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darker races were brothers. He also advised them that one day Japanese airplanes would darken the sun and that the Japanese would take over this country. He stated that [REDACTED] BEY instructed the people that they were to help the Japanese when this invasion came inasmuch as they are brothers of the Japanese. [REDACTED] BEY instructed the people to put on their fizzes and hang out their Moorish flags in order that they might be recognized by the Japanese as brothers.

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[REDACTED] BEY further instructed the people that when the Japanese came to this country the Moors were to move their families to specially designated safety zones and then the men were to return to town and set fire to the houses in order that the Japanese might see where to drop their bombs. He further told them that after the Japanese invasion had been completed that the members of the M.S.T.A. would take over the Buick plant in Flint.

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[REDACTED] BEY advised that all of these statements were made prior to 1937 and that he has heard [REDACTED] BEY only once since that time. This speech was made about Thanksgiving of 1942 in Temple No. 52 and at this time [REDACTED] BEY talked strictly about religious principles which are laid down in the KORAN. [REDACTED] BEY advised that he along with the other members of the M.S.T.A. considered [REDACTED] BEY to be an ignorant type of individual and that very few of the members paid any attention to his teachings. [REDACTED] BEY advised that he considers C. KIRK AN BEY to be a person who is conscientious in his religious beliefs and that the only statement he has ever heard him make concerning the Japanese was about Thanksgiving of 1942 when KIRK AN BEY made a statement to the effect that the Japanese are brothers of all the colored races and some day the white races will be ruled by Germany and the colored races by Japan.

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It should be noted that [REDACTED] BEY appears to be a person of average intelligence and also appears to be trustful and conscientious in the statements which he made concerning the teachings of [REDACTED] BEY. He specifically advised that no other person except [REDACTED] BEY had ever taught the members of the Temple that they should support the Japanese in case of an invasion of this country. He stated that in his opinion [REDACTED] BEY is the only member of the organization who might be called pro-Japanese.

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The pertinent parts of the interview with [REDACTED] BEY were incorporated into a signed statement. This statement sets out the statements made by [REDACTED] BEY which have previously been set out in this report. In view of this fact, the statement is not being set out herein but is being retained in the Detroit file of this case.

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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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[redacted] stated that he was born in [redacted] and has been employed by the Buick Motor Company in Flint since 1927. He has had nine years of education and one year of preparation to become a Methodist minister. He stated that he joined the M.S.T.A in 1931 shortly after Temple No. 19 was founded and attended meetings of this Temple until about one year ago when he changed his membership to Temple No. 52. [redacted] executed a signed statement which deals with the teachings of [redacted] between the years 1932 and 1937, which is being set out here:

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Flint, Michigan  
March 3, 1943

"I, William [redacted] make the following statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises were made to me and I make this statement of my own free will.

"I have been a member of the Moorish Science Temple of America for about ten years, having joined Temple No. 19 while [redacted] Bey of Detroit was the Grand Sheik. On several occasions between 1932 and about 1937 I have heard [redacted] Bey talk about the Japanese. He told the members of the Moorish Science Temple of America that the Japanese are our brothers and that they will invade the United States some day. They will have a good navy and the elements will be dark with Japanese bombers. He also stated that when the Japanese come to this country the Moors should hang out the Moorish flags and put on their red fezzes. Throughout the time that [redacted] Bey was Grand Sheik he often told members of the Temple that they are brothers of the Japanese. I have heard [redacted] Bey make only one speech in the Moorish Science Temple of America since he left Flint in about 1937 and that was about Thanksgiving of 1932. On this occasion he did not mention the Japanese.

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"I have read this statement consisting of this and one full page and am signing it because it is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed [redacted]

Witnesses:

[redacted] Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Detroit, Mich.

[redacted] Detective  
Mich. State Police"

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[redacted] that he was present at the Baptist Church on Jameson some time during the year 1935 when TAKAHASHI held a meeting there which he called "Development of our Own." He stated that TAKAHASHI predicted that there would be a war between Japan and the United States and that hundreds of thousands of Japanese people would go down in the war. He stated that TAKAHASHI warned the people that the Japanese would be their savior in the end and that they should join up with the Japanese when this war came.

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He stated that TAKAHASHI appointed [redacted] as active head of the organization but insofar as he knows, no other meetings were ever held. [redacted] lost his position as Grand Sheik of Temple No. 19 in 1937 and that he has heard him speak on only one occasion since that time. He stated that [redacted] spoke to the members of Temple No. 19 about Thanksgiving of 1940 but that the talk was purely religious and had nothing to do with the Japanese. [redacted] spoke highly of C. KIRKMAN BEY, the grand Advisor, and advised that it was through him that [redacted] BEY lost his position as Grand Sheik inasmuch as KIRKMAN BEY did not approve of the pro-Japanese teachings which [redacted] was inclined to disseminate. He stated that [redacted] BEY is the only person he has ever talked to the people about the Japanese and that people in general do not agree with the statements of [redacted] BEY but felt that he was somewhat of an ignorant old man.

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[redacted] that the organization held military training for two or three years after the Temple was founded. He stated that the purpose of this drilling was to teach the members to drill and for the protection of the Temple from drunk persons or other outsiders who might come into the meetings uninvited.

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[redacted] appears to be a negro of more than average intelligence and he also appears to be quite sincere in statements which he made. [redacted] advised that he knew outside people felt that the U.S.T.A. was pro-Japanese and he was very anxious to clear up this matter by pointing out the one person of the organization who is inclined to feel that way.

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THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

b7c At Mt. Clemens, Michigan, will through [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] of Temple No. 43, secure membership lists and interview a representative number of the members to ascertain if Japanese propaganda is being disseminated through the organization.

At Detroit, Michigan, will conduct a thorough investigation as to Temple No. 4, which is located between Bluebird and St. Antoine on Frederick, and Temple No. 65, which is located at 4016 Oakland.

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April 15, 1943  
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Director, FBI

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RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE CHURCH  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J

Dear Sir:

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There are being transmitted herewith the original and one copy of the report of [redacted] dated April 2, 1943 reflecting additional information concerning the captioned matter.

Two copies of informant's report are being retained in the appropriate files of the New York Office for information purposes.

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[redacted] has been advised to obtain additional information concerning this organization and the activities of its members.

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Very truly yours,

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cc: NY file 65-8295

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REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Louis, Missouri</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4-7-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-26-43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>Col. C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases, ET AL MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY (J) CUSTODIAL DETENTION; SEDITION; OVERTHROW OR DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** [REDACTED] St. Louis City Directory for 1942 lists five persons with the name BEY. No persons in St. Louis area known as EL.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau file number 62-25889. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated March 6, 1943, at Louisville, Kentucky.

**DETAILS:** AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The St. Louis City Directory for 1942 reflects the name [REDACTED] BEY and wife [REDACTED] residing at [REDACTED] BEY, a [REDACTED]

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THE ST LOUIS FIELD DIVISION

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

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Will recontact [REDACTED] for any information which may have come to their attention concerning subject organization.

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Will ascertain if [REDACTED] BEY, or other BEYs, are connected with the Moorish Science Temple of America.

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<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> b7c NEW ORLEANS	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> 4-14-43	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> 3-3,15;4-14-43	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> [REDACTED]
<b>TITLE</b> 0 MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC. et al			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> INTERNAL SECURITY - J Custodial Detention SEDITION

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

New Orleans Office has no information on the Moorish Science Temple of America.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Detroit 11-12-42.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Knoxville 1-1-43.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Chicago 3-14-43

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Newark 3-26-43.

**DETAILS:**

**AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

No information has reached this office concerning the Moorish Science Temple of America. [REDACTED]

Inasmuch as these informants represent a rather complete cross section in various social classes among the negroes, it is felt that they would certainly know of any such organization in existence in New Orleans or its vicinity.

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NY File No. 100-83742

Report Made At NEW YORK, NEW YORK	Date Made 4/14/43	Period Made 9/3; 10/3, 8/42 2/2; 3/15/43	Report made by [REDACTED] 1-4909
Title MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC.; ET AL		Character of case INTERNAL SECURITY (S) SELECTIVE SERVICE SEDITION	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject organization is national in scope, a religious group confined to members of colored races who teach their followers they are descendants of the Asiatics although they are supposed to be loyal to the laws of the country in which they reside. As a group, they are distrustful of the White race. Certain groups, because of their religious belief, have failed to comply with the Selective Service Act. Others are pro-Japanese. The expressions of the followers are in keeping with the Japanese propaganda pattern. Two temples are known to be active in Brooklyn, N.Y. and the indications are, they are closely connected with groups in Connecticut and Massachusetts. In the past, Japanese speakers have spoken before these groups and certain followers in Brooklyn have been reported to be pro-Japanese. [REDACTED] of New York has now been made a member of this group and will report further on this group.

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REFERENCES:

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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at New York April 6, 1940.

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

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REFERENCES: Letters from the Bureau dated June 6, 1942, and October 6, 1942.

Letter from Bureau to Chicago, cc to New York, dated February 8, 1942.

