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SAC, NEW YORK (105-7809) (412)

NATION OF ISLAM
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ReBulet, 1/28/64, captioned, "NATION OF ISLAM; IS-NOI;

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies each of two FD 302's reflecting an interview of MALCOLM LITTLE on 2/4/64. Enclosed for Chicago and Phoenix are one copy each of one of these FD 302's.

The interview with LITTLE was recorded on two FD 302's as there were two purposes for this interview. One purpose was for the case [redacted]. In this case it was necessary to obtain information as to LITTLE's whereabouts during the night of 1/14/64. The other purpose for the interview was to obtain information concerning the NOI. The FD 302 for the latter purpose is the one enclosed for Phoenix and Chicago.

During this interview, which lasted approximately one hour, LITTLE was cordial and exhibited no animosity toward the interviewing agents. He would not discuss his suspension nor would he furnish any information about the NOI except as noted in the FD 302.

- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 4) (RM)
- 1 - 100-399321 (MALCOLM LITTLE)
- 1 - Chicago (100-35636) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Phoenix (105-93) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - NY 105-8999 (MALCOLM X LITTLE) (412)
- 1 - NY 105-7809 (412)

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LITTLE stated he had no objection to being recontacted by the FBI, but it was apparent he did not mean by this that he would furnish pertinent NOI information except that which by its nature would be public. It would appear that some benefit might be derived from recontact with LITTLE in specific instances such as for the reason in the [redacted] and also it appears he could be contacted for clarification of contemplated NOI demonstrations, rallies, etc., in the event this information is not available through other sources.

The NYO does not contemplate any additional contacts with LITTLE at this time as there appears to be no benefit to be derived therefrom. However, in the future, assuming LITTLE is re-instated in his former NOI position, consideration will be given to recontacting LITTLE in such instances as set out above.

The Bureau will be advised of LITTLE's status in the NOI as well as any contemplated recontact of LITTLE.

Date 2/5/64

Malcolm Little advised he is generally known as Malcolm X and resides at 23-11 97th Street, Queens, New York City. He stated that until sometime in December, 1963, he was the Minister in charge of the Nation of Islam (NOI) Mosque in New York City. In December, 1963, he was suspended by Elijah Muhammad from his duties. He would not say the reason for his suspension or its duration. He stated that any comment on this would have to come from Elijah Muhammad.

He stated that his suspension from duties caused him to reappraise his loyalty to the NOI and Elijah Muhammad. He stated that because of his suspension, he is now more firmly devoted to Elijah Muhammad than ever. He pointed out that his suspension proves that the rules of the NOI apply to everyone equally. He stated he is in no way bitter towards Elijah Muhammad and that anything that might have caused his suspension was entirely his own fault and he could blame no one else.

He stated that the NOI cooperates with the United States Government more than any other Negro organization in that the NOI stops members from smoking, drinking and committing crimes and many other things which result in a benefit to the United States Government but which the Government is unable or unwilling to do itself. Because of this, the NOI is the only group that really benefits the Negroes. He pointed out that other Negro groups do not have a program which will benefit the Negro and eventually the Negro will realize this. He stated that when the Negro realizes that the Government, white people and so-called Negro leaders are not really helping the Negro or obtaining for the Negro the things which he wants or should have, then the Negro will start helping himself to these things. He did not care to explain this except by stating that at that time there could be a great deal of trouble.

He stated that the so-called Negro leaders are incompetent to lead the Negroes and stated that [redacted]

[redacted] He [redacted] furnished no other information on either [redacted] or any other [redacted]

On 2/4/64 at 23-11 97th Street Queens, New York City File # NY 105-8999
by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] mje Date dictated 2/5/64

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person he considered a Negro leader. He reiterated that he is cooperating with the Government in view of the principles of the NOI but to suggest any other means of cooperation was an insult to his intelligence. He stated the teachings of the NOI are public and are well known to the Government. He stated he had no information concerning membership of the NOI, either as to numbers or names and even if he did have such information, he was not disposed to furnish it to the Government.

He stated that he would have no objection to being contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding demonstrations or other public affairs contemplated by the NOI. He stated he realized that in the past the NOI has been blamed for a number of incidents with which they were, in fact, not involved. He stated he would be most willing to be contacted in order to clear up any such possible misunderstanding.

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Malcolm Little stated he did not desire to furnish a signed statement, but would furnish any information in his possession which might be pertinent.

He stated he had been the Minister of Nation of Islam (NOI), Mosque Number 7 in New York City until sometime in December, 1963, when he was suspended from his duties. Since that time, he has been forbidden to speak at public meetings. He stated he is generally known as Malcolm X.

He stated he was not in Rochester, New York, on the evening of January 14, 1964, and has not been in Rochester, New York, for approximately six months.

On the evening of January 14, 1964, he was at the International Hotel at John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York City, continuously from about 7:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m., January 15, 1964. He was, during this entire period, in the company of Alex Haley, a writer who is employed by the "Readers' Digest" and with whom he is corroborating on a book. Mr. Haley, but not Malcolm X, was registered at the hotel. At about 2:00 a.m., January 15, 1964, Malcolm X went to his car, which was in the hotel parking lot and drove to his home at 23-11 97th Street, Queens, New York City.

Mr. Haley had planned to sleep at the hotel and check out the next day to return to his home in Rome, New York, on the morning of January 15, 1964. Malcolm X has not seen Haley since that time.

Malcolm X stated he did not know anyone by the name [REDACTED] b7c

He stated, to his knowledge, the NOI has never hired anyone to do any type of research or to conduct any type of survey on the Negro community. He stated he is sure he never approved any such hiring.

He stated he has never made any statement indicating he was aware of any plan to assassinate President Johnson and that any such thought would be contrary to the teachings of the NOI.

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