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Members of the organization have expressed the belief that they are in possession of signs and signals and passwords which will preclude harm from Japanese or German troops when they invade the United States. It is observed that the members of the Pacific Movement of the Eastern World were similarly taught signs purportedly for their protection in the event of invasion. It also appears that there is a military unit within the organization termed the "Brothers of the Military Department", another indication of similarity between this organization and the Pacific Movement of the Eastern World. It is noted in the "Moorish Voice" that this group provides entertainment at their meetings. (62-25889-66 & 61)

It was learned that the head of the organization is known as "Colonel" C. Kirkman Bey, Supreme Grand Advisor and Moderator, who maintains the national headquarters at 1104 Sedgwick Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The headquarters of the organization publishes a mimeographed pamphlet known as the "Moorish Voice" which appears to be issued monthly and is sold for 10¢. It seems to be concerned with the social activities of the various branches and the sale of devices and trappings of the organization.

Investigation has disclosed that the Moorish Temple of Science of America was incorporated under the "Not For Profit Act" of the state of Illinois on November 29, 1926. A certificate was filed with the state of Illinois on May 21, 1928, changing the name to the Moorish Science Temple of America. The organization was incorporated in the state of Indiana on March 17, 1930, for the expressed purpose of teaching the Koran, to establish the Mohammedan faith in America and to conform to that faith by annexing the names of Ali, El and Bey. It was also incorporated in the state of New York with the principal office at 44 Jefferson Avenue, Brooklyn and attempted to domesticate in the state of Virginia but was there refused permission on the ground that the state constitution prohibits the incorporation of a religious denomination previously incorporated under the laws of another state. (62-25889-26 & 41)

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The Moorish Science Temple of America also maintains a colony near Prince George, Virginia, known as the National Home of the Moorish Science Temple of America. The local leader, [redacted] Bey, claims over one million members in the organization and has indicated that these members support the colony which in turn prints the "Moorish Voice" and manufactures various devices for the use of the organization. It appears that the inhabitants of the home come from various branches of the Moorish Science Temple, utilizing it as a refuge. (62-25889-41)

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The records of the 12th Annual Convention held at 218-220 West Oak Street, Chicago, Illinois, from September 15 to 20, 1939, are said to have listed what were termed the 'Grand Governors' of several states. These are:

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Ohio
- Michigan

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(Ibid)

The letterhead of the New Haven Division of the Moorish Science Temple reflects that F. Turner Kl is "Executive Councilor and Moderator of the Eastern District", 340 Hancock Street, Brooklyn, New York, and that R. Scott Bey is the National Chairman. Harold Peters Bey, 707 Grand Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut, is named "Grand Deputy Councilor of the Eastern District."

The organization has recently been quite active in Detroit, Michigan, where it has been reported the organization has taught that Japan will overthrow the United States; that after the United States and Japan go to war, the colored people will not be attacked providing they surrender to Japan; that America should arm the negro and then the negro should surrender to the Japanese and that it is necessary for the Negroes to establish a front in the United States. It has been reported that [REDACTED] who will be recalled as the promoter of the Development of Our Own in Detroit, was at one time active in the Moorish Science Temple of America under the name of Satakata Takahashi, a major in the Japanese army, and a representative of the so-called Japanese Black Dragon Society.

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A negro known as [REDACTED] Bey founded a unit of this organization at Kansas City, Kansas, which was said to have broken away from the national association in about 1935. The organization was at one time very active and in 1936 or 1937 had approximately 500 members. The membership subsequently dwindled, possibly because of the death of Mohammed Bey. This organization differed from the National Moorish Science Temple chiefly in that it prohibited male members from shaving and required them to wear red sashes at all times. There were also other requirements as to dress, particularly of the women. Fifteen members of this cult were arrested on July 24, 1942, for violations of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940. Two were released immediately as they were not within the age limits prescribed by the Act. Seven of them, Winifred Boyd Bey, Jr., Winifred Boyd Bey, Sr., Roy Lee Boyd Bey, Otha McGee Bey, Paul Jackson El, Lennie David Bey and John Hunter El, were convicted in the United States District Court at Kansas City and were each sentenced on January 19, 1943, to terms of four years and to pay a fine of \$1,000. The remaining persons arrested were released on October 24, 1942, by order of the Attorney General.

(62-25889-59)

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HEADQUARTERS  
62-25889  
SECTION 5

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Knoxville, Tennessee  
February 6, 1943

Director, FBI

Attention: Technical Laboratory

RE: [REDACTED]

SELECTIVE SERVICE

[REDACTED]  
SELECTIVE SERVICE  
(CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR)

[REDACTED]  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
DE NATURALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

Colonel C. KIRKMAN BRY  
Loorish Science Temple of America  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J  
SEDITION

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Dear Sir:

There is being forwarded under separate cover one partial roll of negative film containing photographic impressions of evidence in connection with the above captioned cases.

As the roll of film jammed in the camera, it is not known to what extent the film was damaged by light when removed. It is requested that, if it is found upon development that the negatives are suitable for printing, the following prints be made:

1. 2 enlarged copies approximately 8" x 11" of each negative in connection with Knoxville file 25-773.
2. 2 enlarged copies approximately 8" x 11" of the Selective Service file, conscientious objector, of [REDACTED] which copies are to be retained by the Bureau. b7c
3. 1 enlarged copy approximately 8" x 11" of the negatives identified as Knoxville file 100-326.

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4. 18 enlarged copies approximately 8" x 11" of all negatives in connection with Knoxville file 100-1368.

With respect to this latter group of photographs, it is requested that upon development, three of the photographs of each print be retained by the Bureau, three each be forwarded to the Knoxville Field Division, and one of each to the following Field Divisions: Cleveland, Indianapolis, New York, Birmingham, Jackson, Chicago, Detroit, Richmond, Grand Rapids, Pittsburgh, Newark, and Kansas City.

It is further requested that all negatives be returned to the Knoxville Field Division.

Very truly yours,

W. A. MURPHY  
Special Agent in Charge

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25-773

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100-326

100-1368

10-17-43  
Date: March 13, 1943  
To: SAC, Knoxville  
From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: SELECTIVE SERVICE

b7c SELECTIVE SERVICE - Conscientious Objector

INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
DENATURALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY  
Morrish Science Temple of America  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J  
SEDITION

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated February 6, 1943, transmitting one roll of film containing exposures pertaining to the above named cases.

You are advised that the film was developed and prints made in accordance with your request. Two enlarged photographic prints of each exposure pertaining to the cases entitled, INTERNAL SECURITY - C, DENATURALIZATION PROCEEDINGS, are being returned to your office under separate registered cover.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_

b7c Two enlarged photographic prints of the exposures pertaining to the case entitled, SELECTIVE SERVICE - Conscientious Objector, are being retained in the Bureau.

In connection with the case entitled, Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY, Morrish Science Temple of America, INTERNAL SECURITY - J, SEDITION, eighteen enlarged photographic prints of each exposure were made and are being forwarded to the following field divisions as listed:

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In accordance with your request, three enlarged photographic prints of each exposure and the negatives are being returned to your office under separate registered cover. Three sets are being retained in the Bureau.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

633 Federal Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

March 22, 1943

Director, F.B.I.

Re: COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY, WAS ETAL  
MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J; SEDITION;  
OVERTHROW OR DESTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that copies of the following reports in the above captioned case are being forwarded to the United States Attorney at Louisville, Kentucky.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 1, 1942 at Louisville, Kentucky.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 8, 1942 at Louisville, Kentucky.

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Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 26, 1942 at Louisville, Kentucky.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 15, 1943 at Louisville, Kentucky.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated February 15, 1943 at Louisville, Kentucky.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 6, 1943 at Louisville, Kentucky.

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Yours truly

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Herbert K. Moss  
HERBERT K. MOSS  
Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED] that he had heard of the organization's existence in the Middle West, but was not aware of it operating in Salt Lake City or having an organization here.

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[REDACTED] stated he was very well acquainted with a large number of Japanese in this area, having learned the Japanese language in Japan, and found it easy to make Japanese acquaintances, but during none of his contacts in Salt Lake City had he ever come across any organization resembling the one mentioned in this case.

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[REDACTED] in Salt Lake City, stated that they were well acquainted with the negro religions and organizations in Salt Lake City, but had never heard of the subject organization mentioned in this case.

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[REDACTED]

At Las Vegas, Nevada

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[REDACTED] colored police officer at the Las Vegas, Nevada Police Department, was interviewed with negative results. He advised that no such organization had been fostered in this vicinity.

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[REDACTED] colored owner of a bar and casino, [REDACTED] Las Vegas, Nevada was interviewed with negative results as was [REDACTED] Red Cap at the Union Pacific Railroad Passenger Station.

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[REDACTED] of the El Rio Garage, First and Ogden, Las Vegas, Nevada was interviewed with negative results. [REDACTED] has been a resident of Las Vegas for the past twenty years and stated that he would be in a position to know if any such organization had been or was being fostered in this vicinity.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

SALT LAKE CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Salt Lake City, Utah

b2) Will recontact [REDACTED] to determine if he has  
b7d any further information after consulting his records in Washington, D. C.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Chicago, Illinois**

**Milwaukee** FILE NO. **100-6057**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Milwaukee, Wisconsin</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-22-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/4, 6, 12, 17, 27; 2/15, 22, 23, 25, 27; 3/5/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <i>b7c</i> <b>RD/esa</b>
TITLE <b>COLONEL G. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases, ET AL; MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - J; SEDITION; OVERTHROW OR DESTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

*b7d* Temple No. 3, Moorish Science Temple of America, located at 322 West Highland Avenue, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No celebration held in Milwaukee for Christmas or New Year.

[REDACTED] Eight copies of "Moorish Voice" and two pictures of National Convention obtained.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 10/13/50 *grr*

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**References:**

*b7c* Bureau file #62-25889. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 12/26/42 at Detroit, Michigan.

Bureau letter dated 2/8/43.

