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Moorish Science Temple  
of America

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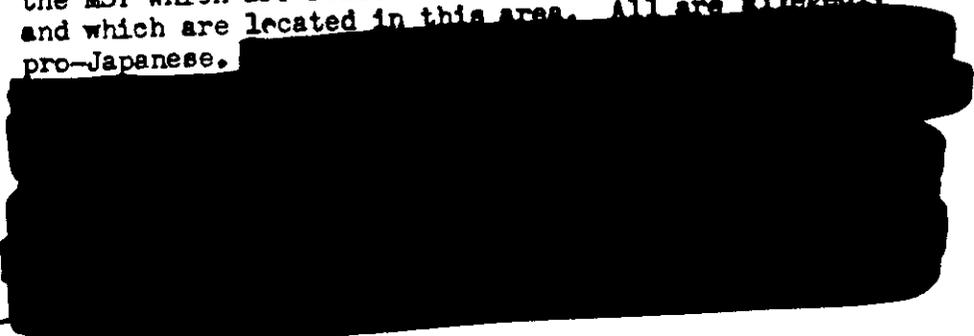
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Temples No. 21, 23, 27, 34, and 41 believed located. In addition to these, there are several other groups of Moslem faith believed to have been connected with the MST which are followers of the Moslem teaching and which are located in this area. All are allegedly pro-Japanese.



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REFERENCE:

- Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at New York City April 14, 1943.
- Letter from the Bureau dated April 29, 1943.
- Teletype to the Bureau dated July 12, 1943.
- Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Detroit, Michigan, March 16, 1943.
- Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Cleveland, Ohio, June 29, 1943.

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DETAILS: Investigation to date reflects there are a number of organizations in this area of Moslem faith. They call themselves Moors, and are followers of the Islamic, Moslem or Mohammed faith. Their beliefs are similar in that their teachings are from the religious pamphlet, "The Holy Koran", NOBLE DREW ALI is their prophet, and Mecca is their holy city.

It appears that all of these groups are or have been connected with the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED (MST) headquarters, located in Chicago, Illinois, of which C. (KIRK) BEY is the Supreme Grand Governor. The organizations located in this area are being set out along with officers and known members:

THE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE, THE DEVINE AND NATIONAL  
MOVEMENT OF NORTH AMERICA,  
1796 Fulton Street  
Brooklyn, New York

[REDACTED] EL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EL [REDACTED]

Brooklyn, New York

[REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED]

Brooklyn, New York

[REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED]

Brooklyn, New York

[REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EL [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] EL

[REDACTED] EL.

The above organization, as will be borne out later in this report, was formerly connected with the parent group of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE in Chicago, Illinois.

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TEMPLE NUMBER 27,  
36 West 135th Street,  
New York City

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[REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED]

This group according to information furnished is not very active at this time and has a small following.

TEMPLE NUMBER 41  
311 West 128th Street,  
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[REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BEY was formerly in charge of the MOORISH ISLAMIC ACADEMY, which later was known as the MOORISH ISLAMIC CENTER, located at 1 East 125th Street, New York City. Meetings are now held in his home at 311 West 128th Street. It is noted that in reference report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Detroit, Michigan, March 16, 1943, TEMPLE NUMBER 41 of New York City has listed as its Grand Shiekh [REDACTED] BEY, and it is believed that [REDACTED] BEY is the individual referred to, and thus it is assumed that he is in charge of TEMPLE NUMBER 41.

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TEMPLE NUMBER 21  
1709 Pitkin Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York

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[REDACTED] EL  
[REDACTED]  
Brooklyn, New York

[REDACTED] EL

[REDACTED] EL

[REDACTED] EL

[REDACTED] BEY

[REDACTED] BEY

[REDACTED] EL.

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ACADEMY OF ISLAM,  
431 Lenox Avenue  
New York City

[REDACTED] Grand Shick

MOORISH AMERICAN RELIGIOUS LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES  
452 Nostrand Avenue,  
Brooklyn, New York

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[REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED]

As will be borne out later in this report, [REDACTED] BEY was  
formerly connected with the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE group now located at  
176 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, directed by [REDACTED] EL and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] EL.

TEMPLE NUMBER 23  
Halscy and Sumner Avenues  
Brooklyn, New York

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[REDACTED] BEY.  
[REDACTED]  
Brooklyn, New York

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] BEY, also known as [REDACTED]

are officials in this group, which also teaches the Moslem or Islamic religion.

The above-named groups will be investigated along with the subject organization and will be carried in this case until it is definitely ascertained whether or not they are still connected with the Chicago parent body of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA.

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Reference report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Detroit, Michigan, March 16, 1943, lists all of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLES located in the New York area, as taken from the MOORISH VOICE, a pamphlet which is the official organ of the subject organization and which was published following a convention in Chicago from September 15 to September 20, 1939. For clarity in the investigation in this area, the list is being re-set out in this report.

New York Temple Number 27	-	Grand Shiek	[REDACTED]	BEY
New York Temple Number 34	-	Grand Shiek	[REDACTED]	EL
New York Temple Number 41	-	Grand Shiek	[REDACTED]	BEY
Brooklyn Temple Number 21	-	Grand Shiek	[REDACTED]	EL
Brooklyn Temple Number 23	-	Grand Shiek	[REDACTED]	BEY

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During the course of the investigation of this case, it came to the attention of Special Agents that a group of negroes, believed to be members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE CHURCH, a year or two ago, purchased some property on Hancock Street, Brooklyn, New York, through the Brevoort Savings Bank of Brooklyn.

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In this connection [REDACTED] was contacted at the Brevoort Savings Bank of Brooklyn and he furnished the records of his office con-

cerning the purchase of property at 239 Hancock Street, Brooklyn, New York, by the MOORISH NATIONAL INSTITUTE, INCORPORATED. Prior to the time this property was sold, which was October 9, 1941, a credit investigation was conducted, and from the credit report, dated July 8, 1941, the following information was taken of an investigation made of eight of the most prominent members of this MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE Chapter Number 34.

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[redacted] EL [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, a negro, born in [redacted] naturalized United States citizen, is married and lives with his wife [redacted]. They have two children. They formerly lived for 10 years at [redacted] Brooklyn, New York. EL follows the occupation of a mechanic and welder, and owns an automobile.

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[redacted] EL [redacted] of Temple 34, is [redacted] years of age, a negro, born in [redacted] a naturalized citizen, is married and is living with his wife [redacted] and one child, [redacted] Brooklyn, New York. EL owns this home, and the above address was used as a meeting place prior to the purchase of the above-mentioned property. Prior to living at [redacted] he resided at [redacted] for 11 years. At the time of this report, he was employed as a porter at the [redacted] which employment he has had for 8 years. There is no evidence of nominal wealth.

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[redacted] cousin of [redacted] mentioned above, and is also from [redacted]. He is [redacted] years of age, naturalized, and resides with his wife [redacted] and one child in the basement of a residence at [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, where he has lived for the past month. He formerly resided at [redacted] for 10 years. He has been employed as a porter at [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, since September, 1938, and he earns a salary of \$24. per week.

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[redacted] EY, negro, age [redacted] born [redacted] is naturalized and married, and resides with his wife, [redacted] on the ground floor of [redacted] where he has resided for the past five years. He and his wife formerly owned and operated a store at [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, [redacted]

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[redacted] EY, age [redacted] negro, was born in the United States, and is single and lives with his mother at [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, where he has resided for three months. He formerly lived at [redacted] where he was superintendent of the building.

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[redacted] EY, age [redacted] was born in [redacted] and is naturalized. He is married but is separated from his wife.

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He resides at [REDACTED] where he has been for three months, formerly living at [REDACTED] with the above-mentioned [REDACTED]. His trade is that of a garage worker.

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[REDACTED] EL, age [REDACTED] negro, was born in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is a naturalized citizen, married, and lives with his wife, [REDACTED] and three children, on the ground floor of [REDACTED] Brooklyn, where they have resided for four years. [REDACTED] EL has no established income and is presently employed at the [REDACTED] for \$20 a week.

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[REDACTED] negro, is [REDACTED] years of age, and was born in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is a naturalized citizen. He is married and lives with his wife, [REDACTED] and three children, on the top floor of [REDACTED] Brooklyn, where they have resided for the past several years. [REDACTED] follows the trade of a janitor and handyman, and has no estate or established income.

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According to this credit report, TEMPLE NUMBER 34 was incorporated in 1936 under a charter granted from the Home Office at Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED] mentioned above, is reported to have stated that 75 to 80 families make up this group and that they have been holding meetings in private homes and they wished to purchase the property at 239 Hancock Street in order that they might have a meeting place; further, that they follow the teaching of Mohammed, that it is a regular recognized religious body, empowered by the State to make marriage, and so forth.

