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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
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[REDACTED] had confirmed reports that Malcolm X Little, Minister of the Nation of Islam (NOI) Temple in New York City, and leading NOI spokesman had been suspended from the NOI on December 4, 1963, by Elijah Muhammad for expressing joy over the death of President Kennedy.

Malcolm X Little, who spoke at a rally held by the NOI in New York City on December 1, 1963, stated that the late President Kennedy had been "twiddling his thumbs" at the slaying of South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem and his brother, Ngo Dinh Nhu. Little added that he "never foresaw that the chickens would come home to roost so soon." He also stated, "Being an old farm boy myself, chickens coming home to roost never did make me sad; they always made me glad." Elijah Muhammad, National Leader of the NOI was scheduled to speak at this New York rally but canceled his appearance out of respect to the death of President Kennedy and instructed NOI members to make no comments concerning the assassination of the President.

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The NOI is an all-Negro, antiwhite, semireligious organization which advocates complete separation of the races and teaches extreme hatred of all white men.

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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. These, he said, were instances of other "chickens coming home to roost."

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

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 judo 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



The New York Times  
**CRITICAL OF KENNEDY:**  
Malcolm X, a leader of the Black Muslims, during a speech at Manhattan Center.

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 policemen.

## LAST WEEK OF RACING AT THE BIG A FIRST RACE 12:00 NOON



December 2d  
1963

PERSONAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Have you seen this morning's Times? The account of the Black Muslim meeting yesterday afternoon makes one's blood turn cold. If this is not incitement to violence, what in the world is? Cannot the F.B.I. do something to head off these agitators before it is too late? The speaker urged his hearers to learn "how to break a white man's neck"—which seems to me to be direct encouragement of violence.

I believe you have the right idea, but that the politicians (who count possible votes, in every issue) have put the brakes on the F.B.I. We live so near Harlem that we see more of the seething unrest and growing threat to peace and order than people living in the suburbs or in fashionable districts in N.Y. We are entirely in favor of justice and fairplay to the Negroes, and to all others. But pathological leaders should be shut up.

The terrible experience of the past few days ought to be enough to stir the nation to take greater safeguards, but, alas, the business as usual mood is slipping back again, and nothing will be done. A young woman was beaten almost to death by a hoodlum in one of the elevators in this building, not long ago. We held a meeting to consider greater security. At this meeting another young woman got up and said, "We mustn't panic! Don't let this get abroad! Think what it will do to real estate values!" This spirit or lack of it is going to doom our nation, if it continues to spread.

Isn't there a possibility of rallying some group who will back your program for decency and order and respect for law? Aren't there men in Congress who will authorize something for America, not just foreign aid or moon-flights? The police are handicapped, and brave men are killed every week by armed hoodlums. Where do they get their guns and ammunition? One would think America had gone out of its mind, and was in senile decay, to permit psychopaths and criminals to wander about armed, and Black Muslims to urge the murder of whites. Will nothing arouse us before it is too late?

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Sincerely yours, 12 DEC 9 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

Malcolm X

I have received your letter of December 2nd, with enclosure, and appreciate your giving us the benefit of your observations.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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