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Report of: WILLIAM A. WHELAN Office: New York, New York
Date: MAR 17 1966

Field Office File #: 100-149594 Bureau File #: 100-443409

Title: CHARLES MORRIS

Character: SECURITY MATTER-MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED

Synopsis: CHARLES MORRIS residing 1851 Third Ave., NYC, NY, Apartment 9F. Employed as handy man, 201 E. 36th St., NYC. He has been reinstated into the NOI. He has made recent speeches on corner of 125th St. and Seventh Ave., NYC, exhibiting black nationalist tendencies.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On March 8, 1966, Mr. E. ROBINSON, Manager, 1851 Third Avenue, New York City (NYC), advised that Apartment 9F at that address is registered to MEDA THAYER. Mr. FELIX FELINIANO of 1851 Third Avenue, NYC, advised he is a neighbor of CHARLES MORRIS who has been residing with MEDA THAYER in Apartment 9F on a regular basis for approximately one year.

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B. Employment

On March 8, 1966, the doorman at 201 East 36th Street, NYC, advised that CHARLES MORRIS is employed as the handy man in that building and has been for at least six or eight months.

C. Marital-Status

The subject resides with MEDA THAYER at 1851 Third Avenue, NYC. It is noted that past investigation has failed to locate any marriage record for the subject.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

A characterization of the MMI and the Nation of Islam (NOI) Mosque #7, is contained in the appendix section of this report.

CHARLES 37X defected from NOI Mosque #7 to the MMI.

NY T-1
March 1, 1965.

III. AFFILIATION WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN UNITY (OAAU)

A characterization of the OAAU is contained in the appendix section of this report.

On February 21, 1965, CHARLES MORRIS (37X) attended the OAAU meeting at the Audubon Ballroom, West 166th Street and Broadway, NYC, at which MALCOLM X, leader of OAAU and MMI, was assassinated.

NY T-2
March 1, 1965.

On March 17, 1965, NY T-2 advised that there was internal disunity in the OAAU since the death of MALCOLM X and one of the members no longer active in the organization is CHARLES 37X.

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On April 1, 1965, NY T-2 advised that there is a division in the OAAU. MALCOLM X's half sister, ELLA COLLINS from Boston, claims leadership of the organization, while MALCOLM's wife BETTY claims leadership of a provisional OAAU. The two women had a bitter argument over who had the right to certain of MALCOLM's papers. Included with those following BETTY's leadership is CHARLES 37X MORRIS.

On May 26, 1965, a memorial meeting for MALCOLM X was held at New York's Rockland Palace Ballroom, 155th Street and Eighth Avenue, NYC. It was sponsored by the Malcolm X Memorial Committee, formerly known as the OAAU Provisional Committee. Among those in attendance was CHARLES 37X MORRIS.

NY T-3
June 4, 1965.

IV. AFFILIATION WITH NOI

A characterization of the NOI ^{as is FOI} is contained in the appendix of this report.

CHARLES 37X MORRIS was readmitted to NOI on a trial basis during a January 3, 1966 Fruit of Islam (FOI) meeting at Mosque #7C.

NY T-1
January 10, 1966.

V. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

On April 21, 1965, CHARLES 37X MORRIS stood on the corner of 125th Street and Seventh Avenue, NYC, New York, holding a bible in one hand and a Koran in the other hand. He threw both books on the sidewalk and addressing the people gathering around him, denounced both Christianity and Islam.

NY T-4
April 21, 1965.

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CHARLES 37X MORRIS was present at an April 22, 1965, "Freedomways" salute to PAUL ROBESON, at the Hotel Americana, 52nd Street, off Seventh Avenue, NYC.

NY T-2
May 4, 1965.

A characterization of "Freedomways" is contained in the appendix hereto.

The "New York Times" late city edition dated December 23, 1965, in an article on PAUL ROBESON, on page 56, states "for 8 years, from 1950-1958 his refusal to sign an affidavit stating whether he was or has been a C.P. member, caused the United States to deny him a passport. A supreme court decision in 1958 temporarily killed the affidavit requirements and he was issued a passport."

The Black Arts Theater held a demonstration at the Haryou Act on 125th Street and Seventh Avenue, NYC. They protested the fact that their group had been dropped from the Haryou Act program. It had been reported that the program was discontinued because their plays preached racial hatred. Among those participating in the demonstration was CHARLES 37X MORRIS.

