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TO DIRECTOR /100-399321/ -01- AND SACS, CHICAGO AND  
PHILADELPHIA

FROM NEW YORK /105-8999/ 12 PAGES

MALCOLM K. LITTLE AKA., IS-MMI

RE NEW YORK TELEPHONE CALLS TO AND FROM THE BUREAU AND  
TO CHICAGO, FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE AND TWENTY TWO, NINETEEN  
SIXTY FIVE.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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*Handwritten notes and signatures:*  
*Ham*  
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*Kirk*  
*Rosen*  
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[REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] MALCOLM X WAS JUST SHOT AT THE AUDUBON BALLROOM, NEW  
 YORK CITY, WHILE ADDRESSING AN ORGANIZATION OF AFRO DASH  
 AMERICAN UNITY RALLY. AT THE TIME MALCOLM WAS SHOT AN  
 EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE FROM THE SPEAKING PLATFORM WAS  
 OBSERVED. REUBEN X FIRED SEVERAL SHOTS AT THE ASSASINS.  
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*Part of facts covered in memo on 2/22/65*

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NYCPD CAPTURED ONE PE[RE] OUTSIDE OF AUDUBON BALL  
 WHO WAS LATER IDENTIFIED AS ~~THOMAS HAGAN~~ NEGRO MALE, AGE  
 TWENTY TWO. HAGAN HAD IN HIS POSSESSION AT THIS TIME A  
 FORTY FIVE AUTOMATIC CLIP CONTAINING <sup>F</sup>OUR ROUNDS OF  
 AMMUNITION. HAGAN WAS SHOT IN THE LEFT THIGH AND WAS  
 ADMITTED TO JEWISH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT, AND AT  
 FIVE THIRTY PM, FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE,  
 WAS TRANSFERRED TO BELLEVUE HOSPITAL, NYC. [REDACTED] ADVISED  
 THAT A SAWED OFF, DOUBLE BARREL SHOTGUN WAS FOUND ON THE  
 STAGE OF THE BALLROOM WRAPPED IN A GREEN SUIT COAT,  
 CONTAINING A KEY <sup>FR</sup> YALE LOCK, PACK OF CAMEL CIGARETTES,  
 EMPTY GLASS CASE BEARING OPTOMERTRIST-S NAME, M..M. PINE,  
MAIN STREET, FLUSHING <sup>N</sup> SHOTGUN CONTAINED TWO DISCHARGED  
 REMINGTON EXPRESS SHELLS, SINGLE O BUCKSHOT SHELLS AND  
 INDICATIONS THAT GUN WAS RECENTLY USED. ALSO LOCATED  
 IN THE HALL WERE THREE FORTY FIVE CALIBER SHELLS AND SLUGS,  
 SIX NINE MILEMETER SHELLS AND TWO SLUGS AND THREE THIRTY  
 TWO CALIBER SLUGS AND TEN PIECES OF LEAD, PRESUMABLY FIRED  
 FROM A SHOTGUN.

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[REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] MALCOLM WAS PRESENTED TO THE  
AUDIENCE AT APPROXIMATELY THREE TWO PM AND HAD MOVED  
TO A POSITION BEHIND THE PODIUM. AS HE ROSE FROM BEHIND  
THE PODIUM AND WALKED ~~AT~~ TO THE SPEAKER-S POSITION TO GREET  
THE AUDIENCE SOMEONE FROM THE LEFT SIDE OF THE HALL,  
APPROXIMATELY FOUR ROWS FROM THE FRONT, DESCRIBED AS A  
NEGRO MALE, YELLED QUOTE GET YOUR HANDS OUT OF MY POCKET  
UNQUOTE. AS THIS WAS DONE, MALCOLM-S BODY GUARDS MOVED  
IN THE DIRECTION OF THIS INDIVIDUAL AND ATTEMPTED TO SUBDUE  
HIM, WHEREUPON MALCOLM X SAID QUOTE HOLD IT UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] WALKING TOWARD THIS MAN IN FRONT OF  
THE AUDIENCE [REDACTED] AS A RESULT OF MALCOLM-S COMMAND  
TO QUOTE HOLD IT UNQUOTE. WITHOUT HESITATION, TWO MEN,  
OCCUPYING THE FRONT SEATS, LEFT SIDE OF MIDDLE AISLE,  
APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN FEET FROM MALCOLM X GOT INTO A  
CROUCHED POSITION AND FIRED SEVERAL SHOTS IN THE DIRECTION  
OF MALCOLM X. THESE MEN WERE DRESSED IN DARK CLOTHES.

