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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-399321)

DATE: 7/25/63

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FROM : SAC, WFO (100-32805)(P)

SUBJECT: MALCOLM K. LITTLE, aka  
IS - NOI  
(OO: NY)

ReWFOlet 7/8/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York Office,  
respectively are five and two copies of an LHM.

WFO will follow public statements and appearances  
of subject.

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- 2-New York (105-8999)(Encl. 2)(RM)
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MALCOLM K. LITTLE  
ALSO KNOWN AS, MALCOLM X  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NATION OF ISLAM

The Nation of Islam is described in the  
Appendix.

"The Washington Post", a daily newspaper published in Washington, D. C., in its issue of July 17, 1963, on Page B2, contained an article entitled, "Civil Liberties Union Offers Aid to Black Muslims Fired by U. S.". The article reflected that the Washington office of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), had offered legal aid to any of the twelve Black Muslims who had been fired from their government employment since 1958. These twelve people were fired by the Civil Service Commission on grounds that they took their oaths of office with mental reservations. These twelve, when asked by the Civil Service Commission who would they support if America goes to war with Islam, had indicated Islam.

The article reflected that Malcolm X, the Number Two man of the Black Muslims, stated on July 16, 1963, that Muslims seek first the government-sponsored return of Negroes to Africa, but failing that, would settle for its own territory in the United States. The subject said that the Black Muslim leader, Elijah Muhammad, has never specified whether this should be a state, territory, or foreign nation. Malcolm X wanted to know if the government had checked out the white people who belong to white citizen councils. He also inquired if Jehovah's Witnesses, who don't salute the flag and don't take the oath, were asked the same "foolish" question as the Muslims.

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Appendix

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

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

On May 2, 1962, a second source advised: Elijah Muhammad is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI). Muhammad's Temple of Islam Number 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI. In mid-1960, Muhammad and other NOI officials, when referring to Muhammad's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

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

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

On May 5, 1953, the first source advised Muhammad had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 2, 1962, a third source advised Muhammad had, early in July, 1953, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to Muhammad, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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