Negro girls.

If my integrity or sincerity is to be measured in your eyesight by attendance at funerals of Negroes who have been murdered by whites, if you should ever meet with such misfortune, I promise to attend your funeral. Then, perhaps you will be able to see me in a different light.

If you should ever become as militant in behalf of your oppressed people as Medgar Evers was, the same whites whom you now take to be your friends, will be the first to put the bullet or the dagger in your back, just as they put it in the back of Medgar Evers.

And I sincerely fear, good friend Jackie, that if the whites do murder you, you are still gullible enough to die thinking they are still your white friends, and that the dagger in your back is only an accident!

Whereas, if whites were to murder me for the religious philosophy that I represent and stand for, I would die KNOWING that it was at the hand of OPEN ENEMIES OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE.

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was suspended from further public speaking. [redacted] desired to know if he (MALCOLM) was also suspended as a minister. ELIJAH replied "No". It should read "he is suspended for the time being from public speaking". ELIJAH said that he (MALCOLM) is not suspended from the ministry -- maybe it is not permanent as they have rules of punishment and this is one of those things.

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[redacted] asked ELIJAH if they have a set of rules for conduct that is not in keeping with the aims of ELIJAH's group and ELIJAH said "we have punishment for everything that is not according to the way of Islam".

[redacted] asked ELIJAH if this in his view was not according to the way of Islam and ELIJAH replied that "he just didn't speak for us and I don't say this is the rule of Islam but this is not in according with our own way that we are trying to get along in the country." [redacted] asked him how long he would be suspended and ELIJAH stated "that I will not say". [redacted] asked if MALCOLM was to be brought before a board of anything like that and ELIJAH said "I'm the board".

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[redacted] asked ELIJAH if he was going to speak to him (MALCOLM) about it or whether he had and ELIJAH said "that's all -- I will not go into that". [redacted] asked ELIJAH what specifically MALCOLM had said in the speech that ELIJAH objected to and ELIJAH said what he has already said covers everything - "he didn't speak for me or my followers."

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[redacted] asked ELIJAH about his being in Phoenix, Arizona and ELIJAH stated he has a winter home in Phoenix.

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A man from an unknown news service in Chicago was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and said he had just talked with [redacted] in Chicago. ELIJAH stated [redacted] is not the spokesman for the Muslims.

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speaking and he was suspended for the time being. He said it included MALCOLM's own pulpit as it is public, but the other job or work is the same. ELIJAH said "I think it is good for the whole entire community". MALCOLM said it had already helped him.

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[redacted] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

[redacted] had spoken with [redacted] at "MUHAMMAD SPEAKS" newspaper in Chicago concerning his suspension of MALCOLM X who read to [redacted] ELIJAH's statement and [redacted] was wondering if ELIJAH would let [redacted] record ELIJAH making the statement or if they could ask him some questions about it. ELIJAH asked [redacted] to tell him word for word the statement, [redacted] had and [redacted] did. This statement was: "Sunday, December 1 at the Manhattan Center in New York City when Minister MALCOLM SHABBAZZ addressed the public and mentioned the President's death, he did not speak for Muslims. He was speaking for himself and not for the Muslims in general. He has been suspended from public speaking for the time being. The nation still mourns the loss of our President. signed ELIJAH MUHAMMAD." ELIJAH stated that he had given that statement and it was in according to what he said. [redacted] said instead of quoting someone else as to what ELIJAH had said, the radio stations preferred to hear ELIJAH himself saying it. ELIJAH stated that it did not seem necessary to repeat it and could only add "I did not approve what he said and he was not speaking for me nor for my followers. He said these things of himself and the public should not take what he said to mean me or my followers. MALCOLM was talking for himself". [redacted] asked ELIJAH to comment on how, he and he and his followers feel about the President's assassination. ELIJAH said "we feel like we said, we was shocked. We were shocked of the sudden death of our President -- just as we said". [redacted] asked ELIJAH

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what he thought the effect of the President's death will be on the situation regarding the racial antagonisms here in the United States. ELIJAH stated he did not know and would not prophecied on it. He continued by stating "this thing looks terrible and I am also a public speaker myself and I think its awful for the Government to have such a bad spot on it like -- even though I wasn't here when Lincoln was assassinated, but I still say that was also bad and the others who followed his assassination and received the same treatment out of the due process of law. It just looks terrible and especially when the President has probably said something or tried to do something in the way of good towards the so called Negroes. All of these Presidents that was assassinated since 1865 spoke something in favor of the Negroes. I don't say that's why President Kennedy was assassinated, but its something that he said in favor to the Negroes that the people didn't like or what. I'm not going into that because I don't know, but due to the past history of the others that was assassinated according to history they were somewhat sympathetic towards the condition and future of the Negro."

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[redacted] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and told him [redacted] had made the release and had received many calls about extra comments which [redacted] had referred them to ELIJAH. ELIJAH said it was all right, and [redacted] had referred them to the right one. ELIJAH said he sent the statement out and has been answering the press. He said the news have what he, ELIJAH, said and MALCOLM should have said it himself. ELIJAH said, "I could not help from punishing MALCOLM a little for saying something that I didn't tell him to say. He should have told the people what I said and not what he said because what I said was the way everybody felt -- we were all surprised, and we were all shocked -- so that is the truth of it." ELIJAH told [redacted] it was all right for them to make the statement he, ELIJAH, gave them on television. ELIJAH stated he was sending an article for the paper (MUHAMMAD Speaks) which is on the same subject and he wanted it in the next issue.

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[redacted] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and stated [redacted] had been told by NBC in Los Angeles that MALCOLM X had been suspended. ELIJAH affirmed this and said just for the time being. [redacted] asked if [redacted] could do a film interview with ELIJAH and asked him his plans for the future, who might replace MALCOLM X for the time being, and if there would be any change in ELIJAH's program and what his plans were, etc. ELIJAH stated he had already given his statement about the matter. [redacted] pointed out as for the TV they liked to see the person making the statement. ELIJAH stated MALCOLM has been a faithful worker for him, but when they don't carry out your orders, you have to punish them. ELIJAH said he regretted the talk Sunday that he made because it was not in line with our opinions and nothing of the kind. ELIJAH said he thought he should appear on the interview since he is the leader and to clear up the matter.

