

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

119

ORIGIN: INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

File No.: 100-4094

Made at: INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	Date 11/2/42	Period 9/9,10,13 23/42	Made By: [REDACTED] <i>b7c</i> G&J
Title: <i>C</i> MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA		Character INTERNAL SECURITY - J	

Synopsis:

Incorporated March 17, 1930 in Indiana avowed purpose is religious and charitable. Members claim to be Moorish Americans and to be of Moorish descent., All members reported to be very poor low-class negroes. Organization alleged to be influenced by Japanese. u

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/19/80 BY SP2 Jap/lon

- P -

b7d, b2

Details:

On September 9, 1942, Informant [REDACTED] advised that this organization was incorporated on March 17, 1940, at which time they set forth the following purposes: u

1. To teach the "Koran" of MOHAMMED. u
2. To teach, preach, and live the religion of Islam; to propagate the faith of Islam and extend its learnings and also the learnings of the prophet NOBLE DREW ALI. u
3. To appoint and consecrate missionaries to the prophet and to establish the faith of Mohammed in America and to conform to the Muslim faith by annexing the descendants' names of ALI, EL, BEY. u

Approved: *[Signature]* SAC Do not write in these spaces

62 NOV 24 1942

62-25889-26

- FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS
- 5 Bureau
 - 1 Chicago
 - 2 Louisville
 - 1 OMI-Chicago
 - 1 G-2 Columbus
 - 3 Indianapolis

15 NOV 5 1942

COPY IN FILE

b7d
b2

Confidential Informant [redacted] also advised that from its inception until 1939 the Moorish Science Temple of America rented the Knights of Pythias Hall for their meetings. [redacted] also advised that in 1939 and 1940 they used the El Amego Club, 542 1/2 Indiana Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, and presently use the St. Clair Hall. u

b7d
b2

Confidential Informant advised that this organization has had a membership of approximately 100 members throughout its existence and generally receives annual contributions amounting to \$240.00 to \$280.00, Confidential Informant [redacted] advises that this organization alleges to use this money in payment for the rental of the hall and for the religious services. u

b7d
b2

Confidential Informant [redacted] further advised that the following persons had also been connected with this organization in an official capacity:

[redacted] EL, Secretary

[redacted] BEY, Grand Shiekess

b7d

[redacted] EL, Secretary

[redacted] BEY, Director

[redacted] BEY, Director

[redacted] BEY, Director

[redacted] BEY, Director

b7d
b2

Confidential Informant [redacted] on September 23, 1942, advised that [redacted] BEY [redacted] Indianapolis, Indiana, Grand Governor of the organization, had advised that his foreparents in 1619 were Moorish and that their names were BEYS ALLIS and ELS, but that these names were subsequently dropped. He also advised that he is the State Representative of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Incorporated which is a divine and national movement. [redacted] was appointed Grand Governor of the Moorish Science Temple of America by C. KIRKMAN BEY at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, who is supreme advisor of the Moorish Science

b7d
b2
Temple of America. He also informed [redacted] that it was his duty to see all fellow members and to give speeches on how to lead a better life. The Selective service records of Local Board #7, Indianapolis, Indiana, were checked and it was noted that this individual had registered and was not delinquent. u

b7d
b2
Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] EL, [redacted] Indianapolis, Former Grand Shiek of the organization alleged that he had come from Morocco in 1919; however he subsequently admitted that he was not actually a Moor. Confidential Informant [redacted] further advised that this individual had a card in his possession from the Moorish Society of Allah which stated that he was a naturalized citizen of the United States. He also informed [redacted] that he and his wife had joined the cult in 1934, and gave them membership in the Moorish society and that all members claimed to be of Moorish descent. According to [redacted] he was advised that he had been given the name of "EL" on becoming a member and at that time learned that this was a tribal name. [redacted] EL also informed [redacted] that he was attempting to acquire the Moorish language. He also advised that he was a World War Veteran. The writer was unable to locate any Selective Service registration for this individual. u

b7d
b2
[redacted] advised that [redacted] BEY, Assistant Chairman and [redacted] BEY [redacted] Indianapolis, Indiana, had been contacted, and advised that they had been assigned the name of BEY by the chief of the Moorish Science church. [redacted] BEY stated that he had belonged to this church since his boyhood, in [redacted] Kentucky where he advised that this church is very strong. He also informed [redacted] that the Chief of the organization was supposed to be able to look at the heads of the members and trace their ancestry back to the tribes of BEY or EL in Africa. [redacted] advised that [redacted] BEY was the [redacted] BEY. u

b7c
The records of Local Board #7, Indianapolis were checked and it was determined that [redacted] BEY had registered under the Selective Service act and gave his date of birth as July 23, 1917. u

b7d
b2
Confidential Informant [redacted] further advised that [redacted] BEY and [redacted] BEY were contacted at which time [redacted] BEY advised Informant [redacted] that they were not negroes. She also informed [redacted] that BEY is a national name which they have added to their original names. She also advised [redacted] that the official greeting of the organization is "Islam Sister". u

b7d
b2
Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] EL and [redacted] EL of [redacted] Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that they had obtained their title of EL from the Zion Moorish Temple in 1935. u

b7c
On September 9, 1942, the writer checked the records of Local Board #2, Indianapolis, Indiana, and ascertained that [REDACTED] BEY of [REDACTED] Indianapolis, had registered with that board. At the time of his registration he stated that he was born on [REDACTED] and that he had three dependents: [REDACTED] BEY, his mother, [REDACTED] BEY, his wife, and [REDACTED] BEY, JR., his 6 year old son. u

On September 9, 1942, the writer checked the records of LB #5, Indianapolis, Indiana, and determined that ROBERT COSBY BEY of 1011 W. Walnut Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, had registered with that board. At the time of registration, this individual stated he was born on November 14, 1879 at Dixon Spring, Tennessee. He advised that he was employed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, and had one dependent, his wife COSBY BEY. u

A check of the records of Local Board #5, also revealed that VIRLIE AUSTIN BEY of 1044 W. Walnut Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, was registered with this board. According to his registration statement he was born on July 21, 1884, Marietta, Georgia. u

b7c
A check of these records also revealed the name of [REDACTED] BEY of [REDACTED] Indianapolis, Indiana, present Grand Shiek of the [REDACTED] organization. In his registration file he advised that he was born on [REDACTED] and is presently employed by [REDACTED] Indianapolis, Indiana. In his statement he also alleged that he had been ordained a minister by [REDACTED] BEY, S.G.A.M., 1104 Sedgewick Street, Chicago, Illinois. u

b7c
A check of the records of this board also revealed that [REDACTED] BEY of [REDACTED] Indianapolis, Indiana, was registered. His Selective Service file stated that he was born on [REDACTED] Louisville, Kentucky, and had as a dependent wife [REDACTED] BEY. u

b7c
On September 9, 1942, the writer checked the records of Local Board #6, Indianapolis, Indiana, and ascertained that [REDACTED] BEY of [REDACTED] Indianapolis, Indiana, had registered. At the time of his registration he advised that he was employed by the International Harvester Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, and listed as dependents [REDACTED] BEY, wife and 4 1/2 year old son, [REDACTED] BEY. u

b7c
On September 10, 1942, the writer checked the records of Local Board #7, Indianapolis, Indiana and determined that [REDACTED] BEY formerly of [REDACTED] Indianapolis, now of [REDACTED] Indiana, had registered with this board and stated that he was an ordained minister of the Moerish Science

b7c
Temple of America, having been so ordained by C. KIRKMAN BEY of Chicago, Illinois, on September 19, 1933. On his registration statement he stated that he was born on [REDACTED] and that he had one dependent [REDACTED] BEY, his wife. It was also determined from the records of Local Board #7, that [REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED] Indianapolis, Indiana, had registered. No further information was available at the present time. u

The records of Local Board #8, Indianapolis, Indiana, were checked and it was ascertained that the following so-called Moorish Americans had registered: u

[REDACTED] BEY

b7c [REDACTED] BEY u

[REDACTED] BEY

b7c The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on September 13, 1942. u

b7d
b7c
Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that he had been working with members of the cult of Moorish Science Temple of America, also known as Moorish Americans, for some time and had heard about that organization in South Bend as early as 1936. His impression was that according to his information they had been dormant from time to time since then. He stated that their faith is founded on parts of the Koran which are translated into English; that they have meetings every Friday night which are presided over by an Assistant Grand Sheik. u

The emblems which they have are a red flag with a blue six pointed star in the center. A shield with a blue crescent on a red background and a star inside the crescent. u

Each member is supposed to pay seventy-five cents per month or more if able. u

b7d
b2
[redacted] said they are all of a very poor low-class negro, most of whom were at one time employed on the W. P. A. He estimated the number of followers of this faith in South Bend at between seventy-five and one hundred. He stated they claimed to have descended from the Israelites who were lost in Africa in the middle ages. They have their own marriage ceremony which is performed after the regular state license is obtained; that they are apparently polygamists as indicated from their moral conduct, but he did not know of anything in their religion which advocated polygamy. u

The informant advised that he had heard rumors that this organization was in some respect inspired by Japanese, but he had no definite information along this line except that he did know they claimed sympathy and racial affiliation with all the darker races, preferring to be called "Olives" rather than negroes, believing that the term "negro" was a term invented by the white Americans to promote inferiority. u

b7d
b2
[redacted] also mentioned that there had been rumors that they advocated human sacrifices as a part of their religion, but he never knew of any facts to bear this out. The rumor cropped up on one occasion when an old man and member of the sect suddenly disappeared from town. It was said that he had been chosen for the next human sacrifice. u

b7d
b2
Confidential Informant [redacted] made available his files from which the following information was taken. u

b7d
b2
He stated personally that in dealing with members of this sect, they insisted vigorously that their tribal name follow their actual names on all documents, and that there are three tribes known to his office. Members of one of the tribes add to their names "Boy". Another tribe adds "El", and the other tribe adds "Allah". So far as [redacted] knew, there were no "Allah's" around South Bend. u

b7c
These files indicate that the leader of the sect is JESSE RICHARDSON, Boy, Assistant Grand Sheik, [redacted] He is a laborer formerly employed by the W. P. A. and is living with [redacted] who holds the position of Divine Minister, and, therefore, is entitled to conduct the marriage ceremony. Home conditions there are very bad. He was interviewed on one occasion, and stated that he had started the temple at South Bend with the help of the Grand Sheik from Chicago; that he came to South Bend in 1931 from Detroit; that he was born in North Carolina in

b7d
1885 and moved to Arkansas when he was two years old; that he joined the cult in Detroit in 1927. [REDACTED]

The marriage ceremony occupies about thirty minutes, which is followed by an all day celebration. According to the statements of members, the church does believe in monogamy. u

b7c
The temple is located at 517 South Scott Street, and is cared for by [REDACTED] EL, who live at [REDACTED]

There was evidence that the same organization exists in Gary, Indiana and that information had been developed there with respect to their beliefs indicating that they claim to be of Moroccan descent; that they are forbid even to eat pork unless no other meat is available; that they pray at sunrise or seven times a day, all prayers said facing the East; that on important occasions they wear Arabic costumes and fezzes; and that they are incorporated under the Illinois law, their national headquarters being at 930 Hudson Avenue Chicago, Illinois. u

Other members of the faith who had been contacted by the office of Informant [REDACTED] are listed as follows: u

[REDACTED] BEY; Wife [REDACTED] BEY; and daughter [REDACTED] BEY.

b7d
b2
[REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] who was living with but not married to [REDACTED] in extremely destitute circumstances. u

[REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] and their children [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] EL, and sister [REDACTED] EL. u

[REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] and wife [REDACTED] EL. u

[REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED]

These files contained a regular printed letterhead on which was set out the following: u

"Meetings every Friday and Sunday from 7:30 to 10:00 P. M.
Sunday School every Sunday afternoon 1 to 3 P.M. u

MORRISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA

NOBLE DREW ALI, Founder u

" Brother C. Kirkman Bey, Extreme Grand Adviser and Moderator
Home Office, 930 North Hudson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois" 4

In this letterhead, prominently displayed, was a star and crescent, under which was printed the word "Islam. In the center of the letterhead, there was a picture of a large human eye under which was printed the word "Allah". On the right hand side, there was a picture of two human hands joined in handshake under which was printed the word "Unity". 4

To these contacts it was made clear that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is not concerned with religious organizations or activities as such. 4

- PENDING -

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

b7c Will attempt to determine the activities of C. KIRKMAN - HEY
of [REDACTED]

LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

At Paducah, Kentucky

Will attempt to determine the present activities of the
Moorish Science Temple of America. u

INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At Indianapolis, Indiana

Will follow and report the activities of this organization. u

At Gary, Indiana

Will continue to report the activities of subject organization. u

- PENDING -

XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) b7d, b2 with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

- For your information: _____
- The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
65-25889-26 EP 10

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
DELETED PAGE(S)
NO DUPLICATION FEE
FOR THIS PAGE
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

0007457

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Kramer.....
Mr. McGuire.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....
Miss [unclear].....

NET:MFL
100-33742

November 18, 1942

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP (S) OF
DATE 10/11/80

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA
INTERNAL SECURITY (J)

Dear Sir:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] will be interviewed to ascertain if he can furnish any information relative to the activities and sympathies of this organization.

Copies of this report are being retained in the files of this case in the New York City Office for informational purposes.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/19/80 BY SP2 TAJ/...

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

COPIES DESTROYED
107 AUG 4 1964

DECLASSIFIED ON 11-13-80
BY SP-4 SPW/...

Enclosures (2)
CC-NY file 62-8295

RECORDED
&
INDEXED

62-25889-27
6 NOV 19 1942
EX-31



COPIES IN FILE
NOV 21 1942
N167

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) b7d, b7c with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies): _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

For your information: _____

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
62-11889-27 p 2

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

General Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
707 U. S. COURT HOUSE
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

11256

October 30, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA;
C. KIRKLAN BEY
INTERNAL SECURITY - J

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that under date of October 30, 1942, *b7c*
one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at
Kansas City, Missouri, August 7, 1942, was furnished to the Honor-
able GEORGE H. WEST, United States Attorney, Topeka, Kansas, upon
his request.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/19/80 BY SP2 TBP/um/loa/3

Yours truly

62-25889-28

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge



NCF:MAH
100-4692

*cc Smith
9/3/12*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
CASE ORIGINATED AT

KANSAS CITY

KS FILE NO. **100-4692**

PLACE MADE AT KANSAS CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 11-23-42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-14-42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c RB
TITLE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA; G. KIRKMAN BEY			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Twelve members of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Kansas City, Kansas, arrested for violation of the Selective Service Act on July 24, 1942. Complaints as to six members over forty-five years of age dismissed by United States Attorney at direction of Attorney General. Other six individuals indicted for Federal Grand Jury sitting at Kansas City, Kansas, November, 1942. [REDACTED] BEY, leader of the cult, thoroughly interviewed together with other cult members by United States Attorney in connection with investigation of Japanese infiltration among colored people and no evidence developed that [REDACTED] BEY counseled members of cult to evade provisions of Selective Service Act. Case discussed with United States Attorney concerning prosecution of [REDACTED] BEY and prosecution declined.

AGENCY
 REQ. REC'D
 REP'T FORW.
 BY

- C -

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Kansas City, August 7, 1942.
 Teletype to Chicago from Kansas City, November 16, 1942
 Kansas City letter to Bureau, October 28, 1942, captioned [REDACTED] BEY, ET AL, MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA.
 Bureau letter to Kansas City, November 6, 1942 (Bureau file 62-25889).

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 3/19/80 BY SP2 TAP/ [REDACTED]

DETAILS:

AT KANSAS CITY, KANSAS
 On July 24, 1942, [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] BEY,

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 62-25889-29 OVI 11-2, NIV/ [REDACTED] 12-24-42 - FNT/ [REDACTED]	INDEXED
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau 2 - Chicago 1 - USA Topeka 2 - Kansas City	NOV 27 1942	EX-31

b7c
[REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] EL, and [REDACTED] EL
were arrested for failure to register under the provisions of the Selective
Service Act. These individuals, however, were released by the United States
Attorney at Topeka, Kansas, upon order of the Attorney General since they
were over forty-five years of age.