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[REDACTED] the writer that the property at 239 Hancock Street was sold for the purchase price of \$5,750. The property was formerly used as a meeting place for a political party, either Democratic or Republican.

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On April 17, 1943, Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer observed the premises at 239 Hancock Street, at which time it was noted that this is a large three-story stone building in somewhat of a run-down condition. The front door and part of the windows were boarded.

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On July 10, 1943, [REDACTED] New York City, was interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer in the New York Office [REDACTED]

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At the time [REDACTED] was interviewed, it came out that he had not registered for the Selective Service and Training Act, although he was only [REDACTED] years of age.

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[REDACTED] was born in [REDACTED] and entered the United States on [REDACTED] and since his arrival here he has lived in the vicinity of New York City. His trade has been that of a miscellaneous laborer. [REDACTED] that he was a member of the Moorish Islamic Center, 1 East 125th Street, New York City, from 1936 to 1941, in which time he taught a class of approximately 50 children the Arabic language and Moslem religion. [REDACTED] that this group was at one time known as the Moorish Islamic Academy. He claims that [REDACTED] BEY was in charge of this group. [REDACTED] BEY now resides at [REDACTED] New York City, where meetings are continued to be held in his apartment.

He advised that the hall at [REDACTED] East 125th Street was given up because of the increase in rent. He claims that formerly there were 50 or 60 members who regularly attended meetings of this group but at this time he believes they have a very small following.

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In addition to [REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED] that up until recently, [REDACTED] BEY has been aided by one [REDACTED] who is [REDACTED] in nearby New York City, and who formerly resided at [REDACTED] New York City.

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[REDACTED] that there is a Moorish Science Temple located at 36 West 135th Street, New York City. He claims that he has not been a member of this group. However, he has in the past attended a number of their meetings, the last of which was approximately 7 or 8 months ago. He could not recall who the leaders or members of this group were, but he believes they have a regular attendance of approximately 30 people.

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In addition to the above groups, [REDACTED] claims there is, or was, a group of persons following the Moslem faith who hold meetings at 231 Lenox Avenue. He believes this group goes under the name of The Academy of Islam and its leader is [REDACTED]

[redacted] there is another group of Moslem followers who hold meetings in an apartment at [redacted] New York City, directed by one [redacted] also known as [redacted] BEY. [redacted] in the past has also attended meetings of a Moslem group at 419 Manhattan Avenue, New York City. However, this group is no longer located at that address and their present location is not known by [redacted]

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[redacted] went on to say that about three years ago he attended a number of meetings of a Moorish Science Temple in Brooklyn, New York, which was located at 845 Gates Avenue, and whose leader was [redacted] EL. He claims at that time they had a membership of approximately 500 people. [redacted] himself took an active part and on several occasions made religious talks.

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It is pointed out that this group is now located at 1796 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, and is known as The Moorish Science Temple, The Divine and National Movement of North America.

[redacted] that approximately 3 or 4 years ago he attended a special meeting of the above group, at which time a Japanese was present and spoke, and was introduced to the audience as an official of the Japanese Government. [redacted] that the topic of the Japanese's speech was concerned with the situation between the Japanese and the Chinese in China and concerning racial matters. This Japanese made the statement that their fight against the Chinese was the result of European domination by which he meant white domination. The Japanese speaker claimed that the Japanese and the Chinese were of the same belief and that it was the Japanese' intention to establish Chinese governments protected by the Japanese. He went on further to state that all the dark people in the world should organize to gain their freedom and liberation from white domination and should unite with the Japanese. AZIZ denied that the Japanese speaker had at any time made any reference to the American negroes. However, he did not confirm or deny that the Japanese speaker in the above statement included the American negro as dark people of the world.

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In speaking of his religion and concerning the Japanese [redacted] stated that the Azhar University, located in Egypt, is one of the oldest universities in the world, that there they teach 60 different languages and that members

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organized the Islamic Unity Society in about 1938 and held meetings in a hall located on Lenox Avenue between 119th and 120th Streets. This group enjoyed only a small following, and [redacted] is of the belief it folded up after about one year. Since that time [redacted] had not seen [redacted] but he was of the opinion that he was now located some place in New Jersey.

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[redacted] above referred to as being connected with a group of followers of the Moslem faith which held meetings in an apartment house at [redacted] was interviewed in the New York Office by Special Agent [redacted] and the writer on July 3, 1943 [redacted]

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At the time [redacted] was interviewed in the New York Office, he advised that his correct name was [redacted]. He was born in the [redacted] and came to the United States in 1914. His father became a United States citizen; however, he, [redacted] had taken no steps to become a citizen. He exhibited Registration Certificate reflecting that he duly registered as an alien under the Alien Registration Act and according to the Selective Service Registration also.

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[redacted] that he desired to be called [redacted] and it was his intention to have his records on government documents so changed to reflect that name. Subsequently in this report he will be referred to as [redacted] that he is also known as [redacted] BEY and [redacted] BEY. He claims that he first accepted the name BEY as the result of a conversation with an unknown person in the year 1935, an official of a MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE CHURCH in Chicago, Illinois.

Following this conversation, he was converted into the MOORISH

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SCIENCE TEMPLE CHURCH and attended meetings at Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, and Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. He could not recall the names of members or leaders of the Temple located on Pitkin Avenue but did recall that two persons named to him as [REDACTED] EL were the Grand Shieks or leaders of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE on Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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He claims to only have attended meetings in Brooklyn for a short time and subsequent thereto he attended a temple located at 432 Lenox Avenue, New York City, which he believed was known as Temple Number 27. According to [REDACTED] this group operated for approximately 4 or 5 years but is now nonexistent. He claims that after two or three years he dropped his membership of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE because he was not of the opinion that they properly taught the Moslem or Mohammed faith or teaching. [REDACTED] that there was a membership of from 40 to 50 people at the Temple located at 432 Lenox Avenue, and the only name which he could furnish as having been connected with that group was one [REDACTED] that he and other Moslems now hold services in his apartment under the organization name of [REDACTED]. He claims that all of their male followers are duly registered under the Selective Service Act, that they are strict followers of the Moslem religion and, as such, are not in any way anti-white or in sympathy with the Japanese or other Asiatic races.

[REDACTED] furnished the following names of persons belonging to his group:

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[REDACTED]  
New York City

[REDACTED]  
address unknown

[REDACTED]  
Brooklyn, New York.

[REDACTED] age is not known; however, his Selective Service classification is 4-F.

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b7c [redacted] now residing in Brooklyn, his former address being [redacted] New York City;

[redacted] now in United States Army;

b7c [redacted] resides at [redacted] New York City. [redacted] according to [redacted] is a seaman from the [redacted] who acts as a teacher in their organization.

b7c [redacted] was not acquainted with [redacted] previously mentioned in this report, and he denies that he has ever made any Japanese statements or that any followers of the Moslem faith are pro-Japanese.

b7c When asked concerning a university in Egypt that many of the Moslems attended, he advised that there is a Jam Alhazar University located in Egypt, which is a religious university, and which teaches the Arabic language and the Islamic religion. [redacted] denied that he has ever heard pro-Japanese statements made at any of the meetings of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE and he denied that he has ever seen any Japanese in attendance at any of their meetings.

THE PEOPLE'S VOICE, a negro weekly newspaper of New York City, in an article dated February 28, 1942, stated that the long secret Japanese-inspired "BB Plan" for Harlem was brought out into the open this week with the arrest by FBI men of ROBERT JORDAN, one of Harlem's best known street corner orators and leader of the Ethiopian-Pacific Movement. In substance this article states that JORDAN is known to have spread Japanese propaganda openly in his street speeches. The article further claims that Jap agents, pretending they sought better relationship between Japan and the United States, decided that American negroes would be an important factor in this plan. The "BB Plan" was based on religion, the sponsors' theory that this medium is the best through which to gain control over the negro. This plan was allegedly launched through the late SUFI ABDUL HAMID, a well known negro character in Harlem, agitator and street speaker, who organized the Buddhist Temple at 103 Morningside Avenue. According to this article, the "BB Plan" represents Black Followers of Buddhism and preached Buddhism as a religion of color the world over, the key to racial success. Japan, the most powerful non-white country in the world is Buddhist millions of Buddhists were also in China, India, Persia and other countries, with a result in cooperation among them through the faith. Under this plan American negroes who became Buddhists, automatically won Japanese citizenship.

Another article appeared in THE PEOPLE'S VOICE on the same subject in the March 21, 1942 issue in which the PEOPLE'S VOICE advised that their investigations have uncovered the fact that there may be some connection

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between the World BB Plan and the activities of DUSE/MOHHAMED/ALI, who operated the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE during the days of MARCUS GARVEY. According to this article, RASHID ALI had a national organization with headquarters in Detroit, and members of his organization were taught that they were not negroes but Moors. All the members generally had Islamic names.