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[redacted] (reliable) made available the following information:

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was talking about MALCOLM X and said MALCOLM should have known better than to talk about the President as he had and that he, ELIJAH, had told him to lay off as it was too hot. ELIJAH said there is a time for everything. He mentioned when MALCOLM was speaking in New York City, he criticized the President when ELIJAH had a tape playing in Los Angeles at the same time saying how sorry they were it had happened. ELIJAH said he did not like to do a thing like that (suspend MALCOLM) but he had no alternative. ELIJAH stated he made him (ELIJAH) look like a fool and the people looked to him to see if he would back MALCOLM. ELIJAH stated such talk could get them into trouble when the man is not even cold in the grave. He said MALCOLM was at his house in Chicago and he talked to MALCOLM about this and told MALCOLM he would be suspended and should go on with his other work, but let someone else do all the public speaking.

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[redacted] read the article about MALCOLM and ELIJAH said this would ruin MALCOLM's career and he was sorry it had to happen. ELIJAH said the reporter who wrote the article was at the meeting in New York City and MALCOLM seemed to say the things the "devil" expected him to say. ELIJAH mentioned a comment made by MALCOLM -- how happy he (MALCOLM) was when the plane crashed some time ago carrying 21 people from Atlanta, Georgia to their death, and how he (MALCOLM) had received a message from God and was happy over it. ELIJAH said MALCOLM now has said how happy he is over the President. ELIJAH said "papa" had to spank his son (MALCOLM) and if he accepts his punishment, he will be okay, but if he sticks out his lip and starts popping off, he will get a worse beating the next time. ELIJAH said he was more surprised than anyone because he did not think MALCOLM would say such a thing.

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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was in contact with [REDACTED] and was told that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was better, but was still running a temperature. ELIJAH stated that [REDACTED] was the day nurse and [REDACTED] stays at night. ELIJAH also added that [REDACTED] is one of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] continued that [REDACTED] has lost the faith but [REDACTED] is not worried about [REDACTED]

ELIJAH then spoke about a letter that was sent to him which contained information that is to be released after being approved by him. ELIJAH stated the contents are approved and can be released to the Fruit and the MGT.

b7C ELIJAH asked [redacted] to extend his thankfulness to [redacted] for a job well done in preparation of this letter. ELIJAH instructed that they should continue sending such letters to him for approval.

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b7C [redacted] was in contact with Minister MALCOLM at OL 1-6320 in New York City. MALCOLM stated he had 949 in attendance at the regular mosque. [redacted] stated [redacted] had heard about the postponement and MALCOLM replied the Sunday meeting was postponed but the Saturday bazaar was to be held as planned. [redacted] stated that the cancelation was for the best.

[redacted] MALCOLM and [redacted] then discussed a person.

b7C MALCOLM stated that [redacted] upset him very much when he heard [redacted] a week ago. MALCOLM added that [redacted] gives it out to appeal to the emotion and not to the reason of the believers. MUHAMMAD stated he is afraid he will lose his listeners with such preparation and added that if he keeps going this way he could lose a whole city. [redacted] stated that they, in Chicago, keep a close check on this sort of thing and [redacted] added that maybe someone should check into it. [redacted] then asked MALCOLM to tell a sister that there will be no MGT meeting on Thursday as it was a holiday.

b7C [redacted] then spoke to MALCOLM and told him the MGT was scheduled by the sister because [redacted] had originally planned to be in New York City for the meeting. [redacted] stated that since the meeting has been called off, there was no need to hold it on a holiday. [redacted] indicated that they do not intend to go to New York for the bazaar.

b7C [redacted] then told MALCOLM to be sure the believers understand they should not make any public statements concerning what has happened (possibly referring to the President's death). MALCOLM assured [redacted] he has cautioned them about this.

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MALCOLM X

Muslim Head Drops Malcolm X In Rift

The split that rumor said was coming between Black Muslim leader Elijah Muhammad and his right-hand man, Malcolm X, exploded into the open Wednesday as the Muslim leader announced that he has suspended Malcolm X "for the present time."

The reason: Statements made by Malcolm X on Dec. 1 in New York which criticized the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Malcolm X did not

Mr. Muhammad's statement on the death of John F. Kennedy was as follows: "We with the world are very shocked at the assassination of our President," a statement from Muhammad's Mosque No. 2 in Chicago said.

Malcolm X had characterized the assassination of President Kennedy as an instance of "the chickens coming home to roost."

After naming the late President of "treddling his chickens" at the slaying of South Vietnam's President Ngo Dinh Diem and his brother Ngo Dinh Nhu, Malcolm X declared that he "never knew that the chickens would come home to roost so soon."

Quoting an old Surinam saying, chickens coming home to roost never did make me sad. They've always made me glad, Malcolm X said.



ELIJAH MUHAMMAD
Head of the Islamic Center in Chicago. He is the author of "The Message of the Prophet," and the Muslim Bible.

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... who addressed a Black Muslim rally at the Manhattan Center, charged that reports by newspapers for his comment on Kennedy's death represented an attempt to trap the organization into a "sanctified, inflexibly dogmatic" statement.

The press, he said, is looking for such a remark as "Hooray, hooray! I'm glad he got it!"

Malcolm X also cited the murders of Patrice Lumumba, Medgar Evers, and the Negro youth in a Birmingham church as other "ghastly crimes done in need."

The New York Muslim leader who was greeted with laughter and applause as he attacked Kennedy, pointed out that while his followers were non-violent, they are encouraged for purposes of self-defense to study judo and karate and "everything else you should learn that will show you how to break a white man's neck."

Malcolm X also declared that Negro leaders of the March on Washington were actually in the employ of a "white liberal" conspiracy that included President Kennedy.

This conspiracy was devoted to "tokenism," said Malcolm X.

Referring to the Washington and Lincoln memorials between which the March occurred, the Muslim declared that "By keeping these monuments between two dead Presidents, they never had a chance to reach the then live President."

White men were not allowed inside the meeting, except for reporters, who were searched thoroughly by Muslim officials stationed inside the hall on policemen.