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The Headquarters of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC. is situated at Chicago, Illinois, under the leadership of C. KIRKMAN BEY - "Supreme Grand Adviser and Moderator", who also edits or causes to be published a pamphlet entitled "MOORISH VOICE".

The MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE was organized in 1913 by NOBLE DREW ALI who headed the Group until his death in 1929, being succeeded by C. KIRKMAN BEY. This organization proposed to recover the birthright of the Moors which they alleged was taken from them to enable them to govern their own country - Morocco.

The organization identifies the negroes as Asiatics and a strong pro-Japanese sympathy has been found in several of the branches.

It appears that ~~NAKA~~ NAKANE an alien Japanese under the alias of ~~SATOKATA~~ TAKAHASHI, and claiming that he was a Major in the Japanese Army, was instrumental in the promotion of a branch of this group in Detroit, Michigan.

b7c The existence of the group in New York City first became known at the time of the arrest of [REDACTED] on July 30, 1942, [REDACTED] being a subject in the case entitled "THE PACIFIC MOVEMENT OF THE EASTERN WORLD, INC. - ET AL - ESPIONAGE (J); SELECTIVE SERVICE, SEDITION", [REDACTED] admitted he had been active in organizing among the negroes for the PACIFIC MOVEMENT OF THE EASTERN WORLD and other colored organizations which had resulted in the propagandizing of the negroes for the Japanese cause.

At that time, he stated there was in Cleveland an organization known as the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE Church whose purpose was identical with that of the PACIFIC MOVEMENT. He further stated that there was a group of this nature also in Brooklyn, New York, and that he had attended one of their open meetings, but that as a rule these groups did not admit outsiders and that their membership was almost entirely made up of people of african and Asiatic descent.

In order that the pro-Japanese sympathy among the followers of the subject organization might be more clearly understood the following information is set forth as furnished by [REDACTED] at the time of his arrest:

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 [redacted] he first began speaking before colored groups in 1931 in New York City at which time he spoke before an organization known as the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA). On this occasion he met [redacted] who was an organizer for the UNIA, and he accompanied her to Chicago in 1932 on which occasion he was introduced to a Chinese named [redacted] and a Japanese named SATOHASHI TAKAHASHI who represented himself to be a Major in the Japanese Army.

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 [redacted] agreed to work with TAKAHASHI who was organizing the negroes in that section and TAKAHASHI outlined his program as follows:

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 That the purpose of the group was to organize all the dark people in the world and to build a separate government in their respective governments under the leadership of Japan. In this connection he explained that [redacted] of Japan, and [redacted] of China, promulgated a plan that the policy of Japan will be that Asia shall be for the Asiatics. He said that the Japanese will help all the dark people organize and build a government; that he had been sent to the United States to fulfill the mission of organization of the colored races of the United States; and further that the Japanese are scattered in every city in America working for the same purpose and he feels they should be organized now because the time is not so very far off when the Japanese will strike.

He said the BLACK DRAGON SOCIETY adopted this plan and sponsored a LINGUIST SOCIETY with headquarters at the University of Tokyo. In this society the men and women from all Asiatic countries are already being trained to be lecturers and organizers and in other fields as propagandists to indoctrinate in the minds of the dark people the spirit of Asia for the Asiatics. In this connection he stated that now was the time to actively carry on their propaganda inasmuch as all the countries were presently on friendly relations and their efforts in this respect would probably be overlooked."

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 In furtherance of the above work, it appears that [redacted] TAKAHASHI and others formed organizations in all the major cities of the United States and further, TAKAHASHI tried to infiltrate many of his followers into colored organizations that were already formed. Some of the known names of the above organizations are:

- THE DEVELOPMENT OUR OWN
- THE PACIFIC MOVEMENT OF THE EASTERN WORLD
- THE PACIFIC MOVEMENT
- THE ETHIOPIAN PACIFIC MOVEMENT
- THE ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT

And Many Religious Groups of the Islam and Mohammedan faith.

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 A review of the files of the New York Office reflects that a report was prepared by the New York Office on the subject organization by Special Agent [redacted] under date of April 6, 1940.

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The case, entitled "MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA - SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES", reflects that information was received that the Japanese Chamber of Commerce officials have on several occasions, spoken for the Hartford Connecticut chapter of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC, a negro organization in the United States, claiming over 8,000,000 members, who described themselves as Moors and not negroes.

At that time, a series of six articles prepared for a Hartford newspaper about this group was obtained and forwarded to the Bureau.

b7c This report further reflects that a negro individual known as Grand Sheikh [REDACTED] EL who resides in Brooklyn, New York, came to Hartford, Connecticut in the Summer of 1936 and established Local Chapter Number 35 of "THE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC." which organization was believed originally founded by KIRKMAN BEY of Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED]

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The file in this case further reflects that Grand Sheikh [REDACTED] EL Moorish representative of the MST, 340 Hancock Street, Brooklyn, New York, addressed two letters to the Japan Institute, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York City, December 23, and December 27, respectively. In the letter dated December 23, Grand Sheikh [REDACTED] EL makes reference to a telephone conversation of recent date and states he wished to request a speaker from the Institute for a Moorish Holiday Banquet on January 8, 1941 to be held at the Moorish Temple, 854 Gates Avenue Brooklyn, New York. In this instance, he requested a Japanese speaker to speak on the culture and history of Japan and the future outlook of the Asiatic race. Also, he stated that on previous Moorish Holidays, they had been fortunate enough to have [REDACTED] who had made very interesting speeches on Japan; further, that the Moorish American people are very much interested in the successes of Japan in her program for the establishment of a new order in Asia, which will eventually terminate emancipation of all Asiatic people of the world.

b7c In answer to this letter, [REDACTED] of the Japan Institute advised that he would be happy to furnish the speaker, but that a speaker would not be able to touch on current political situations in the Far East.

b7c Grand Sheikh [REDACTED] EL in his letter dated December 27, 1940, acknowledged the letter from the Japan Institute and advised the audience would be made up of 300 or 400 people of Moorish descent, all of the dark race, who are sympathetic and interested in the freedom of the whole Asiatic race and all of the darker races throughout the world.

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He reiterated that the Japanese speaker might be free to speak as he chose.

On January 4, 1941, [redacted] of the Japan Institute in a letter to Grand Sheikh F. [redacted] EL cancelled an engagement of the Japanese speaker. [redacted]

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[redacted] It is noted further that on December 30, 1939, F. [redacted] EL visited the Institute to see [redacted] regarding a speaker and material. Further, that on May 10, 1940, he again visited the Institute to see [redacted] regarding literature.

It is generally known that the Japan Institute of New York City, was a propaganda Agency for the Japanese Government in the United States.

The file in this case further reflects a letter from San Diego, California to the Pittsburgh Field Division, dated September 16, 1942, of which New York received a copy. [redacted]

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The New York Police Department has been contacted and information furnished by them will be set out later in this report. [redacted]

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York, is reported to be a prominent organizer for this organization in Brooklyn, and further, that meetings have been held at the home of [REDACTED] Brooklyn, [REDACTED] and further that recently (about April 1), [REDACTED] negro writer for the Negro Newspaper "Pittsburgh Courier", spoke at one of these meetings in [REDACTED] home.

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In this connection, Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer had an occasion to interview [REDACTED] in connection with another investigation and at that time he advised agents that he had attended a meeting of a Moorish Group in Brooklyn in the early part of 1942, at which time there was a Japanese and his wife present. [REDACTED] that the Japanese girl was born on the Pacific Coast and that the Japanese man was born in Japan and this couple appeared to be well acquainted among the followers of the Moorish Group and it was his understanding that this Japanese was to speak on the program. [REDACTED] went on to say that he was one of the speakers first to talk, and after he had made his address, he left and did not know for sure that the Japanese spoke. He went on to state that at that time, there was nothing to indicate that this group was pro-Japanese, that they appeared to be interested in racial matters and the uplifting of the negro race. He said, however, that it might be possible that the Japanese have attempted to influence groups such as these.

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[REDACTED] was unable to furnish the date that he made this visit to Brooklyn, the name of the person who invited him, or the address of the meeting place.

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It is pointed out that [REDACTED] although he has been extremely racial in many of the views, has been known to write Japanese articles before and since Pearl Harbor.

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In an effort to ascertain whether or not followers of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE Church have complied herewith the Registration Act, Local Boards 233, 177, 148, 162 and 327 were checked against names ending with BEY, and EL and the following individuals were found to have registered in compliance with the Selective Service Act:

[REDACTED] BEY - [REDACTED]

HENRY GORDON BEY - Age 55, 327 Lafayette St.  
Registered Local Board 178.

WILLIAM WILLOCK BEY - 61 Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

HENRY GORDON BEY - Age 57 - 328 Greene Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Employed 530 Lennox Ave., N.Y.C.

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[REDACTED] BEY - Age 52 - [REDACTED] Brooklyn, N.Y.

[REDACTED] BEY - Age 27 - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BEY, also known as [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Bey, and [REDACTED]  
- Age 33 - Address unknown

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Investigation in this case will continue in an effort to ascertain the strength and extent of the subject organization, and in addition, to sending copies of this report to Field Divisions in which leads are set out, one copy is being sent to all other offices in Continental United States.

