

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 24, 1965~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[REDACTED] was present at the Audubon Ballroom, 166th Street at Broadway, New York City, at a meeting of the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU) on February 21, 1965, when MALCOLM LITTLE was murdered.

[REDACTED] went into the hall and sat about the middle of the left section of chairs in the Ballroom. FAISON estimated the crowd at approximately 500 persons.

At the time he entered the Ballroom, BENJAMIN X had finished his preliminary remarks and MALCOLM X came on the stage to speak. MALCOLM gave the greeting "As Salaam Alaikem," when two men pushed back their chairs and jumped to their feet. Neither man appeared to be well dressed. Both men were so common looking it was impossible to describe them, due to the brief glimpse he got of them.

The man on his right that stood up said to the second man, "Get your hand out of my pocket." MALCOLM LITTLE then said "Be calm" or "Be cool."

[REDACTED] it was his opinion that this was an act, as the man who made the statement "Get your hand out of my pocket" did not appear angry and did not move toward the man he was accusing.

[REDACTED] then heard gunfire and fell to the floor. He stated he believed the sounds came from the front and to the left and the sounds to him were like cap pistols. He stated the gunfire seemed to come in two separate bursts. He stated the guns had different sounds but none of the sounds to him were loud.

[REDACTED] left through the main door with the crowd and he saw nothing pertinent to the murder outside the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] felt the security for MALCOLM was "too loose" and that MALCOLM should have received more protection from his guards.

[REDACTED] heard no remarks concerning retaliation by followers of MALCOLM LITTLE but that because of the awful thing done, felt there would be repercussions. [REDACTED] felt that some of the more radical individuals who had been put out of the Nation Of Islam (NOI) would have a desire for revenge; however, he possessed no facts to substantiate his feeling.

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