Throughout his address, Malcolm X repeatedly stressed that the Black Muslim movement is based on unambitious love and tolerance of all men, including white men.

Earlier in the year when Malcolm X was acting as temporary minister of the cult's Washington, D. C. mosque, it was rumored that he and Elijah Muhammad were at odds because the minister rushed to his New York mosque.

The split rumors were quelled when Muslim officials explained that Malcolm X was only temporary minister serving in the absence of the mosque's permanent leader.

**Suspend Malcolm
For Skit on JFK**

Chicago, Dec. 4 (UPI) — The leader of the Black Muslim sect today suspended Malcolm X, his second-in-command, for expressing joy at the assassination of the late President Kennedy. Elijah Muhammad, self-styled messenger of Allah, said Malcolm did not speak for Muhammad Sunday when he spoke of "chickens coming home to roost."

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MALCOLM X SCORES U.S. AND KENNEDY

Likens Slaying to 'Chickens Coming Home to Roost'

Malcolm X, a leader of the Black Muslims, yesterday characterized the assassination of President Kennedy as an instance of "the chickens coming home to roost."

Accusing Mr. Kennedy of "twiddling his thumbs" at the killing of South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem and his brother, Ngo Dinh Nhu, Malcolm X told a Black Muslim rally at the Manhattan Center that he "never foresaw that the chickens would come home to roost so soon."

He added: "Being an old farm boy myself, chickens coming home to roost never did make me sad; they've always made me glad." His remarks on the Kennedy assassination were made at a point when the auditorium was open to questions and comment from the floor. There was loud applause and laughter.

Newspapers Chided

Malcolm X told the crowd, estimated at about 700, that immediately after Mr. Kennedy's assassination the Black Muslim leadership had been asked for comments by the newspapers. He charged this was an attempt to trap the organization into a "fanatic, inflexibly dogmatic" statement. He said the press was looking for such a remark as: "Hooray, hooray! I'm glad he got it!"

With this exclamation, there was more laughter and applause.

In further criticism of Mr. Kennedy, the Muslim leader cited the murders of Patrice Lumumba, Congo leader, of Medgar Evers, civil rights leader, and of the Negro girls bombed earlier this year in a Birmingham church. Then, he said, were instances of other "chickens coming home to roost."

"They've got to ~~come~~ come some day," he added.

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Throughout his address, which lasted an hour, Malcolm X repeated a previous contention that the Black Muslim movement is based on monotheistic love and tolerance of all men, including white men. However, he said that while his followers were nonviolent, they were encouraged for purposes of self-defense to study jodo and karate and "everything else you should learn that will show you how to break a white man's neck." Again there was applause and laughter.

Later a member of the audience who declined to be identified told a reporter his enjoyment of this remark was "more for the fact that he had the

nerve to say it than that I really approved of it."

Malcolm X was especially critical of the recent civil rights march on Washington. He charged that the Negro leaders of the march were actually in the employ of a "white liberal" conspiracy that included President Kennedy and that was devoted to "tokenism." In one reference to the march, which had the Lincoln and Washington memorials as main focal points, Malcolm X said:

"By keeping them marching between two dead Presidents, they never had a chance to reach the then live President."

The rally was closed to white men, except for members of the press, who were searched thoroughly by some of the scores of Black Muslim cadre stationed throughout the hall as police



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CRITICAL OF KENNEDY
Malcolm X, a leader of the Black Muslims, during a speech at Manhattan Center.

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Malcolm X's Letter

Dear Good Friend, Jackie Roosevelt Robinson:

You became a great baseball player after your White Boss (Mr. Rickey) lifted you to the Major Leagues. You proved that your White Boss had chosen the "right" Negro by getting plenty of hits, stealing plenty of bases, winning many games and bringing much money through the gates and into the pockets of your White Boss.

In those days I was one of your many ardent fans; your speed and shifty base running used to hold me spellbound . . . and, according to the attack you leveled against me and Congressman Powell in your recent column, I must confess that even today you still display the same old "speed," the same "cunning," and "shiftiness," . . . and you are still trying to win "The Big Game" for your White Boss.

Shortly after the White Man lifted you from poverty and obscurity to the Major Leagues, - Paul Robeson was condemning America for her injustices against American Negroes. Mr. Robeson questioned

the intelligence of Negroes fighting to defend a country that treated them with such open contempt and bestial brutality.

Robeson's Stand

Robeson's brilliant stand in behalf of our people left the guilty American whites speechless; they had no defense.

They sought desperately to find another Negro who would be dumb enough to champion their bankrupt "white" cause against Paul Robeson.

It was you who let yourself be used by the whites even in those days against your own kind. You let them sic you on Paul Robeson.

You let them use you to destroy Paul Robeson. You let

your White Boss send you before a congressional hearing in Washington, D. C. (the capitol of Segregationville) to dispute and condemn Paul Robeson, because he had these guilty American whites frightened silly.

Your White Boss sent you to Washington to assure all the worried white folks that Negroes were still thankful to the Great White Father for bringing us to America, that Negroes were grateful to America (despite our not being treated as full citizens), and that Negroes would still lay down our lives to defend this white country (though this same white government wasn't ready nor willing to destroy Paul Robeson. You let

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and Negroes). Even in those days, Jackie!

Jackie's Column

In this same recent column you also accused me and Dr. Powell of misleading our people. Aren't you the same ex-baseball player who tried to "MISLEAD" Negroes into Nixon's camp during the last presidential election?

Evidently you were the only Negro who voted for Nixon, because according to the polls taken afterward, very few Negroes were dumb enough to follow your "MISLEAD."

Today you confess to our people that you now think Nixon would have been the wrong man. Aren't you also confessing that if Negroes had been dumb enough to follow you three years ago that you would have been guilty of MISLEADING them?

Rockefeller

You never give up. You are now trying to lead Negroes into Nelson Rockefeller's political camp. If you admit that you were wrong about Richard Nixon three years ago, how are we to be sure that you've become so politically mature in the meantime to be right in your choice today? Your "shiftness" is confusing and very misleading.

We hear that you are about to be appointed Boxing Commissioner of New York State by Governor Nelson Rockefeller. Does this have any bearing on your efforts to get Negroes into Rockefeller's camp? Just who are you playing ball for today, good Friend?