By letter of October 28, 1942, the Bureau was advised with respect
to the dismissal of these complaints as follows:

b7c
"Reference is made to report of Special Agent [REDACTED] of this
office dated July 28, 1942 in each of the above captioned cases. It will be
noted from a review of Agent [REDACTED] report that these Subjects, members
of the Moorish Science Temple of America, were arrested on a Commissioner's
Warrant at Kansas City, Kansas on July 24, 1942 for failure to register for
Selective Service.

Under date of August 24, 1942 a letter was received from the
Honorable GEORGE H. WEST, United States Attorney, Topeka, Kansas, advising
that he had been instructed by Mr. WENDELL BERGE, Assistant United States
Attorney General to immediately register each of the above captioned Subjects
and effect their release from Federal custody since they came within the
fourth registration, registrants from fortyfive to sixtyfive, and should
be dealt with in accordance with Departmental Circular 3421, supplement #8,
dated May 5, 1942.

Upon receipt of this letter from Mr. WEST, he was advised under
date of August 26, 1942 that all of these Subjects had been contacted on
June 16, 1942 at which time it was found they failed to register and they
were at that time admonished to register for Selective Service with their
Local Board.

On June 18, 1942 a letter was directed to Brigadier General M. E.
McLEAN, Director of Selective Service at Topeka, Kansas advising him of the
fact these Subjects had not registered and calling his attention to the
fact that some of them would fall within the provisions of the fourth
registration.

Under date of June 20, 1942, the following communication was received
from Brigadier General M. E. McLEAN:

"This is in reply to the letter of June 18, 1942, from Mr. Dwight
Brantley, Special Agent in Charge of your Office, to the State Director of
Selective Service with reference to the "Moorish Science Temple of America,"

Local Boards Nos. 2 and 4 of Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kansas are being
requested to lay the required groundwork for prosecution of the parties

residing within their respective board areas, who appear to be nonregistrant delinquents.

After receipt of the letter from the State Director of Selective Service this office waited thirty days, after which a check was made with Local Boards 2 and 4 of Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kansas to ascertain if any of the members of this religious cult had submitted themselves for registration and upon being informed that none of them had, the facts in this case were again discussed with the office of the United States Attorney, with Assistant LESTER LUTHER, who authorized the filing of complaints with the United States Commissioner at Kansas City, Kansas in order that they might be taken into custody, for the violation of the Selective Service Act of 1940.

b7c On October 2, 1942 United States Attorney WEST again contacted this office and advised that he had received further instructions from the Attorney General to immediately register these Subjects and release them. Mr. WEST stated that he had ordered Deputy United States Marshal [redacted] to register Subjects in accordance with the instructions of the Attorney General and release them but that when [redacted] attempted to register these Subjects, they refused to furnish him with any information and stated that it was against their religious convictions to register. Mr. WEST requested the cooperation of this office in this matter and stated that he would appreciate it if a Special Agent could proceed to the Wyandotte County Jail and witness the refusal of these Subjects to register for Selective Service when requested to do so by [redacted].

b7c In accordance with the request of United States Attorney WEST, Special Agent [redacted] of this office proceeded to the Wyandotte County Jail on October 2, 1942 at which time he interviewed each of these Subjects in the presence of Deputy United States Marshal [redacted] and advised them that if they would submit to registration for Selective Service at that time their release would be authorized by the Attorney General of the United States.

b7c Each of the above Subjects was asked individually if he would register and each replied that he could not as it was against his religion. [redacted] BEY was questioned as to whether or not he had a son who was registered for Selective Service and stated that if he did, it was against his wishes. [redacted] BEY was then asked if [redacted] was his son and he replied he was and that the Government was looking for his son and he hoped they would never find him. [redacted] is the Subject of a Selective Service Case in this office, having been reported delinquent to this office by his Local Board at Kansas City, Kansas.

b7c Special Agent [redacted] has advised me that these Subjects appear to be as well ignorant toward the Service Service and Training Act of 1940 as they did at the time when they were originally interviewed by him in June of 1942.

b7c On October 22, 1942 United States Attorney WEST again advised he had received an additional communication from the Attorney General dated October 20, 1942 directing that the above named Subjects be registered by the United States Marshal and released immediately. Mr. WEST stated that he directed [redacted] United States Marshal for the State of Kansas to comply with the orders of the Attorney General but that when an attempt was made to register these Subjects on October 24 they refused to furnish any information which would enable the Marshal to register them and when their registration cards were completed from the information available from the jail's records that each refused to take their Selective Service Certificates with them at the time of their release from the Wyandotte County Jail in Kansas City, Kansas."

b7c On October, 1942, the following members of this cult, who were arrested at the same time as the individuals mentioned above, were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, sitting at Kansas City, Kansas: [redacted] EL, [redacted] BEY, SR., [redacted] BEY, [redacted] BEY, JR., [redacted] BEY, and [redacted] EL.

b7c [redacted] BEY is the leader of this cult of negroes in Kansas City, Kansas, and at the time of the arrest of the male members of this cult, no information was obtained reflecting that [redacted] BEY counseled them to evade the provisions of the Selective Service Law.

b7c This case was discussed with United States Attorney GEORGE H. WEST, Topeka, Kansas, who stated that at the recent sitting of the Federal Grand Jury inquiry was made concerning Japanese infiltration among colored groups and that [redacted] BEY as well as members of this negro cult were questioned by him, particularly concerning their beliefs toward the Selective Service law. Mr. WEST stated that [redacted] BEY denied that she had counseled these cult members to evade the law, stating that it was merely their religion. The various cult members who were arrested were also questioned and all of them stated that their refusal to comply with the Selective Service law was their own personal conviction based upon religious belief and that [redacted] BEY did not counsel nor influence them. Accordingly, Mr. WEST stated that successful prosecution against [redacted] BEY could not be maintained.

In view of the fact there apparently is no activity in the Moorish Science Temple of America at Kansas City, Kansas, at the present time of a subversive nature this case is being placed in a closed status by the Kansas City Field Division.

b7c The Chicago Field Division has been advised to disregard the lead set forth in reference report of Special Agent [redacted] Kansas City, Kansas.

It is to be commented that the investigation of this case did not disclose that the Moorish Science Temple of America, located at Kansas City, Kansas, was promoted by or influence by any Japanese representative.

- CLOSED -

0007453

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CONFIDENTIAL

168

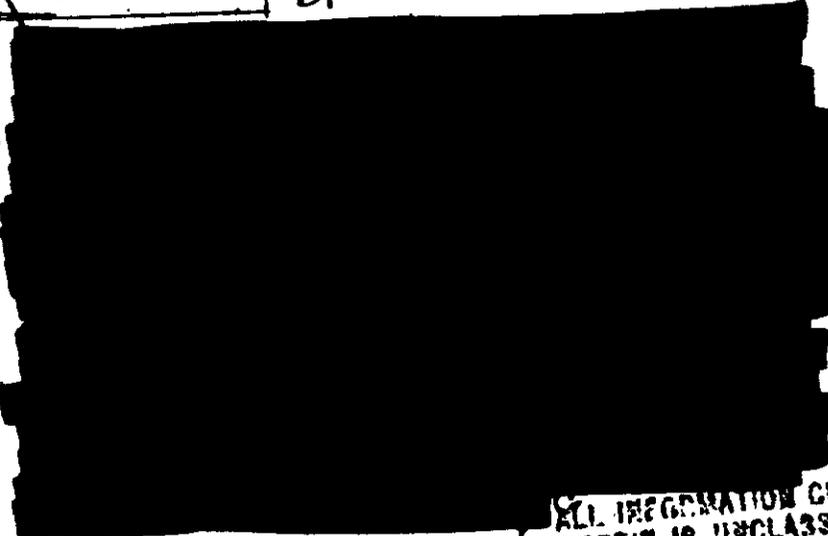
ORIGIN

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

DETROIT FILE NO. 100-6603

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE MADE 11/12/42	PERIOD 8/2, 11, 19, 20, 22; 9/2, 4, 6, 11, 12, 14, 15, 19, 24, 28, 30; 10/1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 12, 15, 16, 22, 28, 29; 11/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9/42	MADE BY b7c
TITLE COLONEL C. BERMAN BEY, with aliases William Kirkland Bey, Bill Kirkland "Frog Eyes"; DAVIS BEAL with aliases E. Davis; El. M. Davis		CHARACTER INTERNAL SECURITY - J CUSTODIAL DETENTION SEDITION	
MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA		CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-4 TAP/SM/ONS REASON FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 2, 3 DATE OF REVIEW 3/19/80	

SYNOPSIS:



AGENCY RECEIVED
RES. REC'D -
REP'T FORW. 8-6-42
DATE 11/11/80
BY [Signature]

11-1-380
CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-4 TAP/SM/ONS
REASON FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 2, 3
DATE OF REVIEW 11-1-80

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 1-13-80 BY SP-4 SPN/kal
DETAILS: [Redacted]

to the effect that he knew of persons who have joined a society known as the Black Dragon group. He advised that the regular meeting place of this organization was 9316 Oakland Avenue, Detroit,

APP & Fwd. [Signature] SAC Do not write in these spaces
62-25889-30

- | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 5-Bureau | 2-Louisville | 1-MID(Detroit) | INDEXED
3172 |
| 2-Kansas City | 2-New York City | 2-ONI (Detroit & Great Lakes) | |
| 2-Knoxville | 2-Newark | 4-Detroit | 9 NOV 16 1942 |
| 2-Chicago | 2-Philadelphia | 1-All other of cont. USA. | |
| 2-Cleveland | 2-Richmond | | |
| 2-Indianapolis | 2-St. Louis | | |

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

0007453

Detroit File 100-6603

CONFIDENTIAL

b7d

Michigan, and that the secretary's name was [redacted] address unknown [redacted] recently has talked of withdrawing, but that she was reminded by other members that if she did she would have to commit suicide according to the oath she took upon joining. u

b7d

[redacted] had given him this information and [redacted] was a colored man who was a member of this club and friendly with [redacted] He stated that a number of the persons who apparently belonged to the Black Dragon society were also air raid wardens and were in an excellent position in his opinion to commit sabotage on the communication section in the event of invasion. u

b7d

[redacted] that he had information regarding the organizing of the Negroes by the Japanese to fight against the United States if the United States is attacked by Japan. He advised that [redacted] colored, employed by the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan, had told him that he had heard Negroes talking and that they had mentioned attending meetings which advocated that the Negroes rise against the United States. u

b7d
b2

[redacted] this office that there was a Black Legion which was a Negro organization and that a friend of his had attended one of the meetings and that at this meeting the speaker had stated that it would be better if HITLER took over this country as the Americans give the Negroes no freedom. He stated also that the speaker, whose name was unknown to him, stated that it was time the Negroes changed doctors - that the Negroes should change from Doctor White to Doctor Brown, meaning that the Negroes should change from the white man, referred to as Doctor White, to the Japanese, referred to as Doctor Brown. He stated that his friend had told him that at this meeting place there was a goorman on guard at the head of the steps at the meeting place, 9316 Oakland Avenue, and that there was a white light on the platform which the guard at the door operated by pushing a button when an undesirable came to the meetings.

b1

[redacted]

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

b1 [REDACTED]

b1 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b1 [REDACTED]

Informant stated that he did not know the name of the man who addressed the meeting at this time. He further stated that by means of a signal system, consisting of various lights, the speaker can be warned and accordingly can change the tone of his remarks. He advised that other

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

meeting places were located on Russell Street between Alger and Holbrook and on Hastings Street near the Castle Theater. Informant advised that he would be glad to join this organization in order to obtain the desired information.

The memorandum containing the above information is being retained in the Detroit file.

DI [REDACTED] 2
"This is a white card with a red rim around it and reads as follows:

"Upper left hand corner three quarter moon with a star in the upper center with the word Islam under it. In the center upper of the card are two hands clasped with the word Unity over them. In the upper right hand corner is a black circle with the figure 7 in it and the word Allah under it.

b1 [REDACTED] c
"The first line reads Age 45 1942. Under this are the words

"Beneath this the card reads as follows:

"This is your nationality and identification card for the Moorish Science Temple of America, and Birthrights for the Moorish Americans, etc. We honor all the Divine Prophets, Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha and Confucius. May the blessings of the God of our Father Allah, be upon you that carry this card. I do hereby declare that you are a Moslem under the Divine Laws of the Holy Koran of Mecca. Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice. 'I AM A CITIZEN of the U.S.A.

"NOBLE DREW ALI, The Prophet, 1104 Sedgwick St. Chicago, Illinois.

"There is also a blue, round pin made of culluloid with a three quarter gold moon and a star in the upper right hand corner of the moon. Above the moon in red letters are the initials M. A. Under the moon in red letters is the word Allah.

Photographs of the card and pin are being retained in the Detroit file and one of the original pins is being retained in the file.

- 4 - **CONFIDENTIAL**

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) b1 with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

- For your information: _____
- The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
62-25889-30 ep 5

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
DELETED PAGE(S)
NO DUPLICATION FEE
FOR THIS PAGE
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

CONFIDENTIAL

[REDACTED]

September 20, 1942, according to this organization, is the beginning of the New Year. Informant stated that at Christmas Time the Negro members of this organization did not celebrate by Christmas trees or Christmas wreaths as it is not the Moslem's Christmas. He further stated that BEAL had told him that there is a Moorish Home being built in West Virginia for the old people and for the children and that there was going to be a convention of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE in Chicago, Illinois, from September 16 to September 20, 1942. He further advised that [REDACTED] told him that he [REDACTED] expected to be interned by the white man as were the Jews in Germany.

Notes taken from the Informant are being retained in the Detroit file.

Informant further advised the writer that [REDACTED] married [REDACTED] and then deserted him and her four children for one [REDACTED] lives in North Detroit and has a brother [REDACTED] who is a WPA band leader. He stated that [REDACTED] promised [REDACTED] that he would take her to Japan, but on arriving at New York she found that he had a wife there and also a wife in Japan and that the two were colored women and did not know about one another. He stated that [REDACTED] grandmother is buying a home on Greeley in Detroit and that he would get this address later. He stated that there is another meeting place under another name at St. Antoine and Canfield in Detroit and that the fee to join is \$1 and the dues are 50¢ a month. He said that this organization asked for \$5 donations each month for the Moorish Home where they claim all of them will be interned because "they won't fight." He further stated that there is a movement called the Development of Our Own which means the same as the Moslem organization.

[REDACTED]

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

b1

[REDACTED]

b1

[REDACTED]

Notes on this interview are being retained in the Detroit file.