NY T-2
September 24, 1965.

On September 29, 1965, CHARLES 37X spoke in front of Haryou Headquarters. He spoke of the United States' Government poverty program, claiming the President JOHNSON program was no good since there were too many white people running it. He then spoke derogatorily concerning the Pope's visit to the United States.

NY T-5
October 6, 1965.

On October 14, 1965, from about 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., CHARLES 37X spoke on the corner of 125th Street and Seventh Avenue, NYC. During the speech he stood on a ladder with an American flag and a portable loudspeaker. He stated to a crowd of about twenty people that MALCOLM X wanted the Negro man to unite, to build stores, plants and factories. He observed that in the Harlem area there was a church and a bar on every corner and indicated that all the Negroes' money was going right back into the pockets of "whitie".

NY T-5
October 20, 1965.

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On November 15, 1965, NY T-2 advised that CHARLES MORRIS has been reportedly making speeches under the name CHARLES M. KENYATTA, leader of the American Mau Mau.

On November 2, 1965, CHARLES 37X made a speech on the corner of 125th Street and Seventh Avenue, NYC. He stated that an example of what the white man in this country will do to the black man is CARL STOKES, a Negro who ran for mayor in Cleveland. STOKES ran against RALPH LOCHER, a white man. STOKES was cheated out because the voting machine was tampered with by the white man. MORRIS claimed that forty per cent of STOKES 82,230 votes were from the Negro population. The white man in this country, both north and south, is no good.

NY T-5
December 7, 1965.

On December 7, 1965, CHARLES 37X made a speech at the Theresa Hotel. He stated that the fellow who killed MALCOLM X was paid off by the white power structure. He also stated that the black people in Harlem should be in front of the courthouse during the MALCOLM X murder trial to make sure the men are punished for the crime. The white people who paid them off should be found.

NY T-5
December 20, 1965.

On December 29, 1965, CHARLES 37X made a speech on the corner of 125th Street and Seventh Avenue, NYC. He said that the big story of 1965, was the shooting of MALCOLM X and the white man was responsible for it. He said that Pope PAUL's visit to Harlem was nothing, since Pope PAUL is a gangster. He passed out leaflets saying the prophet LOT is coming and he can help the people to a new life. He also stated that he, himself, was a prophet in Harlem and could be more of a service than the Haryou Act, which is a joke since it is doing nothing for the poor people. He asked for the support of the black people in Harlem.

NY T-5
January 24, 1966.

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VI. INTERVIEW WITH CHARLES MORRIS

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CHARLES MORRIS resides at Apartment 9F, 1851 Third Avenue, New York City (NYC), and is employed as a handy man at the apartment house at 201 East 36th Street, NYC.

MORRIS said that he joined the Nation of Islam (NOI) in 1962. He said that he was given the name CHARLES 37X when he joined the NOI and was a member of that organization until 1964, when he then joined the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated, that was formed by MALCOLM X, who broke away from the NOI having been the minister of NOI Mosque #7 at NYC.

MORRIS said that he does not know who killed MALCOLM X and thinks his life is in danger because he was considered a good friend of MALCOLM X. He said that he was never an official in the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated, but did attend most of their meetings. He said that now that MALCOLM X is dead he does not plan to join any other organization and has dropped out of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated.

MORRIS said that he has no knowledge of MALCOLM X ever receiving money or aid of any kind from person or foreign government. He also said he has never heard of MALCOLM X ever getting any kind of support by way of Canada or Mexico.

MORRIS said that MALCOLM X tried to break up the NOI and attempted to get support from other groups, the identities of which MORRIS did not know. He said MALCOLM X had met with a person from France in the latter part of 1964, in NYC. He said when MALCOLM X planned to meet with this person for the third time, the person from France failed to show up for the meet. MORRIS said that MALCOLM X made many promises and could not keep them, which may have caused his death. MORRIS said he did not know what promises MALCOLM X made but knows that some kind of agreement was made by MALCOLM X to get the support of others.