Special Agent in Charge J. R. Ruggles of the Savannah, Georgia Field Division in a letter dated February 11, 1943, furnished this office with a newspaper clipping concerning WILLIAM BRIGGS-BEY, which clipping was furnished to Special Agent in Charge J. R. Ruggles by Chief of Police [REDACTED] Orangeburg, South Carolina on February 8, 1943. Chief of Police [REDACTED] someone whom he did not recall had given him this clipping, stating that it had been clipped from some negro newspaper.

This clipping contains a picture of BRIGGS-BEY and lists his address as 1578 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York.

The clipping in substance is a published letter in which BRIGGS-BEY states that "we have been warned by the Japan Government that soon a starvation will take place in Europe; that the jobs that we have now will be taken from us and given to suffering Europeans which will cause the black people to suffer more than anyone else. Japan has declared we have always warned you Asiatic people of North America if you want to keep what you now have and want your rights in the United States, you had better make a new move."

BRIGGS-BEY goes on to say that he will leave for Tokio, Japan, as soon as he can raise \$1,000 to pay his expenses; that he will investigate and find out what the attitude of the Japanese people is towards the black people of the United States and the world as a whole. In this connection, BRIGGS-BEY makes a plea for contributions from his fellowmen.

There is nothing to indicate the date on which the above clipping was published.

As previously reported in reference report of Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office, dated April 14, 1943, a number of members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE of Brooklyn, directed by [REDACTED] EL, and located at [REDACTED] made a trip to Washington, D.C., where they were supposed to have contacted some officials of the government regarding a loan to this organization.

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It is pointed out that [REDACTED] last year was interviewed by agents of this office in connection with another investigation at which time he was questioned concerning alleged visits to the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE, and he advised that he had attended one meeting at which time he made several remarks but that he and his talk were not generally accepted, and he felt out of place among members of that group. [REDACTED] was questioned further on this and he could not explain what he meant by his not being accepted by members of the Moorish group, although he would not admit that they were un-American or pro-Japanese. The questioning did not indicate that they were loyal Americans.

In connection with the above-reported delegation of officers of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE to Washington, the same is reported in an article appearing in "THE PEOPLE'S VOICE", a negro weekly newspaper published in New York City under the date of April 17, 1943. S. W. GARLINGTON, the writer, reports in an interview with Grand Shiek F. TURNER-EL, and the article in substance is as follows:

The Moors, who have been thinking of doing something about the Food for Freedom program sent a delegation of Moors, headed by their representative and diplomatic spokesman, Grand Shiek L. D. TURNER-EL, to Washington, where they were received by Federal officials and secured an F.H.A. grant to purchase livestock and general equipment for their 500 acre farm in Berkshire, Connecticut.

The article states this is not the first United States loan for the Moors; that a few years back they received one to build up their chicken farm on Gordon Heights, Long Island.

According to the article, Grand Shiek TURNER-EL, Eastern District Head of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF NORTH AMERICA, informed "There are no negroes; that merely is a slave term; colored people actually are of Moorish descent because of the fact that their forefathers came from Morocco 316 years ago. They are citizens of the United States by birth and Moors by ancestry."

The article goes on to say that members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE are said to be two million strong with chapters or units throughout the nation. There is a Temple in Brooklyn at 1797 Fulton Street, and RICHARD SCOTT BEY is the Local Grand Shiek.

According to this article, members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE follow the Islamic religion and wear the Moroccan costume, the fez for men and the turban for women. All add to their names the suffix EL or BEY, signifying their Moorish descent. For instance, the Grand Shiek was born plain T. FREDERICK DOUGLASS TURNER in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1910, the son of an Islamic missionary couple.

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It is pointed out that about this time it is known that an officer of the New York City Police Department did make some inquiries of MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE groups in Brooklyn and Manhattan. The benefit of his investigation was set out in reference report of the writer.

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Investigation will be continued in an effort to ascertain the location and membership of the various groups mentioned above and any statements reported by them as possibly falling within the violation of the sedition statute.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY:

Will obtain informants to attend meetings of all the above organizations set out in this report in an effort to ascertain whether or not they are pro-Japanese, and if so, whether they are making statements upon which prosecution might be made. If investigation fails to reflect seditious statements are made by leaders or members of this group, the leaders should be questioned and membership of each group obtained in order that a preliminary check might be made to determine whether or not they are complying with the Selective Service Act.

It is hoped that in the very near future a complete coverage of some of the meetings of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE located at 1796 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York will be obtained and if such reflects that no statements are made which might be prosecuted under the Selective Service Act or the sedition statute, consideration will be given to an open investigation of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLES in this area. This step is contemplated in view of the fact that this group has been the one reported to be pro-Japanese, and is the most well-known Temple in this area.

TITLE: MOORISH SCIENCE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED ET AL  
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Origin: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

File No. 100-10995

Report Made at: BOSTON, MASS.	Date Made: 8/13/43	Period: 6/15; 7/16, 17/ 43	Report Made by: [REDACTED] b7c
Title: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC. ET AL			Character: INTERNAL SECURITY (C) SELECTIVE SERVICE SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] Bey, [REDACTED] is the brother-in-law of [REDACTED] b7c, b7d

[REDACTED] El and [REDACTED] El visited Becket, Massachusetts, July 16, 1943. El's attitude concerning Japanese was his own idea gained from reading books. He further stated that he has since learned that [REDACTED] El is not connected with the FBI. [REDACTED] El has been reclassified in 1-A and is expected to be called the 9th or 10th of August 1943.

AGENCY  
FORM NO. 100-10995  
REV. 1-1-43  
BY \_\_\_\_\_

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Boston, Massachusetts, 6/11/43. b7c

Letter from Bureau dated July 8, 1943 (Bureau File 62-25889)

DETAILS:

Special Agent [REDACTED] contacted subject [REDACTED] EL's Draft Board in Springfield, Massachusetts, and was advised that since the subject [REDACTED] EL has terminated his employment with the [REDACTED] Springfield, Massachusetts, he has been reclassified from 3-D to 1-A and that they expect to call him the 9th or 10th of August 1943. b7c

Arrangements were made whereby [REDACTED] EL was interviewed at the office of the resident agent at Springfield, b7c

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Massachusetts, by Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer. It was ascertained from [REDACTED] EL that his attitude concerning the Japanese as reported in the reference report was not suggested to him by any other person connected with the subject organization but rather he secured this information from reading books and "from my own thinking."

He further advised when questioned concerning [REDACTED] EL's connection with the FBI that he had misinformed the agents on the previous interview and he has since found out that [REDACTED] EL is not connected with the FBI.

He continued that he had heard that [REDACTED] EL had had conferences with government officials in Washington and thought he was connected with the government and therefore automatically assumed it was the FBI.

According to [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] EL and [REDACTED] BEY were in Springfield on July 16, 1943 and also visited the Docket Farm in Docket, Massachusetts.

He was further questioned on the membership of this organization in Massachusetts [REDACTED] [REDACTED] EL had visited Boston, Mass., but did not secure any members.

[REDACTED] EL advised the interviewing agents that he has been employed for the [REDACTED] Springfield, Massachusetts, for about a week.

When the writer inquired of [REDACTED] EL if he knew [REDACTED] BEY in New Haven, he remarked "Certainly, he is my brother-in-law."

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b7d [REDACTED]

b7c In view of the information secured from [REDACTED] EL concerning the relationship of [REDACTED] BEY to [REDACTED] EL's wife, the undeveloped lead in reference report to contact [REDACTED] is being disregarded.

b2, b7d [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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BOSTON FIELD DIVISION

AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Will place a stop with the Secretary of State to advise this office if the subject organization attempts to file papers to incorporate this organization in Massachusetts.

Copies of this report are being designated for New Haven and New York for information in view of the fact that this report contains information which will be of interest to the respective offices.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOM C. CLARK  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MOOHISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC.  
C. KIRKMAN BEY, was, et al  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J; SEDITION;  
SELECTIVE SERVICE

Memoranda were directed to the Criminal Division on April 6 and August 9, 1943, transmitting investigative reports pertaining to the captioned organization together with the request that you consider prosecution of the leaders of each branch of this organization who have made statements which may be in violation of the Sedition Statutes or the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

There are being forwarded herewith copies of the following investigative reports which may be of assistance to you in reaching a decision as to whether or not prosecution will be instituted:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated August 3, 1943, at Kansas City.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated August 13, 1943, at Boston, Massachusetts.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated August 18, 1943, at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated August 18, 1943, at New York, New York.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FILE NO. 100-1368 *b7c*

REPORT MADE AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	DATE WHEN MADE 8-25-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-10,11,12-43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases; ET AL; MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Meetings discontinued at Temple #30, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on Friday nights during summer months. Religious services continued on Sundays. Members of Temple #16 at Chattanooga state the Detroit riot was premature, had no organization, and that the military division was not notified. State similar riots will spring up over the U.S. Col. C. KIRKMAN BEY postponed his visit to Chattanooga due to the riots. However, he expects to visit temples at Chattanooga after the convention in September. Members of Temple #16 state the red flag (Moorish) will overcome the U. S. flag in the near future and will rule. at which time the Selective Service laws will be changed according to their own views. Active membership list set forth.

AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_  
BY \_\_\_\_\_

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Knoxville, Tennessee, dated 5-20-43. *b7c*

DETAILS:

AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE  
[REDACTED]

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Copies of the "Morish Voice" are checked by Agents regularly. However, there is no information of local importance to report concerning same.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KNOXVILLE FIELD DIVISION:

b2 [REDACTED] At Chattanooga, Tennessee, will recontact  
for information regarding the activities of the  
Moorish Science Temple of America.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Chicago, Illinois

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August 27, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases, et al  
Security Matter (J)  
Sedition

Comp # 207<sup>63</sup>

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to the Bureau letter of August 6, 1943, (Bureau file #100-46708), which requested this office to apprise what action had been taken in regard to

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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In connection with the alien enemy control program, a thorough search of the premises at [REDACTED] was made. Each Japanese in the house was interviewed at that time. Specimens of three typewriters found in the house were obtained, and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. None of these typewriters were equipped with Underwood pica type with a gothic style "e", similar to the one writing instant letter.

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Letter to Director, FBI

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RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
C. KIRKMAN BEY, was., et al  
Security Matter (J)  
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[REDACTED] The facts pertaining to the alien Japanese, residing at [REDACTED] were presented to Assistant United States Attorney Harry N. Connaughton, Chicago, Illinois.

This office has been conducting an extensive investigation of negro organizations reported to be subversive in character, and has developed many informants in this respect. Each of the informants have been instructed to be on the alert for letters of a similar character to the one described in reference Bureau letter.

Very truly yours,

*S. J. Drayton*  
S. J. DRAYTON,  
SAC

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[REDACTED]  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Knoxville, Tennessee  
August 22, 1943

Director, FBI

Attention: Mechanical Section

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RE: Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases, ET AL  
MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA;  
SECURITY MATTER - J.  
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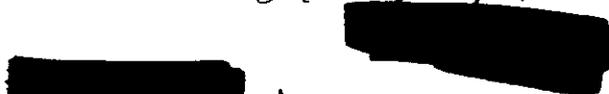
Dear Sir:

There is being forwarded under separate cover one roll of 35 mm. film pertaining to the above captioned case. It is requested that the Bureau furnish copies of each exposure in normal size as follows: 2 Bureau, 2 Chicago, 2 Knoxville.

Very truly yours,

*W.A. Murphy*  
W. A. MURPHY, SAC

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Date: September 7, 1943

To: SAC, Knoxville

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: Colonel C. KIRKMAR REY, with aliases, ET AL  
MOULISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
SECURITY MATTER - J  
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Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated August 22, 1943, transmitting one roll of film containing exposures pertaining to the above named case.

In accordance with your request, two enlarged photographic prints of each exposure are being forwarded by registered mail to the Chicago Field Office, and two sets of prints are being retained in the Bureau. The negatives and two sets of prints are being returned to your office under separate registered cover.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Starke \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Origin: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

File No. 100-5820

Report Made At  
PITTSBURGH, PA.

Date  
9/13/43

Period:  
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Report Made by

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Title

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., ET AL.

Character

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Moorish Science Temple of America branch under leadership of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has active organization in Pittsburgh under leadership of [REDACTED] BEY. Organization is evidently distinct from Moorish Science Temple of America headed by Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY. BEY states his organization in Pittsburgh has 200 members who use his residence at [REDACTED] as their temple. BEY claims members of his organization are loyal to United States and some are serving in armed forces; recent activities of organization unknown [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BEY, a recent convert, was discharged from a civilian position with the [REDACTED] and is known to have been pro-Japanese and anti-white. BEY holds weekly meetings on Saturday night which are attended approximately by ten to fifteen persons, the

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: majority being women. [REDACTED] BEY takes several trips a year to Chicago for purpose of conferring with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Selective Service data on Moorish Americans in Pittsburgh set out.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file #62-25889.  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] New York, N. Y., 4/14/43.

DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated on information received from [REDACTED] BEY who was interviewed by the writer under pretext during the time he was employed by the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Pittsburgh, Pa., as a civilian employee. At that time BEY advised he was not a colored person but was a Moorish American and a member of the Moorish Science Temple of America which met in the home of its local leader [REDACTED] BEY at [REDACTED] Pittsburgh. BEY refused to give any further information regarding the activities of the Moorish Science Temple of America or [REDACTED] BEY other than to state that their national headquarters were in Chicago and that their national leader was one [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On April 26, 1943, the writer under pretext of interviewing [REDACTED] BEY in connection with a Conscientious Objector case, obtained the following information from him. [REDACTED] BEY who lived at [REDACTED] Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that he is the leader or prophet of the Moorish Science Temple of America in Pittsburgh, and that his organization at the present time has about 200 members and was very vociferous in stating that members of his organization were loyal to this Country and were not conscientious objectors to participation in the War. In substantiating his claim, he stated he knows of three members of the organization from Newark, N. J., who are members of the armed services. One of these members he knows by name is one [REDACTED] BEY, Newark, N. J., who visited his home during the month of April, 1943.

[REDACTED] BEY explained that the Moorish Science Temple of America organization in Pittsburgh reached its height in terms of membership in 1929 when it had about 700 members. In 1929, the founder of the Moorish Science Temple of America, NOBLE DREW ALI, died and the organization split into two branches, one following Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY and the other following [REDACTED]. In Pittsburgh a Hindu by the name of [REDACTED] started a Moslem organization in Pittsburgh in 1929 and took some of their members into his organization.

[REDACTED] It is noted that [REDACTED] BEY stated that the reincarnation of NOBLE DREW ALI took place on August 7, 1929, and that the Moorish Science Temple organization which was led by [REDACTED] has never had any [REDACTED]

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publication either in the form of a newspaper, magazine, or circular.

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BEY advised that his branch of the Moorish Science Temple of America has organizations in numerous cities which include the following: Philadelphia; Newark; Camden; Glassport, Pa.; Baltimore, Md.; Pine Bluff, Arkansas; and Richmond, Va. BEY stated that [redacted] lives at [redacted] Chicago, and that he has been contacted by the Chicago Office of the FBI a number of times. When questioned regarding the identity of the members of his organization, BEY stated such information would have to be obtained from national headquarters in Chicago.

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In connection with this investigation, it should be noted that on May 15, 1943, on [redacted] BEY with alias [redacted] Pittsburgh, was arrested by the Pittsburgh Police Department in connection with a liquor raid and was held for this office inasmuch as he had no registration card for Selective Service on his person and stated that he did not register for the Draft. BEY was interviewed by the writer and admitted that he, through negligence, had failed to register for the Draft although he knew it was a violation of the Law. BEY stated he was [redacted] years old and accordingly, inasmuch as he was willing to register, registration was effected and no prosecution is contemplated. However, investigation is continuing inasmuch as [redacted] BEY made conflicting statements regarding his age and it appears he may be under 45.

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It should be noted that [redacted] BEY admitted he was a member of the Moorish Science Temple of America at Indianapolis, Ind., and has been attending meetings of the Society of the organization here in Pittsburgh. He described [redacted] BEY whom he knows as [redacted] the leader of the Pittsburgh organization and advised that meetings were held at various members' homes, the only one he can remember being somewhere in the [redacted] Pittsburgh.

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On February 13, 1943, [redacted] that [redacted] with alias [redacted] BEY, had been discharged from his employment with the [redacted] for insubordination. It should be noted that at the time of the above mentioned interview by the writer with [redacted] he was very insolent and refused to answer such questions as whether he was willing to fight against the Germans or Japanese and whether he was loyal to the United States. In answer to these questions, he merely stated he did not have to answer any questions.