Our people followed you on the football field and the baseball field, but we are cautious and doubtful about your shifty position in this political field.

When Mr. Rickey picked you up from obscurity and made you a Big Leaguer, you never let Mr. Rickey down; and since Mr. Black has given you a well-paying position with Chock-Full-O-Nuts, you have never let Mr. Black down. . . and now with Nelson Rockefeller promising to make you the Boxing Commissioner of New York State, we know that you can't afford to let De Rocky down.

You have never shown appreciation for the support given you by the Negro masses, but you have a record of being very faithful to your White Benefactors. Perhaps, if Nixon had not been such a relatively poorer man, he too would have fared much better with your support. Your column also accused me

of attacking Dr. Ralph Bunche. This is untrue. I have never attacked Ralph Bunche. No Muslims ever initiates an attack on anyone. Dr. Bunche had attacked the Muslims in general and me in particular from a college campus in the state of Mississippi, and his venomous poison was carried by all the major networks. My reply to Dr. Bunche's unwarranted attack was made strictly in self-defense (as is this present letter an answer to your unjust attack). If Dr. Bunche's UN position is supposed to confine him to matters "above and beyond" America's race problems, whenever he does escape the confines of UN protocol, why does he always attack our Muslim religious group? This is the third time he has attacked our religion. Is he anti-Islam?

Mississippi

Since he was in Mississippi while making his recent speech, he would have shown more intelligence had he directed his full attention toward the whites in that area who are bombing Negro churches and murdering innocent little Negro girls.

Why waste precious time and energy on us? Muslims don't bomb churches. Muslims didn't shoot Medgar Evers in the back. Muslims have never lynched anyone.

Dr. Bunche should realize he can't fight an effective battle on two different fronts at the same time. He can't fight the Muslims, and at the same time be effective against the lyncher of Negroes.

But Dr. Bunche seems more anxious to discredit and destroy the Muslim religious group than he does the white lynchers of Negroes. Whenever I read the speeches he makes for American consumption, I often wonder if his script-writer isn't some anti-Muslim Israeli?

You also quoted the comedian, Dick Gregory, whose script-writer has him saying that most Negroes never knew the Muslims existed until the white man put the Muslims on Television. I must confess that this is true.

The Muslims have been in the Negro Community for a long time, but Negroes such as yourself, who regard yourselves as Negro "leaders" never know what is going on in the Negro Community until the white man tells you.

as far away from Community as you can get, and you never take an interest in anything in the Negro Community until the white man himself takes an interest in it. You, yourself, would never shake my hand until you saw some of your white friends shaking it.

Negro "leaders" never knew Muslims existed until the white man discovered them, and right today most of these same Negro "leaders" know about Muslims only what the white man has told them.

Medgar Evers

Finally, good Friend Jackie: you attacked me for not attending the funeral of Medgar Evers who was murdered in Mississippi. When I go to a Mississippi funeral it won't be to attend the funeral of a black man!

And you Negro "leaders," whose bread and butter depend on your ability to make your white boss think you have all these Negroes "under control," better be thankful that I wasn't in Mississippi after Medgar Evers was murdered, nor in Birmingham after the murder of those four innocent little Negro girls.

My integrity or sincerity is

to be measured in your eyesight by my attendance at funerals of Negroes who have been murdered by whites, if you should ever meet with such misfortune I promise to attend your funeral, and then perhaps you will be able to see me in a different light?

If you should ever become as militant in behalf of our oppressed people as Medgar Evers was, the same whites whom you now take to be your friends will be the first to put the bullet or the dagger in your back, just as they put it in the back of Medgar Evers.

And I sincerely fear, good Friend Jackie, that if the whites do murder you, you are still gullible enough to die thinking they are still your white friends, and that the dagger in your back is only an accident!

Whereas if whites were to murder me for the religious philosophy of Islam, and I had known that it was at the hands of OPEN ENEMIES OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE!

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, New York and WFO are one copy each of an article entitled "Has Mr. Muhammad Casted Malcolm?" - "Cult's Fiery No. 2 Has 'Out' in D. C." by PHIL SARKAND (Courier Staff Writer) datelined Washington, D. C. as appeared in "The Chicago Courier" issue of 11/2/69, Volume 4, No. 46, on page 1.

"The Chicago Courier" is a weekly newspaper published at 2700 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

A review of this article suggests that, because MALCOLM LITTLE was removed as Minister of Elijah Muhammad's Mosque No. 4 in Washington, D. C., he is on the way out as Muhammad's No. 2.

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Cult's Fiery No. 2 Man 'Out' in D.C.

By PHYL GARLAND
(Courier Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, D.C. --- Ouster of fire-breathing Malcolm X Little as director of Black Muslim activities in this teeming capital city gave rise to rumors this week that leader Elijah Muhammad has turned his back on his No. 2 man and mouthpiece, casting the controversial cult into its biggest crisis since it burst into national prominence.

Furthermore, replacement of "Malignant Malcolm" with Lonnie K. Cross, an articulate, highly-educated college professor, has caused many to wonder whether the Muslims are "going intellectual" and abandoning the sledge-hammer approach which has drawn so many followers from the lower economic levels.

Malcolm X had been sent here from his post as headman of the Harlem Mosque, last April to take over as minister of Washington Mosque No. 4 on an interim basis, following the dismissal of Lucius X. Brown, whose frequent visits to the district jail were linked by authorities to periodic riots.

Reasons for Malcolm X's suspension were given as being in his record as a convicted felon and "an incendiary" who might provoke a breach of the peace.

Into his heavy-heeled shoes has stepped Cross, who only 18 months ago resigned as head of the mathematics department of Atlanta University to "devote full time to the truth of Mr. Elijah Muhammad," founder of the movement.

A NATIVE of Bessemer, Ala., and a graduate of Washington's Dunbar High School, Cross holds a string of earned degrees from Lincoln University (Pa.), Cornell University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

This is in marked contrast to the plan-talking Little who forced his way to the forefront of the movement through "nitty-gritty street-corner oratory. However, he often was able to eclipse

the highest of the high-brows in debates before college audiences and earlier this year appeared on a nationwide telecast along with erudite author James Baldwin and Dr. Kenneth Clark of New York University.

