

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: February 22, 1965

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

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SUBJECT: MALCOLM K. LITTLE, also known as  
Malcolm X  
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 immediately advised of the incident [redacted] who was present at the meeting.

[redacted] was [redacted] at the back of the hall when someone in the audience called out indicating that his pocket had been picked. [redacted] observed two men 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 in the shooting. [redacted] two shots and saw Malcolm X fall backward to the floor. He then heard a volley of shots, probably twenty. [redacted] believes the assailants were also shooting at Malcolm's guards. At this point, [redacted] ran to the foyer of the hall and [redacted] 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. [redacted] one of Malcolm's followers who was behind the man, fired three shots, one of which evidently hit Hagen. [redacted] learned that Hagen was caught outside by Malcolm's followers.

[redacted] that one John Hagen, Negro male, age 22, was arrested when leaving the Audubon Ballroom by an officer stationed outside. During the arrest, a warning shot was fired in the air. A .45 caliber clip with four bullets was found in Hagen's pocket and it was discovered he was wounded in the left thigh. He is presently in the Jewish Memorial Hospital under police detention. Hagen subsequently identified by Identification Division through fingerprints, submitted by New York Police Department, as Talmage Hayer, also known as Thomas Hayer, FBI Number 142496F, a Negro, born March 16, 1942, Hackensack New Jersey.

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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, [REDACTED] 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, [REDACTED] **DD**

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