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MEMORANDUM

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (25-336971-38)

DATE: 1/23/64

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (105-93)

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM  
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**[REDACTED]** made available the following information on the dates designated:

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**[REDACTED]** ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, MALCOLM LITTLE, **[REDACTED]** and another individual **[REDACTED]** were in a conversation at which time ELIJAH gave a long religious talk using many parables. ELIJAH told of the great power of Allah and how he has followed everything Allah has told him. He mentioned how Allah has let him know in advance of many things. ELIJAH told them that he is just a man as the rest of them with a message from Allah. He said the people make a great man such as he is now. He stated if his people understand his mission as well as the devils do everything would be all right. ELIJAH mentioned the President's assassination and MALCOLM's New York speech. He said he feels Allah when everything is right and he knows this is good. He talked about Moses, Jesus and so forth. He mentioned about after he put MALCOLM down from public speaking how the devils had called hinting there was a split between ELIJAH and MALCOLM, and ELIJAH told them there was not. ELIJAH told how he helped

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- 3 - Bureau (RM) (1 - 105-24822)
- 1 - Chicago (100-35635) (RM) (1 - 100-6989) (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
- (1 - **[REDACTED]**)
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- 1 - Baltimore (100-16471) (RM)
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- 1 - Boston (97-145) (RM)
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- 3 - New York (105-7809) (RM)
- 1 - New York (105-8999) (MALCOLM LITTLE)
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- 2 - Newark (14-169) (RM)
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- 2 - Phoenix (1 - 105-93F)

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MALCOLM in his statements to the press when MALCOLM first started speaking in Harlem. He said he had been hearing about MALCOLM this and MALCOLM that and even MALCOLM being called leader. ELIJAH said now this one and that one is getting jealous. He told MALCOLM that MALCOLM was ELIJAH's property and ELIJAH was MALCOLM's property to which MALCOLM agreed. He told MALCOLM he had made an error. MALCOLM stated he had asked permission in a letter before he said anything and he understood it was all right. ELIJAH stated he certainly didn't say any such thing. ELIJAH said he could not understand why MALCOLM took this poison and poured it out and told them it was poison. He told MALCOLM that one cannot use fire to fight fire. He said all of the time MALCOLM had been referring to something else and ELIJAH thought he had a sly scheme or shrewd plan but not this time. ELIJAH stated we can't organize the man. He said if anyone had told him that MALCOLM was going to use things like that he would not have believed it. He told MALCOLM if he loved Allah then he must love ELIJAH as the messenger of Allah. MALCOLM stated he would rather be dead than to say anything against ELIJAH. MALCOLM said he didn't say anything to anyone about ELIJAH and had been using parables to speak. ELIJAH asked MALCOLM how could [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] have gotten the wrong impression from what MALCOLM had said. ELIJAH stated they all wrote to him and said about the same thing. He told MALCOLM he could not walk through the woods with fire in his hand and not start a fire. He said one must carry a bucket of water and not fire. b7C

ELIJAH stated he had to speak out on KENNEDY's death as the whole nation would have been against them. MALCOLM agreed. ELIJAH mentioned even some of the sympathetic devils were outraged at MALCOLM's statement. XU

ELIJAH asked MALCOLM why MALCOLM had been checking into ELIJAH's personal affairs [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MALCOLM stated that he had not asked anything about this but had heard it in Chicago. MALCOLM said he talked to [REDACTED] about it and he already knew it. MALCOLM said he noticed the people in Chicago were very cold to ELIJAH's family in Chicago on Saviour's Day. (Apparently referring to February, 1963.) MALCOLM said b7C

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[redacted] asked him to eat with him that night and brought the matter up. [redacted] told him (MALCOLM) about it and he, MALCOLM, acted as if he knew nothing about it. MALCOLM said [redacted] had stated a lost-found sister in Boston had said the FBI had asked her about it, and told [redacted] MALCOLM mentioned

[redacted] told him, the person she planned on marrying, about this. This brother told [redacted] who called and told [redacted] in New York. MALCOLM stated he called [redacted] back (apparently in Boston) and told him he had put pressure on the sister and made her say these things which she did not mean. MALCOLM said he told [redacted] to drop it and that he, MALCOLM, never discussed it with anyone else. ELIJAH told MALCOLM he could not prove any of this. MALCOLM said he thought ELIJAH had tried to tell MALCOLM of this one time in Phoenix. MALCOLM mentioned ELIJAH asked him what he, MALCOLM, thought of [redacted] and that MALCOLM changed the subject because he was afraid to hear it. MALCOLM said he told [redacted] he thought it would be a good idea to tell some of their trusted people so they would be in a receptive spirit if they heard of it from any of the people and could handle the matter. MALCOLM told [redacted] he was going to write ELIJAH and tell what [redacted] reaction would be and he hoped ELIJAH would allow MALCOLM to tell others who would understand it too. ELIJAH spoke about how some people have said that he and [redacted] are separated but that they are not. ELIJAH said he cannot stay in Chicago because of the pressure on him all of the time and because of the weather. He said one of them must stay there all of the time so she stays there in Chicago and ELIJAH lives in Phoenix because of the good weather.

