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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-8999)

SUBJECT: 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.

NY ~~_____~~ ^{Informant symbol}, RELIABLE, ADVISED
THREE TEN P.M., FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE,
THAT 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 SPEAKERS PLATFORM WAS
OBSERVED. ^{RUBEN} RUBEN X FIRED SEVERAL SHOTS AT THE ASSASSINS.

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NYCPD CAPTURED ONE PERSON OUTSIDE OF AUDUBON BALLROOM 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 FOUR ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. HAGAN WAS SHOT IN THE LEFT THIGH AND WAS ADMITTED TO JEWISH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT, AND AT FIVE THIRTY P.M., FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE WAS TRANSFERRED TO BELLEVUE HOSPITAL, NYC. NYCPD 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 FOR YALE LOCK, PACK OF CAMEL CIGARETTES, EMPTY GLASS CASE BEARING OPTOMETRIST'S NAME, M.M. PINE, MAIN STREET, FLUSHING. 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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ANOTHER SOURCE, WHO IS IN A POSITION TO FURNISH RELIABLE INFORMATION, ADVISED THAT MALCOLM WAS PRESENTED TO THE AUDIENCE AT APPROXIMATELY THREE TWO P.M. AND HAD MOVED TO A POSITION BEHIND THE PODIUM. AS HE ROSE FROM BEHIND THE PODIUM AND WALKED 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 X'S BODY GUARDS MOVED IN THE DIRECTION OF THIS INDIVIDUAL AND ATTEMPTED TO SUBDUCE HIM, WHEREUPON MALCOLM X SAID QUOTE HOLD IT UNQUOTE. AT THIS TIME SOURCE WAS WALKING TOWARD THIS MAN IN FRONT OF THE AUDIENCE AND FROZE 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

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WERE DRESSED IN DARK CLOTHES, STILL IN A CROUCHED POSITION THE GUNMEN HASTILY MOVED TOWARD THE EXIT AND SEEMED TO BE STILL FIRING. SOURCE ADVISED THAT ^{REV BEN} ~~FRANCIS~~ 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.

TRUSTED MEMBERS OF THE MMI MET AT THE HOTEL THERESA AT WHICH TIME JAMES SIXTY SEVEN+X, WARDEN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE MMI, STATED THAT HE HAD NEVER HEADED AN ORGANIZATION BUT WOULD DO ALL HE COULD TO PRESERVE THE IDEA AND KEEP THE PROGRAM ALIVE. HE ALSO STATED THAT A LESSON HAD BEEN LEARNED BY THE GROUP IN THAT NOW THEY MUST TIGHTEN UP THE SECURITY OF BOTH MEMBERS AND LEADERS AND STATED QUOTE WE ARE AT WAR UNQUOTE.

NYCPD ADVISED THAT IN ADDITION TO MALCOLM AND HAGAN, THE SUSPECT, BEING SHOT, TWO PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE WERE (STRUCK BY FLYING BULLETS. ONE WILLIE HARRIS, A MEMBER OF MALCOLM'S ORGANIZATION, WAS SHOT IN THE RIGHT SIDE AND WILLIE PARKER WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEFT FOOT. BOTH WERE TAKEN TO

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COLUMBIA PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL AND THEIR CONDITIONS ARE CONSIDERED GOOD. POLICE CONSIDER BOTH PARKER AND HARRIS TO BE MERELY ONLOOKERS AND NOT TO HAVE 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 GREASES IN THE CHEST AND THIGH. THIS AUTOPSY LOCATED ONE NINE MILEMETER SLUG, ONE FORTY FIVE CALIBER SLUG AND SEVERAL SHOTGUN PELLETS IN HIS BODY. THE POLICE HAVE CHARGED HAGAN WITH HOMICIDE ON MALCOLM X AND HAVE CHARGED ~~HAGAN~~^{SEUBEN} 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 MAY BE HOSPITALIZED FOR UP TO SIX WEEKS. THE NYCPD HAVE A WITNESS WHO HAS IDENTIFIED FRANCIS AS FIRING BACK AT ASSAILANTS OF MALCOLM X. FRANCIS IS PRESUMED TO HAVE FIRED THE 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. THE POLICE NOW ESTIMATE THAT THE NUMBER OF MALCOLM'S ASSAILANTS NUMBER FROM TWO TO FOUR, INCLUDING

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THE CAPTURED HAGAN. FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IDENTIFIED FINGERPRINTS OF HAGAN AS IDENTICAL TO TALMADGE HAYER, ALSO KNOWN AS THOMAS HAYER, FBI NUMBER ONE FOUR TWO FOUR NINE SIX F, NEGRO MALE, BORN MARCH SIXTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY TWO AT HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY, RESIDES THREE FOUR SEVEN MARSHALL STREET, PATTERSON, NEW JERSEY, ARRESTED ELEVEN SEVEN SIXTY THREE FOR RECEIPT OF STOLEN GOODS BY PASSAIC COUNTY BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION, PATTERSON, NEW JERSEY, ARREST NUMBER THREE TWO NINE SIX ONE, NO DISPOSITION SHOWN. NYO AND NEWARK INDICES 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 INDICES ON HAGAN NEGATIVE.

