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February 24, 1965

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MALCOLM X. LITTLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED

As Special Agent [redacted] previously advised you and Mr. J. Walter [redacted] by telephone, Malcolm X. Little was shot and killed at approximately 3:10 p.m. on February 21, 1965, while speaking at a meeting of the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU) being held at the Audubon Ballroom in New York City. Malcolm Little, a former leading spokesman for the Nation of Islam (NOI) was expelled from the NOI and in 1964 formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI) and OAAU, both militant black nationalist groups.

Since Little's easter from the NOI, there have been many reports that "war was being declared" between the NOI and the followers of Little. Several minor incidents between the two groups have occurred in Boston, Massachusetts, and New York, New York. The murder of Little has resulted in reports that reprisals will be sought. This includes information that NOI leader Elijah Muhammad will be killed and that the NOI Temple in Chicago will be blown up. During the early morning of February 23, 1965, a fire broke out in the NOI Temple in New York, New York, apparently as a result of an explosion on the fourth floor. Charges are being made that this is an act of reprisal by the followers of Little.

The information concerning the fire and possible explosion was furnished to Mr. Maceo Hubbard of the Civil Rights Division on February 23, 1965. Mr. Hubbard was advised that we are closely following this matter with local authorities who are investigating the incident.

The NOI is scheduled to hold its "Annual Muslim Convention" at Chicago, Illinois, February 26-28, 1965, with

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members expected to attend from all NOI Temples throughout the country. The possibility exists that some acts of reprisal may be attempted during this Convention. The Chicago, Illinois, Police Department is aware of this situation.

This entire matter is being followed closely

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1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
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NOTE:

b7C [REDACTED] Secret Service, was telephonically furnished the information concerning the killing of Little on 2/21/65 by SA [REDACTED]. This was confirmed by memorandum to Secret Service dated 2/23/65. The information concerning the fire and possible explosion at NOI Temple Number 7 was furnished telephonically to Mr. Maceo Hubbard by SA [REDACTED] on 2/23/65. All of the above information was furnished by F. J. Fortbington, of the Internal Security Division by SA [REDACTED] on 2/23/65.