MORRIS said that MALCOLM X was very disappointed in his tour to Africa in the summer of 1964. He said that ~~African leaders were not pleased with MALCOLM X's attacks~~

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against ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the national leader of the NOI. African leaders told MALCOLM X, according to MORRIS, that MALCOLM X should not bring out the point of morals against ELIJAH MUHAMMAD because all great leaders have some moral weakness. They failed to support MALCOLM X in his fight against ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and the NOI.

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Winter, 1965 issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Inc., 799 Broadway, New York City. This issue lists JOHN HENRIK CLARKE as Associate Editor, ESTHER JACKSON as Managing Editor, and JOHN L. DEVINE as Art Editor of the publication.

A confidential source made available information on July 1, 1964, reflecting that JOHN HENRIK CLARKE attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964.

This source also made available information on August 14, 1964, reflecting that CLARKE is an "associate" of AIMS.

The Winter, 1963 issue of "Freedomways", Page 44, states that ESTHER JACKSON became one of the leaders of the Southern Negro Youth Congress (SNYC) which existed from 1937 to 1949.

The SNYC has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

According to a confidential source, ESTHER JACKSON is the wife of JAMES JACKSON, whom the source identified on October 14, 1964, as being a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA).

On January 30, 1961, SYLVIA M. BRENNER DEVINE, 415 South 50th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that her former husband, JACK DEVINE, mentioned on December 17, 1960, that he was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life.

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

On July 24, 1963, a confidential source described JOHN DEVINE as a CP member.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, CP, USA, held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, a source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CP, USA, by JAMES JACKSON.

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FRUIT OF ISLAM

On May 7, 1965, a source advised the Fruit of Islam (FOI) is a group within the Nation of Islam (NOI) composed of male members of the NOI. The purpose of the FOI is to protect officials and property of the NOI, assure compliance of members with NOI teachings, and to prepare for the "War of Armageddon." Members of the FOI are required to participate in military drill and afforded the opportunity to engage in judo training. The FOI is governed by a military system wherein the members are controlled by general orders similar to those issued by regular military organizations.

NATION 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 7, 1965, 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; and 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 teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and 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 3, 1965, 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.

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NATION OF ISLAM, MOSQUE #7

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that the Nation of Islam (NOI) affiliate in New York City is known as Mosque number 7, and is also referred to as Temple number 7. It is part of the national organization of the NOI headed by Elijah Muhammad with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois.

There are three branches of Mosque number 7; One at 105-03 Northern Boulevard, Queens (known as Mosque number 7B), another at 120 Madison Street, Brooklyn (known as Mosque number 7C), and one at 878 Prospect Avenue, Bronx (known as Mosque number 7D).

There is no branch in Manhattan, although plans are being made to obtain a location which will be the principal meeting place of the Mosque and will be known as Mosque Number 7.

The date Mosque number 7 originated in New York City is unknown but in this connection it should be noted that in 1953, a second source advised that there was a Temple of the NOI (known to source then as the Muslim Cult of Islam) in New York City located at 135th Street and 7th Avenue, as far back as 1947.

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1.

ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN
UNITY, INCORPORATED (OAAU)

On June 28, 1964, MALCOLM X LITTLE, founder and leader of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI), publicly announced the formation of a new, all Negro, militant civil rights action group to be known as the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU), with himself as Chairman. This announcement was made at a public rally held by the MMI in the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City.

A printed and published statement of basic OAAU aims read by MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that it shall include "all" people of African descent in the Western Hemisphere, as well as "our" brothers and sisters on the African continent. It is patterned after the "letter and spirit" of the Organization of African Unity established (by African heads of States) at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May, 1963.

A recording of the remarks of MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that the aim of the OAAU is to eliminate differences between Negroes so they can work together for "human rights," while the initial objective is to "internationalize" the American civil rights movement by taking it to the United Nations. LITTLE condemned the non-violent civil rights movement and claims that Negroes should be taught to protect themselves, when and if necessary. The OAAU will sponsor a program for Negroes of education, politics, culture, economics, and social reform.

On May 17, 1965, a confidential source advised that the headquarters of the OAAU are located in MMI headquarters, Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 7th Avenue, New York City.

MALCOLM X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, New York City.

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2.

ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN
UNITY, INCORPORATED (OAAU)

On April 13, 1965, a second confidential source advised that on March 26, 1965, the OAAU filed a Certificate of Incorporation with the Department of State, State of New York, Albany, New York, and henceforth the organization's true name will be Organization of Afro-American Unity, Incorporated.