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ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

All offices receiving copies of this report should check their indices to determine whether or not groups of the Moorish Science Temple Church are active in their respective districts.

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

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

At Yaphank, Long Island, N.Y. will make inquiry as to the activity of the followers of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE Church who are reported to be active in West Yaphank, and determine whether or not any of the members or leaders of that group were making any statements that might be pro-Japanese or seditious in nature.

At New York, New York, will make inquiry to determine the nature and activities of the branches of the Mohammedan religion, reported located at 231 Lennox Avenue, and 494 Manhattan Avenue. Will determine their nationalistic tendencies and report any seditious remarks or statements made by leaders of those groups.

Will have [redacted] continue to attend and report on meetings of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE Church and attempt to develop further information as to their strength and connections with other groups.

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Case Originated At CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

L. E. File No. 104901  
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Report Made At LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	Date 4-14-43	Period 4-7,9,13-43	Report Made By [REDACTED] <i>b7c</i>
Title MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., ETAL			Character INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION SELECTIVE SERVICE

Synopsis:

Temple #8, MSTIA, located at 4003 W. 8th St., Pine Bluff, Arkansas, adjacent to the residence of [REDACTED] BEY. Total membership reported to be from 70 to 300. Active membership is said to range from 30 to 50. Officers for the Temple are ARTHUR BROWN, Grand Sheik, and "Governor of Arkansas," [REDACTED] BEY, Assistant Grand Sheik. [REDACTED] BEY, Assistant Grand Sheik. Meetings are held Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday nights at the Temple. No Selective Service difficulty experienced nor Japanese activity reported.

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REP'T FORM. 4-6-43  
BY [REDACTED]

REFERENCE:

Bureau file #62-25889.  
Bureau letter dated April 2, 1943.

DETAILS:

This is a report of investigation conducted jointly by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN H. MURPHY:

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AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

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b7c [REDACTED] Franchise Tax Division in the State of Arkansas, was interviewed at his office in the State Capitol Building. He examined his records and files and advised that he found no record of the Moorish Science Temple of America.

b7c [REDACTED] in the office of the Secretary of State, was contacted at her office in the State Capitol Building. She examined the office files on corporation matters and advised that there was no record of the Moorish Science Temple of America or of a corporation under any similar name.

AT PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS:

b7c [REDACTED] Sheriff, Jefferson County, was interviewed at his office in the County Courthouse. He advised that he knew of no organization or church in Pine Bluff operating under the name of Moorish Science Temple of America..

b7c [REDACTED] colored deputy sheriff of Jefferson County, was contacted in the county jail. He advised that he knew of no church or organization in that vicinity under the name Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. He did say, however, that there were some colored people in Pine Bluff who wore beards and called themselves Mohammedans. He stated that he did not know where they held their meetings, nor what days or nights they meet. He further advised that there were not very many of those people in Pine Bluff, but he was unable to give any estimate of approximately how many there were.

b7c [REDACTED] Local Draft Board A, Jefferson County, was interviewed at her office in the Armory Building. She advised that there were approximately 20 persons listed in their files under the name BEY and EL. She advised also that the board had not experienced any difficulty with any of the persons listed under those names with regard to their draft status or induction into the army. The only difficulty the board experienced was in listing the parties under the names BEY and EL. All the persons using those names insisted that they be listed as Orientals rather than negroes and that BEY and EL were their correct last names.

b7c [REDACTED] Clerk of Local Board B, Jefferson County, was contacted at his office in the Armory. He advised that two persons registered in his board attempted to register under the names BEY and EL, one under the name BEY and one under the name EL, but that he refused to register either of them under those names. He stated that he advised both parties that the name they were born under was the name he was going to register them under. [REDACTED] that at no time had he

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experienced any difficulty regarding the induction or classification of any party who attempted to register under the names EL or BEY.

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[REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] was contacted at his home in connection with the difficulty the Draft Boards had experienced in obtaining the correct names of parties who insisted on registering under the names BEY and EL. He stated that the names BEY and EL were Moorish names and were part of their birth right, once they became members of the Moorish Science Temple. He stated that the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., was established in Pine Bluff in the year 1928 when the Prophet NOBLE DREW ALLI and ARTHUR BROWN EL came to Pine Bluff and established the Temple #8 in 1928. [REDACTED] BEY advised that he became a member of the Temple late in the year 1928 and has been a member ever since [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EL is the Grand Sheik of the Temple. He stated that Temple #8 is the only Temple in the State of Arkansas and that [REDACTED] BEY was the only other officer of the Temple, and that [REDACTED] BEY is also an Assistant Grand Sheik, but holds a rank inferior to him [REDACTED] BEY. He also advised that the total membership of the Temple was between 60 and 70 members but that only about 30 were active.

He exhibited a copy of the Koran and a copy of the Questionnaire bulletin which all new members must familiarize themselves with. In addition, he showed the writer two medallions; one about the size of a silver dollar constructed of dark blue celluloid and embossed with gilt figures and lettering; on one side the large figure 7 and on the other side, a crescent and star with a Turkish Sword resting across the top of the crescent. The word "Justice" was printed on the Turkish Sword. Around the border of each side of the medallion there were four curved solid links; [REDACTED] BEY explained that each of the four segments represented a corner of the earth. The other medallion was in the form of a pin similar to the Campaign Buttons worn during a presidential election, of black tin construction and about the size of a dime. A gilt crescent and star with the letters M. A. above the crescent were the only symbols and letters on this small pin.

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[REDACTED] BEY explained that the small pin was for every day wear, whereas the large medallion was to be worn at the meetings. The large medallion was hung on a red string and apparently was worn with the string hung around the neck.

[REDACTED] BEY further advised that the Headquarters for the Temple is at Chicago where the prophet lives. He spoke of NOBLE DREW ALLI as still being the prophet. He stated that he himself had served in the American Army in the First World War for a year and a half and had seen

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active service in France. He exhibited photographs of himself in uniform during the First world War. He advised that there was no teaching in the Temple under which any persons claimed exemption from Military Service as Conscientious Objectors. He mentioned that he had been in Chicago at one time and had visited the main temple there.

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[REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED] mail address [REDACTED] was contacted at his home. He advised that he is a member of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.. He stated that the membership ranged up to approximately 300 but that there were only 50 or 55 active members.

It was observed that [REDACTED] BEY's home is a 1½ story frame house with dilapidated front porch extending across the width of the house and that a maroon colored flannel banner containing a white crescent and star is hung inside the front door so that it completely covers the pane of glass which comprises almost the entire top part of the front door to his house.

It was also observed that in the back of his home to the west of and adjacent to his house is another roughly constructed 1-story frame building about 15 feet wide and approximately 25 feet long. The building is covered by a tin roof and the lower half of the outside walls is partially covered by an imitation red brick asbestos veneer.

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[REDACTED] BEY stated that the building above described is the Temple for the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., and that the meetings are held there very Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday evenings. He advised that the building could seat 50 persons.

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[REDACTED] was contacted at his grocery store. He advised that there were several persons in his neighborhood who used the names BEY and EL. He stated that he is suspicious of them but that at no time has he ever heard any un-American statements by any of them nor seen any evidence of any un-American activity. It is noted that [REDACTED] is of the white race and operates a grocery store in the heart of the colored section on the outskirts of Pine Bluff.

The following are descriptions of officers of the Temple:

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Name	ARTHUR BROWN EL
Address	Rt. 1, Box 35-A, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Age	65
Height	5'3"
Weight	135
Complexion	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Grey

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Name	[REDACTED] BEY
Address	[REDACTED]
Height	5'3"
Weight	185
Complexion	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Employment	Employed as a woodcutter at various lumber mills

Name	[REDACTED] BEY
Address	[REDACTED]
Age	Approximately 46
Height	5'9"
Weight	190
Complexion	Medium brown
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Greying
Build	Rather stout
Beard	Greying

The following is a description of [REDACTED] BEY, not an officer but a person quite active in the Temple:

Name	[REDACTED] BEY
Residence	[REDACTED]
Age	41
Height	5'10"
Weight	198
Complexion	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Beard	Black
Employment	Employed at the Federal Compress Company as cotton tier

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] at Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

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THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION AT PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS:

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Will re-contact [redacted] and take steps to secure proper coverage of the meetings at the Temple in an effort to disclose any possible violation of the Sedition laws or the Selective Service Act or any influence of a national organization upon Temple #8 and whether the national headquarters is encouraging seditious or pro-Japanese leanings or counseling evasion of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

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Origin at Chicago, Illinois	Date Made 4-13-43	Period made 12/23/42 1/22; 3/10, 11. 12, 17/43	Made by [REDACTED]
Made at Indianapolis, Indiana	Title COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY, was Et Al SHOORI SE SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA		Character INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION; OVERTHROW OR DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT

SYNOPSIS:

[REDACTED]

No evidence of present activities at Columbus, Hope, or North Vernon, to obtain new members or of subversive statements or activities.

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BY [initials]

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Louisville, Kentucky, March 6, 1943. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, February 9, 1943.