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[redacted] that he distinctly remembers that either in August or September, 1942, on the day before he wore his Moslem symbol for the first time [redacted] stated to him that the colored people of this country would be better off under the Japanese than they are now. He stated this was so because the colored people aren't free in this country. [redacted] gave the example that the colored people could not hold a dance in the William

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Penn Hotel. [redacted] that no one else was present at the time of this conversation with [redacted] and that although this is the only specific statement he recalls, [redacted] during the period of time prior to his wearing of the Moslem Star and Crescent, frequently expressed himself as being pro-Japanese and anti-white. However, immediately after joining the Moslem organization, he became very tight lipped and did not continue making such statements. [redacted] that [redacted] had told [redacted] formerly of [redacted] who is presently serving in the U. S. Army, Serial [redacted] attached to the [redacted] that he, [redacted] should join his Moslem organization and he would guarantee that he would not be drafted. [redacted] that [redacted] had told him that at one time he was a Hindu and that at another time he merely stated he was an oriental. [redacted] that only Orientals, such as Hindus and Japanese could belong to the organization he belonged to.

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It should be noted that from the writer's observation [redacted] wore a Star and Crescent which hung from a long chain about his neck. He also wore a plain white stiff collar without a tie and did not shave his beard. It should be noted that [redacted] advised [redacted] that this Star he wore cost him two weeks pay. [redacted] this would be about \$50.

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[redacted] colored, who is employed by the [redacted] as a civilian employee, advised on a number of occasions, [redacted] told him he should become wise and become a Moorish American; that if he did this, he would not be treated like other colored people. [redacted] he would give him some literature about the Moorish Americans but he never did. [redacted] that he never heard [redacted] make any pro-Japanese or un-American remarks; however, he stated he did not associate with [redacted] and only saw him on infrequent occasions.

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[redacted] who resides at [redacted] Pittsburgh, and who is employed as receptionist for [redacted] was interviewed inasmuch as it had been determined that she had separated from her husband because of his activities in subject organization. [redacted] that in the fall of 1942, her husband had purchased a motorcycle which was equipped with a side car. As a result of having this motorcycle, he became acquainted with the leader of the Moorish American organization in Pittsburgh whose name she did not know but who she knew also owned a motorcycle. Around Thanksgiving, 1942, her husband told her he was no longer a negro but was a Moorish American and that their true home was along the Nile River in Africa. He stated the white men have made fools of the colored people but now he knows this and that white people know he is no longer a fool.

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[redacted] that her husband had seemingly changed over night.

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Prior to joining this organization, he had been very neat and careful in his dress; now he doesn't wear a tie and won't have starch in his shirts. Formerly he was very much afraid of being drafted and now he says he does not mind because he is "right now". [redacted] while she was still living with her husband, he attended meetings at the home of the leader of the Moorish Americans almost every night. He told her they used one room in the leader's home as their temple.

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In January, 1943, [redacted] left her husband because of his religious fanaticism. About a month ago, which was the last time [redacted] has seen her husband, he said that in six months things would be different for him. She stated she asked him what he meant but he would not give her an explanation. He also stated at this time he knew something the United States Government would give a large sum of money to know. She asked him what it was he knew and he replied, he probably was talking too much.

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It should be noted that [redacted] she and her husband have been married about five years but because of his connection with this organization, she has requested that he obtain a divorce on grounds of her desertion. It is noted [redacted] that prior to her husband's joining this organization, he led an exemplary life; that he had never been in any trouble and was always very religious. It is noted that [redacted] did state her husband is probably over-religious and is somewhat skeptical of things he read in the Bible.

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It is noted that during the interview with [redacted] BEY, he advised that he frequently went to Chicago to have conferences and meetings with his prophet, [redacted]. An examination of the records of the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Railway reflects that on the following dates, passes have been issued to [redacted] BEY for travel to Chicago. It is noted the exact date is not available inasmuch as only the date the passes are issued are recorded: August 1929; September, 1929; July, 1933; August, 1934; July, 1935; July, 1936; July, 1937; March, 1939; May, 1940; June, 1940; July, 1940; March, 1941; June, 1941; July, 1941; February, 1942; June, 1942; July, 1942; January, 1943; July, 1943.

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It should be also noted that these records reflect that on the following dates, passes have been issued to [redacted] BEY for travel to New York City: November, 1930; August, 1932; November, 1935; and February, 1943. It is noted that [redacted] who is in charge of these records, advised that [redacted] BEY had told him that he visited his brother in New York City; however, it should be noted that [redacted] BEY considers all fellow Moorish Americans as his brothers and sisters.

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A check of the Selective Service registration of all BEYS at Local Boards 1, 2, 3, and 5, reflected that the following BEYS are registered, who, in their registration or subsequent questionnaire, stated they were Moorish Americans or Moslems:

Name	[REDACTED] BEY
Registered	LB #5, April 27, 1940
Descriptive Information	
Born	[REDACTED]
Race	Moorish American
Height	5'3"
Weight	143
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black and grey
Complexion	Dark brown; has beard
Occupation	Porter, [REDACTED]
Married	4 children under 18
Education	Second grade, grammar school
Address	[REDACTED] Pgh., Pa.

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It should be noted that [REDACTED] BEY at his place of employment and at his place of residence has given his birth date as [REDACTED] and has also advised the writer that he is married and has no children; however, he is supporting three children and an adult other than his own wife. A separate case has been opened regarding [REDACTED] BEY and investigation regarding possible violation of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 is being conducted.

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Name	[REDACTED] BEY
Registered	LB #3, October 16, 1940
It is noted that [REDACTED] BEY is registered under name [REDACTED]	
Descriptive Information	
Born	[REDACTED]
Race	Negro
Height	5'7"
Weight	155 lbs.
Eyes	Dark Brown
Hair	Black
Complexion	Light
Relatives	Mother [REDACTED]
Marital Status	married, wife [REDACTED] 9/7/28

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Education High School  
 Social Security No. [REDACTED]  
 Residence [REDACTED] Pa.  
 Present classification 1-A  
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It is noted that [REDACTED] person makes no mention of religious beliefs in his Selective Service records although he has claimed to be a conscientious objector to combattant service.

Name [REDACTED] BEY (identical with [REDACTED] BEY)  
 Registered LB #3, April 27, 1942  
 Descriptive Information  
 Age [REDACTED]  
 Height 5'6"  
 Weight 125  
 Eyes Brown  
 Hair Black  
 Complexion Black  
 Employment Self-employed, Garage [REDACTED]  
 Person who will always know whereabouts [REDACTED]  
 Social Security No. [REDACTED]  
 Residence [REDACTED]

It should be noted that none of the persons listed below have been ascertained to be members of the Moorish Science Temple of America. Their names are being set out inasmuch as they stated in their Selective Service papers that they were Moorish Americans or Moslems:

Name [REDACTED] BEY, alias [REDACTED]  
 Registered LB #5, June 30, 1942  
 Descriptive Information  
 Age [REDACTED]  
 Race Moorish American  
 Height 5'4"  
 Weight 144  
 Eyes Black  
 Hair Black  
 Complexion Black  
 Marital Status Single  
 Relatives Mother, [REDACTED] BEY  
 Occupation Clerk, [REDACTED]  
 Education 2 years high school  
 Social Security No. [REDACTED]  
 Address [REDACTED] Pa.  
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Name ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ [REDACTED] BEY  
 Registered ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ LB #5, February 16, 1942  
 Descriptive Information  
 Age [REDACTED]  
 Race Oriental-Moorish  
 Height 5'8"  
 Weight 215  
 Eyes Brown  
 Hair Black  
 Complexion Light Brown  
 Marital status Widower  
 Relatives Daughter [REDACTED] BEY, age 12  
 Education 8 years  
 Social Security No. [REDACTED]  
 Selective Service classification 4H  
 Residence [REDACTED] Pgh., Pa.

A letter addressed to the Draft Board is noted in his file in which he stated his physical condition is very poor and is due to previous service in the U. S. army.

Name [REDACTED] BEY, with alias  
 Registered LB #5, October 16, 1940  
 Descriptive Information  
 Age [REDACTED]  
 Race Moorish  
 Height 5'5"  
 Weight 140  
 Eyes Brown  
 Hair Black  
 Complexion Dark  
 Education None  
 Employment [REDACTED]  
 Marital status Married, one child  
 address [REDACTED]

Name [REDACTED] BEY  
 Registered LB #5, April 27, 1942  
 Descriptive Information  
 Age [REDACTED]  
 Race Moorish American  
 Height 5'6"  
 Weight 143  
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Eyes ~~Grey~~ Brown  
Hair ~~Grey~~  
Complexion ~~Light brown~~  
Marital status Divorced  
Education 5th grade  
Occupation Night Watchman

Social Security #  
Address

[REDACTED]  
Pgh., Pa.

The following two names are set out inasmuch as they are negroes using the surname BEY although they do not state they are Moorish Americans in their Selective Service records:

Name [REDACTED] BEY  
Registered LB #5, Pittsburgh

Name [REDACTED] BEY  
Registered LB #3.