The Informant further advised that there was another Moslem temple in either Ecorse or River Rouge, Michigan, and that he would locate this address later.

b7d

On October 25, 1942, the writer went to 368 Salliette Road, River Rouge, Michigan, with the Informant and the Informant entered this address at 8:00 p.m. on the above-mentioned date and stayed at a meeting until 10:00 p.m. when the writer again picked him up. This was a small building approximately 70' x 50' and the writer noted that the windows are partially covered, but that there was a large crowd of Negroes inside. The Informant upon leaving stated that the [REDACTED] had been in attendance and that all they had talked about was that the Negroes were Israelites and that the white people were Gentiles and that this was a Gentile war and not a war for the Israelites and that the Negroes should not take part in it. The name of this church is the Spiritual Israel Church. Informant advised that the members in this church do not use the names as used in the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA and stated that he dropped his membership card on the floor in this temple and that somebody picked it up and did not say anything to him although he said that they read the card before returning it to him. He stated that these people do not dress as the people in the church of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE, but that he was of the opinion that it was connected with the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. He advised that [REDACTED] EL [REDACTED] the temple at 9316 Oakland Avenue [REDACTED]

the temple is located. There is also, he stated, one [REDACTED] HEY who lives directly across the street from this temple. He said that the majority of members whom he has talked to stated that they will not fight for the United States, but the Informant was unable to give the writer any names

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

of members other than the last names being BEY or EL.

b7d Informant stated that there was a member by the name of [redacted] who uses the name of [redacted] who is employed by the [redacted]. He said that this man is now a spiritualist preacher and wanted him to follow the ways of members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE. Informant advised that the teachings of this organization are that the white man brought the Negro from Africa years ago although the teachers stated that the Negro was not a Negro but an Asiatic and that the white man enslaved him and gave him his surname and that the Negro, or Asiatic's, real surname was BEY or EL or some other Arabic name. He stated that the authorities in the temple apparently make up these names, but they impress on the Negroes that they know from supernatural powers what the Negro's correct surname was from his forbears in Asia. The Negro, the Informant advised, keeps his surname and adds the name of BEY or EL to the surname although sometimes the Moslems use other Arabic names. He stated that the Koran is the Bible that the Negroes use and that the favorite preaching is that the Japanese will take over America and will not touch members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. He stated that the speakers claim that at the right time the Japanese will have a supply ship near to America where all the Negroes who are members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA can get arms to rise up against the white people and also that the Japanese would know the Negroes by their Asiatic names and would not harm them.

b7d Informant stated that as far as he can ascertain a Japanese by the name of [redacted] who was married to a colored woman by the name of [redacted] was instrumental in starting this organization.

b7c The writer talked with [redacted] of the 13th precinct regarding a possible meeting place for the Moslems in the vicinity of Canfield and St. Antoine and the Licutenant advised that there was some kind of a church in the rear of 545 Canfield Street where Negroes met on certain occasions and he advised that he would try to ascertain what went on there. [redacted] that eight or nine years ago there had been some sort of a Moslem sacrifice in Detroit and stated that he believed this took place near police headquarters and that the temple where it had taken place was in the 9th precinct. The writer talked with [redacted] in charge of detectives, and he advised that he had been watching the address of 9316 Oakland Avenue, which is in his precinct, as there had been numerous meetings there of some kind of a Moslem sect and he stated that so far they had had no trouble. He advised that about eight or nine years ago he believed in 1934, a man had been sacrificed in one of the Negro temples downtown and he stated that the Homicide Squad had a record of this.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

2/22
1/13
b7d
70
12
 [redacted] stated that he had information that
 a [redacted] a Negro teacher and minister who resided at [redacted]
 [redacted] was mixed up in the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA and also
 the Development of Our Own. He stated that from various Negro informants he
 understood that there are only about 2000 members in Michigan, but that he
 had no way of verifying this. He stated that he had heard that the MOORISH
 SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA was definitely pro-Japanese, but the Sergeant ad-
 vised that he did not know who had told him this. He added that he would keep
 his eye on things going on at the temple address.

b7d
 [redacted]

b3
b7d
 [redacted]

b7d
 [redacted]

b7d
 [redacted]

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

b7d
[REDACTED]

b7d
[REDACTED]

b7d
[REDACTED]

b7d
The writer talked again with [REDACTED] of the 9th precinct regarding the occupants of the store below the temple on Oakland Avenue and it was ascertained that this store, called the United Food Specialty Company, is operated by one [REDACTED]

b7d
The writer has not yet contact [REDACTED] inasmuch as the writer does not wish to be seen in the neighborhood because the majority of the Negroes in this neighborhood are Moslems and the neighborhood is almost entirely Negro.

b7d
The writer talked with [REDACTED] who was mentioned to this office by [REDACTED] that he is employed by the Dodge Plant on Lynch Road [REDACTED] covering the block on which the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE is located at 9310 Oakland Avenue. [REDACTED] 9312 Oakland and that he met many of the Negroes who were members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE and that they wanted him to join, but that he told them what he thought of the organization [REDACTED] these Negroes were all afraid of him. He advised that the doorman of this organization is one [REDACTED] and that he is a fanatic and is very anti-white, as are all of the members of the Moslem organization. He stated that he knows one [REDACTED] and that this woman was a member of the temple [REDACTED]

CONFIDENTIAL

Detroit File 100-6603

and believes that she still is. [REDACTED]

b7d [REDACTED] He stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] she wanted to get out of the organization and he does not know whether she got out or not.

b7c The writer talked with [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, and the informant advised the writer that he would be only too glad to assist this office in anyway possible. Informant joined the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA [REDACTED] and attended a meeting at this temple, 9316 Oakland Avenue, on [REDACTED]

The following information was obtained in a statement from the Informant in his own handwriting and is being quoted in part as follows (the original statement is being retained in the Detroit file):

b7d [REDACTED]

b7d [REDACTED]

b7d [REDACTED]

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) b7d with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies): _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

For your information: _____

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
62-25529-30 2p 12

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

CONFIDENTIAL

b7d [REDACTED]

The Informant stated that as mentioned above he could not make sense out of this and in talking to other members they were also unable to make sense out of it although they tried to explain it to him. He said that their main object is to teach hate for the white man and to show that the white man should be driven out of America which is a land that the Japanese will give to the Negro when the Japanese conquer this country.

b7d, b7c On [REDACTED] advised that the Moslems had a big gathering on Oakland Avenue which lasted all day and until 2:00 a.m. on October 11, 1942. He stated that he was there for several hours and that the temple was continually crowded with people coming and going - all black, of course - and that he could not estimate how many were there other than he believed there were better than 1,000 persons. He stated that one of the persons was [REDACTED] REY from South Bend, Indiana, whom he talked with and that another person was [REDACTED] REY from the Flint temple. He stated that this temple was located on [REDACTED] Hawey Street, Flint, Michigan.

[REDACTED] Another person whom he stated attended this meeting was [REDACTED] REY, [REDACTED] Toledo, Ohio. He also stated that there were a number of Negroes there from Chicago, Illinois.

b7d The writer, while on other business at the juvenile court in Detroit, talked with [REDACTED] of the Welfare Board of Wayne County. [REDACTED] he had received information that there were a number of Negro Moslems living at 9316 Oakland Avenue and that these Moslems were making pro-Japanese remarks. He stated that he was curious about this as several of these Negro families whose names he did not have at that time had been on the welfare and he stated that he made a slight check and ascertained that [REDACTED] was the mother-in-law of one [REDACTED]. He stated that he understood that this [REDACTED] was also known as [REDACTED] but that he could be mistaken and that it could be two different men. He stated that these Negroes are all well dressed and that from information he gathered the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE supports itself solely from contributions of members. He stated that he had ascertained that a [REDACTED] owned this property and that she collected a monthly rent of \$105 from either [REDACTED] or from one [REDACTED] who is believed

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

b7d [redacted] EL who resides in the temple and is the Grand Sheik.

b7c
b7d Information was received that [redacted] at the U. S. Rubber Company, Detroit, Michigan, had information that there were a number of pro-Japanese Negroes working at the Rubber Company who were members of a Negro organization that was pro-Japanese. The writer talked with [redacted] that there were a number of Negroes who were anti-white and pro-Japanese, but that none of these men belonged to any organizations such as the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, Development of Our Own, etc. u

b7d
b7c [Contact [redacted] that he would continue to conduct investigation to ascertain if any of these pro-Japanese Negroes belonged to any Negro organizations in town. Information given by the Contact regarding Negroes who were pro-Japanese is being put in the Detroit file entitled "PRO-JAPANESE TENDENCIES AMONG NEGROES.....INTERNAL SECURITY - J," Detroit file 100-8113. u

b7d
b7c [Contact [redacted] that he was very much interested in members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA who were presently working in plants producing material for the United States Army and Navy Departments. He advised that he had information that one KIRKLAND, alias "Frog Eyes," a Negro from Chicago, was a contact man for the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA and that this man drove a small car or panel truck with Illinois tags between Chicago, Flint and Detroit distributing propoganda. He stated that he had received information that there were approximately 400 members of this temple in Flint, Michigan, and that they were pro-Japanese. He stated that the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA located in Flint is at 3215 1/2 Industrial Avenue. [Information was received from Confidential Informant [redacted] that there was a Moorish-American Negro club at 3215 1/2 Industrial Avenue, Flint, Michigan, and that the president of this club was one [redacted] BEY and that the vice president was [redacted]

At Flint, Michigan:

b7d
b7c [Confidential Informant [redacted] that [redacted] at the Buick Motor Company, had been attacked in September by five Negroes and badly beaten and that they had told him that this was what they were going to do to all white people. [Confidential Informant [redacted] believed that these persons were members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. [redacted] that he was attacked on September 25, 1941, but stated that these Negroes had made no mention of beating him up because he was a white man. He stated that he had put one [redacted] out of the Buick plant because of his drinking and that later on on the evening of the 25 [redacted] and four other Negroes had jumped on him and had beaten him and told him that

CONFIDENTIAL

b7d was what he got for throwing [redacted] out of the plant. He again advised that the Negroes had made no mention whatsoever of beating up any white persons. He further stated that he had heard of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, but did not know any Negroes in the plant who were members of that organization. u

b7d [redacted] Contact [redacted] that officials at the Buick plant knew of Negro relations being strained and stated that he was positive this was because of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. u

b7d The writer talked with [redacted] and [redacted] both of the Buick Motor Company, and these men advised that they had heard of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, but did not know of any Negroes in the plant who belonged to this organization although [redacted] said that he could look it up in his personnel sheets and ascertain what Negroes used the names of BEY and EL. He stated that he did recall that there were some Negroes who had the above-mentioned last names, but that inasmuch as he had many thousands of employees it would be difficult for him to go through the lists as they were not filed alphabetically by the names of BEY or EL but rather by the middle name which in reality would be the Negro's last name. Both of the above men mentioned that there had been considerable agitation between the Negroes and the whites, but that in recent weeks this agitation seemed to be dying down. u

b7d [Large redacted block]

Detroit File 100-6603

CONFIDENTIAL

b7d [REDACTED]

The above memorandum is being retained in the Detroit file.

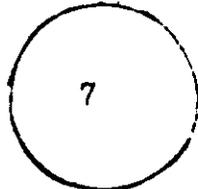
[REDACTED] that he would give information only to the F.B.I. concerning the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA in Flint. He advised that very shortly another temple of the above-mentioned cult will be opened in Flint and that he has received information that one [REDACTED] BEY, who is mentioned as the assistant to [REDACTED] will be the leader of this new temple. He advised that these Negroes are very pro-Japanese and that one of the Negroes has a Japanese flag in his home. He advised that they meet in Flint on Friday and Sunday evenings and there are approximately 85 members. He advised that the average age of the group is about 45. He stated that the two strongest members in Flint are [REDACTED] EL [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] L [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the writer that he had just obtained a magazine entitled "THE MOORISH VOICE" published by the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. He exhibited this magazine to the writer and stated that he had to return it very shortly. He advised, however, that he would soon be subscribing to this magazine. The writer observed this magazine closely and on the cover it read as follows:

MOORISH VOICE

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA

PROPHET NOBLE DREW ALI
Founder



COL. C. KIRKMAN BEY
Supreme Grand
Advisor and
Moderator

AUGUST
Vol. 2 #13

1942
Price - 10 cents

Picture of a one-story house with fence and eight windows.

CONFIDENTIAL

This issue is dedicated to the Birthday Anniversary of our Supreme Grand Advisor and Moderator, Col. C. Kirkman Bey (with alias Frog Eyes)

A celebration was held at this Home by Negroes from various temples on July 4, 1942. The magazine reflects that Sister N. BOONE EL, 1408 Sherman Street, Anderson, Indiana, sells photographs of KIRKMAN BEY. F. NELSON BEY and F. HARRISON BEY are listed as being in charge of the Moorish National Home at Prince George, Virginia. Lieutenant Colonel M. ABULLAH, with alias, Lieutenant Colonel ALI of New York City, and MALONE BEY, address unknown, I. COOK BEY of Chicago, W. DAVIS EL of Detroit, G. BARKER BEY of Gary, Indiana, T. BRADLEY EL of Chicago - temple 33 in Philadelphia Pennsylvania, were leaders at the convention at Prince George, Virginia, on July 4, 1942. There was also driven to this convention the Moorish national truck referred to in the magazine as "Big Bertha." This truck was driven from Chicago and it is believed to be used to transport members between various cities to meetings and other functions of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE. u

Information received from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, reflects in a report dated September 5, 1942, through September 12, 1942, that one [redacted] BEY is the Grand Sheik of Temple 8 in Detroit and that Temple 4 in Detroit is located on Frederick Street west of Hastings. It is also reflected that at 1447 Illinois Place there is a meeting place of the Ala Temple of Islam and also that [redacted] EL, [redacted] is leader of #4 temple in Detroit. From all indications and from informants it is believed that the Islam temples above-mentioned are connected with and are believed to be the same as the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AFRICA. u

Confidential Informant [redacted] that [redacted] BEY, [redacted] is a fanatic and very strongly anti-white. u

[redacted] of the Army Air Corps stationed at the Ford River Rouge plant advised the writer that he is very much interested in Negroes who are members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AFRICA who are employed at the Ford plant. He advised that one [redacted] [redacted] and is employed in the aircraft division of the Ford Motor Company, went by train almost every week end to Chicago, Illinois, and Baldwin, Michigan. He stated that he is of the opinion that this man is with a Japanese organization and that this man reads the Racial Digest. It will be noted that the Racial Digest is published in Detroit and is a Negro magazine closely resembling the Readers Digest and is very pro-Negro. u

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

b7d [redacted] at the air-craft building, advised that [redacted] made the statement that now is the time for all colored persons to get what they want and also that this man stated that he thought it was very wrong that the Japanese were stopped from coming into Dearborn. It will be noted that several months ago several young Japanese were coming into Dearborn to live and the Dearborn city council ruled that they did not want any Japanese, either aliens or American citizens, living in Dearborn. The Japanese who were coming in were American citizens of Japanese ancestry. [redacted] also allegedly stated, according to [redacted] that the colored race will soon rule and that by colored race he meant the Japanese. u

b7d [redacted] that [redacted] colored, [redacted] was active in the Onward Movement of America and that this man resided at [redacted]. The Onward Movement of America is believed to be connected with the Development of Our Own, both of which movements are closely connected with if not a part of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. [redacted] that he had received information that [redacted] colored, [redacted] was very anti-white. He stated that this man also uses the name of [redacted] who works with [redacted] advised that [redacted] offered [redacted] another colored employee who resides at [redacted] guns, saying that he could purchase guns for any man at the plant. He also told [redacted] that Japan will arm India and they will both come over to the United States after that. He further allegedly told [redacted] that a Japanese paper called the Nitchi Nitchi, which was printed in English, was being distributed in Detroit. u

b7c [redacted] and [redacted] both stated that they had never heard of the paper called the Nitchi Nitchi. ^{10K40} NICHU NICHU SHIMBUN

At Ferndale, Michigan:

b7c b1 b2 b7d The writer talked with [redacted] chief of the Ferndale Detective Bureau, and he accompanied the writer to Royal Oak Township which is a suburb of Ferndale and just across the Dearborn-Ferndale line on West Eight Mile Road. [redacted] advised [redacted] and the writer that there had formerly been a movement of Moorish Americans in that settlement, which is known as Royal Oak Township, but that most of these persons had gradually dropped out of the organization. He advised that [redacted] had formerly been known as "JESUS" and that he was a very fanatic person and that he had once been known as head of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE in Royal Oak Township. It will be noted that this township is all Negro [redacted] home on [redacted] was observed and it is approximately 30 to 40 feet from the street and is almost completely cut off from the street by closely grown trees and shrubbery. In the windows of this house are numerous

CONFIDENTIAL

b7d
b7
pieces of paper and stars and half moons. [redacted] that he had heard that [redacted] was going to build a secret room on the back of his house. It will be noted that this is a frame house and it is believed that it would be extremely difficult to build a secret room onto this residence.