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It was ascertained by the writer that the Indianapolis City Directory listed the following BEYS:

- [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] BEY
- [REDACTED] BEY

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on March 11, 12, and 17, 1943 at Columbus, Hope, and North Vernon, Indiana.

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AT COLUMBUS, INDIANA

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[REDACTED] DAN STEIN'S SHOP, 5th and Washington Street, stated that members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA tried to persuade him to join in 1939, but that he never attended any of their meetings and did not become interested in their religion, never heard any of them speak sympathetically of the Japanese and does not know of any activities of the group since April, 1940 except for the members of RUBEN FRAZIER BEY's family.

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[REDACTED] that he has known RUBEN FRAZIER BEY for the past ten years [REDACTED] that RUBEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has mentioned the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA and stated that its only purpose is to procure equality for the negro by peaceful means. He seldom mentions the war and then in only vague terms, but has never spoken against the United States or in favor of Japan, Germany, or Italy. Neither has he ever stated that this is a white-man's war or that the negroes are not going to participate in it. Informant said he seldom sees any of RUBEN's family, has not talked with them recently, and does not know their sympathies or activities.

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[REDACTED] STAFFORD GRAIN COMPANY, said that RUBEN FRAZIER BEY purchases feeds, seeds, and other items needed on the farm from him, that he seldom

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mentions the war and has never said anything/the best interests of the United States  
or in favor of any of the Axis powers or appeared antagonistic towards the white  
race.

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AT NORTH VERNON, INDIANA

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[REDACTED] Chief of Police, advised that there were approximately  
150 negroes in North Vernon, that he had never heard of any religious activity  
among the negroes resembling the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA nor had he ever  
heard of any unusual antagonism towards the whites or of any Japanese sympathies  
or subversive activities. He said in conclusion that he considered the colored  
situation very good.

The chief also advised that he was sure there was no negro in or near  
North Vernon who was married to or associated with a white woman.

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[REDACTED] night patrolman said substantially the same as the chief.  
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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
both advised that they never heard of any faith or religion resembling the  
MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE or of any Japanese sympathies or antagonism towards the  
white race among the negroes in North Vernon.

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[REDACTED] colored, [REDACTED] stated that she knew  
RUBEN FRAZIER BEY and his family and that about three and one-half years ago, she  
and [REDACTED] and another negro whose name she could not remember, stopped at the  
FRAZIER home near Hope and that there were twenty-five or thirty people present  
and that they were getting ready to hold a religious meeting and invited informant

and her two friends to stay and participate, but they refused and went on to Indianapolis. Informant said she did not know of any negroes in North Vernon who ever attended any of the meetings and she felt positive none of them were ever converted and if they attended, it was merely from curiosity. She also said she never heard of any agitation among the local negroes, that they would become the dominant race or that the Japanese should win the present conflict.

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b7d [redacted] that [redacted] is [redacted] that [redacted] is light colored and may be mistaken for a white woman from a distance or during poor visibility.

b7d [redacted] has driven various old automobiles and may have had a 1928 or 1929 Ford roadster during the past two years. She said she was sure that neither [redacted] had any pro-Japanese sympathies and had never been converted to or become sympathetic with the principles of the MOORISH SCIENCE TE PLE.

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At Indianapolis, Indiana

b2, b7d Will keep in close contact with [REDACTED] to ascertain the further activities of Unit #15 of subject organization.

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MOONSH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
C. KIRKMAN BEY, was, et al;  
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Please refer to your letter of April 21, 1943, enclosing a report of [redacted] dated April 16, 1943.

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It is requested that you ascertain if this statement is true and if so, you should endeavor to determine the extent of Japanese influence within the organization. It is probable that the statement is without foundation and that Turner and Wilson claimed contact with the Japanese to enhance their prestige as it is said that Wilson claimed that Turner became acquainted with certain Japanese in an "Egyptian University". It is also suggested that it be learned if Turner was affiliated with any organization which may have been termed an "Egyptian University". Any unsuccessful Japanese efforts to infiltrate into this organization should be reported.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
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Dear Sir: Attention - Technical Laboratory.

There are being forwarded, under separate cover, two rolls of minipan film, containing pictures of the books of the subject organization, Temple 11.

It is requested that two positive copies of each picture be forwarded this office at your earliest possible convenience.

Very truly yours,

*J. F. Sears*  
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**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **100-793**

REPORT MADE AT <b>JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/21/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/25, 26, 3/3/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
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TITLE <b>MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., ET AL</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY(J) SELECTIVE SERVICE SEDITION</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Many negroes in the vicinity of Mileston, Miss. advised that the "governor" [REDACTED] had stated that with the membership card of this organization a person did not have to register for the Selective Service or go into the army and would be protected if the Japs took over the United States. One negro said that these same statements were made by [REDACTED] Assistant Grand Sheik of subject organization. Statements allegedly made at a meeting in Mileston about a year ago when [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were on a tour of organization from Chicago.

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 BY JFS

**REFERENCE:**

(62-25889)  
 Letter from the Bureau dated February 6, 1943.  
 Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 2/22/43 at Jackson, Mississippi.

**DETAILS:**

The title of this case is being carried as MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., ET AL. The office of origin has been changed from Jackson, Mississippi to Chicago, Illinois and Selective Service and Sedition are added to the character of this case to make it conform to reference Bureau letter.

At Lexington, Mississippi

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Mr. PAT M. BARRETT, Prosecuting Attorney of Holmes County where [redacted] and [redacted] were convicted under the Mississippi State Sedition Law, advised that he does not believe there is any doubt that the statements made by the four negroes mentioned above constituted a violation of the Federal Sedition Law. It was his opinion that [redacted] and [redacted] the two negroes from Chicago, were mainly to blame for the whole affair and [redacted]

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[redacted] he felt that they were sitting on a powder keg in this section and that something had to be done before this organization became too dangerous. It is his understanding that they were teaching that this is an Asiatic Continent, that they were all Asiatics and not negroes, that all of the Asiatics are related and that when (not "if") the Japs come over here, those with membership cards will be protected, that those without such cards will be beheaded. Mr. BARRETT advised that [redacted] local Attorney, had represented [redacted] when he was tried for the violation of the Mississippi Sedition Law. [redacted] that his client had denied to him that he or any of the others had made any statement that they could keep a negro out of the army, and had also denied that they had said that members of the organization would be taken care of by the Japs. He said that [redacted] had told him the way the statement was put was that if the members followed the teachings of the organization they would be so good and righteous that when the Germans and Japs came over here that the members would not be harmed.

[redacted] furnished the writer with a letterhead received from [redacted] and [redacted] who make up the firm of O'CONNELL and O'CONNELL, Attorneys at Law, Suite 304, 62 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, which stated that [redacted] EL, a brother of the defendant [redacted] would make necessary arrangements for taking care of [redacted] trial. [redacted] that from this letterhead it appeared that the firm of [redacted] represented instant organization.

[redacted] also furnished a letter dated May 7, 1942 which he had received from [redacted] EL, regarding three Charters of the Moorish Science Temple of America, or the Moorish Holy Temple of Science of the World, that he believed he had left in [redacted] office. This letter was headed as follows: "The Moorish Divine and National Movement. Membership Free. The Moorish Science Temple of America Inc. Prophet Noble Drew Ali, Founder and Head. Homeoffice, 3229 Indiana, Ave., Chicago, Ill. Underneath the body of the letter appeared the following:

"The National Secretary Treasurer"

- "Prophet Noble Drew Ali, Founder and Head.
- Bro. [redacted] El, Sheik, Governor.
- Bro. [redacted] El, Sheik, Grand Sheik.
- Bro. [redacted] Bey, Sheik, Chairman.
- Bro. [redacted] El, Sheik, Assistant Grand Sheik."

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[redacted] that apparently his client [redacted] continued throughout to believe the teachings of this organization.

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Mr. EARL THOMAS, District Attorney for the district covering Lexington, Holmes County, Miss., and the prosecutor in charge of prosecuting the cases against [redacted] and [redacted] suggested that [redacted] all reside near Mileston and could possibly give information concerning the activities of instant organization in Mississippi. It was his recollection that the above named negroes had testified that [redacted] and [redacted] had said that when the Japs and Germans conquer America the members of this organization will not be bothered and that the members do not have to comply with Selective Service regulations or go to war. Further, that "JIM CROW LAWS" would have no effect whatsoever on members of this organization. He believed that some of the negroes understood that when they were referred to as Asiatics in this organization, it was meant that they were kin to the "aps and would not be bothered by the Japs.

At Mileston, Mississippi

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[redacted] residing [redacted] that [redacted] who is his cousin, and the "governor" came from Chicago in about February, 1942 to organize the Moorish Science Temple and to solicit members. They told him that Uncle Sam knew about this organization and so he thought it was all right to join. They also told him that if he had a membership card in this organization he would not have to go to the army and if he had not already registered for Selective Service he would not have to do so, then if anyone asked him about his registration card, all he would have to do would be show him his membership card in this organization. They further told him that those who had membership buttons would not be harmed, by the Japs if the Japs came to the United States, [redacted] that he did not consider the statements about the Japs very seriously, but that his purpose in joining the organization was to get the sick and death benefits which were promised to members. It was promised that the members, upon becoming sick, would receive \$5.00 per week and if they became very sick they would receive \$10.00 a week. Upon death they would be furnished with a burial in addition to a \$60.00 death benefit. [redacted] that when [redacted] found out about the organization he told him [redacted] that this organization was wrong and for the Japs, and he said that he then realized that this was true when he thought back upon what had been told him by the above named organizers. He further stated that he is more than willing to testify as to the matters set out above because he did not appreciate his own cousin getting him mixed up with an organization that was wrong like this one is.