**Details:**

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*b7d* [REDACTED]

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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REASON FOR REVIEW

**54 MAY 5 1943**

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[REDACTED]

Mrs. BEY stated that she BELIEVED that the members of the Milwaukee chapter would celebrate New Year on January 1, 1968, inasmuch as the active membership in Milwaukee was not carried over as a separate celebration. She said that there has not been a New Year's celebration in Milwaukee since 1928.

Mrs. BEY said that the Moorish Science Temple of America formerly held their meetings at the U.N.I.A. Hall on the corner of Third and Walnut Streets.

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[REDACTED] BEY said that the only meetings that she knows of are held on Sunday night at the Temple.

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On January 7, 1943, a teletype was sent to the Chicago Field Division advising them of the information obtained relative to the celebrations to be held on January 8 in Chicago.

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Confidential Source T-1 furnished information to the effect that a Private in the United States Army located at Saulte St. Marie had received a letter from B. JOHNSON BEY. This letter mentioned the unnecessary suffering of the negro in America and stated that any amount of literature could be sent to the recipient upon his request.

In view of the information obtained from Source of Information T-1, a search of Temple No. 3 was conducted by the writer and Special Agents [REDACTED]. This search was made with the written permission of [REDACTED] BEY. No literature of a seditious nature was found in the Temple but numerous papers and documents relative to the activities of the Moorish Science Temple of America were examined.

The following copies of the "Moorish Voice" were obtained and are being forwarded to the Chicago Field Division under separate cover:

April, 1939  
May, 1939  
July, 1939  
August, 1939  
October, 1939  
June, 1941  
February, 1943.

The records of all meetings held at 322 West Highland Avenue for the past 13 years were examined by the writer. They contained no information pertinent to this investigation but showed that the attendance at the meetings never exceeded 11 persons. The majority of the meetings were conducted with two or three members present.

There were forwarded to the Chicago Field Division under separate cover one picture of the 10th Annual National Convention of the Moorish Science Temple of America held on September 18, 1937, and one picture of the convention of the Moorish Science Temple of America, held in Chicago on September 19, 1938.

The following articles were brought to the Milwaukee Field Division where they were photographed. They were subsequently returned to [REDACTED] BEY:

1. The Holy Koran
2. Koran and Questions for Moorish Americans.
3. Per Capita Tax Card.
4. Membership Card.
5. Dues Card

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6. Letter dated 12/24/41 from [redacted] BEY, Prince George, Virginia, addressed to Sister [redacted] Bey, requesting money for the National Building Fund Drive.

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7. Letter from C. Kirkman dated 9/22/42 requesting \$10 to be forwarded to the home office to finance a case pending in New York City. This letter was addressed to SISTER [redacted] BEY.

8. Envelope for the National Building Fund.

9. Advertisement of the Moorish Manufacturing Company.

This film was forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover with a request that appropriate copies will be made thereof for interested offices.

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Incident to the search of the premises, [redacted] BEY was interviewed. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted]

The letter said that the dues for the organization are 50¢ per month but he added that no one pay dues anymore. The minutes of the meeting reflected that at each meeting a collection is taken and the proceeds run from 2 cents to 15 cents. [redacted] BEY was questioned regarding his attitude toward the present war. He said that all persons are divided into two groups. All colored persons are Moores and all white persons are Europeans.

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He was asked by the writer into what classification the Japanese would fall and he stated that he did not know. He said that he had never heard the question brought up before and that for an intelligent answer to this question he would have to consult Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY. He said that he was a 100 percent American and would gladly fight in the armed forces if such was necessary. He stated that he had registered under the Selective Service Act and exhibited his Registration Card which was dated October 16, 1940. He registered at Local Board No. 6, Milwaukee, and was classified 4-E on January 29, 1943.

b7c [REDACTED] BEY said that the activities of the Moorish Science Temple of America were purely religious and that political affairs were never mentioned in any of their meetings.

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b7d [REDACTED]

b7c On February 27, 1943, the following letter was obtained from Confidential Source T-2. This letter was dated January 17, 1943, and was addressed to Private [REDACTED] at Saulte St. Marie, Michigan.

b7c [REDACTED]  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Jan. 17, 1943

"Hello Pal:

"I received your last letter just a few days ago and was mighty glad to hear from you and sorry to know that you are still in the guard house. I am almost well again at the present time hoping to recover completely soon.

"Well, I don't think it necessary to tell you what kind of a situation we are facing out here well maybe I had better explained what I am talking about. In the first place you can't have what you want to eat anymore such as meats and canned goods that stuff is all rationed Meat well if you like horse meat you may be able to get some of that if you can afford it. Money? Man don't talk about that the government requires 10% of every dollar and a 5% victory tax which makes 15% of your dollar gone which leaves you only 85% and the actual value of the whole dollar is 40 cents discount 15" which leaves you 25% of every dollar so you know what you get now. Now the price of everything is going up but wages haven't budged everything you have to buy is out of sight. Now I understand what they meant by the term Ceiling Price. You saw the picture Ceiling Zero didn't you, well as high as can go if could any higher it would but the law of gravity won't permit ha, ha.

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 "Did you know what [redacted] was in the Army well he said when he was on his 12 day furlough he would be glade to leave here but you should hear that poor sucker crying now and you should hear the poor guys in the streets crying about hard times and don't know what to do well Negroes are going to catch plenty of h\_\_\_ now they are crying about being called Negroes well when the white man ask the poor suckers what and who they are all they can say is I don't know. Then the white man says you are a Negro a man must be what he knows and what does he know? Ans. Negro well I am going to tell you what a Negro is listen good now....(obscene).... I wish I could tell you some of the things I know now and you would realy be surprised I can get books you never dreamed of to back up what I say. well [redacted] -- El said Hello you slave ok he said some times get a dictionary and look up the word submit and see what you done. I always thought your judgment was pretty fair but when submit to any one you cast aside your own thoughts about things and therefore have signed an agreement or contract to do the bidding of some other therefore making yourself a slave a contract slave think it over Pal. and maybe I will be able to help you brake that contract well I guess that is enough of that stuff you never could stand much of it the Truth. Have you heard from you brother Pat. yet I gave him your number or address just what would you call it anyway and did you hear from Tucker yet well this letter is the old two in one answering both at the same time but you haven't anything but time to read it this may cost me extra money to send it well so long old Pal. Not ex-Pal like you all ways say in your letter; quote; (Hello ex pal)

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[redacted] - "Bey"

Inasmuch as the Moorish Science Temple of America has approximately seven members in Milwaukee and Confidential Informants state that they are engaged in no subversive activity, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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- UNDEVELOPED LEAD -

THE CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will ascertain the identity and activities of [REDACTED]  
BEY, who resides at [REDACTED] Cleveland, Ohio.

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Will attempt to locate the source of the books mentioned  
in the letter of [REDACTED] BEY dated January 17, 1943.

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE T-1 - ONI Counter Intelligence Weekly Report of  
February 12, 1943.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE T-2 - [REDACTED] b7c  
Milwaukee Office of ONI.

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United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

Mr. Tolson	
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March 24, 1943

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Director, FBI

Re: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE;  
C. KIRKMAN BEY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith the original and one copy of the report of [redacted] dated March 19, 1943, relative to the captioned matter.

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[redacted]

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[redacted] has been advised to keep in contact with members of the captioned organization and to attend meetings in order to obtain additional information concerning the sympathies and activities of the members.

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Two copies of the informant's report are being retained in the New York file on this case for information purposes.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*  
E. E. CONROY  
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United States Department of Justice

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March 26, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA INC.  
et al  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J  
SELECTIVE SERVICE  
SEDITION

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the attached report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 26, 1943 at Newark, New Jersey, on the above mentioned Subject, wherein information obtained by this agent from [redacted] Newark, New Jersey, is set forth.

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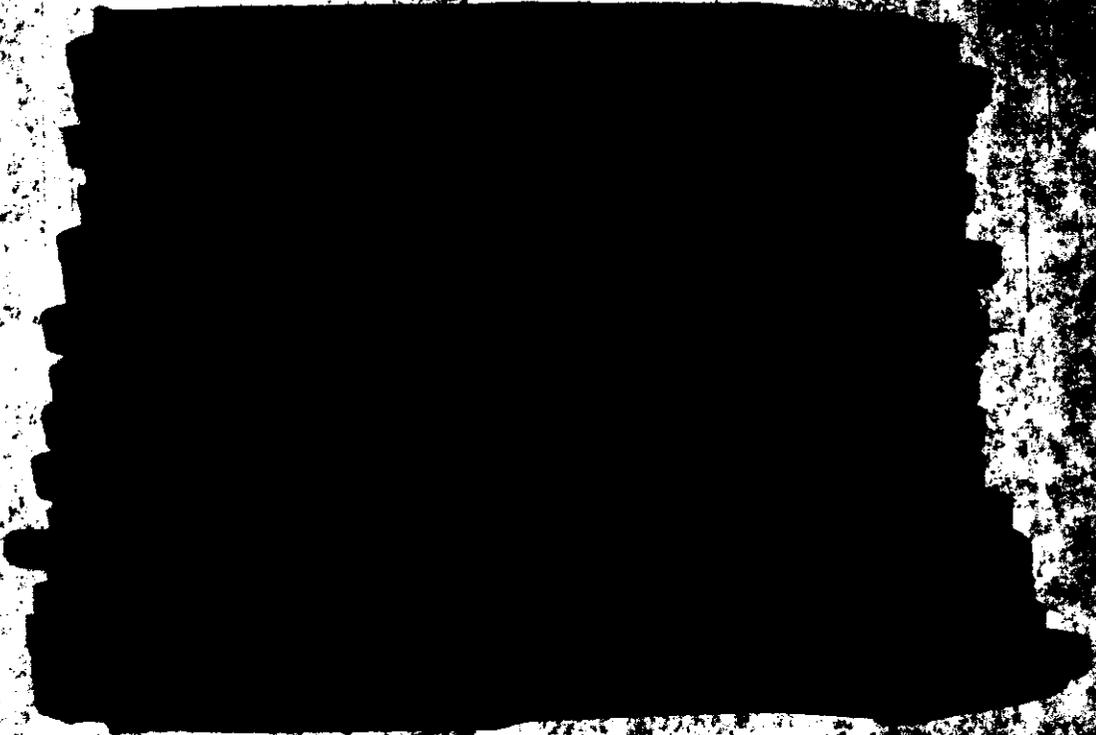
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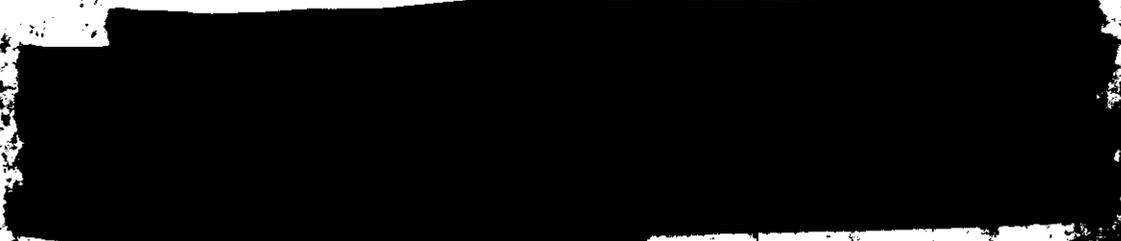
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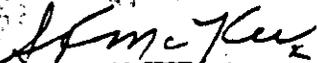
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Director, FBI