b1
[redacted]

At Detroit, Michigan:

b7d
[redacted]

b7d
[redacted]

b7d
[redacted]

b1
[redacted]

XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) b1 with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

- For your information: _____
- The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
62-25889-30 RP 20

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
DELETED PAGE(S)
NO DUPLICATION FEE
FOR THIS PAGE
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

CONFIDENTIAL

b1 [REDACTED]

b1 [REDACTED]

b7c The writer talked with Chief [REDACTED] of the River Rouge Police Department and he advised that there were a number of Negroes in River Rouge and that he had heard rumors that they were meeting in connection with the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, but that he did not know where they were meeting unless it was at a spiritualist church, which was known as the Spritual Israel Church, 368 Salliette, River Rouge, Michigan. u

b7d Chief [REDACTED] however, that one of his [REDACTED] was a fairly reliable [REDACTED] officer and knows the Negro set up pretty well. The writer talked with [REDACTED] and he advised that there did not appear to be any particular pro-Japanese feeling among the Negroes in River Rouge, but stated that he understood the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA was meeting in the church on Salliette Road. He stated that the Development of Our Own had swept the community in 1934, but that it had died down when [REDACTED] had been arrested. He stated that at that time most of the Negroes had high-powered rifles, but that he understood that the majority of them had sold them since [REDACTED] arrest. He said that after [REDACTED] was arrested his wife [REDACTED] took over the Development of Our Own and raised the dues and that most of the Negroes quit the organization as they believed it to be a racket. He stated that the regular preacher for the Spiritual Israel Church is Reverend El [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that he would keep his eyes open and would report immediately anything that came to his attention. u

b7d The writer later talked with [REDACTED] of the 9th precinct again and he advised that he believed that [REDACTED] was presently living at [REDACTED] Detroit, Michigan. u

At Mount Clemens, Michigan:

b7d b7c The writer talked with [REDACTED] who the writer had been advised by the Michigan State Police was an American citizen and very patriotic and headed the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE which was operating in Mount Clemens. [REDACTED] that one [REDACTED] who is employed in [REDACTED] the Ford foundry, was the head

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

b7d
of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE in Mount Clemens. He advised that [redacted] was formerly a Baptist minister, but had left this faith for the Moorish faith and that he was very anti-white and pro-Japanese. He stated that the Moorish temple was a small one-story red brick building located off East Gratiot Avenue on Fourteen Mile Road about one mile from Gratiot. u

b7d
b7c
The writer accompanied by [redacted] drove to the vicinity of the temple and found that it was on the north east corner of Fourteen Mile Road and Gate Street. The Informant advised that [redacted] resided on [redacted] and that he was the Grand Sheik of the organization and that one [redacted] living on [redacted] which [redacted] was the secretary. He stated that there were approximately 50 to 60 members and most of them resided in the close proximity of the Moorish temple. He stated that [redacted] was against drafting men to go into the armed forces and was always very happy when Japan won a victory, making such remarks as: "See now what our brown brothers are doing to the white devils." He stated that these Moslems met at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons and that it was his opinion that none of these Moslems had firearms in their homes, but there was a possibility that they might. He again repeated that the favorite remark of [redacted] was: "See now what our brown boys are doing," meaning the Japanese. u

b7c
The writer talked with members of the sheriff's office and the police department in Mount Clemens and none of them were acquainted with [redacted] although both departments stated they had heard [redacted] name mentioned. u

b7d
b7c
[redacted] that [redacted] correct name was [redacted] and that he went by the name of [redacted] EL and [redacted] Informant stated that his correct address was [redacted] and that he was employed by the Ford Motor Company. Informant had no further information regarding [redacted] u

At Detroit, Michigan:

b7c
The writer was contacted telephonically by [redacted] of the Chrysler Corporation, East Jefferson Avenue, who advised that he had information regarding pro-Japanese Negroes at the Chrysler plant. u

b7c
b7d
At the Chrysler plant the writer interviewed [redacted] he introduced him to [redacted] that one [redacted] who is a decorator, colored, now living in River Rouge, was a member of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE. u

CONFIDENTIAL

b7d
 He stated that [redacted] home address was not known by him, but that [redacted] had attempted to get him to join this organization and that he did not approve of it as he was a loyal American citizen and thought the white people were all right, although [redacted] told him that the white people were no good and that the Japanese would give America back to the Negroes. In conversation with [redacted] it was apparent that he was sincere in his remarks and [redacted] did advise the writer that [redacted] was a very reliable Negro. [redacted] that he did attempt to join this organization, but has so far been unsuccessful. [redacted] that [redacted] told him that there were approximately 10,000 in Detroit and that a number of these members were East Indians. u

b7d
 [redacted] told the Informant that this organization had meeting places in Cleveland, Chicago, Boston, New York, Philadelphia and other large northern cities. The writer had received a memorandum from [redacted] the Chrysler Corporation in Highland Park, which was in regard to [redacted] as a possible source of information. This memorandum advised that [redacted] stated that [redacted] resided at [redacted] and had invited [redacted] to join and that the name of the organization was the WMSMC Club. The memorandum further reflects [redacted] that he had gone to a meeting which was a mixed crowd of white and colored people and there were about 70 present. He stated that there was a white man on the platform wearing a flowing robe with a hood over his head and his face exposed. [redacted] that, according to [redacted] the capitalistic system kept the Negro and the poor white man down and that a change would take place. This man, so [redacted] made the remark that "We are God and we are going to rule. We have power and we are with Hitler 100 per cent and Hitler is with us. We have contact every week with Hitler and the Japanese and they are with us. We are getting stronger every week and we will take the United States like they took Pearl Harbor. We are going over the top in August. We are going to be the rulers of the United States." u

b7d
 [redacted] that he met [redacted] later and she told him there would be a meeting at 623 Maybury Avenue. The writer talked with [redacted] regarding this and [redacted] that he had attended a meeting, but that he did not remember the address and that the name sounded something like WMSMC although he was not sure of this. When questioned regarding the hooded man he stated that as he recalled it the man was hooded but that he did not recall very clearly. He stated that he would give the information furnished this office by [redacted] to [redacted] and that the white man may have made the remarks that were in the memorandum to this office from [redacted] but he could not say definitely. He stated that he had met [redacted] and she told him about the meeting on Maybury Avenue. This man is believed to be reliable although his memory is very poor. u

There was at one time an Islam temple in the vicinity

CONFIDENTIAL

of 623 Maybury. Investigation is now being conducted regarding this temple to ascertain if it is in any way connected with the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. The temple on Maybury was raided by agents of this office as set out in Detroit file [redacted] entitled [redacted]SELECTIVE SERVICE." u

[redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that the Producers and Consumers Market located on Eight Mile Road near Majestic Avenue, Ferndale, Michigan, was believed to be operated by [redacted] for the Development of Our Own and the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. [redacted] is believed to be the head of the above-mentioned market. [redacted] who was mentioned previously in this report, is believed to be the secretary of the Onward Movement of America and is connected with the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA and with the Producers and Consumers Market.

The Informant advised that [redacted] formerly assisted [redacted] and [redacted] also assisted [redacted] with the Development of Our Own and other Negro organizations. The Informant stated that [redacted] who is also known as [redacted] whose correct address is [redacted] was presently actively running the Consumers Market at West Eight Mile Road and Cherryland and that [redacted] is apparently assisting [redacted] and that the market's correct name is now the Consumers Market and the word "Producers" has been dropped from the organization. He stated that apparently it is run for profit for members of the Development of Our Own and for the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. Informant further advised that [redacted]

[redacted] formerly employed by the Ford Motor Company and residing in River Rouge, was at one time vice president of the Onward Movement of America which is now believed to be affiliated with the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. The Informant further stated that [redacted] was a close friend of [redacted] who was known as [redacted] former wife of [redacted] and is also a close friend of [redacted]

The informant said that he had information that some Japanese was residing at [redacted]. He stated that he had information that [redacted] was divorcing his wife because of her friendliness with the Japanese living at that address. He further stated that the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, located at 231 Fourteen Mile Road, was a hotbed for Japanese-inspired people and that [redacted] EL was the Grand Sheik and that his assistant was [redacted] BEY. He stated that the secretary of the organization was [redacted] EL. It will be noted that [redacted] that [redacted] was believed to be secretary of this organization. He also stated that [redacted] BEY, who was the assistant Grand Sheik, resides at [redacted] and that his correct name is believed to be [redacted] BEY.

CONFIDENTIAL

Informant also advised that the Japanese who is now interned previously worked in this Negro area around Mount Clemens. He stated further that 9316 Oakland Avenue, Detroit, which is the apparent headquarters of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, was also used for meetings of the Development of Our Own. It will be noted that these Negro organizations are quite frequently mentioned as having the same meeting place and from informants and other sources of information as above set out it was believed that all of these Negro organizations are functioning more or less together. u

Informant stated that officers of the organization at 9316 Oakland Avenue are believed to be EL [redacted] EL and [redacted] BEY. One [redacted] is reported as being very active in the meetings at the above address, 9316 Oakland Avenue, and is reported as always carrying a brief case when attending these meetings. The following men are also reported as quite active: [redacted] alias [redacted] alias [redacted]

b7d

Informant also turned over to the writer a list of 110 Negroes with their English names and addresses together with their Moslem names who are members of this organization. Informant later advised that he had been mistaken as to the correct date that these persons were members and that instead of being members as of December, 1941, they were members as of the year, 1936, but that he believed most of them were still members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. This list of names is not being set out in this report as it would apparently be of no value herein and all of the addresses are in the city of Detroit. The list is being retained with this file. u

b1

[redacted] turned over to the writer one sheet of paper entitled "THE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA - THE DIVINE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS." This paper was photostated inasmuch as Informant advised that he would have to return it in the quite near future. This paper has a half-page photograph of NOBEL DREW ALI, Founder, and reads as follows:

"SALVATION	OUR GOD	UNITY
(picture of crescent & star)	(picture of an eye)	(picture of two hands clasped)

THE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE
of AMERICA
THE DIVINE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

1
4
1

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

ACT 1.-The Grand Sheik and the chairman of the Moorish Science Temple of America is in power to make law and enforce laws with the assistance of the Prophet and the Grand Body of the Moorish Science Temple of America. The assistant Grand Sheik is to assist the Grand Sheik in all affairs if he lives according to Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice, and it is known before the members of the Moorish Science Temple of America.

ACT 2.-All meetings are to be opened and closed promptly according to the circle seven and Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice. Friday is our Holy Day of rest, because on a Friday the first man departed out of flesh and ascended unto his father God Allah, for that cause Friday is the Holy Day for all Moslems all over the world.

ACT 3.- Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice must be proclaimed and practised by all members of the Moorish Science Temple of America. No member is to put in danger, or accuse falsely, his brother or sister on any occasion at all that may harm his brother or sister, because Allah is Love.

ACT 4.-All members must preserve these Holy and Divine laws, and all members must obey the laws of the government, because by being a Moorish American, you are a part and partial of the government, and must live the life accordingly.

P
H
O
T
O

O
F

N
O
B
L
E

D
R
E
W

A
I
L

F
O
U
N
D
E
R

ACT 6.-With us all members must proclaim their nationality and we are teaching our people their nationality and their Divine Creed that they may know that they are a part and a partial of this said government, and know that they are not Negroes, Colored Folks, Black People, or Ethiopians, because these names were given to slaves by slave holders in 1779 and lasted until 1865 during the time of slavery, but this is a new era of time now, and all men now must proclaim their free national name to be recognized by the government in which they live and the nations of the earth, that is the reason why Allah, the Great God of the universe, ordained Noble Drew Ali, the Prophet to redeem his people from their sinful ways. The Moorish Americans are the decendants of the ancient Moabites whom inhabited the North Western and South Western shores of Africa.

ACT 7.-All members must promptly attend their meetings and become a part and a partial of all uplifting acts of the Moorish Science Temple of America. Members must pay their dues and keep in line with all necessities of the Moorish Science Temple of America, then you are entitled to the name of, "Faithful." Husband, you must support your wife and children; wife, you must obey your husband and take care of your children and look after the duties of your household. Sons and daughters must obey father and mother and be industrious and become a

CONFIDENTIAL

ACT 5.-This organization of the Moorish Science Temple of America is not to cause any confusion or to overthrow the laws and constitution of the said government but to obey hereby. u

part of the uplifting of fallen humanity. All Moorish Americans must keep their hearts and minds pure with love, and their bodies clean with water. This Divine Covenant is from your Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali, thru the guidance of his Father God Allah. u

NOBLE DREW ALI
Founder u

MOORISH AMERICAN PRAYER u

Allah the Father of the universe, the Father of Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice. Allah is my protector, my guide and my salvation by night and by day thru his Holy Prophet Drew Ali. "Amen." u

THE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA

Home Office: 1104 N. Sedgwick Street

Chicago, Ill., U. S. A."

Photostats of this constitution and by-laws are being retained in the Detroit file. u

Special Agent [redacted] who has been working in the vicinity of the Jackson Penitentiary at Jackson, Michigan, advised the writer that he had talked with a person at the penitentiary who had quite a bit of information regarding the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA... u

at Jackson, Michigan:

Accompanied by Special Agent [redacted] the writer talked with [redacted] who is confined in the Jackson Penitentiary on a sentence of 5 to 40 years for Armed Robbery and who is a Negro. u

[redacted] that a Negro inmate of the Penitentiary by the name of [redacted] who also used the name of [redacted] BEY had talked to him regarding the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. He stated that [redacted] had tried to get him to join this movement and had told him

b7c
b7d
b7c
b7d

CONFIDENTIAL

b7d
 considerable about it. He stated that there were approximately 125,000 members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA in Michigan and that they were not only Negroes but also white, Filipinos, Asiatics and West Indians. He told Informant that he was once Prince of the organization and that a Japanese by the name of [redacted] (phonetic) who was at one time connected with Harper general hospital about 1939 was an organizer of this movement with a Japanese by the name of [redacted]. He advised the Informant that this organization met at Six Mile and Davison Roads, Detroit, Michigan, and River Rouge, Flint and Pontiac and that the main organization was somewhere on Canfield near Hastings in Detroit. The Informant advised that [redacted] told him there was an executive council of 13 men in the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE and that the following persons were on this council: one [redacted] one [redacted] one [redacted] and one [redacted]. He stated that he could not remember the names of any others on the council, but stated that [redacted] was a strong member of this organization. u

b7d
 Informant further advised that he was told by [redacted] that the Mount Zion Holy Trinity Church in Detroit had an organization meeting there called the Rising Sun Association and that this association held a meeting there on Sunday, September 13, 1942, to Friday, September 18, 1942. He stated that the names of those persons participating were: [redacted]

Founder, [redacted] Pastor and [redacted]. Informant advised that [redacted] told him that the Black Dragon association and the Development of Our Own are connected as one association and that the Islam Temple and the Moslem Temples and the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA are connecting branches of the Black Dragon and Development of Our Own movements. He advised that [redacted] told him that the latest orders of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE are for Negroes to refuse to take up arms for their country, the United States, and he advised that this order is presently being carried out. Informant further advised that the Koran is the Bible studied by the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE and consisted of the sixth and seventh books of MOSES and are not published at the present time in the Bible. u

b7c
 A photograph was obtained of [redacted] which reflects that he was received at the Penitentiary on [redacted] for Breaking and Entering at night and that his prison number is [redacted]. The photograph and the prison record card of [redacted] are being included in the Detroit file. u

b7d
 b7c
 [redacted] that [redacted] was holding pro-Japanese meetings in the basement of her home. Informant advised that [redacted] and [redacted] were present on the evening of October 10, 1942, together with one [redacted] and that including the above persons there were 16 in all at the meeting. [redacted] at this meeting made the remark, "This is the last opportunity of the black man to secure his full freedom. Now is the time to organize youth

CONFIDENTIAL

There are hundreds of soldiers in Camp McClendon and at camp in Virginia. They are waiting for action." *

Informant further advised that meetings were being held allegedly at [redacted] and that these meetings are pro-Japanese and the premises are owned by one [redacted] and [redacted]. This address is listed as the home and auto-radio repair shop. He further advised that [redacted] mentioned before, who is employed by the GMC Company, and [redacted] and his wife, noted above, and [redacted] are all rabid pro-Japanese and anti-white and the [redacted] has made the statement that this war will bring about the end of the white civilization. [redacted] boasts deferment from Local Draft Board 3 and stated that in conjunction with [redacted] he is working for "triumph and domination of the Negro in the United States." *

Informant further stated that [redacted] a Negro minister, and [redacted] an Italian employed by the Ford aircraft plant, are also definitely pro-Japanese. *

[redacted] that [redacted] drives a Lincoln-Zephyr and is employed at the Ford plant. [redacted] use the names of El or EY after their last name. The children's names are [redacted] and [redacted]. According to Informant these children are very noticeable in their ideas of superiority over the other children because, apparently, of their father's connection with the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. [redacted] of the USO Center on John R and Adelaide Streets, Detroit, advised informant that [redacted] approached her on the basis of her being able to make a definite contribution to the MOORISH-AMERICAN TEMPLE and also on the basis of her not being colored. [redacted] that she refused membership in that organization and at that time she was employed as a school teacher at the Quinn Road Section School at Mount Clemens. She also stated that [redacted] children are known among the Moorish associates as Prince and Princess. She said that the members of this organization thought that they were not American Negroes, but Moorish Americans and they should not be classified as colored and, further, that they were superior. *

Informant that the Moorish Temple which was built about 1938 was headed by [redacted] that these people are taught by [redacted] that there are two Heavens and those who paid \$7.50 could get in the first Heaven and those who paid less would get into the second Heaven. *

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

b7d advised Informant that [redacted] was a half-caste mixture of Indian and Negro. X

The following description of [redacted] EL, with aliases, was obtained from [redacted]

b7d,
b2

Born	[redacted]
Height	6'2"
Weight	250
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Employment	Ford Motor Company since April 21, 1919, as a chipper.