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[redacted] who resides [redacted] that [redacted] many times had tried to get him to join the Moorish Science Temple and that during these attempts [redacted] made the statement that members did not have to go to the army and that the Japs would never harm members. [redacted] that he had never seen [redacted] the writer in locating the following negroes who also resided [redacted] that he heard,

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the "governor" make the statement at a meeting held in the home of [redacted] that no one could force the negro who joined this organization to register under the Selective Service Act or go to the army, and that if the Japs came over here and took the United States, those negroes that could show a membership card or button would be protected, while the others would have their heads cut off. [redacted] that he also heard the "governor" say that members of this organization did not have to go to the army and did not have to register. He said that this made him suspicious of the organization and he did not want anything to do with it. He did not hear the "governor" make any statement concerning the Japs. [redacted] that he also attended the meeting at which the "governor" said that members of this organization did not have to register or go to the army and that when, not "if", the Japs come over here and take the United States the members will be protected, while non-members will be killed.

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[redacted] who resides [redacted] that he and his brother [redacted] belonged to this organization at the time it was active, having joined at the insistence of [redacted] who told them that he would pay their initiation fee, when they declined to join for lack of funds. He said that neither he nor [redacted] had ever heard the statements concerning the army or Japs, but that at one meeting he had attended he had heard someone in a side conversation say that he had been told he would not have to go to the army if he joined the organization. When [redacted] heard this statement he felt that something was wrong with the organization and did not attend any more meetings. The following negroes were also questioned but stated either that they had not ever talked to [redacted] and [redacted] or that they had not heard [redacted] and [redacted] make statements similar to those set out above.

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Efforts were made to locate [redacted] but he could not be found at home. [redacted] of the Farm Security Administration Resettlement Project at Mileston, stated that about last February [redacted] who resided in one of the houses on the Project, requested that some of the negroes be allowed to use the project school for a meeting to be presided over by two "Brothers" from Chicago. [redacted] instructed [redacted] to send these two Chicago negroes to him to explain what type of meeting they wished to hold before he would grant them the authority to use the school building. They never appeared at [redacted] office, but the meeting was held at the home of [redacted]. After the meeting, some of the negroes who had attended the meeting, told him about these statements which had been made concerning.

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the Japs and concerning the fact that members of this organization would not have to go to the army, whereupon he had reported the matter to the Sheriff. Since that time he has kept in close touch with the situation and has several negro informants who have told him that this organization is no longer active in this part of the country. He feels sure that since the prosecution of [redacted] and [redacted] the Moorish Science Temple has completely died out and no activities are being conducted on the part of this organization.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **100-15348** **RM**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEWARK, NEW JERSEY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/17/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/16, 25/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <b>b7c</b>
TITLE <b>*ALLAH TEMPLE OF ISLAM, also known as Moslems and Moonless</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY SEDITION SELECTIVE SERVICE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED] EL, member Newark Moorish Science Temple 1930. Head is [REDACTED] EL. No known unit Newark, subject organization. One heard worn by [REDACTED] would stamp his follower Noble Drew Ali and JUB GIVENS EL of National Moorish Science Temple organization with Headquarters Chicago. Men named by [REDACTED] not now members Newark Moorish Science Temple. [REDACTED] EL is Teacher, Camden, N. J. Moorish Science Temple.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent, [REDACTED] dated December 27, 1942 at Atlanta, Georgia.

**DETAILS:** [REDACTED] EL, Head of the 300-member Moorish Science Temple located at 270 Court Street, 3d floor, Newark, New Jersey, was contacted January 16th for information on the points raised by [REDACTED] EL, subject to his apprehension by the Police Department of Atlanta, Georgia, early in December.

[REDACTED] EL has not attended a meeting of his group since 1930, when he was a member. [REDACTED] last knew of him as residing in Philadelphia. [REDACTED] he had never

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heard of the ALLAH TEMPLE OF ISLAM, the only connection with this title existing in the Moorish Science Temple being the fact that Islam is the religion of his group.

[redacted] stated, as he has on previous occasions to the writer, that he is a follower of Noble Drew Ali, whose headquarters are at 447 East 40th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

According to [redacted] if [redacted] EL was still a member of some Philadelphia Moorish Science Temple when he was apprehended at Athens, Georgia, he should have had his membership card with him, a fact which is not stated in reference report.

[redacted] was questioned regarding the names set forth in reference report concerning individuals that [redacted] EL referred to as Temple members, and the only one that [redacted] appeared to recognize was that of [redacted] BEY who is evidently actually [redacted] BEY, presently teacher of the Moorish Science Temple at Camden, New Jersey.

[redacted] said he did not know [redacted] A check made on January 25th with [redacted] the Manhattan Laundry, 338 Mercer Street, Jersey City, New Jersey, given in reference report as employer, disclosed that no negroes by that name had been employed at the plant for more than a year, the extent of the period covered by the available records.

Also, on January 16, 1943 [redacted] EL, Head of the second and smaller Moorish Science Temple in Newark, located at 2 12th Avenue, was contacted at his place of employment at [redacted]

He said that he did not know [redacted] EL but that it was plain that the latter's beard would stamp him as a member of [redacted] EL'S Newark Branch of the Moorish Science Temple inasmuch as the latter group do not cut their hair, nor smoke, nor eat meat. They believe in the re-incarnation of their Prophet Noble Drew Ali and it is on this point and the points above that they differ from the belief held to by [redacted] EL'S TEMPLE, which latter group organized C. BIRKMAN BAY, 1104 North Sedgwick Avenue, Chicago, Illinois as their leader.

[redacted] EL pointed out that to his best recollection the beards began to be worn by [redacted] EL'S TEMPLE in 1933, indicating

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that [redacted] EL must have been connected with that group on or after that date.

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[redacted] EL knew of no ALLAH TEMPLE OF ISLAM. He did volunteer the information that the Moorish Science Temple in Newark had actually been founded there personally by Noble Drew Ali about 1913 and had previously been called the Cannanute Temple. After three or four years in Newark, ALLI moved to Chicago and the name of the group became the Moorish Holy Science Temple of the World about 1925. Then, in 1928 ALLI dropped the word "holy" in a new incorporation of the group under its present title of Moorish Science Temple.

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According to [redacted] EL and [redacted] EL, the Moorish Science Temple has absolutely no connection with any other similar organizations among negroes such as the House of Israel, the Allah Temple of Islam, etc.

The Moorish Science Temple groups in New Jersey have given no indication of objection to Selective Service.

All logical leads in this territory having been handled, this matter is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DETROIT FILE NO. 100-6603

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/21/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/17;4/7/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases, et al MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - J CUSTODIAL DETENTION; SEDITION OVERTHROW OR DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Upon NOBLE DREW ALI'S death, 1929, MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA spread into two factions. Majority of temples followed C. KIRKMAN BEY and the minority attached themselves to a headquarters of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA in Chicago, Illinois, located 3716 Prairie Avenue. Temple 4, 632 Livingston Street, Detroit, Michigan, in latter group. This temple evidently purely religious with no pro-Japanese or other subversive teachings. All members this temple registered for Selective Service except four members. Two now held for Grand Jury for failure to register. Membership lists of temple 25 branch, Ecorse, Michigan; Temple 25, Detroit, Michigan; Temple 4, 632 Livingston Street, Detroit; Temple 4, 535 Frederick Avenue, Detroit; and Temple 20, Pontiac, Michigan, set forth.

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**REFERENCE:**

- Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated November 12, 1942, at Detroit, Michigan.
- Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated March 16, 1943, at Detroit, Michigan.
- Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated April 1, 1943, at Detroit, Michigan.

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DETAILS:

At Detroit, Michigan:

This was a joint investigation by Special Agent [redacted] and the Reporting Agent:

[redacted] BEY [redacted] that the following are all of the Moorish Science Temples of America in the state of Michigan. Temple 25, 9316 Oakland Avenue, Detroit, Grand Sheik [redacted] BEY, 9316 Oakland Avenue, Ex-Secretary is [redacted] BEY. [redacted] that the Temple was founded in 1938 by the Grand Sheik [redacted] BEY and that Temple 25 is an offshoot from the original Temple in Michigan, Temple 4.