Re: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
C. KIRKMAN RAY  
INTERNAL SECURITY (J)

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the original and one copy of a report of [redacted] dated March 7, 1943 on the above entitled organization.

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Very truly yours,  
E. E. Conroy  
Special Agent in Charge

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Director, FBI

Re: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE  
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INTERNAL SECURITY (J)

Dear Sir:

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

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March 5, 1943

Director, FBI

Attention: Technical Laboratory

Dear Sir:

Re: Col. C. Kirkman Bey, w.e.a., et al;  
Moorish Science Temple of America;  
Internal Security - J -  
Selective Service -  
Sedition.

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There is being transmitted to the Technical Laboratory one 300-exposure roll of Minipan Film containing pictures taken in connection with the captioned case. The film contains pictures of the following articles:

1. The Holy Koran
2. Koran Questions for Moorish Americans
3. Per Capita Tax Card
4. Membership Card
5. Dues Card
6. Letter dated 12/24/41 from [redacted] Bey, Prince George, Virginia, addressed to Sister [redacted] Bey requesting money for the National Building Fund Drive.
7. Letter from C. Kirkman dated 9/22/42 requesting \$10 be forwarded to the Home Office to finance a case pending in New York City, addressed to Sister [redacted] Bey.
8. Envelope for the National Building Fund.
9. Advertisement of the Moorish Manufacturing Company.

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Very truly yours,



H. T. O'CONNOR  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: April 13, 1943  
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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: DR. C. HIRSHWY, was, et al;  
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INDICATE BUSINESS CONCERN <b>[REDACTED]</b>			
NAME OF AGENCY <b>[REDACTED]</b>			

**SUMMARY:** MSTA organized in 1911 by **WOMIE DEWE ALI**; approximately 36 temples now active in the United States. Present National leader is Colonel G. KIRKMAN KEY, who operates from Chicago headquarters, at 1104 North Dearborn Avenue. Estimate of National strength lacking. Louisville Temple #45 organized about 1938 by **[REDACTED]** KEY, present location is **[REDACTED]** Temple #46, total 110, but only 20 to 25 of these are active. Members are taught to believe that they are not Negroes, but Moorish-Americans, descended from the original ruling Moors of N.W. Africa. The organization has adopted membership cards, long uniforms, rituals, and the surnames "Key" and "XI" to identify themselves from the Negro. A modified form of Mohammedanism which embraces Christianity, is taught as a universal religious appeal to new members. Political teachings originally alleged to be pro-Japanese. Summary of evidence obtained to date against the organization has verified this original allegation as follows: Members are taught and believe that the Japanese are a brother colored race, and, it is inferred, will play the major role in restoring the Moors to their original ruling status. They firmly believe the United States will be destroyed by bombs while they, the Moors, remain safe in their Moorish Home in Prince George, Virginia. It is believed that President ROOSEVELT will be the last white ruler to sit in the White House, and that Colonel G. KIRKMAN KEY will rule this country after this war. This evidence is confirmed by confidential informants who have attended regular meetings as well as individual group discussions. **[REDACTED]** preliminary prosecutive action against MSTA at Kansas City summarized.

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DETAILS:

SUMMARY REPORT

The following summary is not prepared for prosecution purposes in this case, but at the request of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky for a thorough review of evidence obtained in this case and his suggestions for possible leads leading to prosecution.

SECTION A. GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, AND LOUISVILLE CHAPTER

1. Founding of Moorish Science Temple of America Nationally.

From the information available to the Louisville Field Division, information is incomplete to date, the Moorish Science Temple of America was known as the Moorish Holy Temple of Science and was founded by its prophet, MOHAMMAD DEEN ALI in 1913. According to the teaching of the Moorish Science Temple of America, MOHAMMAD DEEN ALI based his new religion upon the teachings of MARCUS GARVEY, a notorious negro agitator. MOHAMMAD DEEN ALI headed the Moorish Science Temple of America until his death in 1927 in a street fight before the temple gates in Chicago. He was succeeded in his work by the present leader of the temple, Colonel C. F. HARRIS, with aliases William Kirkland and "Big Eyes", who is known to his followers at present as the Grand Organizer and Advisor. Although by constitution the offices of the temple are declared vacant once a year, HARRIS has been re-elected to office each successive year. He presides from Chicago, Illinois, which is the headquarters of this organization.

*[Handwritten signature]*



the Negroes. They found a fertile field for their activities which resulted in the formation of several national organizations among the Negroes which are listed as follows:

The Peace Movement of Ethiopia, also known as the Pacific Movement of the Eastern World.

The Allah Temple of Islam.

The Triumph Church of God.

The Development of our Gen.

These and similar organizations flourished in the cities of Chicago, Detroit, and St. Louis and one by one they were broken up or handicapped in their movements by the United States Government until only the N.S.T. remains as the largest national organization of this group.

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III. Organization of Louisville Chapter Number 45.

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The Louisville Chapter of the MST. was founded in August, 1938 by Sister [REDACTED] of Indianapolis, and Sister MARY CLIFT HEY, who are recognized as "Divine Ministers" in the MST. They correspond to traveling labor organizations of the larger labor unions. Louisville Temple 45 was first opened at 628 South Ninth Street, which is the present Sea Carriers Union Building. During the years 1939 and 1940, meetings were held in the Brock Building at 630 South Ninth Street. In the early part of 1941 until the present time, the meetings are held at 437 South Ninth Street, which residence is a long frame dwelling, two stories high, approximately twenty-five feet wide and one hundred feet long, standing forty feet back from the street. Photographs of this residence may be found in the bulky exhibit file of the Louisville Field Division.

OFFICERS

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When MARY CLIFT HEY was appointed Grand Governess in the State of Kentucky in 1941 by Colonel C. KIRKMAN HEY, she more or less chose her successors, and Grand Scribe and Assistant Grand Scribe of the Louisville Temple as LITHEA SLATCH HEY and [REDACTED] EL respectively. These two people still hold office.  
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MEMBERSHIP

Meetings of this organization are held twice weekly, the main one being held Sunday evening, and an auxiliary meeting is held occasionally on the Holy Day of the week, which is Friday.

From an inspection of the books and records of the Louisville MST, which records were dated up to September, 1942, it was determined that [REDACTED] of this organization tabulated 110 local members, both active and inactive. Out of this total, the estimated active membership

rms from twenty to forty members. The complete membership list of this organization has previously been provided to the United States Attorney at Louisville. The great majority of people who have belonged to this organization reside in the sector from 6th Street West to 18th Street, bounded on the North and South by Broadway and Jefferson Street.

Each member has been furnished with a membership card, a dues card, a membership button, and auxiliary literature for his use in this organization. Photographic copies of this material have been retained in the files of the Louisville Field Division.

#### IV. General Teachings of the Moorish Science Temple of America.

The god of this organization is the Mohammed Diddy, Allah. As previously noted, the appeal to the strongly religious instincts of Negroes is made on the reincarnation of all religious leaders, and somewhere it develops that NOBLE DREW ALI is the Divine Leader of the Moorish nation. The basic religious book is an adopted short form of the Koran, although the N.S.T. Koran has no exact tie-up with the Mohammed Koran. Photographic copies of this Koran have been retained in the files of the Louisville Field Division. From the Koran, these colored folks are taught that they are not Negroes, but are descendants of the original Moors who inhabited the shores of Northwest Africa and Southwest Spain. They explain further that three main tribes ruled these lands; the tribes of KAY, ALI, and EL. When the white man, referred to as Europeans, subjected Moors to slavery, they fell from their ruling status. They were then given the name "Negro" by the white man to conceal from them their true identity as Moors. It follows that they were then shipped to America as slaves and remained so until MARCUS GARVEY began interorganizational work in the United States. The work of GARVEY was then carried on by NOBLE DREW ALI, who founded the N.S.T.

For this reason, the members of the N.S.T. adopt the surname EY or EL, which is added to their given name. For example, ARTHUR SLATON is now ARTHUR SLATON EY. The surname ALI is evidently reserved for the Prophet, NOBLE DREW ALI. Together with high sounding names, a religious dress is adopted which is described as follows: A fancy turban is placed over the head of the leader, and attached to the front of the turban is a jeweled pin. The clothing is usually made of satin and is green in color with red accessories. A large silver cloth belt is adorned with the sickle, eye, mystic symbol of the East, and turned up shows complete the dress. This dress is only worn on ceremonial occasions.

For purposes of the regular business meetings, the women usually simply wear their turban, while the men wear red fezzes. Added to this a regular ritual is practiced at the meetings, and the combination of the name, dress, and ritual immediately captures the fancy of many Negroes and they join the organization.

#### POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

The approach to the political philosophy is usually made by leaders of the group and prominent members in speeches after the reading of the Koran, based on some part of the Koran. The discussion is interesting when Chapter 45 of the Koran is discussed, which chapter is entitled, "The Divine Origin of the Asiatic Nations." In this the race relationship of the Japanese and China to all dark nations is clearly set forth. A summary will be made of this in latter portions of this report.

This political philosophy is embodied in the expressed statements of ISM leaders that the Moors are a separate nation of North America and should strive toward the day when they too will be recognized as all other nations in America. The reference is made as to what other nations are concerned. The Moors are urged to "tell other Negroes who they really are" and not to recognize the name "Negro" if applied to ISM members. Generally if, all public records in which may be found the given name of an ISM member are to be changed to add the surname ISM or M. For this purpose ISM members regularly visit Social Security Agencies, Selective Service Boards, Election Registration Agencies, etc.

#### V. Approximate Strength of the Moorish Science Temple of America.

The following information on the strength of the national organization may not be considered as strictly accurate, but at least is a careful approximation, inasmuch as this information has been gleaned from many sources, a few of which are not yet known to be reliable. However, it is known that the national headquarters of the ISM and the Moorish Holy Temple of Science are located at 114 North Sangwick Street, Chicago. Colonel C. KIRKIN ISM operates from there and from these headquarters at a much of the activities of the ISM members. The second headquarters is located at the Moorish Home in Prince George, Virginia, which was founded approximately in 1900. Approximately 200 members live there and their purpose seems to be mainly agricultural and social, and they cultivate a large area of farm land. One of the main activities is the editing and publishing of the Moorish Voice.

The chapters of the NTA, as previously stated, extend generally from Chicago and St. Louis, Eastward to New York and Richmond. To the best knowledge of the Louisville Field Division, they are located as follows by State:

Missouri	Kansas City (2)
Kansas	Topeka
Wisconsin	Milwaukee
Illinois	Chicago
	East Chicago
	Argo
	Harvey
Indiana	Gary
	Indian Harbor
	South Bend
	Indianapolis
	Muncie
Michigan	Detroit (2)
	Pontiac
	Flint
	Saginaw
	Mount Clemens
	Dearborn
Ohio	Cleveland
	Toledo
	Columbus
	Staubenville
Kentucky	Louisville
Tennessee	Chattanooga
New York	New York City (3)
New Jersey	Newark
	Trinton
	Cleatsboro
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia (3)
Virginia	Richmond
	Prince George (New)

No estimate as to the total number of members of the NTA is available, but such will probably be forthcoming from Chicago, which is the Office of Origin for the card.

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II. Prosecutive Statutes

From a review of the file, it is indicated that prosecution has been considered in cases similar to this particular set of circumstances under Sections 33 and 34 of Title 50, USC, which is the War Relocation Authority Act. It deals generally with seditious or disloyal acts or omissions in time of war, while Section 34 covers a conspiracy to violate Section 33.

A related statute which has been considered in connection with similar matters is Section 8, Title 18, USC, Act of March 4, 1909, which covers seditious conspiracies; also Section 10, Title 18, of USC, which covers the advocacy of the overthrow of the government by force, may be considered. Pertinent parts would be Section 11, Sub-section 5, covering the organization of, or membership in any group tending or advocating the overthrow or destruction of the Government.

III. Names of Possible Defendants On Date

The following names were collected under this heading with reference to the part they have played in teaching or advocating pro-Japanese sympathy and/or un-American activities:

(1) [REDACTED] (Colored) Gender: Age 45 plus; Residence [REDACTED] Presently resides Prince George, Virginia.

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(2) [REDACTED] (Colored) Assistant Grand Shikess; [REDACTED] Louisville, Kentucky.

(3) MARTIN SELTON BEN (Colored), Grand Shik; Age 51; 437 South 9th Street, Louisville.

(4) MERRILL LEE WALKER BEN (Colored), Chairman; Age 52; 437 South 9th Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Other qualifications exist among the charter members of the organization and their names and addresses obtained against them will be set forth in the future in regular investigative reports.

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IV. Summary of preliminary prosecutive action taken versus Moorish Science Temple of America in Kansas: KSM.

Twelve members of the KSM, Kansas City, Kansas were arrested for violation of the Selective Service Act on July 24, 1942 for failure to register. Authorized complaints against six members over 45 years of age were dismissed by the United States Attorney at the direction of the Attorney General. The other six individuals were indicted by the Federal grand jury at Kansas City, Kansas, November 1942. [REDACTED] was thoroughly interviewed, together with other members, by the operations United States Attorney in connection with the current investigation of Japanese infiltration among the colored people. He advised the writer that [REDACTED] consulted members of the organization with a view to the Selective Service Act. He advised the writer that the Joint Chiefs of Staff at Kansas City declared prosecutive action to be warranted against [REDACTED] in the alleged violation of the Selective Service Act.

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To date it appears that no prosecutive action of such has been undertaken by any other Field Division against the KSM on the basis of the teachings of the MSTA rather than on basis of an attempt of individual members to evade the Selective Service Act.

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Director, FBI

Re: MOORISH SCI. OF TEMPLE OF AMERICA;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J

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Title <u>CHANGED</u> MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC. et al			Character of case INTERNAL SECURITY - J SELECTIVE SERVICE SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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DETAILS: The title of this report is being marked changed to indicate the new title of "MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC. et al" as compared with former titles which have included the name of Col. C. KIRWAN BEY as well as other individual temple leaders. Their names are now being deleted from the title in line with the new title of this investigation denoted in Bureau letter of February 8, 1943.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE SEVEN MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLES IN NEW JERSEY

The following details on the two distinct branches of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE sect now active in the State of New Jersey is here being set forth from the files of the Newark Field Division, for the information of auxiliary offices to whom it has not previously been supplied.

The total of seven temples are divided between the two distinct branches of the faith in New Jersey as follows:-

The larger branch includes five temples located at the following points:

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1 - 230 Court Street, Newark, N. J., under the leadership of [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED]. Active temple membership is about 200. This Temple is known as Temple No. 10 on the national role.

2 - 235 Sycamore Street, Camden, New Jersey, under the leadership of [REDACTED] BEY. Membership small, exact total not yet known.

3 - Glassboro, New Jersey, under the leadership of [REDACTED] (designation of EL or BEY not presently known). Membership known to be extremely limited.

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4 - 621 Communipaw Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, under the leadership of [REDACTED] BEY. Membership, 35 of which 12 are known to be male.

5 - 6 Washington Street, Montclair, New Jersey, under the leadership of [REDACTED] EL. Membership limited to less than one dozen adults.

According to statements made to the writer on several occasions in recent months by [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] in Newark, New Jersey, at 230 Court Street (see above) these five temples believe in the reincarnation of NOBLE DREW ALI, founder of the faith, and also believe in following strict dietary laws, involving abstinence from meat, alcohol and

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[redacted] tobacco. They do not shave and they wear the Moorish fez at all times. [redacted] EL explained that the reincarnation of NOBLE DREW ALI was a spiritual rebirth occurring on August 7, 1929. Some time after that he did die and his successor is believed to be one JOE GIVENS-EL, with headquarters at 447 E. 40th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Medallions have been prepared for these five temples at [redacted] EL's order. The manufacturers, WHITEHEAD & HOAG, Newark, New Jersey, made available information recently, indicating that twelve hundred medallions had been prepared, for which [redacted] EL paid \$130 in cash in two installments in March and April, 1942. These medallions show a large figure "7" on one side, a symbolic drawing on the other side of a scimitar and the initial letters of the words love, truth, peace, freedom, and justice. Every Moorish American belonging to any of these five temples wears these silver-dollar sized medallions of blue celluloid on all occasions.

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The membership fee in these temples appears to be a standard fee. According to [redacted] EL, the initial cost is \$1.00 of which 50¢ covers dues, 25¢ covers cost of membership card, and 25¢ pays for the medallion. Thereafter dues are 50¢ a month. He stated that the fez costs \$3.00 and ceremonial costumes cost from \$18 to \$20 and are usually made by the members themselves.

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[redacted] EL has stated that what he considers his branch of the Moorish Science Temple faith was incorporated under the laws of Cook County, Illinois July 20, 1928. (Book 521, page 579). [redacted] EL said that he first met NOBLE DREW ALI in Chicago in 1927 and that subsequent to that time he had come to Newark, where he has been located for fifteen years, most of that time as temple leader. His Temple, and those affiliated with it in New Jersey, hold meetings in Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00 p. m. to 10:00 p.m.

His Temple, the largest of the five, rents space at 230 Court Street, Newark, New Jersey, large enough to provide for a church-like meeting room with a seating capacity of about 150, and also a separate room equipped as a restaurant where fish dinners are prepared for the members every day, and where many of them evidently eat, altho they live in their respective apartments in the neighborhood.

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There has been no information received or developed by the Newark Field Division up to this time indicating that this branch of the faith is pro-Japanese. About a half dozen of the younger male members have been drafted and no serious difficulty has been reported in their cases. At the beginning of the drafting, there was one member who sought to obtain deferment on religious or personal grounds, but that was temporary, and he finally was inducted. [redacted] EL has been known to say that he believes in serving his country at all times, particularly in time of war, and that he firmly believes in the purchase of war bonds. He has said that his members are cooperating in such purchases to the best of their ability, but specific purchases are not known.

Special Agent [redacted] checked ten of the members of [redacted] EL's Temple in December, 1942, including [redacted] EL and the other officers for Selective Service registration. All were found to be duly registered and not delinquent. In addition to this, at that time [redacted] EL was outspoken in his statement to Special Agent [redacted] that he did not believe in Conscientious Objectors and that there had been only one such in the temple, as related above. He said he had refused to support his member in his stand at that time. Regarding the Selective Service subject as a whole, it can be stated that the majority of the Temple members are elderly and above draft age.

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The other branch of the sect in New Jersey includes two Temples as follows:-

1 - 2 Twelfth Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, under the leadership of [redacted] EL. Membership stated by leader to be forty male members and fifteen female.