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1.

MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

The March 13, 1964, edition of "The New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 20 which indicated that MALCOLM X (LITTLE), former national official of the Nation of Islam (NOI) who broke with the NOI on March 8, 1964, publicly announced in New York City on March 12, 1964, that he had formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). The MMI, according to the article, would be a broadly based politically oriented black nationalist movement for Negroes, only, financed by voluntary contributions. In this public statement, MALCOLM X urged Negroes to abandon the doctrine of non-violence when it is necessary to defend themselves in the civil rights struggle, and he also suggested that Negroes form rifle clubs to protect their lives and property in time of emergencies in areas where the government is unable or unwilling to protect them.

Incorporation papers of the MMI filed on March 16, 1964, with the Business Section, Clerk of Courts, New York County, New York, New York, reflect that the MMI was incorporated under the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York to work for the imparting of the Islamic Faith and Islamic Religion in accordance with "accepted Islamic principals". The principal place of worship to be located in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York.

The May 23, 1964, edition of the "New York Amsterdam News", a weekly Negro newspaper published in New York City, contained an article by columnist JAMES BOOKER in which he indicated that he had heard that the visit by MALCOLM X with Muslim leaders during his African tour has changed him to become soft in his anti-white feelings and to become more religious.

On October 6, 1964, a confidential source advised that the MMI is apparently affiliated with the true orthodox Islamic Religion through its affiliation with the Islamic Foundation (of New York), 1 Riverside Drive, New York City. The only teachings of the MMI are on the Islamic Religion.

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2.

MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

This confidential source advised on May 17, 1965, that the headquarters of the MMI are located in Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, where they were established on March 16, 1964. These headquarters are shared with the Organization of Afro-American Unity, Incorporated (OAAU) which was also headed by MALCOLM X.

MALCOLM X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City.

This same confidential source advised on September 8, 1965, that the activities of the MMI following the death of MALCOLM X were limited to the teaching of classes in the Islamic religion and a class in judo for self-protection. These classes were held regularly until the latter part of July, 1965, when they were discontinued. Since then, the MMI has held no meetings and there has been absolutely no activity by the MMI which appears to be completely "dead".

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Synopsis: CHARLES MORRIS resides at 1851 Third Ave., New York, NY, Apt. 9F, and is unemployed. He is active in the OAAU and has made speeches at 125th St. and 7th Ave. regarding the racial situation in the NY area, including statement "the white man will be struck down".

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Details:

I. BackgroundA. Residence

The subject continues to reside at 1851 Third Avenue, New York City, Apartment 9F.

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B. Employment

The subject is presently unemployed.

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II. Affiliation with the
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contained in the appendix of this report.

Unless otherwise specified, all OAAU activities
participated in by the subject and discussed herein were
held at the Hotel Theresa, 125th Street and 7th Avenue,
New York, New York.

The subject attended six meetings of the
OAAU between May 31, 1966 and July 19, 1966 and participated
in the general discussion.

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June 1 through 20, 1966

The subject attended outdoor rallies of the OAAU
on June 18 and July 16, 1966.

NY T-5
June 23, 1966
July 17, 1966

The subject spoke at a festival of the OAAU
on September 5, 1966 at which time he spoke of the overthrow
of the government.

NY T-5
September 9, 1966

The subject attended four OAAU meetings between
June 14, 1966 and August 14, 1966, the last of these
being held at 61 Clinton Street, New Rochelle, New York.
He participated in the discussion at each of these meetings.

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June 24 through
August 15, 1966

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The subject attended two OAAU meetings and a block festival between June 16, 1966 and July 23, 1966, and participated in the general discussion.

NY T-8
June 21, 1966 through
July 25, 1966

The subject attended three OAAU meetings between June 21, 1966 and July 12, 1966 and participated in the general discussion.

NY T-9
June 21 through
July 12, 1966

The subject attended an OAAU block party on July 23, 1966.

NY T-10
July 25, 1966

III. Miscellaneous

Unless otherwise specified, the street rallies discussed herein consisted of Harangues by the subject regarding the general racial situation and the plight of the Negro in the New York City area.