Officers of Temple 4, 535 Frederick Street, are:

- Grand Sheik [redacted] EL
- Assistant Grand Sheik [redacted] EL
- Secretary [redacted] BEY
- Treasurer [redacted] BEY
- 932 Frederick Street
- Chairman [redacted] BEY
- Other members [redacted] BEY
- BROTHER [redacted] BEY

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[redacted] BEY advised that Temple 4 in Detroit, Michigan, was the first temple and was founded in 1927 by the prophet and founder NOBLE DREW ALI. The first Grand Sheik serving from 1927 to 1929 was [redacted] BEY who is now in New York City. The second Grand Sheik was [redacted] BEY who is now in Philadelphia and served as Grand Sheik for a few months in 1929. The third Grand Sheik was [redacted] BEY who served from 1929 to 1933 and who is presently located at the Moorish Science Home in Prince George, Virginia. Fourth Grand Sheik was [redacted] BEY who served from 1933 to 1934. Temple 4 ceased to exist in 1934 due to the fact that the club fees in the state of Michigan were not paid. The Temple 4 was re-started in 1935 by the Grand Sheik [redacted] BEY who received a new charter issued by the Moderator from Chicago, COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY. This charter was issued in September, 1934.

Temple 4, 636 Livingston Street: Grand Sheik is [redacted] BEY. In 1935 the Grand Sheik of this Temple was GEORGE MOODS BEY who is now dead and the present Grand Sheik has served since 1936.

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Temple 9, Flint, Michigan, was founded in 1931 by [REDACTED] BEY who served as Grand Sheik until 1933 at which time the present Grand Sheik, [REDACTED] BEY, took over that position.

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Temple 43, Mount Clemens, Michigan, was founded in 1927 by the Grand Sheik [REDACTED] EL who has served in that capacity to date.

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Temple 52, Flint, Michigan, 2615 St. Johns Street, was founded by Grand Sheik [REDACTED] BEY in 1942.

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Temple 25 Branch, Ecorse, Michigan, Grand Sheik is BROTHER [REDACTED] BEY.

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[REDACTED] BEY advised that there is a disbanded temple in Lansing, Michigan. This disbanded temple is no longer a temple. The Grand Sheik of that temple was at one time GEORGE WOODS BEY who died in 1941.

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[REDACTED] BEY further advised that [REDACTED] BEY of Flint, Michigan, attempted to start a temple in Saginaw, Michigan, in 1940 and that [REDACTED] BEY tried to start a temple in Saginaw in 1942, but neither of these men could secure the necessary twenty-five members to get an original charter from the home office in Chicago.

TEMPLE 4

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[REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] that Temple 4, 632 Livingston Street, was founded in Detroit, Michigan, in 1927 by NOBLE DREW ALI; that some time in the early 30's the Moorish Science Temple of America spread and all of the other temples in the state of Michigan followed COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY; however, the temple 4 at 632 Livingston, the original Moorish Science Temple of America founded in the state of Michigan, refused to follow C. KIRKMAN BEY and that the home office recognized by Temple 4 Branch, 632 Livingston Street, is located at 3716 Prairie Street, Chicago, Illinois. At this location, the No. 1 temple, the national secretary is [REDACTED]



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SISTER [REDACTED] EL advised [REDACTED] Temple 4, 623 Livingston Street, and that the membership as of April 5, 1940, is as follows:

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[REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] that he has been a member of Temple 4, 632 Livingston Street, since 1928 and he attended every meeting held on Friday and Sunday nights at 7:30 since joining the temple. [REDACTED] EL advised that upon NOBLE DREW ALI'S death in 1929 most of the temples in the Moorish Science Temple of America went with C. KIRKMAN BEY, requesting him as Grand Advisor and Moderator. However, Temple 4, 632 Livingston, refused to follow KIRKMAN as he had not taught the law or followed the law. The home office recognized by Temple 4 is located at 3716 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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During the investigation it was ascertained that [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] had not registered for the Selective Service. A complaint was filed and warrant issued on these two individuals and they were held over to the Grand Jury by the United States Commissioner, Detroit, Michigan.

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All other male individuals of Temple 4, 632 Livingston, who have been interviewed all exhibited their Selective Service Registration Cards.

The following members of Temple 4, 632 Livingston, were vigorously interviewed on more than one occasion with negative results. All of them insisted that there are no teachings of the Moorish Science Temple of America, no lectures given by anyone in the Temple that might indicate pro-Japanese sympathies. Likewise there have never been any lectures advocating sympathies of the Japanese cause or sympathies with the Japanese in the present war.

[REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 278 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] KY [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED]

that he was the Grand Sheik of Temple 25 Branch, Ecorse, Michigan, until December, 1942, that he had organized the Temple 25 Branch, Ecorse, Michigan, in 1936 and served as Grand Sheik until December, 1942. The following are the present officers:

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Grand Sheik [REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED]  
Secretary [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BEY further exhibited a paper entitled "Instructions to the Grand Sheiks" signed by NOBLE DREW ALI. The instructions are as follows:

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"PART I

"The heads of temples are to submit a report monthly on all finances.

"Every temple and head is to function by words, deed, and acts imitating the prophet—especially when teaching a group of Moors. These are the general laws which will be handed to the latter.

"The head of all temples is to refrain from all wrathful words, profanity in the mildest form, all members of his or her temple.

"They must live the life of love, peace, freedom and justice and refrain from all alcoholic liquors or any other harmful liquors. Possibility that will emanate to destroy peace or any other of the divine principles.

"They are not to contribute to anything that will cause the to disagree with he or she.

"And for one to head a group of Moors—you must keep this house clean, clean with good deeds, kind words, brother must bear good words, kind words, and not only of his good deed.

"If there are children you must see to their support. Follow this divine principle, for if you don't restrict to this divine principle, then you are not a true Moor.

"And heads are not to charge for membership. They are to charge for cards, button and anything issued by the prophet. Those who contribute to either of the preceding are not Moors but robbers. Membership fee for sisters and brothers is not only here but all over the world.

"The button is twenty-five cents, card twenty-five cents and one month dues is paid. Every member pays fifty cents monthly for dues. This money goes to the support of the temple.

"This if not paid does not entitle you to the protection that is provided for you, and especially if you are working or in a position to work. If you neglect to fulfill this small duty assigned you, how can you rightfully expect money or any other help when you are sick or otherwise disabled?

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"And to be a real Moorish leader you must study the Quran and the divine constitution that is handed down to you by me, a prophet.

"The head of my temple can maintain an emergency fund, which cannot exceed the amount of from twenty-five cents to fifty cents a week per member.

## "PART II

"All possible collection and dues also goes to the supporting of each said temple and domestic work.

"The head of every temple must by law obey the word of the prophet and if any head leader or head of any temple fails to obey these laws, embezzlement is his charge and is subject to enforcement of the law by the grand body.

"And the penalty may be a fine or removal from office; or placed under a very heavy restriction of the law.

### "SUPREME WORDS OF THE PROPHET NOBLE DREW ALI

"I here-by inform all members that they must end all radical agitating speeches while at work, in their homes, or on the streets. We are for Peace and not destruction.

"Stop flashing your cards at Europeans. It causes confusion. Remember your card is your salvation. Failure to obey these orders will be of severe consequence. We are for love at home, peace, freedom and when these principles are violated, justice must then take its course.

"Any member or group of members who hold malicious feeling toward the Temple or the Prophet or violate the divine Covenant will receive their reward from ALLAH for their unjust deeds.

"All true Moors will and must obey the laws as laid down by the prophet. If they lose confidence in their prophet. They should turn their card, button, cease wearing their turban or fez, and return to the state in which the prophet found them.

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"This is a holy and divine movement, founded by the Prophet NOBLE DREW ALI, and if the Prophet is not right, the Temple is not right.

"The Prophet, therefore, is sending out the divine plea and all Moorish-American that they do their parts in protecting the Prophet and the Temple.

"This is an everlasting movement founded by the Prophet through the will of an Allah to redeem his people from their sins.

"By order of NOBLE DREW ALI, founder of the Moorish Science Temple of America."

[REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] that the following individuals are members of the Temple 25 Branch, Ecorse, Michigan:

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- Grand Sheik [REDACTED] BEY,
- Assistant Grand Sheik [REDACTED] None
- Secretary [REDACTED] BEY,
- Treasurer [REDACTED] BEY,
- Brother [REDACTED]
- Brother [REDACTED]
- Brother [REDACTED]
- Sister [REDACTED]
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- Brother [REDACTED] BEY

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The following members of the Temple 25 Branch of Ecorse, Michigan, were vigorously interviewed on more than one occasion and all of them advised that there were no pro-Japanese teachings in the Temple 25 Branch. They further advised that they had never heard any speaker or teacher or anyone else in the Temple make any statements that might be considered un-American, subversive, or disloyal.

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[REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED]

TEMPLE 25

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[REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] that she served from 1938 to September, 1942, as recording secretary of the Temple 25.

[REDACTED] EL advised that she is at the present time an active member and that the officers of the Temple 25, which meets at 9316 Oakland Avenue, are as follows:

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- Grand Sheik
- Assistant Grand Shekk
- Recording Secretary
- Financial Secretary
- Chairman
- Assistant Chairman
- Treasurer

[REDACTED] EL,  
[REDACTED] BEY,  
[REDACTED] BEY,  
[REDACTED] EL,  
[REDACTED] BEY,  
[REDACTED] EL,  
[REDACTED] BEY,

The following is a membership list as of 1940 and that membership since that time has changed very little, if any.