}
X
}

- P E N D I N G -

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

All offices receiving copies of this report for whom leads have not been set out will advise the Detroit Field Division as to whether or not there are branches of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA in their field divisions. u

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois: Will attempt to ascertain the location of Temple 9 and any additional information thereto that would suggest Sedition. u

At East Chicago, Illinois: Will ascertain the whereabouts of Temple 22 and conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain any un-American activities being conducted thereat. u

At Chicago, Illinois: Will endeavor to get all information pertinent to the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA with offices at 1104 North Sedgwick Street and will discreetly ascertain to what use this organization puts an automobile which is called by members of the organization the National Truck or "Big Bertha." This truck, it will be noted, is allegedly driven by WILLIAM KIRKLAND BEY who is believed to be identical with Colonel C. KIRKMAN, alias Frog Eyes. u

Will procure the description and correct name of WILLIAM KIRKLAND BEY, alias Colonel C. KIRKMAN, alias Frog Eyes, who is allegedly head of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE in Chicago. u

Will ascertain if the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA is incorporated under the laws of Illinois. u

THE CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

At Cleveland, Ohio: Will ascertain the whereabouts of Temple 7 and conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain if un-American activities are being conducted thereat. u

At Toledo, Ohio: Will ascertain whereabouts of Temple 18 and conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain if un-American activities are being conducted there. u

THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At Anderson, Indiana: Will ascertain the location of

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Temple 42 and all information regarding same. u

b7c Will ascertain identity of [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who allegedly sells photographs of KIRKLAND BEY. u

At Columbus, Indiana: Will ascertain the location of Temple 15 Branch and will attempt to ascertain if there are un-American activities being developed through members of this Temple. u

At Gary, Indiana: Will ascertain the location of Temple 22 and will obtain all information pertinent thereto as to officers and any remarks that might lead to prosecution as to Sedition. u

At Indianapolis, Indiana: Will ascertain the location of Temple 15 and determine if there are un-American activities being conducted thereat by members. u

At South Bend, Indiana: Will ascertain the location of Temple 17 and will conduct a pertinent investigation to ascertain if un-American activities are being conducted thereat. u

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Kansas City, Missouri: Will ascertain the location of Temple 46 and Temple Branch 46 and ascertain if there are un-American activities being conducted thereat. u

THE KNOXVILLE FIELD DIVISION

At Chattanooga, Tennessee: Will attempt to ascertain the location of Temple 30 and determine if there are un-American activities being conducted there by members. u

THE LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

At Louisville, Kentucky: Will ascertain the location of Temple 45 and conduct a pertinent investigation to ascertain activities of this organization. u

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At Brooklyn, New York: Will ascertain the location of Temples 21 and 34 and conduct appropriate investigations to ascertain if there is a possibility of prosecution as to Sedition. u

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

b7c At New York, New York: Will through Negro informants endeavor to ascertain the identity of [redacted] ALI, who allegedly attended the celebration at the Moorish National Home, Prince George, Virginia, on July 4, 1942. u

THE NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

At Newark, New Jersey: Will ascertain the location of Temples 10 and 48 and conduct investigation to ascertain if there are un-American activities being conducted in these temples. u

At Trenton, New Jersey: Will ascertain the location of Temple 48 and conduct investigation to ascertain if there are un-American activities being conducted thereat. u

THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Will conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain the location of Temples 11, 33 and 40 and will obtain all pertinent information thereto as to possible un-American activities. u

THE RICHMOND FIELD DIVISION

b7c At Prince George, Virginia: Will ascertain all pertinent information regarding the Moorish National Home and the identities of [redacted] BEY and [redacted] BEY who are reportedly in charge of this home. (Prince George is reportedly about 17 miles from Petersburg, Virginia.) u

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

b7c At Detroit, Michigan: Will obtain description of [redacted]

b7c Will through [redacted] the 13th precinct endeavor to ascertain the connection of the Temple at 545 East Canfield with the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. u

b7c Will consider interviewing [redacted] mother, and [redacted] aunt, of [redacted] for information relative to members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. u

b7c Will continue to contact [redacted] and other members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA with the view of obtaining sufficient information for prosecution as to Sedition. u

b7d

CONFIDENTIAL

b2
b7d Will also ascertain if the meeting place at 11725
Oakland Avenue is a meeting place for pro-Japanese persons through [redacted]

b7c Will through Informants conduct a discreet investiga-
tion to ascertain information regarding [redacted]
who allegedly holds pro-Japanese meetings in the basement of her home with
members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. u

b1 Will continue to contact [redacted] and
[redacted] for information they may obtain through attending
meetings of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA with a view to obtaining in-
formation to prosecute the leaders of this group under the Sedition statute.

b7d
b7c Will at the Harper general hospital endeavor to ascer-
tain the identity of a Japanese who worked there in 1939 by the name of [redacted]
[redacted] which name was supplied by [redacted]

b7c Will ascertain definitely the address of [redacted]
former wife of [redacted] which is reported to be [redacted]
Detroit, Michigan. u

b7c Will ascertain the identity of [redacted]
[redacted] reportedly a close friend of [redacted]
and will ascertain the identity of the alleged Japanese residing
at this address. u

b7d
b7c Will through [redacted] ascertain
where the information was obtained by him that [redacted]
was an assistant of [redacted]

Will ascertain if the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA
is incorporated under the laws of Michigan.

b1
b7c At Ferndale, Michigan: Will continue to contact [redacted]
[redacted] through [redacted] the Ferndale Police Depart-
ment for any information he may have as to members of the MOORISH SCIENCE
TEMPLE living in the vicinity of Ferndale and will particularly ascertain
activities of [redacted] and of [redacted]

b1 Will also ascertain if [redacted]
has any further information regarding [redacted]

b7c Will consider contacting [redacted]

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

b7c [redacted] regarding Moslems who reside on her property at [redacted] M

b7d
b7c
At Mount Clemens, Michigan: Will continue to contact [redacted] for any information regarding Subject [redacted] EL [redacted] and for any other information regarding the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA.

b7c
At River Rouge, Michigan: Will at the Ford Motor Company ascertain information concerning [redacted] an Italian who is reportedly pro-Japanese and connected with the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA.

Will continue to contact the chief of police for any information he may have regarding the Spiritual Israel Church, 368 Salliette Road, where meetings are held by the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE.

- P E N D I N G -

CONFIDENTIAL

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) b7d with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

- For your information: _____
- The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
62-25889-30 pp 36

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
DELETED PAGE(S)
NO DUPLICATION FEE
FOR THIS PAGE
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

5/20/60

EL,

17,32

29

9

25

21

28

18

10

25

19

19

29

8

25

28,33

36

29

18

20

9

9

8,15

10

10

9,10

20

18,24

24

20,21,33

20,33

20

2

2,10

28

15

10

10

36

21

20

29

15

24

10

10

20

28

24

24,34

6

10

10

36

10

6

030745

CONFIDENTIAL

u

b7c

CONFIDENTIAL

[REDACTED]

MOHAMMED,
MOHAMMED,

[REDACTED]

CONFIDENTIAL

020745

15
28, 34
28
28
36
9
10
10
10
10
10
10
9
10
25
24
9
7
15, 16
24, 34
10
10
10
2
10
9
10
22, 23
10
25
8, 15, 20, 24, 34
28
23
10
9
10
10
10
10
8
20
8, 20, 21, 24, 34
36
20
8, 12, 15, 16, 20, 21, 28, 34
6
18, 19, 34
22
10
22, 23
2, 11
25, 28, 33

4

b7c

CONFIDENTIAL

0007452

RECORDED
FGT:mee
65-23889
Date: 62-25889-30
December 22, 1942
To: SAC, Detroit

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

MOONISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - J
SEDITION
SELECTIVE SERVICE

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 12, 1942, at Detroit, Michigan, which reflects that a number of persons connected with this organization have made seditious statements and that the organization itself teaches certain doctrines among them being that Japan will overthrow the United States.

In view of the alleged large membership in this organization and as its aims are contrary to the best interests of the United States, it is suggested that this case be given immediate and vigorous attention with a view to prosecution of officers and speakers of the group.

It does not appear that the report of Special Agent [redacted] was furnished to the United States Attorney or that this matter was discussed with him. It would be well to bring this matter to the United States Attorney's attention so that prosecution may be instituted against those persons who have made seditious statements. In connection with the prosecution of any persons affiliated with this organization, consideration should be given to the protection of your confidential informants and if prosecution may be had without requiring the appearance of valued informants.

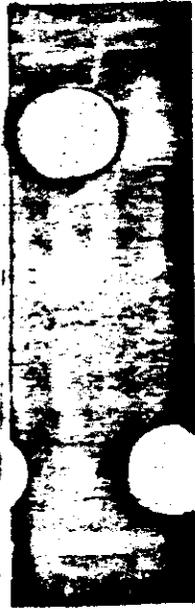
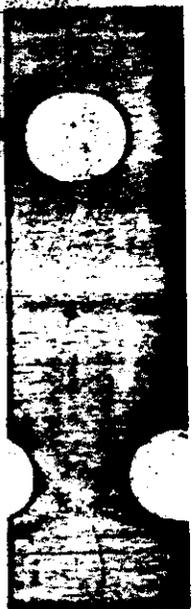
b7c

- Tolson
- B. A. Tamm
- Clegg
- Glavin
- Ladd
- Nichols
- Rosen
- Tracy
- Carson
- Coffey
- Hendon
- Kramer
- McGuire
- Quinn Tamm
- Nease
- Gandy

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED 3
DEC 22 1942 P.M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
DEC 23 1942

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/20/88 BY SP2 YAL/0-1008

[Handwritten signatures and initials]



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Dallas, Texas

November 17, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases; ET AL;
MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA;
INTERNAL SECURITY - J; CUSTODIAL DETENTION;
SEDITION.

Dear Sir:

b7c [redacted] Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Detroit, Michigan, November 12, 1942, in which there is a lead set forth for all field offices to advise relative to any activity concerning the Moorish Science Temple of America.

This is to inform that there is no information that there are any branches of the Moorish Science Temple of America located in this Division, nor is there any information that any members of this organization reside within this district.

Very truly yours,

A. P. Kitchin, s.c.w.
A. P. KITCHIN
Special Agent in Charge

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/20/80 BY 82 TA/10as

ECW:FB
cc-Detroit

COPIES DESTROYED
107 AUG 4 1964

RECORDED

62-25889-31
1 NOV 21 1942



DEC 24 1942

349
347

32707

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

FILE NO. **100-2530**

REPORT MADE AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	DATE WHEN MADE 11-24-42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-24-42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <i>b7c</i>
TITLE COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases; ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J CUSTODIAL DETENTION SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No information in the Savannah Field Division relative to the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE of AMERICA nor any other Subjects in instant case.

- RUC - *b7c*

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** Detroit, Michigan, dated November 12, 1942.

DETAILS:

A search of the indices of the Savannah Field Division fails to reflect any information concerning the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE of AMERICA nor any of the other Subjects in instant case.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/20/80 BY SP2 TAP/rlm/oms

NOV 28 10 52 AM RECEIVED

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>R. [Signature]</i> 347	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	RECORDED & INDEXED
	62-25889-32 5 NOV 26 1942 <i>[Handwritten signatures and initials]</i>	EX-23

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

November 25, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY, w.a.s., et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - J
CUSTODIAL DETENTION
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 11/12/42, at Detroit, Michigan. b7c

A check of the files of the Baltimore Field Division reflects no information concerning the Moorish Science Temple of America. Accordingly, this case is being considered Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Soucy
E. A. SOUCY
Special Agent in Charge

MPC:sm
100-0
cc - Detroit

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/20/80 BY SP2 TAP/120ms

EX-34

COPIES DESTROYED
107 AUG 4 1964

62-25889-35

B	I
9	NOV. 26 1942
	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>

BY IN FILE
61 DEC 2 1942
347

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 100-2831

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT**

REPORT MADE AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA	DATE WHEN MADE 11-28-42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-19-42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <i>bxc</i>
TITLE COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases, ET AL MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J CUSTODIAL DETENTION SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: A check of the indices of the Omaha Field Division was made with negative results.

- RUC - *bxc*

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** Detroit, dated November 12, 1942.

DETAILS: The indices of the Omaha Field Division were thoroughly searched but no record could be found on any of the subjects or the organization set out in the title.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11-21-81 BY SP-5 JTB/MLM

COPIES DESTROYED
107 AUG 24 1964

[Handwritten signature]

L

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIFIC AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
<div style="position: absolute; top: 0; left: 0; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; opacity: 0.5;">COPY IN FILE</div>		<div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">62-25889-33X</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">13 DEC 1 1942</div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">RECORDED</div>
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau 2 - Detroit 2 - Omaha		

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
DECEMBER 1, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA
C. KIRKMAN BEY
INTERNAL SECURITY - J

b7c
Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] Detroit, Michigan, dated November 12, 1942, in the case entitled "COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY with aliases; MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - J; CUSTODIAL DETENTION; SEDITION", in which an Undeveloped Lead was set forth for the Kansas City Field Division to conduct investigation relating to the Moorish Science Temple of America at Kansas City, Missouri.

b7c
There is being transmitted with a copy of this letter to the Detroit Field Division a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Kansas City, Missouri, August 7, 1942, in the above entitled case, and a copy of the closing report of Special Agent [redacted] in the same case, dated November 23, 1942, at Kansas City, Missouri.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Kansas City Field Division and this case is being considered as Referred Upon Completion to the Detroit Field Division.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/21/80 BY SP2 TAP/TRE/1006

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

JWM:os
cc - Detroit (Encls.)