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STILL IN A CROUCHED POSITION THE GUNMEN HASTILY MOVED TOWARD THE EXIT AND SEEMED TO BE STILL FIRING. [REDACTED] b7D

<sup>b</sup>RENDEN FRANCIS, MEMBER OF MALCOLM-S GROUP, HAD SHOT ONE OF THE QUOTE DECOYS UNQUOTE AND THAT ONE OF THE GUNMEN WAS CAUGHT BY SEVERAL OF THE MMI MEMBERS.

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[REDACTED] IN ADDITION TO MALCOLM AND HAGAN, THE SUSPECT, BEING SHOT, TWO PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE WERE STRUCK BY FLYING BULLETS. ONE [REDACTED] A MEMBER OF MALCOLM-S ORGANIZATION, WAS SHOT IN THE RIGHT SIDE AND

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[REDACTED] WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEFT FOOT. BOTH WERE TAKEN  
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TO COLUMBIA PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL AND THEIR CONDITIONS ARE  
CONSIDERED GOOD. POLICE CONSIDER BOTH ██████████ AND ██████████ TO  
BE MERELY ONLOOKERS AND NOT TO <sup>HAVE</sup> ~~BEEN~~ INVOLVED IN THE  
SHOOTING. AUTOPSY ON MALCOLM X REFLECTED THAT HE HAD TEN  
BULLET WOUNDS IN HIS CHEST, THIGH AND ANKLE, PLUS FOUR  
BULLET CREASES IN THE CHEST AND THIGH. THIS AUTOPSY  
LOCATED ONE NINE MILEMETER SLUG, ONE FORTY FIVE <sup>A</sup> CALIBER  
SLUG AND ~~S~~ SEVERAL SHOTGUN PELLETS IN HIS BODY. THE POLICE  
HAVE CHARGED HAGAN WITH <sup>H</sup> HOMICIDE ON MALCOLM X AND HAVE  
CHARGED ~~REUBEN X FRANCIS~~ WITH FELONIOUS ASSAULT AND  
POSSESSION OF A DEADLY WEAPON. THE POLICE SAY THAT IN  
VIEW OF THE NATURE OF HAGAN-S INJURY HE BE HOSPITALIZED  
FOR UP TO SIX WEEKS. ██████████ HAVE A WITNESS WHO HAS  
IDENTIFIED FRANCIS AS FIRING BACK AT ASSAILANTS OF MALCOLM X.  
FRANCIS IS PRESUMED TO HAVE FIRED SHOT WHICH STRUCK HAGAN.  
POLICE ALSO SUSPECT FRANCIS SHOT THE THIRTY TWO CALIBER  
REVOLVER USED IN THESE SHOOTINGS, THOUGH THE GUN HAS NOT  
BEEN LOCATED. ██████████ NOW ESTIMATE THAT THE NUMBER OF

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MALCOLM-S ASSAILANTS NUMBER FROM TWO TO FOUR INCLUDING THE  
CAPTURED HAGAN. FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IDENTIFIED  
FINGERPRINTS OF HAGAN AS IDENTICAL TO TADMADGE HAYER, ALSO  
KNOWN AS THOMAS HAYER, FBI NUMBER ONE FOUR TWO FOUR NINE SIX  
F. NEGRO MALE, BORN MARCH SIXTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY TWO AT Thomas Hayer  
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY, RESIDES THREE FOUR SEVEN MARSHALL  
STREET, PATTERSON, NEW JERSEY, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NYO

AND NEWARK INDICIES NEGATIVE ON HAYER. DESCRIPTION OF ONLY ONE  
OTHER ASSAILANT HAS BEEN DETERMINED. HE IS A NEGRO MALE,  
AGE TWENTY EIGHT, SIX FEET TWO INCHES, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS,  
HEAVY BUILD, DARK COMPLEXION, WEARING GRAY COAT AND  
BELIEVED TO BE ASSAILANT WHO USED SHOTGUN. HAGAN HAS  
REFUSED TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION OTHER THAN HIS NAME  
AND AGE, WHICH IS TWENTY TWO YEARS. NYO INDICIES ON  
HAGAN NEGATIVE.