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SISTER [REDACTED] BEY  
 SISTER [REDACTED] BEY,  
 BROTHER [REDACTED] BEY  
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[REDACTED] hat the Temple 25 of the  
 Moorish Science Temple of America meets on Friday and Sunday nights from  
 7:30 to 10:30 P. M.

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- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION:

At DETROIT, MICHIGAN, will interview the rest of the members of the Moorish Science Temple of America in an effort to ascertain if they are teaching at their meetings any pro-Japanese or anti-American principles.

- P E N D I N G -

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Mr. Nease	.....
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April 24, 1945

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Director, FBI

RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
INTERNAL SECURITY-J

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith the original and one copy of the report of [redacted] dated April 12, 1945,

[redacted]

[redacted] has been advised to continue to attend meetings of this organization, and to furnish additional information concerning the activities of the organization and its members.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*  
E. E. CONROY  
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cc: NY 65-8295

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2 Enclosures for BUREAU Office  
Re: NEW YORK FILE NO. 100-56742

Pittsburgh, Pa.  
April 2, 1943.

Mr. [REDACTED]  
Washington, D.C.

Dear [REDACTED]

Am attaching hereto, personal letter received from [REDACTED] of Kansas City, Mo. which contains certain items of interest. [REDACTED] was recently discharged from the Army account disability.

Possibly you may wish to retain this letter.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Well, here I am, at home (or rather my sister's home).

Have been back since Feb. 25th. Came back from Houston by plane.

My sacro has improved tremendously with 4 to 5 hrs. heat pad treatment daily and by the first of April hope to be "rarin" to go back to work.

b7c [REDACTED] here's a few "pieces" for a picture you know more about than I.

My bro.in-law is foreman of maintenance at the Q.M. Depot in K.C. so have heard it all from him and he's quite concerned as to an eventual "powder keg" situation there. I know that you too don't like the "colored" situation here in K. C.

Here'tis. Firstly, there's an unusually large number of draft eligible niggers at Q.M. Depot while lots of whites have been taken from there into the service. Secondly, the niggers have the same overbearing attitude toward the whites that I've remarked as existing in K.C.Kans. and just recently a nigger and white woman (both employees) were found at intercourse in the plant. Another white woman and 2 niggers are now being checked up on. The niggers expect white men to let them have the right of way or will draw a knife.

Thirdly, The Lieutenant in charge of warehouse docks and his civilian assistant think nothing is too good for niggers and will together back them up.

Then the other day the trash men who pick up at Q.M. Depot (described to me as niggers who wear beards and let their hair grow long) Remember my pet peeves in the K.C.Ks.)<sup>2</sup> they called for trash and the other negroes (employees) told their fellows to "lay off those guys, they're mean and will cut you to pieces".

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Monday April 43  
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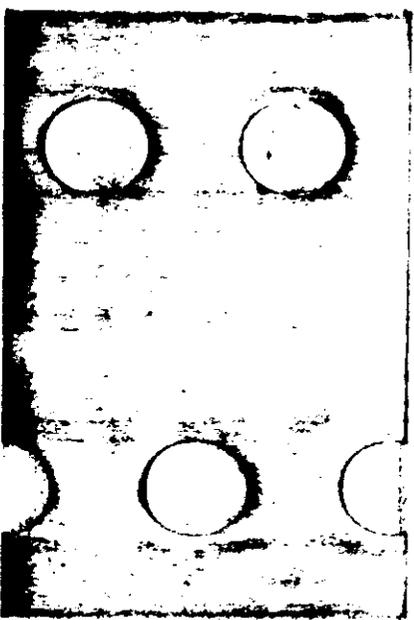
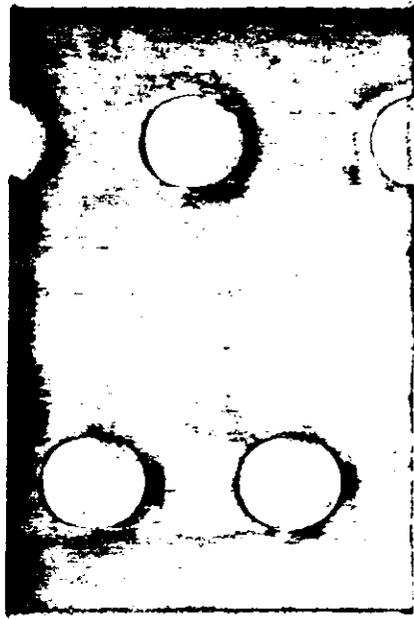
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fellows to "lay off those guys, they're  
mean and will cut you to pieces"

074 [redacted] this is indeed ranting,  
but until my bro-in-law mentioned  
the "red fezz outfit" (trash men) I didn't  
worry too much. I wouldn't even trust  
them to haul trash, especially from  
there. Lee really thinks that there's  
a racial blow-off due soon because of  
the expressed feeling of other emp-  
loyees. - Oh yes - and important - The  
other day 8 niggers went to the white  
cafeteria and got their trays loaded  
and to a table. Officials checked <sup>with</sup> the  
authorities and then took the badge  
numbers of the 8. Apparently they  
were called on the carpet ~~for~~ because  
they didn't return again. That has  
the earmarks to me of a trick balloon  
to a potential etc. toward some thing.

been hearing a great deal about  
did I see what more I can find  
out about it.

There is the piece Mr. and  
if they're of value O.K. - If I can  
do a darn thing, then ask it and  
I'll take care of it.

Still looking forward to  
seeing you again with even more  
enthusiasm and if it's after April  
3<sup>rd</sup> I'll be back in my new house and  
the chicken and noodles are still  
waiting.

I've bought a little Willys  
4 cylinder sedan that gets 25 miles  
to the gallon so can still take you  
where you want to go when you do  
come to K.C.

Please give my regards to  
Jan and tell her I'm ashamed  
not to have written her by now, but  
will do so soon. As ever

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Date [REDACTED]

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To: SAC, Kansas City

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

Subject: HINDU SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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that the Japanese prostitutes hang out at this place but, other than that, he knows of no association between the two races.

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[redacted] colored, residing at [redacted] that the chief of the Salt Lake City Police had caused a group of Japanese prostitutes to be taken from local IWCA where a dance was being given for the colored soldiers and had lectured to these prostitutes about the Japanese being superior to the negroes even though the two countries were at war. He stated, however, that outside of the fact that some of the colored soldiers did associate with Japanese prostitutes, he knew of no organized association in Salt Lake City. [redacted] that he was the eldest negro resident in Salt Lake City and that if any union between the two groups were in progress, he would be the first to know about it. He stated that there was rivalry between the two races and that though at the present time the Japanese were taking jobs which the negroes should rightly have, he felt that after the war was over the negroes would come to the fore and would take over the jobs now held by Japanese. In addition, he advised that the Japanese in Salt Lake City had slighted the negroes and for that reason the negroes had no love for the Japanese. He then advised that he was the former president of the Society for the Advancement of the Colored People and that he would have ample opportunity to know of any concerted movement, however, he stated that he was not aware of any such movement.

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The Record Bureau of the Salt Lake City Police Department had no record of the incident mentioned by [redacted] and Detective [redacted] of the vice squad advised [redacted]

Inasmuch as there are no further apparent leads to be covered in this field division, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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COGNITION SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC. ET AL, INTERNAL SECURITY-C, SELECTIVE SERVICE, REGISTRATIONS, [redacted] MARCH TWENTY SIX 1943 REPORT BY SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] AND COVER LETTER DISCUSSING INFORMANT. DEVELOPMENTS WERE RELATIVE TO HANDLING INFORMANT MAKE EARLY DECISION ADVISABLE. PLEASE ADVISE IF PROPOSITION OUTLINED WILL BE ACCEPTABLE.

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FILE NO. **100-4460**

REPORT MADE AT <b>GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/26/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/30; 2/5, 25, 26, 27; 3/1, 2/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <span style="float: right;">b7c</span>
TITLE <b>COLONEL C. KIRKMAN HEY, with aliases, etal; MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - J SELECTIVE SERVICE SEDITION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

The Moorish Science Temple of America, Benton Harbor, Michigan, is a unit organized in 1936. JPM

**[REDACTED]** Majority of members moved from Benton Harbor to Chicago in Fall of 1942. No evidence of subversive tendencies on the part of organization developed. Informants advise organization inactive, at Benton Harbor, Michigan, at present.

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**DETAILS:**

This investigation was conducted upon a request received from the Bureau by letter dated December 3, 1942, relative to the Peace Movement to Ethiopia, also known as Ethiopian Peace Movement, etal, Internal Security - J, Sedition, in which reference was made to report of Special Employee Agent **[REDACTED]** dated November 12, 1942, at Grand Rapids, Michigan. This report reflected that **[REDACTED]** EL stated that there were thirty members of the Moors in Benton Harbor, Michigan. The Bureau letter requested that investigation of this organization be made to determine if there had been any violation of the Selective Service or Sedition Acts.