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Copies of this report are being sent to the designated offices for information as they cover cities where, according to [REDACTED] REY, organizations of the Moorish Science Temple of America are located. These offices are requested to conduct appropriate inquiries to determine whether organizations of the Moorish Science Temple of America are active in their districts.

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will determine the activities of [REDACTED] the Moorish Science Temple of America located at 447 East 40th St., Chicago, Ill. It is noted that [REDACTED] was reported by [REDACTED] REY to be the national leader of the Moorish Science Temple of America and that [REDACTED] REY stated [REDACTED] has been contacted by the Chicago Office of the FBI a number of times.

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Will, if deemed advisable, obtain from [REDACTED] a list of members of the Moorish Science Temple of America and furnish the same to appropriate field divisions.

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THE NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

AT CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

Will determine the identity and activities of an unknown [REDACTED]

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AT ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY

Will determine the identity and activities of an unknown [REDACTED]

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AT JERSEY CITY.

Will determine the identity and activities of the following [REDACTED]

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AT F. EWARK, N. J.

Will determine the identity and activities of the following [REDACTED]

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Will at FORT DIX interview and obtain signed statement from [REDACTED]

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[redacted] attached to the [redacted]  
[redacted] regarding [redacted] BEY'S statement that  
if he joined the Moorish American organization he belonged to, he would  
guarantee he would not be arrested.

THE PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION

AT GLASSPORT, PA.

Will determine whether an organization of the Moorish Science  
Temple of America is active here and the nature of its activities if located.

AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

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[redacted] Will develop information regarding the organizational activities of  
BEY and subject organization.

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[redacted] Will determine identity and relationship of [redacted]  
[redacted] BEY.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
100 Milk Street  
Boston 9, Massachusetts  
September 21, 1943

Director, F.B.I.

Re: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED  
et al, INTERNAL SECURITY J - SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from the New York Office to the Director dated July 30, 1943 advising that they failed to receive a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 11, 1943 at Boston, Mass., regarding the above organization, and requesting Boston to furnish the New York Office with a copy of this report.

Two copies of the report of S. [redacted] dated June 11, 1943 at Boston, Mass., were designated for the New York office; however, one additional copy is being forwarded as an enclosure with this letter for the benefit of the New York office.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD A. SOUCY  
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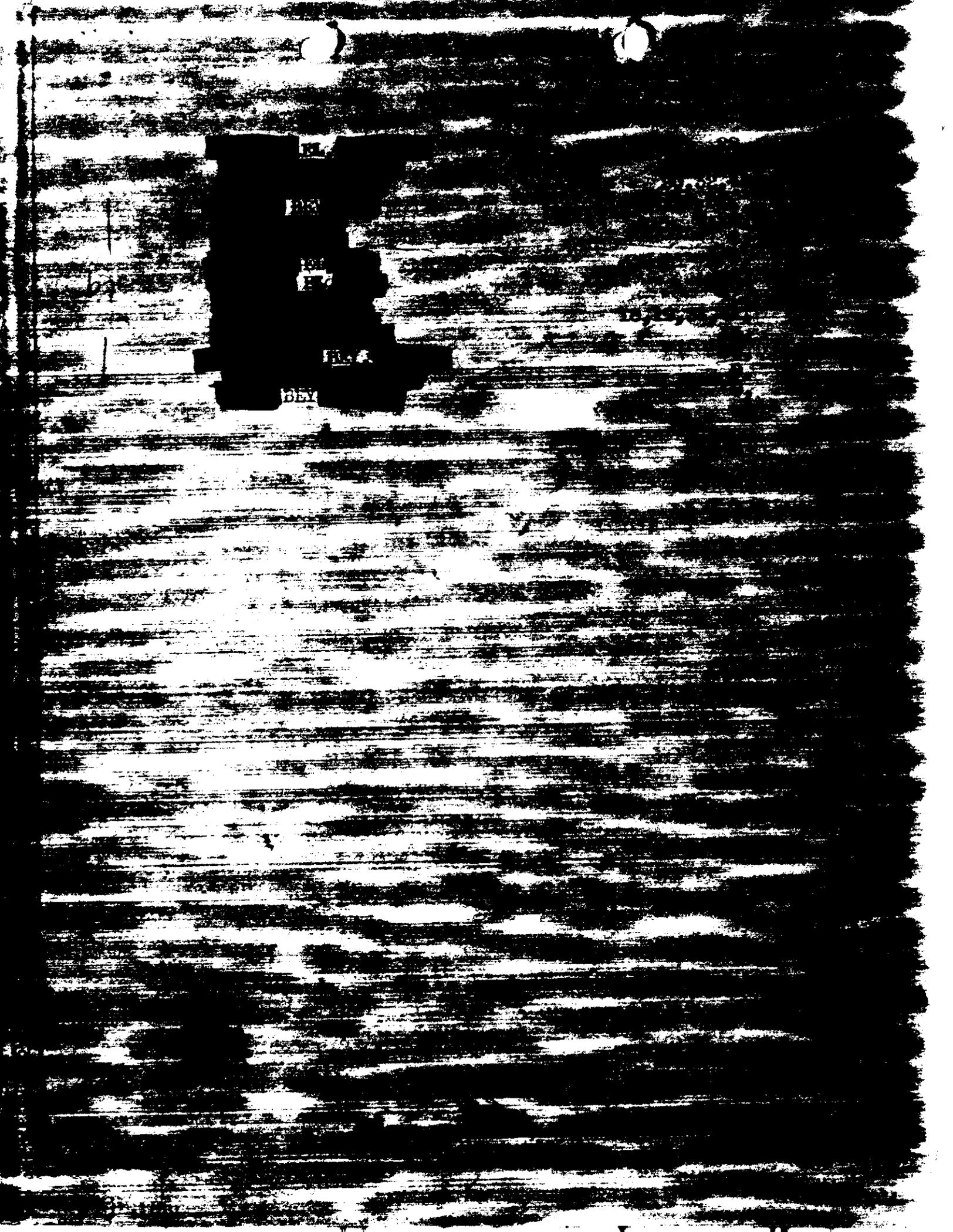
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CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J [REDACTED] with alias [REDACTED] ORGANIZATION MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA			41936

SIS OF FACTS:

Subject a leader of the branch of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE located at 447 East 40th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Subject was a participant in the kidnaping of CHARLES KIRKMAN BEY in 1929, which culminated in a riot which cost the lives of two Chicago policemen and several members of the organization. Subject sentenced to jail for his part in the riot. Upon the completion of his sentence he organized a branch of the Temple at the present location shortly after the death of the Prophet MOBLE DREW ALL. Subject claims to be the [REDACTED]. An injunction has been filed against the subject by CHARLES KIRKMAN BEY, leader of another branch of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE, charging infringement. Subject has five common-law wives, having three children by one of them. Subject and members are registered for Selective Service. Subject reportedly very pro-Japanese. Regular meetings are conducted by the organization which has at least fifty members. Subject reportedly has branch organizations in New Jersey, Georgia, Florida, and possibly Arkansas.

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LS: At Chicago, Illinois

AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_ P. \_\_\_\_\_  
 REC. BY \_\_\_\_\_  
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 BY \_\_\_\_\_

This is a joint report of Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer.

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The following background information relating to the organization known as the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA was obtained from [REDACTED] of the University of Chicago [REDACTED] Chicago.

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[REDACTED] made available a report compiled by [REDACTED] of the now defunct Illinois Writers Project, a WPA project. [REDACTED] is now associated with the Office of Civilian Defense for the Chicago area. [REDACTED] that the report was based on an inquiry conducted for anthropological reasons to determine if there was any cultural connection between various Negroes and their cults in the Chicago area. The following information was obtained from this report:

"Two organizations striving to foster racial pride have attracted numbers of Chicago negroes from time to time. These are the Moorish-American Science Temple and the Nation of Islam, ordinarily referred to as 'cults.' Essentially, they are religious bodies, opposing the Christian faith. Members of the Moorish American Science Temple insist that they are not negroes, and avoid the use of the word or of 'black' when referring to themselves, maintaining that they are really Moors and that their skin is 'olive-hued.'

"In 1925 a small negro wearing a flaming red fez similar to those worn by Turks appeared in empty lots and on street corners of Chicago's south side to proclaim a startling new doctrine. He was Iblee Drew Ali, born Timothy Drew in North Carolina, Prophet of Islam, and founder of the Moorish American

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Science Temple. Little is known of Drew Ali's early history. He is reputed to have been an expressman in Newark, New Jersey, where he is said to have founded the first Moorish-American Science Temple as early as 1913.