At that time he ran Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "through the wringer" lambasting the non-violent leader as a "modern Day Uncle Tom" who is subsidized by whites to keep Negroes pacified. Malcolm and his disciples in black supremacy repeatedly have preached hatred of the white man whom they describe as "the devil."

THOUGH CHARACTERIZED as a religious movement traveling under the cloak of Islam, Black Muslims and Elijah Muhammad have been subjected to barbed criticism from what are termed legitimate Islamic groups, in particular the Ahmadiyya sect.

The latter point to Muhammad's advocacy of racial hatred and separateness as being irreconcilable with the tenets of the prophet Mohammed and the Koran, which preach the brotherhood of man.

Since Malcolm X has been the major irritant in spreading the gospel of separateness, even to the point of demanding that Negroes be given a state of their own by the government, it may well be that the Muslims are changing their tactics, turning their sights toward more tenable pastures, and eyeing the even greater following they might attain if relieved of their "extremist" and "rabble rousing" labels.

It is known that a bulk of the Negro middle class agrees with Muslim ideas on development of race pride and economic strength, but draw the line at across-the-board hatred of all whites and occupation of a separate state.

IN ADDITION, Malcolm's relentless attacks on Dr. King and other integration leaders certainly have had no adverse effect on their popularity, as evidenced by the unprecedented turn-outs for the Detroit "Freedom Walk" and the historic "March on Washington," both of which were planned by Muslims.

If this be the case, the day may be dawning when this colorful, if maligned sect will draw closer to existing civil rights organizations, taking its place as a powerful tool which might utilize the untapped resources of the innumerable, downtrodden "Negroes - in the street."

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told ELIJAH MUHAMMAD that [REDACTED] had returned and they have a school [REDACTED] is working on. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to write MUHAMMAD about it so he should hear soon. [REDACTED] added that things are shaping up in Boston.

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[REDACTED] continued: They had over 400 on Sunday. When MALCOLM (X LITTLE, of New York) spoke on Sunday they had a crowd all around the block and he did a marvelous job. Attendance has been high all week.

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told the Holy Apostle that some of the Muslims would like to go to Michigan on the Sunday after next and asked if it would be permissible. MUHAMMAD approved [REDACTED] stated that a

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sister would like to go to barber school and asked if this was permissible. MUHAMMAD replied that it was not if she intended to barber men. [redacted] stated that next Sunday a preacher wants to bring about 35 of his members to the Mosque and wants to preach for about 35 minutes, and then have [redacted] talk for the same time. MUHAMMAD approved. [redacted] stated that many of the brothers are employed by a Jewish person there and one of them had obtained a Jewish Bible, the "Torah." [redacted] stated it was in English and asked if MUHAMMAD would like to have it. MUHAMMAD stated he would.

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[redacted] stated that the devil who owns the building that they use for the Mosque wants to sell for \$30,000, with \$5,000 down. [redacted] asked MUHAMMAD if he would want to see it. MUHAMMAD stated he would.

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[redacted] told ELIJAH MUHAMMAD that they had one meeting where, out of 90, Allah blessed them with 49 who accepted. He continued that out of 251 at the Friday night meeting, there were 45 lost-found and 20 accepted; that at the Wednesday meeting there were 42 lost-found and 22 accepted; that today 100 of those who accepted were present. MUHAMMAD thought this was wonderful.

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[redacted] stated that on Tuesday night, they had a teachers' meeting which had an attendance of 35 people who would be interested in teaching. [redacted] stated many of them had degrees and there were also nurses and one artist present. [redacted] continued that they had electrical work and plumbing work, all having been accomplished by their own people. MUHAMMAD was jubilant about this and stated that if all of their own people would work together, they could accomplish very much.

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[redacted] mentioned a 17-year-old girl who wanted to attend school, but whose Christian mother would not let her go. MUHAMMAD instructed [redacted] to let the girl attend, but not to register her until her next birth day. He stated that "we will teach her if she comes."

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[redacted] has also received letters from

b7c prisoners who want [redacted] to come to see them. [redacted] claimed there are 300 believers there. MUHAMMAD told him to go ahead if they would let him.

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b7c Minister MALCOLM X, in San Francisco, to ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. MALCOLM stated he has been with [redacted] in San Francisco for four days. He stated [redacted] needs a lot of help and should spend some time with MUHAMMAD to get up to date. MALCOLM continued: The people are very receptive. The territory is very fertile. He had two meetings today. He just finished one at Richmond, with 1,300 people. Tonight they are going to have a fund-raising affair.

b7c MALCOLM then told MUHAMMAD that he had a beautiful move in Boston, one which was really justice. MALCOLM said it keeps [redacted] in [redacted] place without pointing any finger. MALCOLM said the condition prevails from coast to coast. He stated that you could go into any city and find devoted people, but who are abusing their power. MUHAMMAD indicated surprise at hearing this and stated they would get it corrected. MUHAMMAD told MALCOLM he was sorry he had to work so hard and had to travel so much, all over the country, but indicated he was sure he would have help soon. MUHAMMAD stated he has a couple here who are almost ready to send out.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-38871)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-31435)

**NATION OF ISLAM
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York are eight copies and two copies respectively of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to **MUHAMMAD**'s statements on the assassination of President **JOHN F. KENNEDY**. Included in this statement was **MUHAMMAD**'s announcement regarding the suspension of **MALCOLM X LITTLE** because of his statements regarding the assassination of the President.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - NATION OF ISLAM

"Muhammad Speaks," Volume 3, No. 7, dated December 20, 1963, carried headlines "Muhammad on President Kennedy: Nation Still Mourns Death When Abe Lincoln, J.F. Kennedy Spoke Out for Negroes. . ." by Elijah Muhammad. The article reflected in part as follows:

"From the death of Abraham Lincoln to the assassination of President Kennedy, it proves that on each one of these occasions where outlaws over-ruled legal authority, it was in the case of Presidents who opened their mouths and said something favorable for the so-called Negro. . . .