[REDACTED] SELF-ADMITTED OAAU MEMBER.  
[REDACTED]

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TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED NYO AND ADVISED HE HAS ONE OF THE GUNS USED TO KILL MALCOLM X. CONTACTED BY BUREAU AGENTS, [REDACTED] TURNED OVER TO THEM A UNITED STATES ARMY COLT FORTY FIVE, MODEL ONE NINE ONE ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE THREE FIVE ZERO FIVE FIVE, WITH CLIP CONTAINING THREE ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. DURING INTERVIEW, [REDACTED]

HE WITNESSED THE SHOOTING FROM THE REAR OF THE AUDUBON BALLROOM AND BELIEVED FOUR TO FIVE NEGRO MALES PARTICIPATED IN THE SHOOTING. [REDACTED] STATED THAT TWO MEN PASSED HIM

WHEN LEAVING THE BALLROOM. TWO OTHERS WERE RUNNING OUT OF THE BALLROOM, ONE TURNED TO RETURN THE FIRE AT MALCOLM-S MEN. AS THIS MAN TURNED TO RUN OUT THE DOOR, HE,

[REDACTED] THREW A BODY BLOCK AT HIM, AND THIS PERSON FELL ON THE STEPS DROPPING THE GUN. THE LAST MAN RUNNING OUT OF THE BUILDING JUMPED OVER THE PERSON HE STRUCK AND WAS

APPARENTLY ARRESTED WHEN HE LEFT THE BUILDING. THE PERSON WHO WAS STRUCK DOWN FELL DOWN THE STAIRS, SCRAMBLED TO HIS FEET, AND BEGAN RUNNING OUT OF THE BUILDING. [REDACTED] STATED HE PICKED UP THE GUN AND TRIED TO SHOOT HIM BUT

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THE GUN JAMMED. ABOUT THIS TIME, SOME OF MALCOLM-S MEN  
PUSHED HIM BACK INSIDE THE BUILDING WHERE HE THEN PUT THE GUN  
IN HIS POCKET AND WAITED UNTIL MALCOLM WAS TAKEN

AWAY, AND

LEFT THE BALLROOM. [REDACTED] THE MAN WITH THE GUN

AS BEING MALE NEGRO, AGE TWENTY, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES,  
MEDIUM BUILD, SHORT BLACK HAIR, BROWN SKIN, WEARING A DARK  
BROWN, DIRTY SUEDE JACKET. THE LAST MAN LEAVING THE BUILDING  
WAS DESCRIBED AS MALE, NEGRO, THIRTY YEARS OF AGE, SIX FEET  
TALL, ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY POUNDS, SHORT BLACK HAIR,  
MAY HAVE HAD A SMALL MUSTACHE, WORE DARK TROUSERS, MEDIUM  
GRAY TOP COAT AND NO HAT.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
CAME TO THE NYO AND PICKED UP THE FORTY FIVE CALIBER  
GUN MADE AVAILABLE BY [REDACTED] AND WERE ADVISED THAT THE  
INDIVIDUAL WHO GAVE AGENTS THIS GUN DESIRED HIS IDENTITY  
BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AT THIS TIME, AND THAT THE FBI WOULD  
ATTEMPT TO PREVAIL UPON THIS SOURCE TO COOPERATE AND  
IDENTIFY HIMSELF TO THE POLICE. [REDACTED]

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ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT DESIRE THAT WE ATTEMPT TO APPROACH  
[REDACTED] AT THIS TIME AND PREFERRED THAT WE WAIT UNTIL **b7D**  
THE FBI IS CONTACTED BY HIM AT A LATER DATE AS AN APPROACH  
AT THIS TIME MAY FRIGHTEN THIS POTENTIAL WITNESS,  
CAUSING HIM TO LEAVE THE NY AREA. NY WILL NOT RECONTACT  
[REDACTED] AT THIS TIME PURSUANT TO [REDACTED] **b7D**  
REQUEST.

POLICE INDICATE THEY HAVE THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES  
TO THIS SHOOTING. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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MALE, AGE SIXTY NINE.