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2 - 239 No. Clinton Street, Trenton, New Jersey, under the leadership of [redacted] BEY. Exact membership being checked.

These two temples comprise the New Jersey branch of the Moorish Science faith which holds as its National Leader Col. C. KIRKMAN BEY, 930 No. Hudson Avenue, Chicago, Ill. This branch does not follow the strict dietary laws and its male members do shave and cut their hair. They do not wear the fez in public. (It is this branch of the faith to which [redacted] EL and [redacted] BEY belong, both of whom were discussed in detail earlier in this report in connection with [redacted])

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[redacted] EL [redacted] in New Jersey of the branch of the faith headed up nationally by Col. C. KIRKMAN BEY. [redacted] EL said he had been a Temple member since 1929 [redacted] when he was formally ordained by Col. C. KIRKMAN BEY.

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[redacted] EL was at one time a member of the other branch of the faith in Newark. At that time his Temple teacher was [redacted] EL. [redacted] EL has stated to the writer that to the best of his recollection [redacted] EL's branch of the faith began wearing beards in 1933, not having followed their strict dietary laws and rules of personal conduct prior to that time.

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[redacted] EL has also told the writer that NOBLE DREW ALI founded the Moorish Science Temple in Newark in 1913 at which time it, or a previous group, had been called the "Canaanite Temple". After three or four years in Newark, ALI moved to Chicago, and the name of the group became the "Moorish Holy Science Temple of the World", - this in about 1925. Then in 1928 ALI is said to have dropped the word "Holy" in a new incorporation of the group

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under its present title, "Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc."

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In December, 1942 Special Agent [REDACTED] then of the Newark Field Division, checked a total of twenty-three of MOORE EL's followers, and found them duly registered for Selective Service and not delinquent.

ENCLOSURE TO THE BUREAU

With each copy of instant report, one photostatic copy of letter dated March 18, 1943, written by [REDACTED] EL.

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ENCLOSURE TO NEW YORK

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NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

At Newark, N. J.

Will continue contact with [REDACTED] working toward the obtaining of additional evidence against Subject organization. This to be accomplished thru the membership in the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE by [REDACTED] either in New Jersey or in New York under [REDACTED] EL's sponsorship.

At Newark, and the other New Jersey towns where Temples are Located

Will endeavor to obtain full membership lists and add this information to files of the office of origin.

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March 18. 1943

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NEW HAVEN, CONN.

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March 21. 1943. at 3. pm. I had  
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Recent days. However we have so  
much in common. I have decided  
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so I am please to accept your in  
for March 21. 1943. at 3. pm. I am  
issuing a [redacted] to 188 Belmont ave  
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From. [redacted]

Brooklyn, N.Y.

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ORIGIN: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Louisville File #

Report Made At: LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY Date: 3/26/43 Period: 3/1,2,4,8,10,11,12,22/43 Report Made By: [Redacted]

TITLE: COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY; Was; ET AL. MORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA Character of Case: INTERNAL SECURITY - S SEDITION; OVERTHROW OR DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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for Pearl Harbor placed on Americans because they would not accept Chinese ideas. Above ideas taught by BEY, founder of the Louisville Temple.

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Title ALLAH TEMPLE OF ISLAM, also known as Moslems and Moslems		Character INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION SELECTIVE SERVICE b7c	

**SYNOPSIS:** Subject organization reported to have been in Augusta since 1933. Started by woman named [REDACTED] who is said to have come from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. [REDACTED] BEY is also reported to be one of the leaders of this organization in this city. This organization is bitterly against Christianity and the white race. They believe that the Asiatic race will some day control the world. Membership from 200-250 members.

**REFERENCE:** Report of [REDACTED] Social Agent, Atlanta, dated 12-27-42. Report of Special Agent D. Howard Phillips, Atlanta, dated 2-6-43.

**DETAILS:** [REDACTED] Augusta, advised that [REDACTED] At that time there came to her attention a negro religious group known as the "Moslem Sect". This group was headed by a negro woman from Philadelphia and the headquarters was a building on Gwinnett Street known as the Temple. [REDACTED]

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b7d [REDACTED] that a leader of this Sect at this time was [REDACTED] BEY or [REDACTED] BEY whom she stated lived at [REDACTED]. She advised that they had made a complete report of this organization not only for this book but it was also requested by Washington, D. C., which report she has made available to this office which is being retained in the 1-A file. The following is the report of [REDACTED] dated July 9, 1937.

b7d "For the past three years we had heard of the Mohammedan group among Negroes in Augusta, and had seen, from time to time, grotesque dark figures with matted beards and long hair sometimes twisted into a knot. These, we knew, were the worshippers of Allah, who deny their Negro descent and divide themselves into two "families", the "Boys" and the "Els". Wishing to know more about them, we called on their teacher and leader, who once called herself [REDACTED] Bey, but who has lately transposed the two latter names.

b7d [REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED] was working about her small, shabby house, wearing a clean print dress, and a blue hat pulled down closely around her head, as though she thought it sacrilege to be even inside the house with her head uncovered. Her bedroom, typical of those usually found in the average Negro home, was clean and neat. A pretty white puppy frisking about the floor and pulling at our shoe strings, seemed much more human and made us feel more at home than the severe hardened looking woman with whom we were to talk, apparently against her will.

"A glance around the room after we were seated was enough to convince us that we had come to the right place for information concerning the Mohammedan Sect in Augusta. The top of the bureau was covered with pictures of Noble Drew Ali, the reincarnated prophet of Allah, of another brother with flowing hair and beard, and of her own brother and sister, also devout followers of Mohammed. On the mantel was a larger picture of Noble Drew Ali at the time of his reincarnation, dated August, 1934, and bearing the inscription: "Noble Drew Ali, Founder of the Moorish Science Temple of America 1913". A small flag, red with a green, five-pointed star, was hung on the wall, and Mary showed us a much larger one similar to this, which she said she always carried in her pocket.

"When we said that we were interested in hearing something of her religion, a belligerent look appeared on her face, and she said, "It is all accordin' to what you want to know. A reporter from the paper came not so long ago and I thought he really wanted to print the right information in his paper, and I told him straight out about it. The first day he had somethin' in the paper about it, he referred to us as Mohammedan Niggers, I was infuriated and hurried down there and demanded all of it back, and that he not put another word in the paper."

"Quickly changing the subject from religion to the white puppy, we were convinced that here at least was one subject upon which she was not at all reticent. She told us of his having had fleas, and even got the box to show the brand of flea powder that had been so effective in making the puppy more comfortable. As we gradually worked back to the almost forbidden subject, the tension seemed to have lightened, and she was ready to talk.

"Your people worship Allah, do they not?"

"Who else would they worship? He's the only one" she replied contemptuously and condescendingly, as though sorry that I was so ignorant.

b7d "Where did your people originate and who are they?"

She replied, "You all think that we are Negroes or Niggers or blacks as some of you call us. There are no Negroes and no Niggers, and no blacks, cause to be black you either have to be dyed or varnished and we ain't neither one, though the Europeans hid this fact from us all these years. We are Moors and our people were from Morocco. In 1619 we were brought over here and sold by the hundreds like so many cattle and even our names were taken from us, and if a man named Jones bought a hundred of us, we was all named 'Jones'. The Japanese, Chinese, Turks, Hindoes, and Spaniards all belong to us, our Asiatic race. There are only two races of people on the earth, the Asiatics and the Europeans. There should be only two flags, the Moorish flag, and the Stars and Stripes, which is only a naval flag. Our Brother Noble Drew Ali tied them together in 1913."

"Then where would the Indians belong?"

b7d "There ain't no such thing as Indians. You all just give 'em that name. They's Moors."

"Well, there was some excuse for us, we thought we had found a water route to India, and so we called the people 'Indian'. I have been told that the Indians were a part of the Lost Tribes of Israel. What do you think about it?"

"She replied quickly, 'There ain't no lost tribes now. We was then but we is found now. The truth has been hid from us all these years, but Brother Drew Ali has brought the truth to us, and we ain't lost no more'.

"My Father is the Father of the Universe", she said as though she had forgotten her surroundings, and was in the Moslem Temple, preaching to her people, of whom she is the teacher. "Some call me God."

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Jehovah, but the right name is Allah. Noble Drew Ali is his prophet on earth and has brought the truth to light to us, that has been hidden from us so long. Islam is the only religion, and is going to predominate the earth.

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"Have you always been a Mohammodan [REDACTED]?"

"No, I was a Baptist and belonged to the old church at [REDACTED] had religion and was baptised, but with the coming of the prophet I found the true light. Now that we have learned the true way we have given up all these old wrong teachings, and have learned all the things that have been hid so long. We went to Philadelphia to parade with our turbans on and they was taken off our heads at the corner of Sixth and Chestnut Streets."

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"Will you tell me of some of the wrong teachings, [REDACTED]?"

"Well the first thing was that Lucifer was a bad angel and was kicked out of heaven, but if you were to walk to the edge of the porch out there and jump out, that wouldn't be gettin' kicked out, would it? And that's what he did. We had thought of Lucifer as a great Morning Star, but we know now that he brought great sin on the whole earth and that it was him that hid the truth from us. And that is who you all (Caucasians) is descended from, him and Hagar. Him and Adam was brothers and Adam is our great father, just as Lucifer is yours. The Land of Nod was where Lucifer went when he jumped out of Heaven. So you see all Caucasians came from him."

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"What is your creed [REDACTED] You know, like our Apostle's creed."

"We ain't got any", she answered.

"I mean a law to live by. When I was in the home of one of your members last week, I saw a small temple with a crescent and a star on it, and on the sides were written, Love, Truth, Freedom, Peace, and Justice."

"That's our principle. And we never eat meat, nothing but fish, boasts is unclean. Don't you remember when Peter was told to rise, slay and eat, he didn't do it because he said it was unclean?"