"We also can substantiate this by the fact that any Negro who wants to lead the so-called Negro to a better life and towards true peace, freedom, justice and equality - which he is entitled to enjoy - is also subjected to the same kind of assassinations or attempts at assassination. . . .

"The tragic death of President Kennedy should serve as a warning to all rulers and people of value, that values cannot be trusted openly in the presence of thieves and robbers. . . .

"Such outlaw action permitted in America is a disgrace and shame to the government and to people who are recognized as world leaders and examples of what others should do in the way of friendship and cooperation. . . .

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"Again, it shows to the world that the government of America and people are actually given to such outlaw and violent action.

"To take human lives at will, disregarding their own legal law against such action, makes the country to be classified as a country or government of outlaws - where people have no safety of their lives under the law, which claims to safeguard the lives of human beings.

"In regards to Minister Malcolm: he is still a great worker and Minister of ours. He has been dismissed indefinitely from public speaking.

"We cannot ignore our policy and, therefore, when one is not in step with our policy, one must suffer some kind of chastisement for knowing and then neglecting the knowledge that one has the policy of good and protection.

"I do not classify Minister Malcolm as a hypocrite, for he is no such man, according to his work. But I do think that all must be reminded that anything that we do must be in accord with our policy. . . ."

"Muhammad Speaks" describes itself in its various issues as "dedicated to freedom, justice, and equality for the so-called Negro. The earth belongs to Allah," and as being published by Muhammad's Mosque No. 2 at 634 East 79th Street, Chicago, Illinois, on a bi-weekly basis.



"Muhammad Speaks," Volume 3, No. 7, on page 3 carried an article "Mr. Muhammad's Statement on the President's Death." The article reflected as follows:

"When news of the tragic assassination of President John F. Kennedy was first reported on November 22, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad called into Muhammad Speaks the following statement to appear on the front page of his paper:

'We, with the world, are very shocked at the assassination of our President'. . .

"Meanwhile, the following statement from Mr. Muhammad expresses the views of Muslims on the death of President Kennedy and in correction of a statement made on Sunday at Manhattan Center in New York by Minister Malcolm Shabazz:

'When Minister Malcolm addressed the public and mentioned the President's death, he did not speak for Muslims. He was speaking for himself and not for the Muslims in general. He has been suspended from public speaking for the time being.

'The nation still mourns the loss of our President.'

"Signed: The Honorable Elijah Muhammad"

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SAC, NEW YORK (105-7809)

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ReNYairtel to the Bureau dated 12/5/63, with enclosed letterhead memorandum relative to temporary suspension of MALCOLM LITTLE as a public NOI spokesman, although he would continue as Minister of Temple number Seven performing necessary duties and speaking at local NOI meetings.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five, Chicago two, and other offices receiving a copy of this letter one letterhead memorandum relative to MALCOLM's suspension which precludes him from all public speaking including local NOI meetings open to the public.

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For the information of the Bureau and all offices receiving this letter, the 12/6/63, edition of "The New York Times" contained an article which reflected that according to "sources close to the Black Muslim movement here" (NYC), MALCOLM X may soon be replaced as the Minister

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of Mosque number Seven, New York City. The article indicated that these "sources" said that the general feeling was that MALCOLM X had become "so powerful" that he emerged as a "personality" rather than as a spokesman for the movement.

The article continued that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD had already chosen MALCOLM's successor, which is a secret, but three possibilities were mentioned. They were: "AKBAR NUHMANIAD, youngest son of the ruler; LONNIE X, minister of the Washington mosque, and JEREMIAH X, minister of the Birmingham mosque".

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(It is noted that [REDACTED])

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In view of the above, this newspaper article is not being set out in the letterhead memorandum since it appears to be nothing but newspaper speculation at this time. However, it has been apparent for some time that there is a power struggle going on within the NOI to fill ELIJAH's place when he is gone. This struggle aligns MALCOLM and those who owe their support to him against the family of ELIJAH. [REDACTED]

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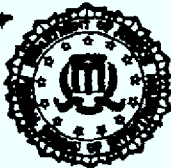
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Consequently, it is reasonable to assume that members of ELLJAH's family who desire to cut MALCOLM's power, position and influence to a minimum, may attempt to induce ELLJAH to make MALCOLM's temporary suspension as a public spokesman permanent, and even oust him completely as a minister. Since MALCOLM has been for the past several years ELLJAH's most vociferous and travelled representative, this would necessitate the development of a new NOI spokesman on a national level.

In view of the above, offices receiving a copy of this letter, particularly Chicago and Phoenix, should remain alert for any information that would indicate that MALCOLM's suspension is to be made permanent, or that he is to be replaced as minister of New York's Mosque number Seven. Information to this effect should be promptly furnished to the Bureau, Chicago, and the NYO.



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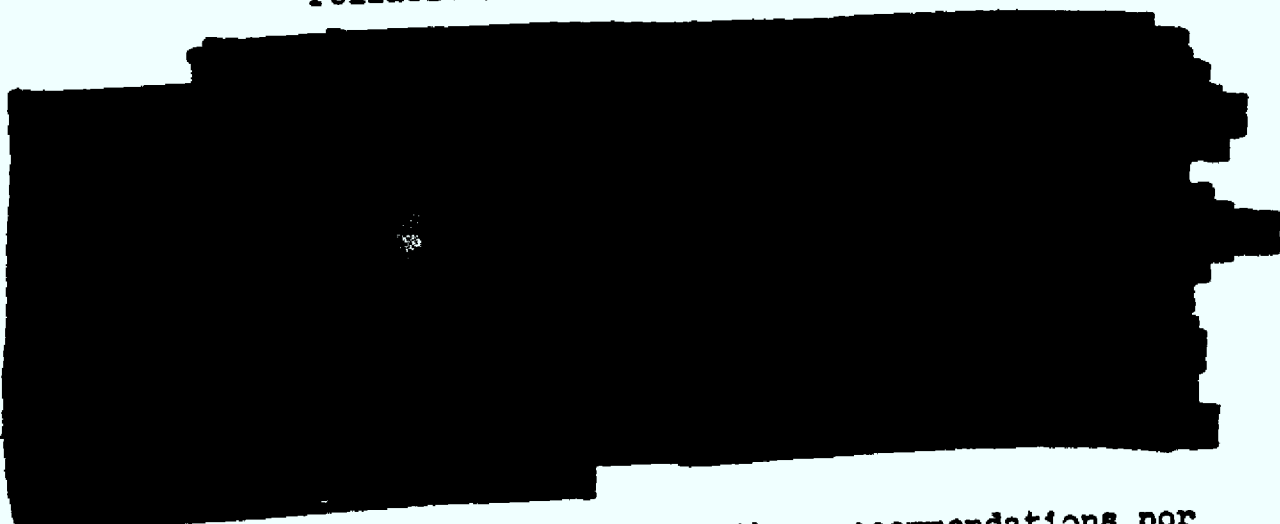
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Re: Nation of Islam
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Characterizations of the Nation of Islam (NOI), Muslim Girls Training (MGT), Fruit Of Islam (FOI) and NOI Mosque Number Seven, New York City, are attached hereto and all sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.