100-4692-
COPIES DESTROYED

107 AUG 4 1954

52 DEC 5 1942 (89)

397

COPY IN FILE

62-25857-34
F B I
16 DEC 4 1942

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

0007443

Origin: LOUISVILLE

CONFIDENTIAL

Louisville File #100-2273

REPORT MADE AT:

DATE MADE:

PERIOD:

REPORT MADE BY:

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

12/1/42

11, 3, 9, 11, 13,

18, 20/42

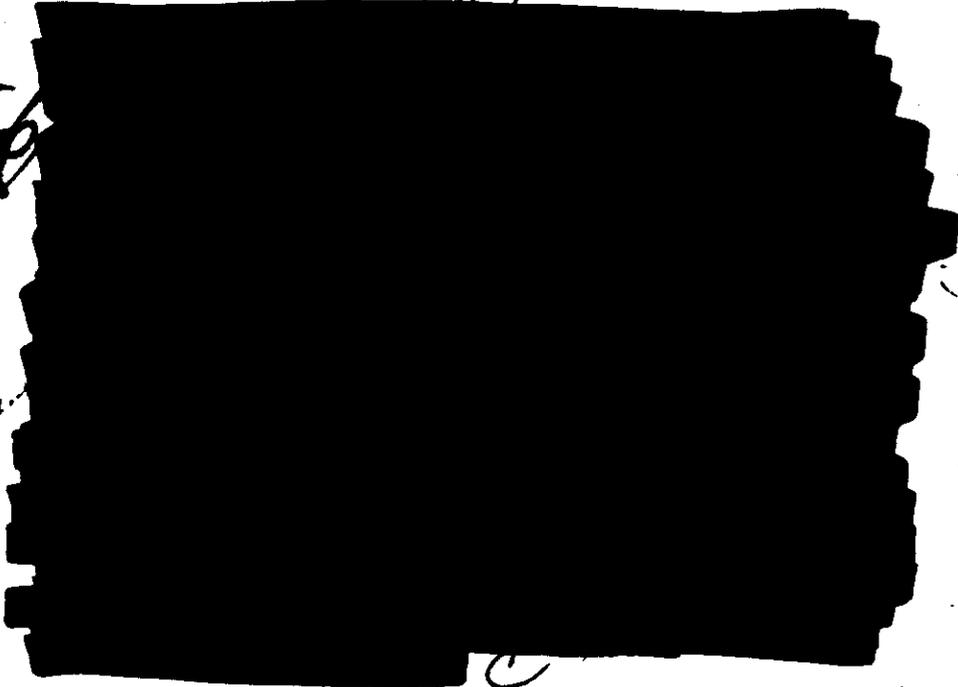
TITLE:

ST. MARY'S CHURCH AND POWER CENTER OF APPLIED CHRISTIANITY; With alias; St. Mary's Spiritual Church; MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA.

CHARACTER OF CASE:

INTERNAL SECURITY - J

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



AGENCY REC'D REP'T FORM. 4
ST. LOUIS, MO. 63101
DATE: 12/1/42
12/1/42
12/1/42

- P -

DETAILS:

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY:

11-1480
CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-4 SRH/jt
REASON FOR EXT. 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW SP-4 SRH/jt
Comp # 20763

This investigation is predicated upon a complaint received in the Louisville Field Division from Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] whose identity has previously been furnished to the Bureau, who advised on October 12, 1942 that there was a colored church at 439 South Ninth Street, which was called "ST. MARY'S CHURCH & POWER CENTER OF APPLIED CHRISTIANITY," which he believed to be subversive.

DECLASSIFIED

DATE: 29

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *Herbert K. Moore* Special Agent in Charge

Copies of this report:

- 1 Bureau
- 2 Chicago
- 2 Detroit
- 1 Louisville

CONFIDENTIAL

62-25889-35
RECORDED
INDEXED
MS

16 DEC 3 1942

COPY IN FILE

97 38 JAN 2 1943

0007444

CONFIDENTIAL

[redacted] that this church, according to the cornerstone was founded June 2, 1940 and that the members are spoken of by other colored people as Moslems, Hindus, and Beys. These members were said to wear turbans and yellow kimonos and were said to be a branch of an organization of four million members. [redacted] that information had come to him through [redacted] colored member, of PETER SALEM Post of the American Legion that a man named [redacted] who worked for [redacted] at one time had attended this church and claimed they were extremely radical. *

b7d
b2

According to [redacted] the Japanese Emperor HIRCHITO was supposed to be the head of this church and the members sang a song "Then The Sun Goes Up and the Flag Goes Down." This information was subsequently corroborated to some degree through contact with [redacted]

b7d

[redacted] at 710 West Walnut Street when [redacted] advised that [redacted] had attended evening services in this church approximately seven weeks ago when he had heard this song being sung and inasmuch as [redacted] did not wish to get into any kind of trouble he left the church immediately and has not returned. *

[redacted] that approximately three years ago he was attending a City Political meeting when ten or fifteen men and women came in wearing red turbans and yellow robes from this church. Contact was then had with the following members of the Louisville, Police Department: *

b7d

Captain [redacted]
Detectives [redacted]

These detectives advised that they had heard of a movement on Ninth Street which corresponded with ST. MARY'S CHURCH and that about a year ago some of the group were arrested on either vagrancy or disorderly conduct charges. When it came time for this member of this organization to come up in Court, the whole organization attended police court wearing their red turbans and their yellow robes. None of the above officers and men contacted could advise as to the names of the members involved or as to the date of this court action. *

Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] whose identity has previously been furnished the Bureau, advised that she has heard of a movement which came to town from Chicago a little over two years ago and that this movement had located at a church on South Ninth Street. She added that the people of this church wore red head-dresses; the men wearing red fezzes and the women wearing red turbans while all wore yellow kimonos on ceremonial occasions. [redacted] that the pastor of

b7d
b2

CONFIDENTIAL

0007445

CONFIDENTIAL

b7d

this organization was an elderly woman by the name of [redacted] who was supposed to have been living in Chicago before she came here. Subsequently colored Officers [redacted] and [redacted] of the Louisville Police Department advised that a little over two years ago some woman from Chicago and a lawyer by the name of [redacted] had organized St. Mary's Church on South Ninth Street. These officers next recollection of this organization was about a year ago when one or two members of the organization got mixed up with the law. [redacted] represented this organization in police court and the whole outfit turned out in court for the hearing wearing their red turbans and fezzes on their heads and yellow ceremonial costumes. These officers then advised that the next time this organization had come to their attention was on or about the date that the Federal Bureau of Investigation broke up the Temple of Islam in Chicago when at that date the members of this organization were not subsequently seen in public wearing their red head-dresses and yellow kimonos. This seemed to indicate to these officers that the Louisville organization was connected in some way with the Chicago Temple of ISLAM. [redacted] advised that he had heard of a password which these colored people used for admittance to their evening meetings which had to do with a word like "The New Day", which meant that the day would come when the colored people would rule the world and the white people would be in subjugation to them. You

b7d,
b2

At this point it is to be noted that Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] that a colored man by the name of [redacted] had attended just one meeting of this church some time ago and had left because of its radical tendencies also. It was ascertained by the writer that [redacted] now lives with [redacted] also that [redacted] is presently employed at the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company in Louisville, Kentucky from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Subsequent recontact with colored officers [redacted] and [redacted] reflected that a colored man by the name of [redacted] and that [redacted] know several of the BEYS who attended this church. [redacted] and [redacted] further advised that [redacted] works evenings in a parking lot across from the water company on South Third Street between Walnut and Liberty and that [redacted] could be contacted reliably. [redacted] that he had ascertained the name of the pastor of this church to be [redacted] and he had picked up the information somewhere that she had been up on a dope charge in Chicago several years ago. [redacted] and [redacted] also advised that three or four years before the present church was founded the BEYS were meeting at Ninth and Magazine in the Walker Building and that the new Church had been built in June, 1940. [redacted] and [redacted] also advised that about two years ago one of the members of this organization had been buried by a reliable colored undertaker by the name of [redacted]

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

The writer contacted [redacted] at the above residence and there met [redacted] whose residence is [redacted] is a member of the American Legion and also is an employee of the Post Office. [redacted] that they worked together in burials and that approximately two years ago they had buried a man by the name of ARTHUR LOVING BEY. This man was a member of St. MARY's Church and accordingly all the members of the church, approximately twenty people at that time, attended the ceremony in full Turkish costume. This costume was described as follows: u

The men wore red fezzes, embroidered blouses red waist sashes, yellow pantaloons and some wore shoes which turned up at the toes. u

The women wore red turbans, red blouses with embroidered jackets, red waist sashes and with yellow skirts and yellow pantaloons together with the turned up shoes. u

b7c
b7d

The pastor of this organization, [redacted] was attired almost completely in a purple garment. She wore a beautiful turban in the center of which was a jewel of fine stone of some sort. She was called "THE GRAND SHEIK" by the members of her organization and at the services led the members in religious hymns and psalms in which the name "ALLAH" was predominately mentioned; also one or two prayers or incantations were said for the deceased members which prayers and incantations seemed to be in some kind of foreign language. u

[redacted] also advised that they had heard that this organization was also known as "THE TEMPLE OF MOORISH SCIENCE" or "THE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE" [redacted] admitted that their source of this information was admittedly heresay; however, these men said that this church was formerly located at Ninth and Magazine Street but moved to 934 South 9th Street about 1940. An intensive check of the City Directory for the year 1938 through 1942 reflected that the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE of AMERICA, Incorporated, was listed in the City Directory for 1940 as having its location on 628 South Ninth Street. u

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

In the 1941 City Directory the Temple of Moorish Science was located at 639 South Ninth Street, which is the corner of Ninth and Magazine Street. No reference to the Moorish Science Temple of America was found in the 1942 Louisville City Directory. For the purposes of information it should be noted that the information contained in these directories is obtained the previous year which would make the first known reference to the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE of America in Louisville as 1939. u



A teletype was sent to the Pittsburgh Field Division on November 19, 1942 requesting any information which they might have in their files on a colored woman by the name of [redacted]. An immediate reply from the Pittsburgh Field Division was received with complete negative results. u

In an effort to ascertain the names of all people in Louisville, who were using the surname BEY the City Directory of Louisville was searched from the years 1938 through 1942, inclusive, with the following results: This investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]. u

1938 - NEGATIVE SEARCH

1939 - [redacted] BEY; occupation, teacher; residence, [redacted]

[redacted] occupation, houseman; Chesterfield Hotel; [redacted]

1940 - At 628 South Ninth Street: "MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA"; [redacted] no occupation. u

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

BEY (Noted above) Residence [REDACTED]

BEY (wife [REDACTED])

BEY [REDACTED]

BEY [REDACTED]

1941 - 639 South Ninth Street - MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA.

BEY (Wife [REDACTED])

BEY - [REDACTED]

residence: [REDACTED]

1942 DIRECTORY:

No reference made to MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA.

Residing at 437 South Ninth Street:

BEY, [REDACTED]

BEY, [REDACTED]

BEY, [REDACTED]

BEY [REDACTED]

BEY [REDACTED]

BEY [REDACTED]

BEY, [REDACTED]

BEY, 934 West Walnut. [REDACTED]

It should also be noted that [REDACTED]

first appeared in the 1939 City Directory with residence at [REDACTED] moving to [REDACTED] in the 1942 City Directory.

b7c

b7c

b7d

b7d

b7d

CONFIDENTIAL

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) b7d with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

- For your information: _____
- The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
62-25889-35 ep 7

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
DELETED PAGE(S)
NO DUPLICATION FEE
FOR THIS PAGE
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

b7d

[REDACTED]

b7c

On November 20, 1942 Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer contacted the State Selective Service Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky who advised that the Local Boards covering these addresses were Local Boards #77 and 78. Inquiry will be made at these Boards to ascertain any of the above named persons not properly registered. u

b1

[REDACTED]

The following description of [REDACTED] was obtained from the interview with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

b7d

Age	Approximately 53
Height	5' 5 1/2"
Weight	168 pounds
Color	Dark Brown
Hair	Black
Build	Heavy
Peculiarities	[REDACTED]

It is noted that this description will be supplemented and completed from time to time on the basis of information provided by Confidential National Defense Informants of this office. u

P E N D I N G

CONFIDENTIAL

THE UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CONFIDENTIAL

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION:

AT CHICAGO ILLINOIS:

b7c

Will advise the Louisville Field Division if [redacted] and [redacted] addresses unknown, are known to the Chicago Field Division and whether they are alleged to be connected with any agitation among negroes there. u

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION:

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN:

b7c

Will advise the Louisville Field Division if [redacted] and [redacted] addresses unknown, are known to the Detroit Field Division and whether they are alleged to be connected with any agitation among negroes there. u

THE LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION:

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY:

Will institute a full background investigation on the negroes whose names were mentioned in the Louisville Police Department records and in the City Directory as BEY in an effort to link them with the activities of this church as well as with any subversive activities. u

Will contact Selective Service Boards #77 and #78 which cover the addresses of these BEYS in an effort to determine whether they are possibly registered with the Local Board and to ascertain any pertinent information upon these individuals. u

b7c

Will contact [redacted] last known to be living at [redacted] who reportedly has attended meetings of this church. u

b7c

Will contact [redacted] with residence in [redacted] and who is employed at the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company as he also has attended a meeting of this church. u

CONFIDENTIAL

b7c

Will interview [redacted] whose residence is [redacted]
[redacted] at his filling station position
on [redacted] in an effort
to ascertain any information he may have on the BEYs
who reportedly are living at his residence. u

Will report further information secured from Confidential
Informants of this office who are attending church
meetings as well as continue to develop new Informants
for similar purposes. u

b7E

[redacted]

HEADQUARTERS

62-25889

SECTION 2

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION 10836

FORM NO. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Detroit, Michigan** FILE NO. **10094835**

REPORT MADE AT San Diego, California	DATE WHEN MADE 12-5-42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-1-42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c JRB:jls
TITLE COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J CUSTODIAL DETENTION REVISION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation has revealed that no branch of the **MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA** or similar organizations present in San Diego.

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/19/89 BY SP2 TAP/len/dms
Comp H 90763**

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] **b7c**
at Detroit, Michigan, dated November 12, 1942.

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

[REDACTED] **b7d**

[REDACTED] had failed to reveal the presence of the **MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA**, the Islam Temple, the Our Own Sect or any of the to the Pacific Movement of the Eastern World.