"Drew's main contention was that the people commonly known in America as negroes are of Moorish descent and thus Asiatics. Act six of his 'Divine Constitution and By-Laws' reads:

'With us all members must declare their nationality and their Divine Creed that they may know that they are a part and partial (sic) of this said government and that they are not Negroes, Colored Folks, Black People or Ethiopians, because these names were given to slaves by slave-holders in 1779 and lasted until 1865 during the time of slavery, but this is a new era of time now, and all men must proclaim their free national name to be recognized by the government in which they live and the nations of the earth, this is the reason why Allah the Great God of the Universe ordained Noble Drew Ali, the prophet, to redeem his people from their sinful ways. The Moorish-Americans are the descendants of the ancient Moabites who inherited the Northwestern and Southwestern shores of Africa.'

"Prophet Noble Drew Ali did not immediately rally many disciples to his banner, the Moorish star and crescent on a field of red. But he persisted, and at length was able to set up permanent headquarters. Though semi-literate, he possessed an eloquent tongue, a persuasive manner, and a native shrewdness which enabled him to sway the poor and unlettered people who listened to him. Most of them remembered the race riots of 1919; all of them had experienced discrimination and other wrongs. Drew Ali was offering them pride of race and dignity. In 1927 a successful convention encouraged Drew Ali to expand his proselytizing activities to other cities.

"Drew Ali had written and published his 'Koran,' a slim pamphlet consisting of a curious mixture of the Mohammedan holy book of the same name, the Christian Bible, and anecdotes of the life of

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Jesus - the whole bound together with the Prophet's own pronouncements and interpretations. The Prophet began to do a profitable business in various nostrums and charms he concocted, among them Old Moorish Healing Oil, Moorish Purifier Bath Compound, and Moorish Herb Tea for Human Ailments.

"More and more 'Asiatics' flocked to the star and crescent standard. They flaunted their fezzes on the street and treated the white man with undisguised contempt. The Prophet announced that each devout Moorish American must carry a card bearing his credentials and his real (or Asiatic) name, signed by the Prophet with his seal. Often enough 'slave' names were transformed into 'real' ones by the simple addition of 'El' or 'Boy,' these being titles signifying Moorish dignity. The membership card and button, when displayed to Europeans would convince them that the bearer was enlightened and a member of an organization to be feared and respected.

"To the Prophet this theory of new-found independence had been a more or less purely ethical or theoretical point, and he had not reckoned on its practical effect among his zealous followers. Alarming reports of street brawls, threats, insults, and minor violence centering around Moorish-Americans were brought to his notice. Members were accosting the white enemy on the streets, showing their membership cards and buttons, and proclaiming in the name of their prophet, Noble Drew Ali, that they had been freed of European domination.

"Recalling the downfall of the militant Abyssinians and contemplating the current difficulties of the Garvey movement, Drew Ali issued this order:

'I hereby warn all Moors that they must cease from all radical or agitating speeches while on their jobs, or in their homes, or on the streets. Stop flashing your cards before Europeans as this only causes confusion. We did not come to cause confusion; our work is to uplift the nation.'

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"Drew Ali's leadership was soon contested. In 1929 he became embroiled in a quarrel with Claude Green, politician and former butler of Julius Rosenwald, who previously had joined the temple. One day Drew arrived at his office to find that Greene had moved all the furniture outside and declared himself Grand Shoik. A civil war ensued, each faction enlisting support from temples in other cities. Greene was shot and stabbed to death in his offices at the Unity Club on the night of March 15, 1929.

"Drew Ali, arrested as he sat with his wife and group of followers celebrating (authorities charged) the murder of his rival, was defended by Attorney Aaron Payne and William L. Dawson, temple members who later gained political prominence.

"Drew Ali was released on bond and shortly thereafter died under mysterious circumstances a few weeks later. One theory is that he succumbed to injuries inflicted by the police during his imprisonment, another is that he was set upon by partisans of Greene after his release and beaten so severely that he never recovered.

"After Drew Ali's death Attorney Aaron Payne attempted unsuccessfully to hold the group together. Each among several of the Prophet's disciples announced that he alone was the rightful inheritor to Drew Ali's leadership. Steve Gibbons El (formerly the prophet's chauffeur) and Ira Johnson Bey (who had been imported from Pittsburgh to assist in quelling the Greene revolt) each maintained that the dead leader's spirit had entered his body. Johnson, a man of action, invaded the office of Moaly El, another aspirant, and demanded recognition as Grand Shoik. Moaly El demurred and received a terrific mauling. Johnson then dispatched his henchmen to kidnap Kirkman Bey, who claimed possession of Drew Ali's last will and testament.

"Kirkman's wife, secretly surmising that her husband was being detained in Johnson's apartment, directed the police thither. A gun battle ensued in which two policemen and one Moor were killed. Sixty-three Moors were arrested, and Johnson was committed to the State Hospital for the Criminally Insane, where he subsequently died. Steve Gibbons also was apprehended after he had forced his way into Attorney Payne's home in search of Drew Ali's papers.

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"Gibbons, too, was sent to the insane asylum, but was released several years later. In 1941 he was heading a Chicago temple on East 40th Street and still asserting claim to the title of Grand Sheik of all Moorish-American Science Temples. Gibbons was one of six contestants, each one a temple leader and each one designating his own as Temple No. 1.

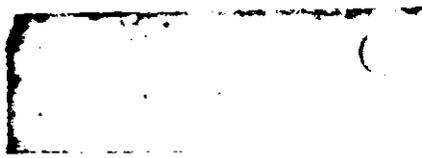
"Services in each temple observe with minor deviations, the pattern established by Drew Ali. First, a minor sheik, a sheikess or the chairman reads and explains Drew Ali's version of the Koran. Then follows a more elaborate discourse by the Grand Sheik (in some temples called the Governor), the whole ceremony being punctuated at intervals by Christian hymns with the words Allah, Drew Ali, and Moslem being substituted for God, Christ, and Christian. Friday is observed as the holy day of rest, 'because on Friday the first man departed out of the flesh and on a Friday the first man was formed in flesh and on a Friday the first man departed out of the flesh and ascended unto his father God Allah, for that cause Friday is the Holy Day for all Moslems all over the world.'

"Since Drew Ali considered Marcus Garvey his forerunner (in a relationship analogous to that of John the Baptist and Jesus) and paid tribute to him in his 'Koran' and in his sermons, Moorish-Americans frequently laud and quote the Jamaican organizer.

"January 8, the Prophet's birthday, is a special occasion in all temples. Full Moorish regalia is worn by those members who can afford it, and there is likely to be feasting and distribution of gifts as in Christmas celebrations in Christian churches. A number of unconverted guests are invited; the customary speeches take on a more evangelistic tone. Expositions of the teachings and principles of the Prophet are offered in a simplified form for the benefit of those still under the influence of Christianity, called 'The Folly.'

"The leader of each of the bickering factions has striven in vain to build up an organization as powerful (and as lucrative) as the parent body disrupted by internal warfare and the death of Drew Ali. According to Attorney Aaron Payne, the Prophet in one year amassed a fortune of \$36,000.00 and commanded a

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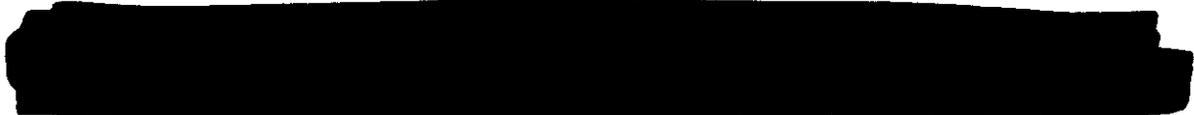
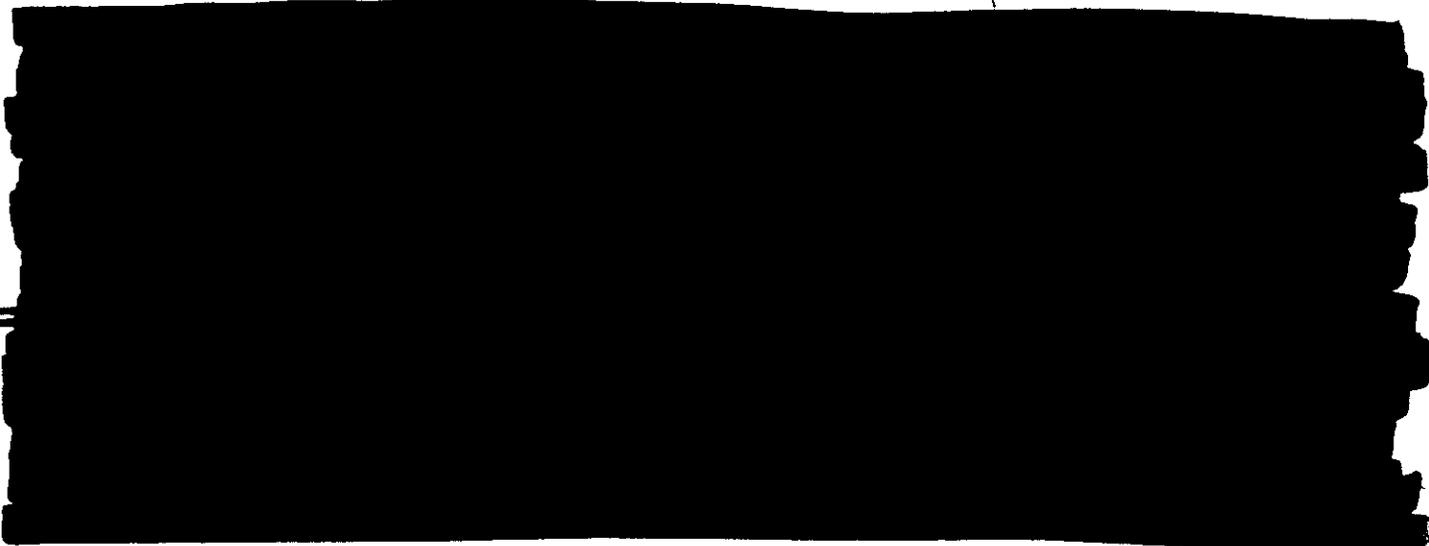


