UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. W. C. Sullivago

DATE:

February 22, 1965

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LITTLE, also known as

Malcolm X

SUBJECT:

FROM

INTERNAL SECURITY - MMI

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Malcolm K. Little, leader of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI), and the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU), was shot and killed on the afternoon of February 21, 1965, at approximately 3:10 p.m. while speaking at a meeting of the OAAU being held in the Audubon Ballroom 166th Street and Broadway, New York City. The New York Office was who was present at the immediately advised of the incident meeting.

at the back of the hall when someone in the audience called out indicating observed two men that his pocket had been picked. standing near the front of the hall in about the third or fourth row, apparently firing some sort of weapons. He also recalls seeing two other men standing at the time, one several feet behind the first two, and the other several feet to the side. He presumed that they were also involved two shots and saw Malcolm X fall in the shooting. backward to the floor. He then neard a volley of shots, probably twenty. believes the assailants were also shooting at Malcolm's ran to the foyer of the hall and guards. At this point, which commanded a view of the entrance to the hall. He observed a man, later identified as John Hagen, running down the aisle crouching and weaving with a .45 caliber pistol in his hand. one of Malcolm's followers who was behind the man, fired three shots, one of which evidently hit Hagen learned that Hagen was caught outside by Malcolm's TOILOWELS.

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contain no other information identifiable with this individual.

An anonymous call was received by the New York Office. The caller indicated he had found a gun used in the shooting and would furnish the gun to Bureau Agents, but would not give it to the police. Upon arriving at the meeting place designated by the caller, the Agents

as the caller. turned over a .45 callber automatic, Model 1911, U. S. Army Serial Number 335055. he was at the meeting in back of the hall when he observed four or five men, all Negroes, standing approximately nine rows back from the stage firing weapons toward the stage. After firing, the men ran past him and as the third man passed, knocking the .45 caliber automatic to the ground. picked the gun up. attempting to fire the weapon at the man; however, the gun jammed. said there were three rounds left in the chamber. he could possibly identify the fourth man, but not the man that dropped the gun. The weapon was turned over to the New York Police Department. would not indicate whether he intended to make his identity known to the New York Police.

has recovered a 12 gauge sawedoff shotgun, Model 1017, J. C. Higgins, from the hall where the shooting
occurred. The police believe the shotgun, which was recently fired and
contained #0 buckshot shells. was used in the shooting. In addition to
the shotgun, the believe two other guns were used, a .45
caliber automatic and a .9 millimeter automatic.

Negro male,
was shot in the left foot
and is presently confined in the Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. Other
witnesses being questioned by the police are

ACTION BEING TAKEN:

The New York Office was instructed to alert the Nation of Islam (NOI) and MMI as well as to report any information indicating there might be retaliatory riots and information indicating the involvement of any organization. New York

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Office was instructed to not furnish the New York Police Department with any information developed without prior Bureau clearance. New York Office has alerted pertinent offices where MMI and NOI are active, to alert their sources for any information bearing on the situation. Information concerning the assassination of Little was telephonically furnished to the Duty Officer, Secret Service. Pertinent information was also furnished to Acting Assistant Attorney General John Doar of the Civil Rights Division, and Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley of the Internal Security Division, and to Mr. DeLoach's office.

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

Up to now, this appears to be a murder case, basically a problem of the New York Police Department, and the FBI should not become involved. We are maintaining contact with New York Police Department for any information of Bureau interest. As indicated above.

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