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ELIJAH stated there had been rumors about [redacted]

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MALCOLM said [redacted] told him (MALCOLM) that ELIJAH

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had called him and stated that MALCOLM had been meddling in family matters. ELIJAH said [redacted] lied and that ELIJAH called to tell the family not to go to MALCOLM with their troubles but to come to ELIJAH with them. ELIJAH said he did not charge MALCOLM with this but had charged his family with carrying matters to outsiders. ELIJAH mentioned an article from Los Angeles (believed referring to HEROLD - Dispatch Newspaper) which stated that MALCOLM ruled the fence and had power over ELIJAH's family and ELIJAH did not like such stories. ELIJAH said [redacted] was a cause of all these problems as they had started after [redacted] was released from prison. ELIJAH told MALCOLM he should have put out this fire when [redacted] mentioned it in Chicago rather than to start it up in other places. ELIJAH mentioned Allah was punishing [redacted] now and it looks as if he is losing his mind. ELIJAH stated he had learned [redacted] was the one. He mentioned the rest of the family did not want anything to do with [redacted] because of his strange actions. ELIJAH stated he spent \$20,000 and tried 4 years to keep [redacted] out of prison. ELIJAH told MALCOLM he should have been able to withstand this temptation [redacted] threw at him as he just came from talking to ELIJAH. MALCOLM said he should have come to ELIJAH at once but did not and it was his mistake and weakness because he did not go along with what [redacted] had said. MALCOLM stated he was going to tell ELIJAH in Chicago the last time he was there but had the matter on his mind about his speech in New York City. MALCOLM stated since he has been a Muslim he has always told ELIJAH what he has heard up until this past year, after Saviour's Day. MALCOLM said that is what hurt him and that he didn't tell ELIJAH and should have done so.

MALCOLM stated he had lost much of his drive since he had listened to [redacted] and this must have been the reason. MALCOLM said he said to himself how could [redacted] be talking like this or have these ideas and still be teaching in the University (University of Islam). MALCOLM said that [redacted] had mentioned several of ELIJAH's personal problems and he told MALCOLM that ELIJAH was not even interested in correcting anything or solving anything or even making progress. He [redacted] spoke against ELIJAH. MALCOLM commented that he felt better right now than he had in a year.

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ELIJAH stated [REDACTED]

He told of how Allah helps make people strong if they believe and he used [REDACTED] as an example. [REDACTED] mentioned he had only heard the rumors about [REDACTED] this week from a laborer. MALCOLM said he had never heard anything about [REDACTED] to show he has any doubts. He has only shown the strongest faith. ELIJAH told ALI to announce that [REDACTED] has been set down and is not to go into the temple or teach his classes in school until he speaks to ELIJAH. ELIJAH told [REDACTED] to tell [REDACTED] the charges against him and tell him to come see ELIJAH before he does anything else in temple work. ELIJAH mentioned he wanted to clear himself with Allah of this matter and said if he ever left the teachings of Allah the people should not follow him but should follow Allah. b7c  
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ELIJAH mentioned how he had helped MALCOLM since he was released from prison and how he has been receiving \$1,000 per month from ELIJAH. MALCOLM mentioned he had benefited by what has happened and he prayed to Allah that he would be forgiven for what he did and has said. ELIJAH said that MALCOLM was being suspended for an indefinite time and that he, ELIJAH, would watch MALCOLM to see if he becomes stronger. XU

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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was in contact with unknown man (believed to be either [REDACTED] and he mentioned [REDACTED]. The unknown man said that [REDACTED] had been telling that ELIJAH should be back there with her. There was also mention about ELIJAH buying maternity clothes for some women and ELIJAH stated that he had bought the clothes but that did not prove anything. ELIJAH went on to say that these young girls get fanciful ideas. b7c  
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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was in contact with [REDACTED] (and possibly [REDACTED] and talked about MALCOLM. He said MALCOLM was starting to cry now that he, ELIJAH, was getting hard on him. ELIJAH said he was not through with MALCOLM yet. b7c  
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He stated MALCOLM admitted he was against ELIJAH. ELIJAH said he told MALCOLM the only way to show good faith was to go right back and tell these same people that he, MALCOLM, had just heard all this and it was only hearsay and MALCOLM had no right to say it. ELIJAH stated he was going to let MALCOLM clean up his own mess. He mentioned something about MALCOLM taking some of his (ELIJAH's) stationery. ELIJAH said to tell [redacted] that he, ELIJAH, wanted [redacted] to take over and mentioned no minister would stand up unless ELIJAH said so. ELIJAH mentioned that if [redacted] lived in Phoenix with him there would be nobody to stay back in Chicago with the house. ELIJAH told [redacted] if anybody came around asking anything to just keep his mouth shut. He said to tell [redacted] what MALCOLM had said and that ELIJAH is very much upset on hearing [redacted] does not actually believe. He said to also tell [redacted] MALCOLM put everything on him - all information together. ELIJAH said "Let my son know that".

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An unknown man was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD (possibly [redacted] and/told him that MALCOLM was looking for "self-grandishment" (PH) but they cannot tolerate this. The unknown man stated he saw it and sat and watched it but was not a part of it. He said [redacted] had said ELIJAH was a religious teacher but not a leader. ELIJAH stated he thought MALCOLM needed to be taught, he is a young man. The unknown man said MALCOLM had made the statement (supposedly after he was suspended from speaking) that he would return stronger than ever before. The unknown man said he did not think that even the Muslims in New York would even go along with this, as they believe that ELIJAH had authorized MALCOLM to speak and that is why they do not oppose him. ELIJAH commented he had been watching this come for a long time. He mentioned the little brother in Boston and how he thought he had been convinced now that MALCOLM had been put down.

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