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There are enclosed five copies of a LHM concerning an article which appeared in the "Gary Crusader", a weekly newspaper distributed in Gary, Indiana, dated 12/7/63, containing comments of BALM LEAVELL, Publisher, concerning his telephone conversation with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD about the recent suspension of MALCOLM X. Two copies of LHM enclosed for info. of NY and CG, OOs concerning ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and MALCOLM X.

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MALCOLM X

"The Gary Crusader", a weekly newspaper distributed in Gary, Indiana, in its issue dated December 7, 1963, contains an article captioned "Leader Malcolm X Bows to Muhammad's Will". Balm Leavell, Publisher of "The Gary Crusader", in this article mentions that he telephonically contacted Elijah Muhammad in Arizona on December 5, 1963, because of the speculations that Malcolm X his fiery New York leader, had been given "the bum's rush" from the controversial religious cult. Muhammad responded that Malcolm X has only been denied the privilege of making public speeches until such time as he, The Messenger of Islam, sees fit to lift the ban on Malcolm X

According to Leavell, Elijah Muhammad was emphatic in his statement that Malcolm X will still lead the New York Mosque, the largest in the U. S.

Leavell wrote that although Malcolm X has bowed to the will of the Messenger, there are many so-called Negroes who openly admired or secretly admired his forthright stamina and ability to retaliate to criticism from anti-Muslim forces. Many believe Malcolm X has been treated unjustly and Elijah Muhammad is showing evidence of weakening from his former forceful criticism of the so-called "white devils".

Leavell explained to his inquirers that what Malcolm X said was contrary to the religious teachings of Islam and when one disobeys the laws of the religion he must be disciplined.

Elijah Muhammad stated "This is what I have done to Malcolm X. Our organization is functioning now as in the past."

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Re: Malcolm X

"The Gary Post Tribune", a daily newspaper published in Gary, Indiana, in its issue dated December 5, 1963, contained an article reflecting that Elijah Muhammad, Leader of the Black Muslim Movement, has suspended his heir-apparent, Malcolm X Shabazz, for statements Malcolm X made about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

According to the article, Malcolm X informed a Black Muslim Rally last Sunday, in New York, that the assassination of President Kennedy was an instance of the "chickens coming home to roost". Malcolm X went on to say that, "being an old farm boy myself, chickens coming home to roost never did make me sad, they've always made me glad".

Elijah Muhammad stated Malcolm X did not speak for him or the Nation of Islam. Muhammad said "We, with the world, are very shocked at the assassination of our President".

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