RONALD TIMBERLAKE, SELF-ADMITTED OAAU MEMBER,
RESIDING ONE SEVEN SIX FOUR BEDFORD AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY,

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TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED NYO AND ADVISED HE HAS ONE OF THE GUNS USED TO KILL MALCOLM X. CONTACTED BY BUREAU AGENTS, TIMBERLAKE 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, TIMBERLAKE STATED HE WITNESSED THE SHOOTING FROM THE REAR OF THE AUDUBON BALLROOM AND BELIEVED FOUR TO FIVE NEGRO MALES PARTICIPATED IN THE SHOOTING. TIMBERLAKE 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, TIMBERLAKE, THREW A BODY BLOCK AT HIM, AND THIS PERSON FELL ON THE STEPS, DRIPPING 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. TIMBERLAKE 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. TIMBERLAKE DESCRIBED 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.

INSPECTOR THOMAS G. RENECHAN, DEPUTY INSPECTOR ARTHUR GRUBERT, N.A. AND DETECTIVE LOUIS W. JARLY, ALL OF THE NYCPD, CAME TO THE NYO AND PICKED UP THE FORTY FIVE CALIBER GUN MADE AVAILABLE BY TIMBERLAKE AND WERE ADVISED THAT THE INDIVIDUALS 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. INSPECTOR RENECHAN

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ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT DESIRE THAT WE ATTEMPT TO APPROACH THIS SOURCE AT THIS TIME AND PREFERRED THAT WE WAIT UNTIL THE FBI IS CONTACTED BY HIM AT A LATER DATE AS AN APPROACH AT THIS TIME MAY ~~SO~~ FRIGHTEN THIS POTENTIAL WITNESS, CAUSING HIM TO LEAVE THE NY AREA. NY WILL NOT RECONTACT THIS SOURCE AT THIS TIME PURSUANT TO INSPECTOR RENECHAN'S REQUEST.

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POLICE INDICATE THEY HAVE THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES TO THIS SHOOTING: FREE LANCE REPORTERS CHARLES MOORE AND ALBERT MC CLELLAN, BOTH OF SIXTY-SIX RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NYC, WILLIE PARKER, TWO THREE NAUGHT FIVE THIRTIETH AVENUE, ASTORIA, DOB JANUARY TWENTY-SIX TWENTY-NINE, MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, AND EDWARD PARENTHESIS LNU END PAREN, OF ONE NINE NAUGHT DASH NAUGHT THREE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH AVENUE, QUEENS, N.Y., A NEGRO MALE, AGE SIXTY-NINE.

JACK SHANAHAN, CITY DESK, ASSOCIATED PRESS, FIFTY ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NYC, ADVISED FEBRUARY TWENTY-FIRST SIXTY-FIVE THAT ONE OF THEIR SOURCES WHOSE RELIABILITY IS UNKNOWN BY THIS OFFICE, HAD STATED THAT SOME MEN, INCLUDING DONALD WASHINGTON AND OMAR (PH) (BELIEVED TO BE OMAR AHMED) (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 JAMES SIXTY-SEVEN X WARDEN 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

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FROM TODAY (FEBRUARY TWENTY-ONE SIXTY-FIVE) BUT THAT THE SCHEDULE HAD BEEN MOVED AHEAD.

IT IS TO BE NOTED IN REFERENCE TO DONALD WASHINGTON THAT NY FOUR SIX NAUGHT FIVE R ADVISED FEBRUARY TWENTY-ONE SIXTY-FIVE THAT DONALD WASHINGTON 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 NOSE, COFFEE BEAN COMPLEXION, VERY NERVOUS, EXCITABLE MANNER, WEARS PAKISTINIAN TYPE GINNAHA CAP. OMAR AHMED WAS DESCRIBED BY NY FOUR SIX NAUGHT FIVE R 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.

NY ~~Informant symbol #~~ ADVISED HE OVERHEARD MARK CRAWFORD, REPORTER "LIFE" MAGAZINE, IN CONVERSATION WITH A GEORGE (LNU), WASHINGTON, D. C., APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN THIRTY P.M. FEBRUARY TWENTY-ONE SIXTY-FIVE DURING WHICH CONVERSATION

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CRAWFORD STATED THAT THE KILLERS OF MALCOLM X WERE POSSIBLY IMPORTED TO NYC. NY ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ BELIEVED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS BY CRAWFORD TO BE ACCURATE, THAT CRAWFORD ADVISED GEORGE TO CHECK OUT WASHINGTON AND CIA BECAUSE THEY WANTED MALCOLM OUT OF THE WAY BECAUSE HE "SNAPUED" AFRICAN RELATIONS FOR THE U. S. INFORMANT ALSO OVERHEARD CRAWFORD CALL DICK DURHAM IN CHICAGO AT TELEPHONE AB FOUR EIGHT SIX TWO THREE DURING WHICH CONVERSATION CRAWFORD ADVISED DURHAM THAT TWO OF MALCOLM'S MEN WERE THEN IN CHICAGO HAVING FLOWN THERE TO HIT EITHER ELIJAH OR THE UNIVERSITY (PRESUMABLY UNIVERSITY OF ISLAN). HE ALSO ADVISED DURHAM TO STAY OUT OF THE WAY WHEN BULLETS START FLYING.

THE NYCPD ADVISED FEBRUARY TWENTY-ONE SIXTY-FIVE AT ELEVEN P. M. THAT THE PHILADELPHIA POLICE HAD CONTACTED THEM TO ADVISE THAT THEY HAD PICKED UP ONE LLOYD WRIGHT (BELIEVED TO BE AN 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

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REGARD BY THE NYCPD. THIS BEING SUBMITTED FOR PHILADELPHIA'S
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BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, NEWARK AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

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