"She thought for a minute and then added, 'You all talk of Jesus and Christ being the same, but don't you know that Christ was born 600 years after Jesus? Then after that came the Church of Rome, and no one was found worthy to be trusted with the Book of Seven Seals. Well, this book was given to Noble Drew Ali, our prophet, with a warning to return to the religion of his father and his government. We now know the meaning of 'The Sea Shall Give Up Its Dead'. The dead are all of us from whom the light has been hidden and we are not dead now but alive and know the truth. And we also know the meaning

of the 'Bottomless pit'. I opened up the bottomless pit when I started my teachings here in 1933.

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"Just think', she went on, 'Did you know that you all kept us slaves till two years after the north had freed their slaves? There's a lot of our people who are content to stay as they are and the Prophet says if they won't be taught leave them alone, and also rich people, as he has come to save the unborn and the poor.'

b7d "Both [redacted] and [redacted] Bey, another Mohammedan woman, claim to get messages sent especially to them in the talks made by President Roosevelt over the radio, unenlightened listeners outside the charmed circle cannot understand these messages, one of which was that after him there would be no more presidents, but a king. Another informed the elect that the nations would be separated in 1937. Noble Drew Ali has also stated that they would be separated but did not say when.

b7d "I had a dream one night" [redacted] "I dreamed that someone came into my room with a sharp sword with a big handle, and was just about to run it through me. I thought quickly of Brother Noble Drew Ali and was sure that he would tell me what to do to save myself. I heard his voice just as plain say, 'Grab it quickly and change ends with him'. I did as he said and ran the sword right through him. I am thankful that I learned the truth and know that I am rich - richer than most, even though I haven't money to pay my rent, or for food. I have a seven-year-old boy and so much faith do I have in this leader that if he were to tell me to run a sword through my son, I would do it.'

"Mary turned questioner, and asked me what I thought of the war in Spain. When I replied quickly that I thought it was terrible, she laughed and said, 'I don't know why you should think it terrible.' At this she went into the back room and brought out a newspaper which she says is one of many that she treasures. It bore pictures of a young priest nailed to a cross and of other atrocities perpetrated in Spain during the Revolution. Smiling with pleasure, she said, 'It's only the beginning of what will happen in this country and all countries of the world, the beginning of the end, the final stamping out of Christianity.'

"The Moslem Sect claims a membership of from 250 to 300 members in Augusta. They meet three times a week in what at one time was an old store at 1001 Gwinnett Street.

"When asked if we could go to one of the meetings, her answer was an emphatic 'No. No Europeans allowed, only Asiatics'."

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[REDACTED] was contacted but was unable to give any information concerning this organization. However, when the dress and customs of these people were stated to him he stated he recalled a colored man who allowed his beard to grow.

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[REDACTED] that he knew nothing of this religion but stated that he had seen colored persons entering the house at 1039 Roberts Street who might be persons belonging to this organization.

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[REDACTED] that this organization has met at 1039 Roberts Street for the past year and that they held meetings approximately every evening.

However, she stated they seemed to be very quiet and no one in the neighborhood knows anything of their activities.

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Date: March 27, 1943

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To: SAC, Chicago

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

Subject: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
C. KIRKMAN BEY, was, et al  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J  
SEDITION

Reference is made to your letter of August 10, 1942, transmitting to the Bureau for the attention of the Technical Laboratory a combination photostat bearing an envelope postmarked at Chicago, Illinois, July 29, 1942, 11:30 P.M., addressed to [redacted] El [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, and accompanying sheet bearing typewritten letter on letterhead of the Moorish Science Temple, dated July 29, 1942, beginning, "You are invited to a special meeting..."

It was concluded that the typewriting appearing on this specimen was prepared with a machine equipped with Underwood Pica type with a Gothic style "E". It appears that in the case entitled [redacted] was, et al, Internal Security, J", specimens were submitted by the New Haven Field Division under date of January 31, 1942, prepared with a machine equipped with Remington Pica type and also with a Gothic style "E".

In view of the fact that the two typewritten letters were prepared on machines equipped with standard type and a Gothic style "E", there exists the possibility that there may be some connection between these two cases which would warrant investigation.

For the information of the Chicago Field Division, [redacted] was said to have been in contact with the Japanese Vice Consul at New York City, Tonio Mori, on November 18, 1941. At this time she requested him to call on her as she had something important to tell him. She received a letter on the letterhead of the National Broadcasting Company, Inc., Radio Corporation of America Service, RCA Building, Radio City, New York, New York, as follows:

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Dear [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] writes me that you and she will be in town this Friday.

"By all means lets have 'Scotch and Chops' together so call me up when you get in town and I'll make no other plans for that evening.

"Do want you to see the apartment.

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This letter was written with a typewriter having a Gothic style "E" as described above [REDACTED] resided at the [REDACTED] New York City, in November 1941 and was concerned with the publication of a magazine the "Connecticut Circle" which carried an article by the Japanese Ambassador.

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It is, therefore, requested that your Office endeavor to locate the typewriter upon which the letter addressed to [REDACTED] was written and endeavor to trace its source and particularly where or why the Gothic style "E" was attached to the machine.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

LSY... FILE NO. 100-2275

REPORT MADE AT: <b>LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3/20/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/18, 16, 17</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Bey, Bill Kirkland, "Frog Eyes"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION OVERTHROW OR DESTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT</b>
SYNOPSIS: <b>MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA</b>			

**SYNOPSIS:** MSTIA organized in 1913 by **NOBLE DUNN ALLI**, approximately 36 temples now active in the United States. Present National leader is Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY, who operates from Chicago headquarters, at 1104 North Sedgewick Avenue. Estimate of National strength lacking. Louisville Temple #65 organized August, 1938 by [REDACTED] BEY; present location is [REDACTED]. Local strength totals 110, but only 20 to 40 of these are active. Members are taught to believe that they are not Negroes, but Moorish-Americans, descended from the original ruling Moors of N.W. Africa. The organization has adopted membership cards, fancy uniforms, rituals, and the surnames "Bey" and "El" to identify themselves from the Negro. A modified form of Mohazredanism which embraces Christianity, is taught as a universal religious appeal to new members. Political teachings originally alleged to be pro-Japanese. Summary of evidence obtained to date against the organization has verified this original allegation as follows: Members are taught and believe that the Japanese are a brother colored race, and, it is inferred, will play the major role in restoring the Moors to their original ruling status. They firmly believe the United States will be destroyed by bombs while they, the Moors, remain safe in their Moorish Home in Prince George, Virginia. It is believed that President ROOSEVELT will be the last white ruler to sit in the White House, and that Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY will rule this country after this war. This evidence is confirmed by confidential informants who have attended regular meetings as well as individual group discussions. [REDACTED] preliminary prosecutive action against MSTIA at Kansas City summarized.

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DETAILS:

SUMMARY REPORT

The following summary is not prepared for prosecution purposes in this case, but at the request of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky for a thorough review of evidence obtained to date in this case and his suggestions for possible leads leading to prosecutive action.

SECTION A. GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, AND LOUISVILLE CHAPTER 45.

I. Founding of Moorish Science Temple of America Nationally.

From the information available to the Louisville Field Division, which information is incomplete to date, the Moorish Science Temple of America was known as the Moorish Holy Temple of Science and was founded by its prophet, NOBLE DREW ALI in 1913. According to the teachings of the Moorish Science Temple of America, NOBLE DREW ALI based his new religion upon the teachings of MARCUS GARVEY, a notorious negro agitator. NOBLE DREW ALI headed the Moorish Science Temple of America until his death in 1929 in a street fight before the temple doors in Chicago. He was succeeded in his work by the present leader of the MSTA, Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases William Kirkland Bey and "Frog Eyes", who is known to his followers at present as the Extreme Moderator and Advisor. Although by constitution, the offices of the MSTA are declared vacant once a year, KIRKMAN BEY has been unanimously reelected to office each successive year. He presently resides in Chicago, Illinois, which is the headquarters of this organization.

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An indication of the pro-Japanese nature of the MSTA has been found in the verification of the report of the Detroit Field Division that the MSTA there was founded by Japanese. The report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 2-27-43 at St. Paul in the case entitled "PEACE MOVEMENT OF ETHIOPIA, aka ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT [redacted] was, et al" set forth the results of an interview with [redacted]

[redacted] is a noted pro-Japanese organizer among the negroes, [redacted] worked with a Japanese organizer by the name of TAKAHASHI, and the former's statement with regard to the founding of the Detroit organization of the MSTA is as follows:

"TAKAHASHI had helped with the organization in Chicago and had then gone to Detroit, Michigan, to aid in the organization there. [redacted]

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The Detroit unit was financed by TAKAHASHI, who in turn received his money from a Japanese by the name of [redacted]. Another Japanese by the name of [redacted] was also connected with the organization and helped to finance it. The TAKAHASHI who organized in Detroit, Michigan, is a Japanese about 65 years of age.

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"A Negro by the name of [redacted] known as Brother [redacted] was [redacted] in the movement in Detroit, Michigan. After TAKAHASHI left Detroit, Brother [redacted] took the organization over, and formed the Moorish Science Temple in Detroit. This organization is the same as the Peace Movement of Ethiopia. This was in 1934 or 1935. At the time of the organization of the Moorish Science Temple, the old P. M. of E. W. was more or less broken up and went out of existence, except for a small group which is still reported to be holding meetings in homes in Detroit. [redacted]

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"TAKAHASHI made the statement to [redacted] that he had been sent here by the Blood Dragon Society to organize the colored people in the United States. [redacted]

## II. Stated Purposes of the Organization

From 1933 through 1936 it was known that Japanese organizers came to the United States to develop racial sympathy for the Japanese among [redacted]

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the Negroes. They found a fertile field for their activities which resulted in the formation of several national organizations among the Negroes which are listed as follows:

The Peace Movement of Ethiopia, also known <sup>MO</sup> as the Pacific Movement of the Eastern World.

The Allah Temple of Islam.

The Triumph Church of God.

The Development of our Own.

These and similar organizations flourished in the cities of Chicago, Detroit, and St. Louis and one by one they were broken up or handicapped in their movements by the United States Government until only the NTA remains as the largest national organization of this group.