Investigation is presently being conducted by this office to determine if there are any adherents of any of the above mentioned organizations in this area. Any further investigation that indicates there will be reported. It should be noted at this time that at the present time there is considerable unrest among the negro element in San Diego.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature]	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE [Signature] Detroit 0-2 San Diego 0-2 San Francisco 0-10 11th St San Diego	62-25889-36 ONI [Signature] [Signature] [Signature]

10857

However, no foreign inspired agitation has been discovered to date. The consensus of opinion by confidential informants and sources of information is that the trouble has been caused by the influx of southern and mid-western negroes and by white service men from the south, neither of whom fully understand the conditions on the west coast and whose ideas concerning the association between negroes and whites conflict. ²

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) b7d with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies): _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

For your information: _____

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages: 62-25889-36 EP 3

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
DELETED PAGE(S)
NO DUPLICATION FEE
FOR THIS PAGE
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Springfield, Illinois**

FILE NO. **100-3095**

REPORT MADE AT Springfield, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE 12/11/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-1, 2-42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <i>b7c</i> <i>dkj</i>
TITLE THE MOORISH TEMPLE OF SCIENCE OF AMERICA ROBERT WASHINGTON - Organizer TEMPLE OF ALLAH			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J Custodial Detention Sedition

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Instant organization at Mound City, Illinois has discontinued operation. Subject WASHINGTON [REDACTED] are only members left at that point and they are inactive. These individuals do not know any of the key members of the organization personally. *u*

- C - *b7c*

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Springfield, Illinois, dated August 3, 1942. *u*

DETAILS: AT MOUND CITY, ILLINOIS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/14/60 BY SP2 DPL/lan/das

b7c Sheriff [REDACTED] and Acting State's Attorney DONALD MILLER advise they have not received any further complaints in connection with instant organization and believe same has been discontinued in and around Mound City, Illinois. *u*

b7c Sheriff [REDACTED] agent interviewed ROBERT WASHINGTON [REDACTED] in an old shack just outside the north limits of Mound City, Illinois. These parties state they have not endeavored to obtain additional members since this investigation was initiated a year ago. They stated that no one now claims to be affiliated with same except themselves but stated that they still believe in the teachings of the Moorish Science Temple of America; that they do not believe they are negroes but Asiatics instead and that they believe in the teachings laid down by the Koran. *u*

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">62-25889-37</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">15 DECD</div>
COPIES DESTROYED 107 AUG 4 1964 COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5-Bureau 1-Chicago 1-Jackson 1-Kansas City 1-Detroit 3-Springfield 1943	[REDACTED]

They stated they have never known any of the key members of this organization personally and they obtained all their information concerning the organization by correspondence. u

They stated that they now realize that it is not a popular doctrine to promulgate among the colored people of Mound City, Illinois and that in view of the fact that the colored people of their vicinity have been warned against this doctrine by local officers and a number of colored ministers of Pulaski County, Illinois, it is not their intention to endeavor to convert other colored people to their religious belief. They claim that they believe in the teachings of the Moorish Science Temple of America and expect to continue in that religious belief and will be contented to regulate their own lives according to the teachings laid down. u

b7c
b7d
Sheriff [redacted] and State's Attorney MILLER stated they have talked with a number of other colored people in that community who [redacted] all state that no one pays any attention to ROBERT WASHINGTON [redacted]

[redacted] It is noted that the Kansas City, Jackson and Detroit Offices have cases on this organization in which each is the office of origin. u

b7c
Due to the fact that instant organization is inactive in the Springfield Field Office territory and the membership now consists of only ROBERT WASHINGTON [redacted] and that they are not engaged in any subversive activities and belong to the organization because it teaches their religious belief, no further investigation is being conducted and the case in which Springfield is the office of origin is being closed. u

- CLOSED -

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

This Case Originated at: LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY Lvl. FILE NO. 100-2273
 Report Made At : Date When Made: Period for : Report Made By *b7c*
 : Which Made
 LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY : 12/8/42 : 11/23-25, 27, 30; [REDACTED] *jr*
 : : 12/1, 2/42 :
 Title : Character of Case
 ST. MARY'S CHURCH & POWER CENTER OF APPLIED :
 CHRISTIANITY, wa. St. Mary's Spiritual Church: : INTERNAL SECURITY - J
 MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA :

Synopsis of Facts: No verification secured to date that St. Mary's Church is front for Moorish Science Temple. Investigation reflects Moorish Science Temple organized in Louisville, Ky. in August, 1938 by MARY CLIFT BEY (c), who came from Chicago. Reportedly 50 members of Temple here, and no longer holds public meetings. MARY CLIFT BEY resides 437 South 9th Street, Louisville with seven other BEYS. This house is directly adjacent to St. Mary's Spiritual Church. Names and ages of all BEYS will be developed during Air Raid Warden's Survey of this colored section of town in effort to verify SS status of male members of both St. Mary's Spiritual Church and Moorish Science Temple [REDACTED]

AGENCY _____
 REC'D _____
 REP'T FORW. _____
 BY _____

Reference: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 11/12/42 at Detroit, Michigan.
 Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 12/1/42 at Louisville, Kentucky. *u*

Details: *b7c* On the basis of a previous report that a colored man [REDACTED] had attended meetings at St. Mary's Church and claimed they were subversive [REDACTED]

1 ENCL. 2

~~NO INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE~~
 Approved and Forwarded: *Herbert H. [REDACTED]* SAC: *62-25889-38* SE *RECORDED*

Copies of This Report: *11-12-80* : *11-12-80*

- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 2)
- 2 - Chicago (Encl. 1)
- 2 - Detroit (Encl. 1)
- 2 - Pittsburgh
- 1 - ONI, Chicago, Ill.
- 3 - Louisville

CONFIDENTIAL

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE *11-13-80* BY *SP-4 SAM/ab*

5 DEC 10 1942

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

b7d

[REDACTED]

Subsequently [REDACTED] was interviewed and advised that he was not acquainted with any of the members of St. Mary's Church and had never, at any time, attended meetings in this church. [REDACTED] that he frankly was not a religious man and very rarely, if ever, went to church, and then only at the urging of his wife. He stated that his present address was Shepherdsville, Kentucky to which place he had moved from the Low Cost Housing Project [REDACTED] which is in the immediate vicinity of subject church. During the time that he resided at that address, [REDACTED] stated that he had only seen colored people wearing fezzes and turbans during some kind of a ceremonial parade, the date of which he could not remember. No further information of value was secured from [REDACTED] and an immediate attempt will be made to verify the story that he attended this church, from Confidential Informants of this office. u

b7c

[REDACTED]

b7d,
b2

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that she had attended the Sunday night meeting at St. Mary's Church on [REDACTED] and that there were approximately 30 to 35 people there at that time. Each of these were "saints" of the church and were dressed in white cotton robes. According to [REDACTED] Lady Elder [REDACTED] opened the meeting, being dressed in a black robe. Subsequently, Bishop [REDACTED] wearing a four-pointed cap, resembling some kind of a crown, dressed in a black robe, lead the services. Madam [REDACTED] (phonetic), an elderly fat woman, corresponding in stature to MARY OLIVET BEY, local organizer of the Moorish Science Temple, read a prayer. [REDACTED] Madam [REDACTED] as having grey hair and wearing glasses. Also, [REDACTED] dressed in good business clothes, was present. All of these people are colored.

b7d,
b2

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

b7d,
b2

About 9:30 P. M. [redacted] came in dressed in a white satin gown and it looked to [redacted] as though [redacted] had pantaloons of some kind on. With her was a young man in a white robe named [redacted] who is described as follows:

Age	21
Height	5' 3"
Weight	135#
Complexion	Light brown
Peculiarities	Wide mouth

b7d,
b2

Both [redacted] wore four-pointed caps. [redacted] introduced [redacted] who was the speaker for the evening, and stated that he was from Pittsburgh. She further advised that he was a teacher of religion. Nothing was said or done at that meeting of a seditious nature and the only point of interest noted by [redacted] was that the "saints" held up their right hands when they entered and left the church.

Correcting the description of [redacted] as set forth in the Louisville reference report, the following description is set forth:

Age	45 - 50
Height	5' 6"
Weight	170#
Eyes	Maroon, wears glasses
Hair	Black, bobbed
Complexion	Brown (not light)

b7c

[redacted]

b7c

The following investigation was conducted jointly by Special Agent [redacted] and the writer. u

On the basis of information furnished the Louisville office to the effect that the members of the Moorish Science Temple had registered in a group in 1939 for the Democratic primary, the above named agents proceeded to the City Tax Assessor's office in the Jefferson County Court House, Louisville, Kentucky, where MARY ANTHONY, who is the elected colored mayor of the City of Louisville, advised that in 1939

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

he went to the headquarters of the Moorish Science Temple of America at 623 South Ninth Street, to recruit Democratic voters. He added that he did not make any headway against the leader of this group when she refused to register the group by their "slave" names. Therefore ANTHONY called on [redacted] who accompanied ANTHONY to this place again. After a little influence was exerted, the whole group registered at the demand of the leader. At this time, the leader claimed a membership of approximately 41 members. u

b7d

[redacted] Louisville, advised that in 1939 [redacted] he settled the controversy over the names of the members of this cult by allowing them to register as BEYS as they desired. During the time of his visit to the Temple at 623 South Ninth Street, he recalled seeing nine people, male and female, in costume. The leader of this cult, later identified as MARY CLIFT BEY sold him some literature for 10¢ and 15¢ which [redacted] advised he will attempt to locate in the immediate future. [redacted] recalled some mystic symbols in the Temple but has no recollection of the same. However, he did note that the men were of Selective Service age. u

b7c

On the basis of information furnished by [redacted] ANTHONY, [redacted] was contacted, at which time he [redacted] made available the files of the Courier-Journal Library where the following news clipping was obtained covering the publicity given to the above mentioned incident: u

b7d
b2

RELIGIOUS CULT STUMPS
CITY WITH NEW NAMES u

Insists on Adding "BEY, EL, or ALI" to
The Election Registration Cards u

Civilization left a problem for the Registration Bureau Friday, and they called on Assistant City Law Director RAY STEPHENSON to decide what to do about it. u

Some forty Negroes, members of the Moorish Science Temple of America, No. 45, located at 623 S. 9th, insisted that their ancient, national names of BEY, EL or ALI, be added to their registration cards. u

Grand Shickess E. CLIFT BEY, who has been in charge of the temple since its establishment here last August, said her followers would hold out for the adding of their real family-tree names to the registration cards. u

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

'I read only yesterday in the paper where you had to have your true national name to be enrolled in the W.P.A.,' Sister BEY said, 'It's the power and the law that rules today and we'll vote for somebody who will do something for us.' u

What's more, the Moorish costume which Sister BEY dons when she presides at the temple contains every bit of fifteen yards of the most colorful brocaded satin cloth ever whipped into a trouser like uniform. The cape is extra and the red turban sets it off. Sister BEY also holds a copy of the Koran when she presides. She explained the American Constitution came from the Koran. u

In the temple's literature, Prophet MOBLE DREW ALI wrote that his 'people will find the true and divine way of their forefathers.' He wrote they had 'fallen from the true light into utter darkness of sin and there is not a nation on earth today that will recognize them socially, religiously, politically, and educationally.' u

While the registration deadline drew near, the city law office weighed the matter before advising the registration office. Offhand, however, the legal minds believed the temple was within its right to add the name. They pointed out that nuns register under their clerical names. " u

Further intensive search of the files of the Courier-Journal Library reflected that MARY CLIFT BEY had her picture taken in connection with this publicity, which photographs were made available to the agents, copies of which are enclosed for auxiliary offices and the Bureau. u

From this photograph, the following description of MARY CLIFT BEY is set forth: u

Age	45-50 (733)
Height	5' 9"
Weight	100#
Complexion	Light brown
Hair	Black, straight
Eyes	hazel
Occupation	Teacher u

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Wears Moorish Costumes

The group, which dons the ancient Moorish costumes when it meets twice weekly, believes in 'love, truth, peace, freedom, and justice, and support of our free National Constitution of the United States,' the Grand Shickess explained. The men wore red fez hats with tassels, and the women wore turbans sporting the star and crescent. u

The charter for the subordinate temple here explains that 'Allah, Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha, and Confucius' are one and the same. The temple contains about thirty chairs for members and the 'Grand Shickess' chair, over which is draped the National flag of red bearing a five pointed star; the American flag; a Moorish tapestry, and the charter issued by NOBLE YERFALI. u

Present head of the group is Supreme Grand Advisor and Moderator C. NIBHAN BEY, Chicago. The walls contain several long photographs of convention groups, all in costume after the Islamic fashion. The 'Grand Shickess' explained motion pictures were taken of the temples during a parade in New York's Harlem. u

Claim Oldest Civilization u

She argued that their civilization was the oldest and that when Negroes were brought to the United States in 1777, they were given slave names. Sister M. CLIFT BEY, a native of Bacon County, Tennessee, but a resident of Chicago for some years, said the group follows the custom of prostrating themselves with their heads toward the East several times each day, as is done in Mohammedan nations. u

When told that the men's headgear was exactly like that of a large fraternal organization, the 'Grand Shickess' immediately claimed that the other body copies their costumes. She also said the temple on 9th Street is rented from a Shriner. u

Incidentally, most of the temple members already are registered Democrats, but it was pointed out that the registration cards bear their 'slave' names and they want to add their true national names to the cards. u

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

b7d

[REDACTED]

b7d,
b2

[REDACTED]

Subsequently, the above mentioned agents searched the records of the Jefferson County Registration Bureau and the following information was obtained. u

b7d

[REDACTED] of the Registration Bureau, advised that she remembered very well the incident when the leader of this religious organization raised such a fuss over the registration of members of her cult. A search was made of the voting records of the colored section embracing the immediate vicinity of Mt. Mary's Church, and the following names were obtained: u

b7d

[REDACTED]

MARY CLIFT BEY, 487 South 9th, (description previously noted) born Tenn. Occupation, teacher. u

[REDACTED]

b7d

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[REDACTED]

b7d

The writer contacted [REDACTED] who owns the premises at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that he [REDACTED] had purchased that place in January of 1940. MARY CLIFT BEY came in to see him about February of 1941 and offered to bring a good class of negroes in if they would let her get rid of the criminal element there. She offered to pay a month's rent of \$4.50 in advance for some of her members, if they would let her do this, and inasmuch as there had been considerable slashings and trouble at this place [REDACTED] agreed. From an inspection of his last rental report, he advised that at the present time all but three people who live there are BEYS. A man by the name of [REDACTED] used to reside there and collect rent for [REDACTED] and evidently joined the organization and subsequently quit. u

b7d

It was ascertained that [REDACTED] present address is at the rear of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. He is described as being either a hunchback or crippled in some way. u

b7c

The following are the tenants, as of December 1, 1942, at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as obtained from [REDACTED] u

b7d

Apartment		Date Moved In
"	[REDACTED]	
"	[REDACTED] BEY	4/13/41
"	[REDACTED]	
"	[REDACTED] BEY	3/4/41

Apartment			Date Moved In
"	[REDACTED]	REY	4/4/41
"	[REDACTED]	BEY	11/22/40
"	[REDACTED]	BEY	3/15/41
"	[REDACTED]	BEY (This is MARY CLIFT BEY)	2/25/41
"	[REDACTED]	BAE EL	5/20/41

The rental agency for these premises is the GARFELN Realty Company with offices at 30 South 6th Street, and the collector is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The writer also contacted [REDACTED] Chief of the Louisville Police Department, who was one of the coordinators of the Louisville Civilian Defense Program. He stated [REDACTED] is the colored Sector Air Raid Warden for the district bounded by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was suggested by the writer that a survey be made of the block which included St. Mary's Church and the BEY house at 437 South 9th Street. [REDACTED] greeted the idea enthusiastically and inasmuch as there have been no surveys made of any of the colored sections of Louisville, suggested that to avoid any possibility of suspicion, the survey be made of [REDACTED] entire sector. This suggestion

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

was put forth inasmuch as the City of Louisville would profit by the information gained therein and this information could be put to further use in case any difficulty were encountered in conducting this small survey among the colored people. It was also noted that during a previous surprise blackout in Louisville, the blackout was only partially effective in the colored areas and therefore [redacted] gave his full endorsement to this survey project, which could be instituted immediately. Accordingly, arrangements were made with [redacted] to have a trusted colored Air Raid Warden make a survey of the 9th Street block and a contact will be arranged immediately with this Warden. The purpose of this survey is to have this information made available to the Louisville Field Division for the following two purposes: (1) to obtain the correct names and ages of all people who give the name of BEY, so that the male members may be checked for their Selective Service status at their local boards, and (2) under the guise of examining the premises for fire hazard, an inspection can be made of the suspected premises at 437 and 439 South 9th Street, in an effort to locate any private meeting place which would not be open to the eyes of people attending St. Mary's Church. u

b7c

[redacted]

b7d

[redacted]

b7d

[redacted]

b7E

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

b7d,
b2

An interesting sidelight on this case was obtained from [redacted] when he was informed that at two of the meetings of St. Mary's Spiritual Church, informants of this office had observed young colored girls between the ages of 16 and 20, sitting on the platform of the church and evidently part of the church leadership. Informant [redacted] that the following information had come to his attention.

b7d,
b2

[redacted] and [redacted] had obtained a telephone number and called it to get a cook. According to [redacted] a very soft and cultured negro woman's voice answered and said that one of these women could not talk to the girl she was trying to employ, until she, the cultivated voice, "finished some readings". The readings turned out to be fortune tellings. One of these women employed a girl and she was a very inexperienced young Georgia negress from LaGrange, Georgia. The girl told her employer, according to [redacted] that "Mother" took care of all their problems and that all they had to do was turn over their wages. "Mother" bought all their clothes, food, etc. "Mother" was a bishop handling four churches, one of them here. "Mother" was also reported to do healings, sometimes for white persons. The girl said that about nine people lived at the home at 439 South 9th Street. The name received by [redacted] was "Bishop [redacted]".

b7d,
b2

[redacted] He checked this against [redacted]. The young girl went on to say, according to [redacted] that the little community at the home has bible classes. This information corresponded with that provided by Confidential Informant [redacted] who observed a young Georgian negress on one occasion in the pulpit.

b7c
b7d

[redacted]

b7c



Reference is also made for the Pittsburgh Field Division to the statement made by [redacted] Louisville, Kentucky, to the effect that [redacted] had recently come to Louisville from Pittsburgh with her, where he had evidently been some kind of a teacher in the negro circles there. [redacted] description is set forth hereinbefore. u

b7c

- ENCLOSURE TO THE BUREAU: 1 photograph of MARY CLIFT BEY, local organizer of the Moorish Science Temple in August 1938, which picture is dated June 3, 1939.
- ENCLOSURE TO CHICAGO: 1 photograph of MARY CLIFT BEY, same as above.
- ENCLOSURE TO DETROIT: 1 photograph of MARY CLIFT BEY, same as above.

