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TO DIRECTOR

FRO NEW YORK (105-7809)

MATION OF ISLAM: IS -

RENYTEL TO BUREAU TWO TWENTY-FOUR SIXTY FIVE, WHICH REQUESTED SUREAU AUTHORIZATION TO INTERVIEW NEW YORK "DAILY NEWS" REPORTERS REG-ARDING "DAILY NEWS" STORY OF TWO TWENTY-FOUR WHICH CONTAINED LINE "ACCORDING TO AN FBI REPORT TO WHICH, ETC."

ON TWO TWENTY-FOUR, REPORTER

WHOSE NAME APPEARS

AS AUTHOR OF ABOVE MENTIONED STORY, TOGETHER WITH

WAS INTERVIEWED BY SAS

STATED THAT THE STORY WAS HIS ALONE. AT HIS OFFICE.

MERELY HELPED HIM

UPON HIS OWN INVESTIGATION, AND THAT TO COMPOSE THE NEWS STORY FROM HIS INFORMATION AND NOTES.

STATED THAT THE LINE IN THE STORY "TOP POLICE AND FEDERAL

INVESTIGATORS TOLD "THE NEWS" LAST NIGHT" WAS MERELY A "PLAY ON WORDS"

THAT HE INSERTED IN THE ARTICLE; THAT HE DID NOT SECURE ANY SUCH INFOR-

FROM ANY FEDERAL INVES

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ISTATED THAT HE FIRST HEARD OF THE MOVEMENT (RAM) ON TWO TWENTY-THREE LAST; THAT HE, THEREFORE, ATTEMPTED TO DETERMINE IF SUCH AN ORGANIZATION EXISTED, AND THAT IF SUCH ORGANI-STATED THAT HE # ZATION WAS KNOWN TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THEREFORE CHECKED SEVERAL "SOURCES" IN NEW YORK CITY ON THIS POINT AND THAT TWO "NEWS SOURCES". WHICH HE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY, ADVISED HIM THAT THE FBI HAD MADE A REPOT ON RAM. STATED THAT HE DID FOT SEE THE REPORT; THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW ANY IDENTIFYING DATA CON-CERNING SUCH A REPORT, EXCEPT THAT HE HAD CONFIDENCE THAT HIS SOURCES WERE CORRECT IN THEIR CLAIM, AND THAT THEREFORE THE FBI WAS AWARE OF THE EXISTENCE OF RAM.

STATED THAT THE LINE IN THE ARTICLE "ACCORDING TO A FBI REPORT TO WHICH THE "NEWS" HAD ACCESS" WAS NOT IN THE ORIGINAL STORY HE WROTE AND FILED FOR PUBLICATON; THAT AFTER HE LEFT WORK AT SIX PM ON TWO TWENTY-THREE SIXTY-FIVE SOME "UNIDENTIFIED "NEWS" EMPLOYEE", WHILE REWRITING HIS STORY, WENT INTO HIS PERSONAL NOTES ON THE STORY WHICH HE HAD LEFT IN HIS DESK, PICKED THE ABOVE WORDS FROM HIS NOTES AND INSERTED THEM IN THE STORY WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE OR AUTHORITY.

COTR- L-7-WD-7 SHOULD READ "REPORT

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STATED THAT HE NEVER INTERNOLED SUCH A LINE TO APPEAR TO TORY; THAT HE WISHED TO APOLOGIZE TO THE FEI FOR ITS APPEARANCE, AND THAT IT WAS HIS INTENTON ALL DURING HISBURY DAY OF TWO MENTY-FOUR LAST TO TELEPHONE THE NEW YORK OFFICE TO OFFER SUCH AN APOLOGY. STATED THAT HE HAS NO FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE THAT HIS SOURCES EVER HAD POSSESSION OF A FBI REPORT. HE STATED THAT HE REALIZES THAT THE ARTICLEUSED A POOR CHOICE OF WORDS, AND THAT HE EXTREMELY TORRY THAT IT HAPPENED.

WAS QUESTONED REGARDING HIS LINE IN THE ARTICLE "POLICE HAVE KNOWN THAT GUNS AND AMMUNITION HAVE BEEN POURING INTO HARLEM".

STATED THAT THIS LINE WASUSED BY HIM AS HIS "WORD SUMMARY"

OF GENERAL COMMENTS MADE BY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT DURING THE PAST

SEVERAL DAYS AND THAT HE HAS NO ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE OR FACTS TO BACK UP

THIS LINE.

STATED THAT THE PURPOSE OF HIS ARTICLE OF TWO IWENTYFOUR SIXTY-FIVE WAS TO INDICATE TO HIS READERS THAT HE HAD NO DEFINITE
INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE CLAIMS THAT RAM WAS CONNECTED WITH THE
MALCOLM X MURDER OR THE BURNING OF THE NOI MOSQUE AT NEW YORK CITY
TWO TWENTY-THREE LAST; THAT HIS ARTICLE WAS INTENDED TO SHOW THAT
SUCH POSSIBILITY WAS BEING LOOKED INTO BY THE POLICE.

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FOR THE BUREAU'S INFORMATION, THE NEW YORK OFFICE IS NOT IN

POSSESSION OF ANY INFORMATION INDICATING THAT RAM IS INVOLVED IN

ELIHER THE MALCOLM X MURDER OF OR THE BURNING OF THE NOI TEMPLE.

THE NEW YORK OFFICE IS NOT AWARE OF THE EXISTENCE OF ANY FBI REPORT

AS DESCRIBED BY

BYTHE NEW YORK OFFICE.

CORR-L-5-VD-8SHOULD READ REPORT"

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END OK FOR 2-BUT NEED CORR ON FIRST MESSAGE SXC

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