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During a simultaneous release of a filmed interview on radio and television stations WMAL, Washington, D. C., on 2/3/63, at 7:00 p.m., MALCOLM X., New York City, described as the official spokesman for the black Muslims and Minister of Muhammad's Mosque, Number Seven, New York City's Harlem District, made some comments as follows:

The honorable ELIJAH MUHAMMAD teaches that the black man is closer to God and is actually superior physiologically, psychologically, socially and numerically.

The religion of Islam eliminates drunkenness, dope addiction, vice, immorality, smoking, drinking, stealing, lying, cheating, gambling, and disrespect for womanhood.

Regarding violence, Muslims are taught to obey the law, respect the law and to do onto others as "We would like them to do onto us," but that after having religiously obeyed the law, the Muslims are within their rights to defend themselves when attacked.

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Muslims are never involved in riots and are never involved in violence unless attacked.

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has never advocated the overthrow of the government. If the black man cannot go back to his own people and his own land, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is asking that a part of the U.S. be separated and given to the Muslims so they can live separately. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the only man the white people can deal with in the solving of problems of the so-called Negro, as ELIJAH MUHAMMAD knows his problems.

Communism does not support the Muslim ideology.

The FBI spends 24 hours daily in attempting to infiltrate the Muslims and after Muslim meetings are held, the FBI goes from door to door asking about the meetings. The FBI goes far beyond its duty in the "religious suppression" of the Muslims.

The NAACP has existed for 54 years, during which period it has always had a white man as president. MALCOLM believes that the organization is not developing leadership among the black people or it is practicing discrimination.

There is a group of Muslims in every Negro community.

Financial support from the white people is not desired, but would be accepted because it would represent what the white "forefathers" robbed from the black "forefathers" during the 310 years that the Negro spent in bondage while working without pay for the white people.

The above interview was conducted by MATTHEW WARREN and MALCOLM LA PLACE, reporters for WMAL news.

A more complete account of the interview will be furnished to the Bureau, CG and NY when it has been assembled.