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III. Organization of Louisville Chapter Number 45.

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The Louisville Chapter of the MSTa. was founded in August, 1938 by Sister [REDACTED] BEY of Indianapolis, and Sister MARY CLIFT BEY, who are recognized as "Divine Ministers" in the MSTa. They correspond to traveling labor organizations of the larger labor unions. Louisville Temple 45 was first opened at 628 South Ninth Street, which is the present Hod Carriers Union Building. During the years 1939 and 1940, meetings were held in the Brock Building at 630 South Ninth Street. In the early part of 1941 until the present time, the meetings are held at 437 South Ninth Street, which residence is a long frame dwelling, two stories high, approximately twenty-five feet wide and one hundred feet long, standing forty feet back from the street. Photographs of this residence may be found in the bulky exhibit file of the Louisville Field Division.

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When MARY CLIFT BEY was appointed Grand Governess in the State of Kentucky in 1941 by Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY, she more or less chose her successors, and Grand Sheik and Assistant Grand Sheikess of the Louisville Temple as ARTHUR SLATON BEY and [REDACTED] EL respectively. These two people still hold office.

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MEMBERSHIP

Meetings of this organization are held twice weekly, the main one being held Sunday evening, and an auxiliary meeting is held occasionally on the Holy Day of the week, which is Friday.

From an inspection of the books and records of the Louisville MSTa, which records were dated up to September, 1942, it was determined that the membership of this organization totalled 110 local members, both active and inactive. Out of this total, the estimated active membership

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runs from twenty to forty members. The complete membership list of this organization has previously been provided to the United States Attorney at Louisville. The great majority of people who have belonged to this organization reside in the sector from 6th Street West to 18th Street, bounded on the North and South by Broadway and Jefferson Street.

Each member has been furnished with a membership card, a dues card, a membership button, and auxiliary literature for his use in this organization. Photographic copies of this material have been retained in the files of the Louisville Field Division.

IV. General Teachings of the Moorish Science Temple of America.

The god of this organization is the Mohammed Diety, ALLAH. As previously noted, the appeal to the strongly religious instincts of Negroes is made on the reincarnation of all religious leaders, and somewhere it develops that NOBLE DREW ALI is the Divine Leader of the Moorish nation. The basic religious book is an adopted short form of the Koran, although the MST's Koran has no direct tie-up with the Mohammed Koran. Photographic copies of this Koran have been retained in the files of the Louisville Field Division. From the Koran, these colored folks are taught that they are not Negroes, but are descendants of the original Moors who inhabited the shores of Northwest Africa and Southwest Spain. They explain further that three main tribes ruled these lands; the tribes of BEY, ALI, and EL. When the white man, referred to as Europeans, subjected Moors to slavery, they fell from their ruling status. They were then given the name "Negro" by the white man to conceal from them their true identity as Moors. It follows that they were then shipped to America as slaves and remained so until MARCUS GARVEY began his organizational work in the United States. The work of GARVEY was then carried on by NOBLE DREW ALI, who founded the MST.

For this reason, the members of the MST adopt the surname BEY or EL, which is added to their given name. For example, ARTHUR SLATON is now ARTHUR SLATON BEY. The surname ALI is evidently reserved for the Prophet, NOBLE DREW ALI. Together with high-sounding names, a religious dress is adopted which is described as follows: A fancy turban is placed over the head of the leader, and attached to the front of the turban is a jeweled pin. The clothing is usually made of satin and is green in color with red accessories. A large silver cloth belt is adorned with the seeing eye, mystic symbol of the East, and turned up shoes complete the dress. This dress is only worn on ceremonial occasions.

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For purposes of the regular business meetings, the women usually simply wear their turban, while the men wear red fezzes. Added to this a regular ritual is practiced at the meetings, and the combination of the name, dress, and ritual immediately captures the fancy of many Negroes and they join the organization.

#### POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

The approach to the political philosophy is usually made by leaders of the group and prominent members in speeches after the reading of the Koran, based on some part of the Koran. The discussion is interesting when Chapter 45 of the Koran is discussed, which chapter is entitled, "The Divine Origin of the Asiatic Nations." In this the race relationship of the Japanese and China to all dark nations is clearly set forth. A summary will be made of this in latter portions of this report.

This political philosophy is embodied in the expressed statements of KSTA leaders that the Moors are a separate nation of North America and should strive toward the day when they too will be recognized as all other nations in America. No reference is made as to what other nations are concerned. The Moors are urged to "tell other Negroes who they really are" and not to recognize the name Negro if applied to KSTA members. Accordingly, all public records in which may be found the given name of an KSTA member are to be changed to add the surname LEY or LL. For this purpose KSTA members regularly visit Social Security agencies, Selective Service Boards, Election Registration agencies, etc.

#### V. Approximate Strength of the Moorish Science Temple of America.

The following information on the strength of the national organization may not be considered as strictly accurate, but at best is a careful approximation, inasmuch as this information has been gleaned from many sources, a few of which are not yet known to be reliable. However, it is known that the national headquarters of the KSTA and the Moorish Holy Temple of Science are located at 1104 North Sedgwick Street, Chicago. Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY operates from there and from these headquarters stem much of the activities of the KSTA members. The second headquarters is located at the Moorish Home in Prince George, Virginia, which was founded approximately in 1940. Approximately 200 members live there and their purpose seems to be mainly agricultural and social, and they cultivate a large area of farm land. One of the main activities is the editing and publishing of the Moorish Voice.

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The chapters of the MSTN, as previously stated, extend generally from Chicago and St. Louis, Eastward to New York and Richmond. To the best knowledge of the Louisville Field Division, they are located as follows by States.

Missouri	Kansas City (2)
Kansas	Atchison
Wisconsin	Milwaukee
Illinois	Chicago
	East Chicago
	Argo
	Harvey
Indiana	Gary
	Indiana Harbor
	South Bend
	Indianapolis
	Muncie
Michigan	Detroit (2)
	Pontiac
	Flint
	Saginaw
	Mount Clemens
	Ecorse
Ohio	Cleveland
	Toledo
	Columbus
	Staubenville
Kentucky	Louisville
Tennessee	Chattanooga
New York	New York City (3)
New Jersey	Newark
	Trenton
	Glassboro
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia (3)
Virginia	Richmond
	Prince George (Home)

No estimate as to the total number of members of the MSTN is available, but such will probably be forthcoming from Chicago which is the Office of Origin in this case.

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II. Prosecutive Statutes

From a review of the file, it is indicated that prosecution has been considered in cases similar to this particular set of circumstances under Sections 33 and 34 of Title 50, USCA, which is the Wartime Sedition Statute. It deals generally with seditious or disloyal acts or words in time of war, while Section 34 covers a conspiracy to violate Section 33.

A related statute which has been considered in connection with similar matters is Section 6, Title 18, USCA, Act of March 4, 1909, which covers seditious conspiracies; also Section 10, Title 18, of USCA, which covers the advocacy of the overthrow of the Government by force, may be considered. Pertinent parts would be Section A, Sub-section 3, covering the organization of, or membership in any group teaching or advocating the overthrow or destruction of the Government.

III. Names of Possible Defendants to Date

The following people have been selected under this heading to date for the part they have played in teaching or advocating pro-Japanese sympathy and/or un-American activities:

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- (1) [REDACTED] BEY (Colored) founder; Age 45 plus; Residence until 1942, [REDACTED] Presently resides Prince George, Virginia.
  - (2) [REDACTED] EL (Colored) Assistant Grand Shcikoss; Age 40 [REDACTED] Louisville, Kentucky
  - (3) ARTHUR SLATON BEY (Colored), Grand Shoik; age 51; 437 South 9th Street, Louisville.
  - (4) BIRDIE LEE NEAL BEY (Colored), Chairman; Age 52; 437 South 9th Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Other possibilities exist among the charter members of the organization and their names and evidence obtained against them will be set forth in the future in regular investigative reports. [REDACTED]

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IV. Summary of Preliminary Prosecutive Action taken Versus Moorish Science Temple of America in Kansas City.

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Twelve members of the MSTA, Kansas City, Kansas were arrested for violation of the Selective Service Act on July 24, 1942 for failure to register. Authorized complaints against six members over 45 years of age were dismissed by the United States Attorney at the direction of the Attorney General. The other six individuals were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City, Kansas, November 1942. [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] was thoroughly interviewed, together with other members, by the prosecuting United States Attorney in connection with the current investigation of Japanese infiltration among the colored people. No evidence was developed the [REDACTED] BEY consulted members of her organization to evade provisions of the Selective Service Act. The case was dismissed when the United States Attorney at Kansas City declined prosecution upon the failure to prove [REDACTED] BEY's implication in the alleged violation of the Selective Service Act.

To date it appears that no prosecutive action as such has been undertaken in any other field division against the MSTA on the basis of the teachings of the MSTA rather than on basis of an attempt of individual members to evade the Selective Service Act.

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United States Department of Justice

5<sup>th</sup> Trust Company Building  
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Director, FBI

RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE  
OF AMERICA  
C. KIRKMAN BEY, was., et al  
INTERNAL SECURITY (J)  
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 27, 1943,  
Bureau File No. 62-25889 in regard to the above-entitled case,  
which letter also contained information concerning a case entitled  
[redacted] was., et al, Internal Security-J".

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A review of the latter-named file reflects the informa-  
tion that New York is the Office of Origin and for that reason .  
two copies of your letter dated March 27, 1943 are being sent to  
the New York Field Division for their information and attention.

Very truly yours,

*R. H. Simons*

R. H. Simons  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc. New York

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SYNOPSIS:

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Seven active members of Poorish Science Temple of America at Flint, Michigan, interviewed. All admitted that [REDACTED] BEY, 936 Theodore, Detroit, who was Grand Cheik of Temple No. 19, Flint, from 1931 until approximately 1937, told members that they are brothers of the Japanese; that one day the Japanese would invade the United States and that they should not fight for the United States when such invasion came. All this took place prior to 1937. No evidence of any pro-Japanese teachings since that time. Investigation reflects that all members have been instructed by Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY and other leaders to register for Selective Service and obey the laws of the United States.