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[REDACTED] CITY DESK, ASSOCIATED PRESS, FIFTY ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NYC, ADVISED FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE, SIXTY FIVE, **67D** THAT ONE OF THEIR SOURCES WHOSE RELIABILITY IS UNKNOWN BY THIS OFFICE, HAD STATED THAT SOME MEN, INCLUDING

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[REDACTED] /KNOWN OAAU MEMBERS IN NYC/, WERE GOING TO CHICAGO EITHER BY PLANE OR CAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF KILLING ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, NOI NATIONAL LEADER. AP SOURCE ALSO ADVISED THAT PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE TO KILL [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND MARTIN LUTHER KING. AP SOURCE INDICATED THAT KING WAS TO HAVE BEEN KILLED WHEN THE STATUE OF LIBERTY WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. HE ALSO STATED THAT MALCOLM X WAS NOT DUE TO BE ASSASSINATED UNTIL TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY /FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE SIXTY FIVE/ BUT THAT THE SCHEDULE HAD BEEN MOVED AHEAD.

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IT IS TO BE NOTED IN REFERENCE TO [REDACTED]

THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IS DESCRIBED AS NEGRO, MALE, AMERICAN, LATE TWENTIES, FIVE FOOT NINE INCHES, ONE SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD, BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, SMALL MUSTACHE, SMALL BEARD, VERY PRONOUNCED HOOK

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NOSE, COFFEE BEAN COMPLEXION, VERY NERVOUS, EXCITABLE MANNER.

WEARS PAKISTANIAN TYPE GINNAHA CAP. [REDACTED] WAS DESCRIBED BY [REDACTED] AS FOLLOWS..

NEGRO, MALE, AMERICAN, THIRTY ONE YEARS OF AGE, SIX FEET TWO OR THREE INCHES TALL ONE SEVENTY FIVE TO ONE EIGHTY POUNDS, WELL KNIT BUILD, SHAVED HEAD, THIN MUSTACHE, VERY DARK COMPLEXION, DARK EYES, FALSE TEETH IN FRONT OF MOUTH, WEARS GINNAHA TYPE CAP AND A BLACK COAT.

[REDACTED] OVERHEARD [REDACTED] REPORTER "LIFE" MAGAZINE, IN CONVERSATION WITH A [REDACTED] WASHINGTON, D.C., APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN THIRTY PM FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE SIXTY FIVE DURING WHICH CONVERSATION [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE KILLERS OF MALCOLM X WERE POSSIBLY IMPORTED TO NYC. [REDACTED] BELIEVED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS BY [REDACTED] TO BE ACCURATE, THAT [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] TO CHECK OUT WASHINGTON AND CIA BECAUSE THEY WANTED MALCOLM OUT OF THE WAY BECAUSE HE "SNAFUED" AFRICAN RELATIONS FOR THE U.S. [REDACTED]

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ALSO

OVERHEARD [REDACTED] CALL [REDACTED] IN CHICAGO AT TELEPHONE AB FOUR EIGHT SIX TWO THREE DURING WHICH CONVERSATION [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT TWO OF MALCOLM-S MEN WERE THEN IN CHICAGO  
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~~CHICAGO~~ HAVING FLOWN THERE TO HIT EITHER ELIJAH OR THE UNIVERSITY  
/PRESUMABLY UNIVERSITY OF ISLAM./ [REDACTED] TO  
STAY OUT OF THE WAY WHEN BULLETS START FLYING.

[REDACTED] FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE SIXTY FIVE AT  
ELEVEN PM THAT THE [REDACTED] HAD CONTACTED THEM TO  
ADVISE THAT THEY HAD PICKED UP ONE [REDACTED] /BELIEVED TO  
BE A MMI MEMBER IN PHILADELPHIA/ WHO CAME TO ST. LUKE-S  
HOSPITAL IN PHILADELPHIA WITH A BROKEN ARM AND ADMITTED  
BEING AT THE AUDUBON BALLROOM WHEN THE SHOOTING TOOK PLACE  
INVOLVING MALCOLM LITTLE. NO FURTHER DETAILS WERE FURNISHED  
AT THIS TIME IN THIS REGARD [REDACTED] THIS BEING  
SUBMITTED FOR PHILADELPHIA-S INFORMATION.

SEE  
Phila teletype  
2/23/65  
Malcolm K. Little  
and memo  
2/23/65  
Sullivan

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

AM COPIES BEING FORWARDED TO BOSTON, CLEVELAND, LOS  
ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, NEWARK AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN PERTAINING TO  
CHICAGO HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO THEM BY TELEPHONE.  
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cc- Mr. Sullivan

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