The subject conducted street rallies on 125th Street and 7th Avenue on June 25, 1966, October 3, 1966 and October 15, 1966.

NY T-1
June 25, 1966
October 3, 1966
October 15, 1966

The subject held a street meeting on May 6, 1966 at 125th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, at which time he stated "the white man will be struck down". At a meeting on July 9, 1966, he stated he would do everything in his power to cause a riot.

NY T-2
May 17, 1966
July 14, 1966

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The subject conducted street rallies on May 19, 1966 and July 16, 1966 at 125th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City.

NY T-2
June 2, 1966
July 28, 1966

The subject spoke at a memorial to MALCOLM X LITTLE, slain OAAU leader, conducted at 178 West 135th Street on February 26, 1966.

NY T-2
March 1, 1966

The subject picketed the Salem Methodist Church, 131 Street and 7th Avenue on July 24, 1966, and the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 138th Street and 7th Avenue, on July 17, 1966. His protest was against the general attitude of the Negro clergy in Harlem.

NY T-2
July 28, 1966

The subject held ten street rallies on 125th Street and 7th Avenue between May 5, 1966 and December 20, 1966. At a rally on October 15, 1966, he waved a machete and stated "We must kill the man" (white man). At the rally on August 27, 1966, he stated "The American Flag is a rag".

NY T-3
May 11, 1966 through
December 20, 1966

The subject spoke at a memorial service to MALCOLM X LITTLE, slain OAAU leader, on May 19, 1966 at the Hotel Theresa, 125th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City.

NY T-4
May 27, 1966

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The subject participated in a march protesting the United States involvement in Viet Nam on May 30, 1966 at 125th Street and 7th Avenue, and he attended a conference on Black Nationalism at 180 West 135th Street on July 8, 1966.

NY T-7
June 1, 1966
July 12, 1966

The subject conducted a street rally on 125th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, on July 26, 1966.

NY T-8
July 28, 1966

The subject made street speeches on 125th Street and 7th Avenue, on July 16, 1966 and September 10, 1966.

NY T-10
July 20, 1966
September 10, 1966

On November 14, 1966, Lieutenant MURRAY JACOBS, 32nd Precinct, New York City Police Department, advised that the subject was arrested on November 13, 1966 while in the process of picketing the Shiloh Baptist Church, 7th Avenue between 131 and 132nd Street, New York, New York. He was charged with "disturbing an assemblage of people met for religious worship". Lieutenant JACOBS advised that this offense is a misdemeanor under the laws of the state of New York.

On February 28, 1967, Lieutenant JACOBS advised that the subjects case was scheduled for trial on March 28, 1967 in the Criminal Court of the City of New York, 100 Centre Street, New York, New York.

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It is noted that all the aforementioned information regarding the subjects activities took place in the city of New York.

On January 10, 1967, Lieutenant E. J. RUCCHIO, United States Capital Police, Washington, DC, provided the following information:

On January 8, 1967, a group of individuals from New York City were assembled in the House of Representatives, Education and Labor Committee hearing room. During this time the hearings were being held in Congress regarding Representative ADAM CLAYTON POWELL of New York. The subject was in this group assembled in the hearing room and proceeded to shout "black power" and "Mau Maus will rise". Lieutenant RUCCHIO stated the subject left unescorted after his outburst.

IV. Negative Contact with Informants

During February and March, 1967, certain informants of the New York Office who are familiar with racial and hate groups in the New York City area were contacted in an attempt to develop additional information regarding the subject with negative results.

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MALCOLM X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, New York City.

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ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN
UNITY, INCORPORATED (OAAU)(CONT'D)

On April 12, 1966, the same confidential source advised that the headquarters of the OAAU are located in Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

On April 13, 1965, a second confidential source advised that on March 26, 1965, the OAAU filed a Certificate of Incorporation with the Department of State, State of New York, Albany, New York, and henceforth the organization's true name will be Organization of Afro-American Unity, Incorporated.

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Charles Morris resides in Apartment 9F, 1851 Third Avenue, New York City, and is employed as a handyman for the apartment house at 201 East 36th Street, New York City.