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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated March 16, 1943, at Detroit, Michigan.

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At Flint, Michigan:

The following interviews were conducted by the writer in the presence of [REDACTED] Detective, Michigan State Police.

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On March 1, 1943, [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED]

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that he was born [redacted] and that he has been employed by the Buick Motor Company for the past nineteen years. He stated that he had attended school for eight years and is married and has one child. [redacted] advised that he has been a member of Temple No. 19 of the M.S.T.A. since 1931, at which time this Temple was organized by [redacted] BEY of Detroit. At the time of its founding it was strictly a religious organization and had from three hundred fifty to four hundred members. [redacted]

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According to [redacted] BEY [redacted] BEY lost his position as Grand Sheik in 1937, at which time he returned to Detroit and he has visited the Temple only three or four times since that time.

Colonel C. KIRWAN BEY, Grand Sheik of the M.S.T.A., who resides in Chicago, Illinois, visited Temple No. 19 about Christmas of 1942. [redacted] BEY named the following persons as Officers of Temple No. 19:

Grand Sheik	[redacted] BEY
Asst. Grand Sheik	[redacted] BEY
Secretary	[redacted] BEY
Treasurer	[redacted] BEY
Chairman	[redacted] BEY

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He stated that the Temple at the present time has about thirty-five active members and that new members very seldom come into the organization. [redacted]

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He explained that when a person first enters the organization he is allowed to attend only the regular meetings but after he is sufficiently instructed in the KODU he may become a member of the SHEIK BOARD, which entitles him to attend all the secret meetings of the organization and further entitles him to hold an office.

He stated that the SHEIK BOARD meetings are usually held on Tuesday nights while the regular religious meetings are held on Friday nights and on Sundays. [redacted] BEY stated that six or seven years ago a Japanese, whose name he was unable to recall, lectured to a group of colored people in a Baptist Church in Flint. He stated that he attended this meeting and it was his impression that the Japanese were attempting to found an organization among the colored people in Flint. He advised, however, that only one meeting was held and that to his knowledge there had been no other meetings presided over by Japanese since that time.

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He further advised that after the Temple was first founded the male members were required to attend military training classes. The purpose of these classes was to teach the members how to keep step in order that they could march at funerals. He stated that this military training was disbanded several years ago and that no military classes have been held since that time.

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[REDACTED] BEY denied specifically that the members had ever been instructed to obtain firearms. He denied that anyone had ever instructed him that he should not register under the Selective Service and Training Act. In fact, he advised, all of the members are registered under this Act and that several of them are in the army at the present time.

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[REDACTED] BEY recalled that [REDACTED] BEY, during the time that he held the office of Grand Sheik, told the people that they were brothers of the Japanese inasmuch as all colored races are brothers. He stated that the term "colored races" included all persons except whites. [REDACTED] BEY denied that he had heard [REDACTED] BEY make any statements concerning the Japanese since 1937. He stated that to his knowledge [REDACTED] BEY had spoken in the Temple only one time since that date and at that time he gave a purely religious talk from the KORAN.

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[REDACTED] but [REDACTED] he resided in the State of Michigan since 1915. He has been employed by the Chevrolet Division of General Motors since 1934, is married and has an adopted son who is presently in the armed forces. He stated that he had finished the eighth grade in school and had attended night school for a short time.

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He advised that the organization is financed by dues of fifty cents per month, per capita tax of twenty-five cents a month and an assessment of ten cents each time a member dies and a \$2.50 fee whenever a member becomes a Sheik.

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██████████ EY stated he had become a member of the M.S.T.A. in 1931 or 1932, having joined Temple No. 19, of which ██████████ EY was Grand Sheik. He did not, however, take a great deal of interest in the organization until about 1936. He stated that from 1931 until 1936 ██████████ EY often told the members that they were brothers of the Japanese and that the Japanese had a large army and navy and air force. ██████████ EY was of the opinion that these statements were made by ██████████ EY in an attempt to frighten the members into following him instead of the Grand Advisor C. HIRSHMAN EY. He stated that during this time there was a decided break between ██████████ EY and HIRSHMAN EY inasmuch as ██████████ EY seemed to feel that he could run the organization as well as HIRSHMAN EY, the Grand Advisor. He recalled that this was one of the reasons that ██████████ EY lost his position as Grand Sheik in an election which occurred in 1936 or 1937.

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██████████ EY advised that the only statement he has ever heard C. HIRSHMAN EY make about the Japanese was made about Thanksgiving Day of 1942, at which time HIRSHMAN EY stated the Japanese are the friends of the colored people and that it wouldn't be long then. ██████████ EY was unable to explain the latter part of this statement. ██████████ EY denied that he has ever taught any of the Japanese doctrines which ██████████ allegedly taught during his tenure of office. He stated that he instructs his members to obey the laws of the United States and teaches strictly from the HOLM, which is the Bible of the organization.

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██████████ EY, ██████████ that he was born at ██████████ and that he is married and has one child. He stated that he was employed by the Chevrolet Division of General Motors in 1928 and has been a member of the M.S.T.A. since 1932 although he is not particularly interested in the organization at the present time.

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██████████ EY recalled that during the years 1932 and 1933 ██████████ EY taught the people that the United States and Japan would be at war some day and although he did not specifically state that members of the Temple should help the Japanese if such a war should come, he told them that all the darker races are related. He stated that he had not heard ██████████ EY speak since 1935 and was unable to furnish any other pro-Japanese statements that ██████████ EY had made prior to 1935.

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██████████ EY denied that any of the members of the organization feel that the colored people as a whole would be better off if Japan were to take over this country. He advised that C. HIRSHMAN EY, Grand Advisor, had instructed every member of the organization to register under the Selective Service Act, advising them that they were "a part and parcel of this government and are required

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to obey the laws of this government." He advised that C. KIRKLAN BEY in his opinion is a straight-forward and honest person and he denied that he had ever heard KIRKLAN make any statements which would tend to show that he had any subversive leanings.

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[redacted] that he was born in [redacted] and has two illegitimate sons in the United States Army. He advised that he came to Flint in 1929 and he had been employed by the Chevrolet Division of General Motors since that time.

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He became a member of the N.S.T.A. in 1931, but is not a regular attendant of the meetings at the present time due to the fact that he has been employed on the second shift. He stated that he was a member of Temple No. 19, of which [redacted] BEY was Grand Sheik, for about six or seven years. He stated that he heard [redacted] on several occasions in 1931 and 1932 teach that the Japanese would come into this country with "waves of bombers" which would darken the elements. He stated that [redacted] taught that there would be safety zones provided for the floors and that all workers should hang out the moorish flag in order that the Japanese might recognize them and spare them. He stated that the Japanese would take this country and hold it for a certain length of time and would then turn it over to the members of the N.S.T.A.

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[redacted] that he was born in [redacted] and has been employed by the Buick Motor Company since June 1930. He advised that he had been a member of Temple No. 19 of the N.S.T.A. since 1931 and that he joined the N.S.T.A. believing it to be a religious organization. He stated that [redacted] BEY who was Grand Sheik of Temple 19 taught the members that the colored people should be organized or else they would be in bad shape.

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[redacted] BEY taught the people from the KORAN that all the darker races are brothers. He denied, however, that [redacted] BEY had ever taught the people that they should fight for the Japanese or for any other foreign country should this country be invaded. He stated it is his opinion that [redacted] BEY is not pro-Japanese but is rather ignorant which explains the rustic statements on his part. He advised that [redacted] BEY has always taught the people that they are "a part and parcel of this government and that they should abide by all the laws of this government."

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[redacted] BEY stated that he had not heard [redacted] BEY make a speech in the Temple since approximately 1937 when [redacted] BEY lost his position as

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Grand Sheik of the Temple. He recalled that during the period from 1931 to 1934 the all members of the organization were required to participate in military training drills. He stated that [REDACTED] BEY instructed the people that the drills were held in order that the Temple might be protected from outsiders and also to teach the members to keep step in funeral processions. [REDACTED] BEY stated that he has often heard the lower type of negro make statements to the effect that the colored people are being discriminated against by the whites in the United States. He denied, however, that this was the general feeling of the members of the I.S.T.A. advising that the purpose of the organization is to instruct the members so that they can become equal with the whites.

He further advised that C. KIRWAN BEY, the Grand Advisor, has never, to his knowledge, mentioned to the people that they are related to the Japanese or that they should favor the Japanese in the present war. According to [REDACTED] BEY, KIRWAN BEY is a deeply religious man who confines his statements and teachings to the KORAN.

[REDACTED] BEY stated that he was born in [REDACTED] and has been employed by the Buick Motor Company in Flint for the last twenty years. He advised that he has two children, a boy and a girl, and that the boy will soon be inducted into the United States army. He stated that he had been a member of the I.S.T.A. since 1931, having joined Temple No. 19 strictly for religious purposes. He is now a member of Temple No. 52, of which [REDACTED] BEY is Grand Sheik.

[REDACTED] BEY advised that in about 1935 a Japanese by the name of TAKAHASHI spoke to a colored audience in the Baptist Church on Jameson Street. He stated that the object of this meeting was to further the movement known as "Pacific Movement of the Eastern World." He stated that at the meeting one [REDACTED] was appointed by TAKAHASHI to head the organization. However, no other meetings of the "Pacific Movement of the Eastern World" was ever held in Flint.

[REDACTED] BEY was unable to recall a great deal which happened at the meeting but he was of the opinion that TAKAHASHI assured the colored people that the Japanese would be their savior in the near future. According to [REDACTED] BEY, Colonel C. KIRWAN BEY came from Chicago just after the meeting and instructed the members that they should have nothing to do with the "Pacific Movement of the Eastern World" inasmuch as they are members of the I.S.T.A., which is strictly a religious organization.

[REDACTED] BEY stated that between the years 1931 and 1937 while [REDACTED] BEY was Grand Sheik of Temple No. 19 he taught the people that all the