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On December 4, 1963, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information, advised that on that date Malcolm X had been informed by Elijah Muhammad that he was temporarily suspended from public speaking only, including his own pulpit since it is public, but that he would continue to administer the business of his Mosque.

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On December 4, 1963, according to [REDACTED] Elijah Muhammad said that Malcolm X should have known better than to talk about the President since he (Elijah) had told Malcolm X to lay off as it was too hot. Elijah Muhammad further stated that he had to discipline Malcolm X and if the latter accepts his punishment he will be okay, but if he does not accept it he will get it worse next time.

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[REDACTED] on December 4, 1963 also furnished the official statement of Elijah Muhammad which was telegraphed on December 4, 1963, by Elijah in Phoenix, Arizona to [REDACTED] and released to the press there [REDACTED]. The statement reads:

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"Sunday, December 1 at the Manhattan Center in New York City when Minister Malcolm Shabazz addressed the public and mentioned the President's death, he did not speak for the Muslims. He was speaking for himself and not for the Muslims in general. He has been suspended from public speaking for the time being. The nation still mourns the loss of our President. Signed - Elijah Muhammad".

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (105-8999)

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FROM : SA [REDACTED] **b7C**

SUBJECT: MALCOLM K. LITTLE aka
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On December 2, 1963, SA [REDACTED] made the following observations.

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Malcolm X Silenced for Remarks On Assassination of Kennedy

**Mood of Muslims Suspends
Second Most Powerful
Figure in Movement**

By R. W. APPLE Jr.

Malcolm X, a leader of the Black Muslim movement, was suspended yesterday because of a speech in which he mocked the assassination of President Kennedy.

The action was taken by the group's ruler, Elijah Muhammad, who said Malcolm's remarks were an inaccurate reflection of Muslim attitudes. "With the rest of the world," he declared, "we are very shocked at the assassination of our President."

In a speech last Sunday at Manhattan Center, Malcolm said that Mr. Kennedy's death was a case of "the chickens coming home to roost." Amid laughter and applause from his followers in the audience, he added:

"Being an old farm boy myself, chickens coming home to roost never did make me sad; they've always made me glad."

Yesterday, he seemed contrite. "I shouldn't have said what I said," he conceded. "Anything that Mr. Muhammad does is all right with me; I believe absolutely in his wisdom and his authority."

Malcolm said he had learned of the suspension in Chicago on Monday in a conversation with Mr. Muhammad. "I will continue to administer the affairs of my mosque," he went on, "which is enough to occupy me."

He was critical of an article about his speech in The New York Times. "It took all the salt out of the bread and presented only the salt," he said. "But the salt should never have been there."

Malcolm, the New York and Washington leader of the movement, has been generally regarded as its second most powerful figure. It is he who is most often quoted in accounts of Muslim activities.

Many of his disciples have been saying recently, in fact, that Malcolm is exerting more influence than Mr. Muhammad himself.

There have also been reports of a rivalry between Malcolm and Mr. Muhammad's son-in-law, Raymond Sharrieff, who commands the secret army known as the Fruit of Islam. Both men, it is said, are eager to succeed the ruler.

Reached by telephone at his



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water home in Phoenix, Ariz., Mr. Muhammad declined to discuss the possibility of dissension within the movement.

"Malcolm is still a minister," said the man who calls himself the Messenger of Allah, "but he will not be permitted to speak in public. I have rebuked him because he has not followed the way of Islam."

Asked when the suspension might be lifted, Mr. Muhammad replied, somewhat hesitantly: "I would not say. I will decide." He declined further comment on the action.

The Black Muslims are dedicated to the establishment of a Negro nation in America.

No one knows how many there are. The organization itself has never published membership figures, and the estimates of outsiders have varied from 25,000 to 250,000.

Almost all Muslim affairs are conducted in secret, but it is known that they have large real estate holdings in New York, Chicago, Detroit and Philadelphia.

Malcolm X has won a reputation for shrewdness and eloquence during his 15-year career in the movement. An ex-convict—he was a Harlem racketeer while still in his teens—he once said:

"I am not ashamed of this because it was all done when I was part of the white man's Christian world. As a Muslim, I would never have done these awful things that caused me to go to prison."

MALCOLM EXPECTED TO BE REPLACED

Malcolm X may soon be replaced as the minister of New York's Mosque No. 7, sources close to the Black Muslim movement here said yesterday.

The sources, who have been in close contact with many key members of the mosque, said that Malcolm's successor had already been chosen by Elijah Muhammad, the head of the movement.

The choice was a well-guarded secret, but three prospects have been mentioned: Akbar Muhammad, the youngest son of the ruler; Lonnie X, minister of the Washington mosque, and Jeremiah X, minister of the Birmingham mosque.

The sources indicated that the general feeling was that Malcolm had become "so powerful" that he had emerged as a "personality" rather than as a spokesman for the movement.

Malcolm was suspended for mocking the assassination of President Kennedy in a speech last Sunday.

Told of reports of his pending removal, Malcolm said yesterday: "I know of no such rumors. I am the minister of the mosque and I shall be carrying out my responsibilities for the mosque whatever they may entail. I will just exclude public speaking engagements."

The Black Muslims are dedicated to the establishment of a separate Negro state or territory on this continent, or elsewhere.