The investigation disclosed that the organization was affiliated with the Moorish Science Temple of America.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: **[REDACTED]**

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AT BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

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[REDACTED] colored, [REDACTED] that he recalled the formation of this organization during 1936 or 1937. He said at that time an individual named [REDACTED] was employed on a W.P.A. project, on which he, [REDACTED] was also an employee. [REDACTED] attempted to secure as many of the colored individuals as possible to join this group. [REDACTED] that this group was very radical in their views and did not believe in the Christian principles. He further stated that he refused to have any affiliation with the group, but had observed their peculiar manner of conducting religious ceremonies, such as funerals. For such occasions, members of this organization attired themselves in gay costumes, wearing turbans, and marched in a parade. After burial, the members would return to the home of one of the members of the organization and engage in a drinking

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party. [redacted] that he could recall no individuals by name, other than [redacted] and [redacted] who were members of this group. He stated that two families, whose names he was not familiar with had been members of this organization. Both of these families resided in the same block in which [redacted] lives, at [redacted] that these families had moved to Chicago in the Fall of 1942.

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[redacted] colored, [redacted] pastor of Methodist Church, stated that he had lived at his present address for the past three and one-half years, while serving the Methodist Congregation. He said that he had no contact whatever with the Moorish group, but had observed a funeral which was held by this society during the early summer of 1942. He said that some individual, living at 121 Bond Street, had died and for the funeral several persons were dressed in foreign costumes of Eastern design. [redacted] recalled [redacted] and [redacted] as being members of this group. After the funeral, the group had returned to Bond Street and had participated in a very disgraceful drinking party, according to [redacted]. He stated that the family, who resided at [redacted] and [redacted] and who were connected with this group, had moved to Chicago. [redacted] however, was unable to furnish the names of these individuals, but had noted on several occasions that cars from Illinois had been parked in front of these residences. During recent months [redacted] said he had observed no activity on the part of this group.

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[redacted] colored, [redacted] that he was a member of the Masonic Lodge, which at the present time holds its meetings over the Ritz Theater on Sixth Street, Benton Harbor. [redacted] that he was familiar with the fact that a colored organization had, on past occasions, rented the hall from the Masonic group. [redacted] that he called this organization "The Red Caps", since they wore red sashes and would dress up in costumes similar to those of the Shriners. [redacted] that he had no friends in this organization, nor did he affiliate with the class of colored people who are members of this group. He stated that those who were members were of the lower class. He mentioned that he had heard that [redacted] was a member of this organization and he believed that this individual had entered the movement in order to make money in some manner.

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[redacted] mentioned that he had heard that at the time the members of the Ethiopian Peace Movement group were apprehended in Chicago, that [redacted] became very ill from worry. [redacted] that he had no information to substantiate such report, nor could he recall who had informed him of this. [redacted] mentioned further that in recent months he had heard nothing concerning this organization. He added that he believed the group had been formed six or seven years ago.

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[redacted] colored [redacted] that he was a member of the Benton Harbor Masonic Lodge No. 15, and was responsible for the reletting of the Masonic Hall for other groups. [redacted] mentioned that a group, who called themselves the Moorish Americans, had for sometime made arrangements to rent the Masonic Hall at various times. [redacted] that such rental arrangements began five or six years ago, when the Masonic group held their meetings on East Main Street, above the McCellan store. [redacted] that at the present time the Masonic group holds its meetings at 60 Sixth Street, Benton Harbor. He said that for each meeting of this group he collected \$1.50 as a rental fee. The organization had no regular meeting dates and sometimes did not rent the hall more often than once every two or three months. [redacted] that he had been approached by [redacted] regarding membership in the organization. However [redacted] declined, since he said the members of the organization were of the poorer class of negroes. He mentioned further that he had no opportunity to observe what had transpired at any of the meetings conducted by this group and said that the membership was very small.

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[redacted] mentioned the last occasion when he had seen the group was at a dance at the Palace Ballroom in the Summer of 1942. [redacted]

[redacted] that there were four or five [redacted] who were with the organization and that they had left early in the Fall of 1942 for Chicago, Illinois. He said that he was paid for the hall rentals by [redacted] EL. He advised that it was necessary for him to sign receipts for payment of the hall rental as

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having been received from [redacted] EL.

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Another member of the group whom [redacted] recalled was [redacted] EL, [redacted] This individual having likewise moved to Chicago in 1942. [redacted] described members of this group as being very radical in their views and said that he recalled some members saying that they could drink and do whatever they wished because the police could not arrest them. He said also that he believed that when a member of the group died, some high official of the order would come to Benton Harbor, from Chicago, to be present at the burial. This group has no faith or belief in the Christian religion according to [redacted] that in his discussions with members of this organization he had secured no information as to the organization's attitude toward Selective Service, nor had he heard any expressions which would indicate that the organization was pro-Japanese. [redacted] that he had noted that members of this group would always refer to themselves with the designations "Bey" and "El". [redacted] that he believed that the present organization was presently inactive after the departure of the [redacted] family, as well as [redacted] from Benton Harbor.

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[redacted] colored, [redacted] that he had made discreet inquiries in the [redacted] sections and was unable to secure information as to activity on the part of [redacted] Moorish group at the present time. [redacted] that there had been a few colored persons who had left their dry cleaning at his establishment and had signed their name with the organization's designation "Bey" or "El". [redacted] that it was his opinion that since our entrance into the war this organization was no longer active.

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[redacted] colored, [redacted] of the Benton Harbor City Hall, furnished information that the Moorish colored society held meetings in the hall which the Masons had rented. He said that the group was radical in its views and believed them to propagandize the Japanese views. [redacted] said that the group was very flashy in their costume and resembled the Arabians in dress. [redacted] that the organization had been in existence in that section for approximately nine years and he believed that the organizers of such movement had come to Benton Harbor from Chicago or Detroit.

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[redacted] colored, [redacted] that he had heard of the Moorish group and said that they were very peculiar in their practices. [redacted] that this group was a religious organization and caused considerable comment at such times as the funeral of an organization member. [redacted] that he did not believe the group was active at the present time and had heard of no comments made by colored people which would indicate that the purposes of the group were subversive in nature.

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[redacted] that he had heard considerable comment about the group who call themselves "Moors". He described the group as a fanatical religious organization and said that their

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conduct with respect to burial of their dead was very improper. He mentioned that they held parades at such events and were dressed in gaudy Arabian costumes. He said that he believed the group had their meetings at the Grahams Cafe, this being approximately two years ago. [redacted] that he had heard of no activity on the part of this group within recent months.

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[redacted] that he had been Supervisor of the [redacted] in Berrien County during 1936 and 1937. He recalled that [redacted] a colored individual, had been an employee of such project, but stated he could recall no organizing activities on the part of this individual among the colored workmen.

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[redacted] of the Berrien County Sheriff's Office advised that he had heard of no Moorish colored organization, but suggested the names of several reliable colored informants to contact relative to subversive activity.

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[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, Berrien County, advised that he was not aware of any movement among the colored people which was subversive in nature. He stated that he was not aware of a group calling themselves the "Moors", which was active in Benton Harbor.

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AT BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

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[redacted] of the Retail Credit Association advised that he was not familiar with any movement among the negro class to a Moorish Society.

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employed in that plant.

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[REDACTED] Covell Manufacturing Company, advised that he was not familiar with the Moorish organization, nor did his personnel records reflect any employees having the designation "El" or "Bey" used with their names.

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It was noted in report of Special Employee Agent [REDACTED] of the Grand Rapids Field Division, under the title of Peace Movement to Ethiopia, also known as Ethiopian Peace Movement, etal. Grand Rapids File number 100-4248, that [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] had been interviewed under pretense, while serving sentence at the Berrien County Jail, by Agent [REDACTED]. The information secured from the interview with the Subject indicated that the subject organization at that time was holding meetings on Sixth Street in Benton Harbor. [REDACTED] that at these meetings a speaker would come from Chicago; the names of these speakers were MADAM [REDACTED] EL and [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] EL was president of the Moors in Benton Harbor at that time. [REDACTED] BEY is one of the other prominent officials. [REDACTED] also mentioned [REDACTED] members [REDACTED] EL; [REDACTED] EL; [REDACTED] EL; [REDACTED] EL; and [REDACTED] BEY, all of whom are residing at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Personnel Manger of the Benton Harbor <sup>Shoeb</sup> advised that to his knowledge there were no members of the Moorish <sup>Group</sup>

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Director, FBI

RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith the original and one copy of the report of [redacted] dated April 25, 1943 relative to the above-captioned matter.

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Two copies of Informant's report are being retained in the appropriate files of the New York Office for information purposes.

Very truly yours,

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Director, FBI

Re: PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, also  
known as ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT, CMI.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - S  
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 3, 1942, regarding the above-captioned case, in which the Grand Rapids Field Division was requested to conduct an investigation to determine the activities of a Moorish group which was believed active in Benton Harbor, Michigan, according to information in report of Special Employee Agent [redacted] dated November 12, 1942, at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Inasmuch as the investigation indicated that the Moorish group at Benton Harbor is not identical with the Peace Movement to Ethiopia, but is a unit of the Moorish Science Temple of America, an investigative report is being submitted by this office under the title, "COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BAY, with aliases, et al; MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - S; SELECTIVE SERVICE; SEDITION."

Very truly yours,

H. W. McFARLANE  
Special Agent in Charge

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