Morris, also known as Charles 37X, is described as Negro male, born July 14, 1920, Durham, North Carolina, (unable to verify.) He is 5 feet 7 inches tall, 150 pounds, brown eyes, black hair, light complected, with a mustache. He formerly resided in Apartment 10G, 314 East 143rd Street, Bronx, New York, and has New York City Police Department Number 393256.

Confidential sources who have furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information concerning Charles Morris.

Morris attended numerous Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI) and Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU) meetings and affairs during 1964 at New York. On January 24, 1965, Morris told several MMI members that he was "finished" with the MMI and the OAAU.

Morris was a member of the Nation of Islam (NOI), Mosque Number 7, in 1962, at New York.

Morris's exact position in the MMI as of November, 1964 was unknown, although he was believed to be an official since he had a great deal of influence on MMI policies and was known to be a close friend of Malcolm X, founder and leader of the MMI, who was assassinated on February 21, 1965, at New York City.

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Morris was admitted to Rockland State Hospital, New York, on August 31, 1961, as a psychoneurosis - mixed type - mildly depressed, but cooperative. He was released November, 1961, on a convalescent status in the custody of his aunt and was discharged "much improved" in January, 1963.

Characterizations of the MMI, OAAU, NOI, and NOI Number 7 are attached hereto, and sources used therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

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APPENDIX

MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

The March 13, 1964, edition of "The New York Times," a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 20 which indicated that MALCOLM X (LITTLE), former national official of the Nation of Islam (NOI) who broke with the NOI on March 8, 1964, publicly announced in New York City on March 12, 1964, that he had formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). The MMI, according to the article would be a broadly based politically oriented black nationalist movement for Negroes only, financed by voluntary contributions. In this public statement MALCOLM X urged Negroes to abandon the doctrine of non-violence when it is necessary to defend themselves in the civil rights struggle, and he also suggested that Negroes form rifle clubs to protect their lives and property in time of emergencies in areas where the government is unable or unwilling to protect them.

Incorporation papers of the MMI filed on March 16, 1964, with the Business Section, Clerk of Courts, New York County, New York, New York, reflect that the MMI was incorporated under the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York to work for the imparting of the Islamic Faith and Islamic Religion in accordance with "accepted Islamic principals." The principal place of worship to be located in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York.

The May 23, 1964, edition of the "New York Amsterdam News," a weekly Negro newspaper published in New York City, contained an article by columnist JAMES BOOKER in which he indicated that he had heard that the visit by MALCOLM X with Muslim leaders during his African tour has changed him to become soft in his anti-white feelings and to become more religious.

On October 6, 1964, a confidential source advised that the MMI is apparently affiliated with the true orthodox Islamic Religion through its affiliation with the Islamic Foundation (of New York), 1 Riverside Drive, New York City. The only teachings of the MMI are on the Islamic Religion.

A second confidential source advised on October 20, 1964, that the headquarters of the MMI are located in Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, where they were established on March 16, 1964. These headquarters are shared with the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU) which is also headed by MALCOLM X.

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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," (NOI) and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 8, 1964, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the NOI; Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and 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 teachings 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.

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NATION OF ISLAM, formerly
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On May 7, 1964, 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.

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NATION OF ISLAM, MOSQUE #7,
NEW YORK CITY

On May 5, 1964, a source advised that the Nation of Islam (NOI) affiliate in New York City is known as Mosque #7, also known as Temple #7, and is located at 102 West 116th Street, New York City. Mosque #7 is part of the NOI headed by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. Mosque #7 has two branches; Mosque #7B at 105-03 Northern Boulevard, Queens, New York City, and Mosque #7C at 120 Madison Street, Brooklyn, New York. These branches are part of Mosque #7.

The date Mosque #7 originated in New York City is not known.

However, in connection with the origin of Mosque #7, it should be noted that in 1953 a second source advised that there was a Temple of the NOI (known to source then as the Muslim Cult of Islam) in New York City located at 135th Street and 7th Avenue, as far back as 1947.

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ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN UNITY (OAAU)

On June 28, 1964, MALCOLM X LITTLE, founder and leader of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI), publicly announced the formation of a new, all Negro, militant civil rights action group to be known as the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU), with himself as Chairman. This announcement was made at a public rally held by the MMI in the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City.

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On August 19, 1964, a confidential source advised that the headquarters of the OAAU are located in MMI headquarters, Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 7th Avenue, New York City.

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