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Malcolm X Bows To Leader's Edict

Suspended Black Muslim Leader Malcolm X, who rejoined publicly at the assassination of President Kennedy, says he will make no more public appearances "until further notice."

The East Coast leader of the militant Negro sect was reprimanded yesterday by Elijah Muhammad, "Messenger of Allah and Leader of the Nation of Islam," for his remarks. "completely satisfied with whatever decision Muhammad makes" and will withdraw from public appearances.

In a telegram to the N.Y. Journal-American, Muhammad declared that Malcolm X "did not speak on behalf of the . . . Nation of Islam or any of Mr. Muhammad's followers."

"Mr. Muhammad's correct statement on the death of President John F. Kennedy was as follows: 'We with the world are very shocked at the assassination of our President.'"

Malcolm X, the telegram said, has been "suspended for the present time . . . because of statements made on Sunday, Dec. 1, at Manhattan Center . . ."

Before gathering of 700 in Manhattan Center, Malcolm X characterized the assassination as an instance of "the chickens coming home to roost."

He told the rally that he "never foresaw that the chickens would come home to roost so soon."

"Being an old farm boy myself, chickens coming home to roost never did make me mad; they're always made me glad."

He got laughter and applause. But now Malcolm says he is

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DIVISION OF ISLAM
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On 11/28/63 [redacted] reliable, made available the following information:

MALCOLM LITTLE was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and mentioned that the man at the Manhattan Center (New York City) would not refund the money as it was too late to rerent the hall. They had paid for the hall in advance and ELIJAH told MALCOLM that he should hold the meeting himself as ELIJAH would not be there. He said he could announce it on radio and pass out handbills. MALCOLM said they could take up something at the meeting and get something back, (meaning some money to help pay expenses).

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ELIJAH asked MALCOLM if he had received contact by [redacted] about the meeting and the place. MALCOLM said he had and it was alright by him. ELIJAH said he had business there (apparently referring to Chicago) and it would be easy to hold a meeting. (Believed referring to 12/2/63) ELIJAH said MALCOLM should make any calls to him Sunday morning to that place (believed referring to Chicago).

MALCOLM stated he had talked to a group of intellectuals out on Long Island on 11/28/63 and there were 400 people present.

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SAC, PHOENIX (985-83)

REPORT OF ELIAN
IS - NOI

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On 11/22/63 [redacted] reliable, made available the following information:

An unknown woman, who identified herself as Mrs. . . . , telephone operator with the New York Telephone Company was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and asked if he knew anyone in New York that might call him. He stated that he did, and she asked if he knew anyone in Queens, New York. He stated that this party was in Kilmhurst. She asked the name of the party and ELIJAH said Mr. MALCOLM X or MALCOLM SHARAZ. She asked if he knew the telephone number and ELIJAH stated OL 1-6330. She asked if this person had any other number and he said he did not know of any. She asked if this person called him on 11/4/63 and he said he could not say. She asked if there was anyone else in the same area that might call him with OL 1 number. He stated there might be and he had received calls from that section with the same OL number, but he did not know and could not remember the names at the present time. She asked him if he knew what type of business MALCOLM was in and he said he is a minister. She asked if he might make calls throughout the United States and ELIJAH stated he did not know. He said he didn't think so. She asked if the number ELIJAH gave her might be a church or a rectory and he said it was MALCOLM's residence.

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[redacted] was in contact with MALCOLM LITTLE and told him about the telephone operator in New York contacting ELIJAH MUHAMMAD on that date. (MALCOLM did not appear surprised and did not question this as ELIJAH had not questioned the operator either when the telephone operator contacted him).

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- 2 - Chicago (100-35635) (RM)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-22635)
SUBJECT: RATION OF ISLAM
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On 12/2/63, [redacted] reliable, advised a [redacted] in Hartford, Connecticut, was in contact with [redacted]. [redacted] stated they had a little incident there today in that one of the local organizations came into the restaurant and wanted integrated serving. [redacted] stated the organization was all white people and when they were refused service they demanded same. [redacted] stated the police were called. [redacted] had tried to contact [redacted] earlier and [redacted] had called MALCOLM (MALCOLM X LITTLE, Minister of Muhammad's Mosque #7, New York City) and he had said that Chicago had served white people in the restaurant. [redacted] stated that they do serve white people. [redacted] replied that the "Messenger" teaches separation and from that [redacted] took it to mean that they should not serve the "devil" in their restaurants. [redacted] stated they do teach separation but they do not enforce it and the brother should not do anything to cause any kind of trouble.

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New Haven is requested to ascertain further data regarding this incident and if pertinent, should advise the Bureau and Chicago in appropriate communication suitable for dissemination.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - New Haven (100-18027) (RM)
- 1 - New York (105-8000) (MALCOLM LITTLE) (Info.) (RM)
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Brown, Roach, Olatunji Set For African Bazaar

Oscar Brown Jr., Max Roach, the Walt Dickerson Quartet, Olatunji and his African dancers and drummers will highlight the African Bazaar sponsored by the Muslims at the 369th Armory (142nd St. and 5th Ave.) on Saturday, November 30.

Olatunji, Oscar Brown Jr., Max Roach and a 17-voice chorus will combine their talents in a gigantic production of Max Roach's "Freedom Now Suite," a deeply moving drama of the black man's revolution. The suite was last performed at the NAACP National Convention in 1959 in Philadelphia.

Oscar Brown Jr. has just returned from a highly successful tour of Europe doing a one-man show. He is currently putting finishing touches on a new musical play called, "The Slave Story," scheduled for an off-Broadway opening soon.

Max Roach is flying in for the Bazaar from Japan where his concerts have been breaking Far

Eastern attendance records.

Olatunji and his African dancers and drummers are returning from the West Coast after a successful series of performances at top night clubs and colleges across the country.

Walt Dickerson and his Quartet, Prestige Recording Stars, are nationally-known for their original and unique music. Their hit records include "Taxation and Death," "Beautiful Black Woman," and "Heaven and Hell."

Malcolm X will be the guest speaker at the African Bazaar which will also feature exhibits, arts, crafts and displays of Negro artists, craftsmen and businessmen.

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