

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: *[Signature]* DIRECTOR, FBI (100-399321)

DATE: 8/6/63

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

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

Re WFO LHM 7/25/63.

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

WFO will continue to follow activities of subject through public media.

- ②-Bureau (Encl. 5)
- 2-New York (105-8999)(Encl. 2)(RM)
- 2-WFO
(1-100-22829)(NOI)

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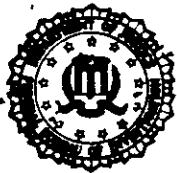
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.
August 6, 1963

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 August 1, 1963, on page B1, carried an article entitled, "Black Muslim Tension Eases at Reformatory". This article refers to the Black Muslims who were inmates at the Lorton Reformatory, Lorton, Virginia. In relation to the barring of Malcolm X from the reformatory, District of Columbia Assistant Corporation Counsel, James Cashman, stated that the subject was refused entry to the reformatory, not as a religious figure, but as a convicted felon and an "incendiary" who might provoke a breach of peace.

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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, 1958, 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, 1958, 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.