- P E N D I N G -

~~SECRET~~

CONFIDENTIAL

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Will advise Louisville Office if MARY CLIFT BEY is known in negro circles in Chicago. She, by her own statement, rose to prominence in the Chicago branch of the Moorish Science Temple of America, before coming to Louisville, to organize the Louisville chapter. u

b7c Will ascertain if an attorney named [REDACTED] is known in negro circles in Chicago, inasmuch as he came to Louisville in about 1938 with [REDACTED] and since is not known to be residing in Louisville. u

DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN:

Will advise whether MARY CLIFT BEY is known to have actively participated in any work of the Moorish Science Temple in the State of Michigan. u

PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION

AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA:

b7c Will advise the Louisville office if Pittsburgh indices or other sources of information reflect that Bishop [REDACTED] is known in colored circles and whether she is connected with negro agitation. u

b7c Will also advise whether [REDACTED] is known to the Pittsburgh Field Division. u

LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY:

Will institute full background investigation on the negroes whose names were mentioned in the Louisville Police Department records and in the City Directory as BEYS, in an effort to link them with the activities of this church as well as with any subversive activities. u

Pending the results of the Air Raid Warden's survey, will contact Selective Service Boards #77 and #73 which cover the addresses of these BEYS, in an effort to determine the SS status and other pertinent information. u

CONFIDENTIAL

~~SECRET~~
b7c Will contact [redacted] last known to be living at [redacted] to reportedly has attended meetings of this church. u

b7c Will interview [redacted] residing at [redacted] at his filling state in position on [redacted] in an effort to ascertain any information he may have on the BEYS who live at his address. u

Will further report information secured from Confidential Informants of this office who are attending meetings at this church, as well continue to develop new informants for similar purposes. u

b7E [redacted]

b7E [redacted]

b7d, b2 Will contact Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, in an attempt to verify the story that [redacted] attended St. Mary's Church.

b7c

Will contact [redacted] for exhibit picture of MARY CLIFT BEY to him in an effort to ascertain whether this is the person who lead the burial ceremonies of one of the members of the costumed Turkish sect with which he is familiar. u

b7d [redacted]

b7c

Will contact [redacted] who reside at the [redacted] in an effort to ascertain pertinent information on MARY CLIFT BEY and the Moorish Science Temple of America. [redacted]

b7c

For the same purpose, will contact [redacted] who reside at [redacted] as MARY CLIFT BEY rented one of their premises in 1939. u

For the same purpose will contact Brock Service Company, 2502 West Madison to ascertain pertinent information on the Moorish Science Temple of America renters of the premises owned by this company in 1940. u

b7c

For the same purpose, will contact [redacted] for facts pertinent to this investigation. u

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) b7d with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies): _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

- For your information: _____
- The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
62-25889-38 p 15

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
DELETED PAGE
NO DUPLICATION FEE
FOR THIS PAGE
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX



FGT:mae

62-25889

Date: December 24, 1942

To: SAC, Louisville

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: MOONISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, et al
SECTION
SELECTIVE SERVICE
INTERNAL SECURITY - J

b7c

Please refer to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 1, 1942, at Louisville, Kentucky, captioned "St. Mary's Church and Power Center of Applied Christianity, etc."

It is requested that you determine if St. Mary's Church and Power Center of Applied Christianity is identical to the Moorish Science Temple of America, and particularly if it is Temple 45 of that organization as set out in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 12, 1942, at Detroit, Michigan.

In your investigation of this organization, it is suggested that you particularly determine if the leaders have counseled violations of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 or have made seditious statements in any of their meetings. As it appears that this organization is pro-Japanese, it is possible that the identity of Japanese contacts may be disclosed at Louisville. Copies of reports in this case should be furnished to those offices designated by name in the report of Special Agent [redacted]

b7c

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11/19/80 BY SP2 TAP/SLD

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED 10
★ DEC 24 1942 P.M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

62-25889-39
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEC 30 1942
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JAN 1 1943 347

FOT:mee
62-25889

Date: December 24, 1942
To: SAC, Kansas City

40838

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, et al
SEDITION
SELECTIVE SERVICE
INTERNAL SECURITY - J

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/19/80 BY SP2 TAD/len/lms

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 23, 1942, at Kansas City.

It is suggested that a copy of this report be furnished to the Detroit Field Division for their information, and in connection with the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 17, 1942, at Detroit, it is requested that you determine if the Moorish Science Temple at Kansas City teaches the doctrines referred to therein. It is believed that further investigation in connection with this organization may disclose that seditious statements have been made at their meetings or that the leaders or officers have encouraged violations of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 as has been done in similar organizations of this type.

It should be definitely determined if the Moorish Science Temple still exists in your Field Division. The report of Special Agent [redacted] reflects that this organization is now inactive but does not indicate whether or not it has been dissolved.

62-25889-40
RECORDED
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEC 31 1942
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAY 14 1942
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

ORIGIN - DETROIT, MICHIGAN

RICHMOND FILE NO. 100-5698

Report Made At RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	Date Made 12-15-42	Title Made 9/30;10/1; 11/17/42	Made By: [REDACTED]	b7c CAP:VFM
Title COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases, ET AL; MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA.			Character INTERNAL SECURITY - J CUSTODIAL DETENTION SEDITION	

SYNOPSIS:

Colony of fifty negroes known as the National Home of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., located near Prince George, Virginia; local leader, F. NELSON BEY, claims over 1,000,000 members in national organization. Several \$100 money orders received by this colony each month from C. KIRKMAN BEY, Chicago, Supreme Grand Advisor and Moderator, and numerous smaller money orders received from other temples. This colony publishes a monthly magazine "Moorish Voice", about five hundred mimeographed copies being mailed to various temples. Copies of Constitution, Rules and Regulations and "Moorish Voice" obtained. These negroes have excellent reputation in neighborhood, are registered for Selective Service, and there is no indication of subversive activities.

[REDACTED]

b7c - RUC -

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Detroit, Michigan, November 12, 1942. u

AGENCY _____
REC. REC'D _____
REP'T FORM _____
BY _____

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/19/80 BY SP2APJ/amlms

Appr. & Fwd. [Handwritten initials]

Do Not Write in These Spaces

- Copies
- 5 - Bureau
 - 2 - Chicago
 - 2 - Detroit
 - 1 - Cincinnati
 - 1 - Cleveland
 - 1 - Grand Rapids
 - 1 - Indianapolis
 - 1 - Kansas City
 - 1 - Knoxville
 - 1 - Louisville
 - 1 - Milwaukee
 - 1 - New York City
 - 1 - Newark
 - 1 - Philadelphia
 - 1 - OMI, Norfolk
 - 1 - OMI, Richmond
 - 2 - Richmond

62-25889-41
13 DEC 1 1942
[Handwritten signatures and initials]

INDEXED
EX-26

COPIES IN FILE

DETAILS:

AT PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA:

This investigation is predicated upon information furnished to Special Agent [redacted] by [redacted]

b7g
b7d

[redacted] that he had read an article in the newspaper about an organization of negroes in the United States called "Moslems" which were inspired by the Japanese and whose ultimate purpose was the overthrow of the white race. [redacted] that there was an organization of negroes located near Prince George, Virginia, who called themselves "Moslems", all the men wearing red turbans. He said that the colony had been there for about three or four years, at first consisting of log cabins chinked with mud and later of houses made from concrete blocks. He estimated that there were about fifty members of the colony, whose leader is named NELSON BEY. [redacted] these negroes were very polite and courteous and appeared to be well behaved, although they were in a strategic place to commit serious damage if they did have un-American sympathies.

b7d

AT PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA:

[redacted] Sheriff of Prince George County, was interviewed by Reporting Agent and stated that he was acquainted with the colony of negroes referred to but said they called themselves "Moorish Americans" rather than Moslems, claiming to worship Allah. He advised that they settled in the vicinity several years ago, coming there from various parts of the country, and that they had never caused him any trouble. According to [redacted] they seemed to have an unlimited supply of money, as he recalled that at a Sheriff's sale they had bought out nearly everything that was offered for sale, and the one who paid for it did so in cash from a huge ward of greenback. He said they had cleared out a good part of the land, grew their own crops, and supported their own buildings, and had bought at least one large truck. u

b7c

[redacted] that they had apparently made no attempt to agitate in any way and did not seem to associate at all with other negroes. [redacted] that only one local negro had joined the colony.

b7d

[redacted] that the fact that they had taken such a man into their colony made him wonder as to what their purposes might be. u

b7c [redacted] that when the colony had first been established there seemed to be an epidemic of stealing in that part of the county, and he had gone out to the colony to talk with NELSON BEY about it. He said that BEY was quite cooperative and told him that any time he wanted to search any of the buildings in the colony he was perfectly at liberty to do so, and need not obtain any search warrant. [redacted] was not able to obtain any evidence that these negroes had stolen anything. He said so far as he knew they were law abiding citizens who had no desire to overthrow the white race and who had no contacts with any Japanese. u

b7c [redacted] Draft Board #1, Prince George County, advised that she had a number of registrations from the negroes who comprised the Moorish-American Colony and so far as she knew they had all registered. She advised that FRED NELSON BEY, the leader of the colony, had registered April 27, 1942, and the following description was obtained from his registration card: u

Name	FRED NELSON BEY
Date of birth	January 27, 1890
Place of birth	High Point, N. C.
Height	5'6"
Weight	145 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Complexion	Light brown
Race	Moorish-American
Scars or marks	Scar on left hand
Person who will always know address	[redacted] BEY.

b7c [redacted] also informed that one [redacted] BEY, [redacted] Prince George, Virginia, claimed to be a conscientious objector, and the following information was obtained from his Conscientious Objector Form: u

"The principles of my religion are love, truth, peace, freedom, and justice". He received his training "from the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.". He relies for religious guidance on Brother C. KIRKMAN BEY, 11047 Sedgwick Street, Chicago, Illinois, who is head of the organization. "At present, I am sacrificing my time and labor solely to the cause of my religion". The creed of his sect in regard to war was stated thusly: "The Holy Koran says, 'When a man harms in thought or word or deed another man, he does a wrong to Allah' My race is Moorish-American." He said his occupation consisted in farming on about twenty-five acres of land, the number who work on this land being six. He gave the names of F. NELSON BEY and C. KIRKMAN BEY as references. u

b7c [redacted] that [redacted] BEY had been classified 1-A by the Draft Board and would be ordered to report for his physical examination shortly. u

[redacted] who resides near the colony, informed that the negroes had a very good reputation in the vicinity, and never causes any trouble. He advised that recently he had picked up the negro [redacted] who told him that there were namely seventy-five in the colony, and that they were expecting more to come in from all over the country, in anticipation of which they were erecting some more buildings. u

b7d

b7d
b2

[redacted]

b7d
b2

[redacted]

b7d

[redacted]

b7d
b2

[redacted]

b7d
b2

[redacted]

b7d
b7c

[REDACTED]

Informant [REDACTED] that she had become acquainted with a number of the members of this colony, all of whom impressed her as being very courteous, of good character, and good citizens. She said they had numerous visitors all over the country. u

b7d
b7c

b7d

[REDACTED]

In this connection he said that he had to examine the title to the property on which the Moorish Science Temple Colony was situated. [REDACTED] that one [REDACTED] was known as [REDACTED] BEY also, and she had apparently deeded the property to the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., but it was the opinion of White, Temple, Hamilton, & Wyche, law firm, that the title to the property was no good. [REDACTED] furnished correspondence showing that the Moorish Temple of Science was incorporated under the "Not for Profit Act" of the State of Illinois on November 29, 1926, and filed a certificate May 21, 1928, changing the name to the Moorish Science Temple of America; that it was also incorporated in the State of New York with principal offices at 44 Jefferson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and that it attempted to domesticate in the State of Virginia but was refused permission on the ground that the Constitution of Virginia prohibits the incorporation of a church or religious denomination which is incorporated under the laws of some other State. u

b7c

[REDACTED]

Judge FRANK BINFORD, Circuit Court of Prince George County and Chairman of the Local Draft Board, informed that the colony seemed to be composed of well-behaved negroes and he did not recall having trouble with any of them other than one exception. He advised that one negro who had been placed on probation in Cleveland, Ohio, had come down to join this colony, being placed under Judge BINFORD's supervision. u

Judge BINFORD said he required the leader, NELSON BEY, to make periodic reports on this individual and that finally NELSON BEY informed the Judge that this individual had been violating his probation and accordingly the Judge instructed NELSON BEY to place him in the County Jail so that he could be removed to Cleveland. Judge BINFORD said that before turning the negro over to the sheriff, NELSON BEY removed the negroe's red fezz and gave him an old cap to wear. Judge BINFORD said such an instance as this led him to believe that they were a law-abiding group of negroes who had no intention of stirring up racial trouble. u

b7c Special Agent [redacted] and the writer proceeded to the national home of the Moorish Science Temple, which can be reached in the following manner: proceed east from Prince George on Highway #6 for about six miles; at Cummings Store, turn right on a dirt road and proceed about 1½ miles, where the colony will be seen on the left. u

b7c F. NELSON BEY was advised that [redacted] accordingly, agents desired to obtain some information about [redacted] the organization. F. NELSON BEY then furnished willingly the following information about the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. u

b7d It originated in Newark, New Jersey, in 1913, its founder being NOBLE DREW ALI who was born in North Carolina in 1886 and is now deceased. The local colony was established in 1939 as the National Home of the organization, most of the members coming from Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Toledo, New York City, and Louisville, Kentucky. [redacted]

The local colony consists of about fifty members, and BEY claimed more than a million members for the national organization. He said there are four temples in New York City and Chicago, three in Philadelphia, some in Detroit and Chattanooga and various other cities. u

b7d BEY stated that anyone can join the organization upon paying 25¢ for a membership card, 25¢ for an emblem, and 50¢ monthly dues. No member of the organization is permitted to marry unless his spouse also joins. Their Holy Book is the Koran, and it is the aim of the organization to set an example of love and peace in the neighborhood. Though believing in peace, the organization instructs its men not to refuse to serve in the Army if drafted. [redacted]

BEY stated that three members of the organization have been inducted into the U. S. Army, though none from the local colony. He informed that all members of the organization are native born citizens of the United States, though they claimed to belong to the Moorish-American race. He said that the forefathers of the present negroes in this country were all descended from two names in Africa, the BEYS and the ELS, and they can tell by a secret sign which tribe a particular negro