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membership of 12,000. Politicians respected and courted him, and Congressman Oscar Do Priest was reputed to have joined the temple."

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On May 14, 1943 the Chicago Field office was in receipt of a letter from [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, to the effect that she had information in her possession concerning one [REDACTED] self-styled Moslem Moorish leader, who is known to his followers as [REDACTED]. She advised that she was of the belief that this individual should be investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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On May 14, 1943 interview was had with [REDACTED] by Special Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that [REDACTED]

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who calls himself [redacted] maintains a meeting place for a group of Moorish members at 447 East 40th Street. [redacted] that the subject was active in this organization in 1928 and 1929 during the time that NOBLE DREW ALI was alive and leading the organization. She stated that following the death of NOBLE DREW ALI several prominent leaders in the organization endeavored to set themselves up as the new leaders. As a result of the conflict among the leaders a kidnapping and subsequent of two Chicago police men occurred. Subject [redacted] EL was confined to jail by the Chicago Police Department where he remained for a period of approximately six months. Following his release, [redacted] the subject [redacted] maintained headquarters at 447 East 40th Street since this time.

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[redacted] that the subject is regarded with a veneration by all members of the Temple and all persons living at 447 East 40th Street, and that his slightest wish is immediately granted by any of the members.

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Approximately a year ago [redacted] EL, the mother of [redacted] became sick and was told by the subject that she would have to leave the house and secure other living quarters and that she would have to be taken care of by members of her family who were not members of the subject's temple. As a result of this [redacted] EL, sister of [redacted] moved herself, her children, and her mother to [redacted] a house located next to the subject's. [redacted] that she and the other members of her family had spent a great deal of money taking care of the mother and that when they had contacted her mother, the subject had cut off his support of [redacted] EL and [redacted] EL because they had "dared to have anything to do with non-members." [redacted] that she was forced to move her mother to the Cook County Hospital where she died in March, 1943.

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Following the death of [REDACTED] that her sister [REDACTED] EL moved back to [REDACTED] when she was forced to live in the basement of the house by the subject. [REDACTED] that the basement is a very unsanitary place and is not fit for human habitation. [REDACTED] that subject has not worked for the past ten years and that his source of income is derived from donations received from members throughout the country. She stated that there are members of subject's organization located in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Newark and Jersey City, New Jersey, and St. Petersburg, Florida. [REDACTED] one of the members of the temple donates \$75 a month to the subject. She advised that he has received a great deal of money from the members and to illustrate this advised that when his children, the sons of [REDACTED] EL, celebrated birthdays that [REDACTED] made a specific request for contributions and often gave presents to the children of money in excess of \$300. [REDACTED] that all funds of the organization are kept in a safe in the prophet's room, located on the first floor.

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[REDACTED] that one of the members residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania operates a grocery store, and that canned goods by the case are supplied to the subject's house. She advised that they are plentifully supplied with all necessities and any materials that the members desire. Subject allegedly spends money lavishly on the women in the house, outfitting them in many of their costumes, which include turbans and long flowered dresses.

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[REDACTED] that two of the male members, namely [REDACTED] EL, and [REDACTED] EL, who also reside at [REDACTED] do the shopping for [REDACTED] much of which is done at the A & P supermarket located at 39th near Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago. [REDACTED] that the members of the subject organization do not eat meat of any kind, regarding themselves as Muslims and believers in the Islam religion which prohibits the eating of all but fish. [REDACTED] that when sugar rationing went into effect there were several one hundred pound bags of sugar in the house. It was her understanding that the subject [REDACTED] EL had registered in accordance with the ration regulations.

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[REDACTED] that in talking with her mother, her sister, and her sister's children that she has gained the impression that the inhabitants of [REDACTED] and members of the subject organization are very pro-Japanese. [REDACTED] that on frequent occasions her mother had told her that the Japanese would win the war, and that when that occurred the members of the Temple would be taken care of properly. She advised that in talking with [REDACTED] on one occasion he asked her a question concerning the Japanese. [REDACTED] that she then asked [REDACTED] EL whether he believed himself to be a Japanese. She stated that [REDACTED] EL then replied that he was almost a Japanese. [REDACTED] volunteered the

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that members of the subject organization have had a pro-Japanese sympathy for many years, although she stated that she had no knowledge that any Japanese had ever actual ly been in [redacted] or had contributed support to them.

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[redacted] advised that the members regard themselves not as Negroes but as Asiatics and state that their color is olive. On several occasions she advised that both her mother and her sister [redacted] have stated that radio accounts of victories by American forces over the Japanese were nothing but European lies. The members of the subject organization call all white persons "Europeans", and further advised that they frequently say they are going to cut the heads off any European person they can find. On one occasion [redacted] mother, [redacted] EL, stated that she, [redacted] was of a European mind and that she would cut her head off as soon as she would cut the head of any other person. [redacted] that Negroes who are not members of the subject organization are called "co lies." Subject [redacted] EL has refused to take new members into the organization since 1934. The only new members accepted are children born at 447 East 40th.

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[redacted] advised that apparently some white men had gone to the subject's house some time ago. According to the mother of [redacted] these men were looking for pictures of "Hitler and Japan." [redacted] stated her mother stated "the prophet had an answer for the men and they were too smart to keep pictures of Hitler around the house."

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On one occasion [redacted] that she was with her mother at [redacted] and while looking through a cabinet she opened a bottom drawer and there saw many long-bladed knives. In this connection [redacted] her mother had frequently stated that if any trouble arose at the Temple the members would be able to protect themselves. [redacted] that she believed there were guns and ammunition in the house, although she had never seen any weapons other than the knives mentioned above. She was unable to explain her belief that guns and ammunition were located in the house other than the above statement of her mother.

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[redacted] that her brother, [redacted] telephone [redacted] is a non-member of the subject organization, has no sympathy for the subject organization, and at one time told his mother, [redacted] EL, that he would like to kill the subject. [redacted] EL at this time told [redacted] that if her brother had tried in any way to kill the prophet that they would be able to take care of themselves.

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b7d [redacted] that her sister [redacted] EL told her that the subject had registered for the Selective Service Act, and that he had undoubtedly claimed the three children as dependents in support of his claim for a deferment. She further stated that the other male members were allegedly registered for Selective Service.

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b7d [redacted] that the following males are known to be members of the subject organization: [redacted] EL, living on [redacted] SEY, address not known; [redacted] EL, and [redacted] EL, both of [redacted]

[redacted] these men are not steadily employed. [redacted] that many members of the Temple are not employed and rely on public relief for their support.

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b7d She stated that the house located at [redacted] owned by a [redacted] who resides on the second floor of the building at this address. [redacted] endeavored to get the members of the Temple to move to another place, according to [redacted] because she does not like them and further that she wanted to have the entire house for her own family. At the present time [redacted] has been unsuccessful in persuading [redacted] EL to move. [redacted] that [redacted] was indebted to the prophet inasmuch as during the depression years the rent paid by the prophet and the members of the subject organization was sufficient to enable her to avoid a mortgage foreclosure.

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b7d Subject [redacted] was born in [redacted] according to [redacted] and has a mother living in [redacted]

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b7c [redacted] that on the death of her mother she took into her possession a scrap book pertaining to members of the Temple from various persons through the country. She advised that the annual convention of the subject organization is held in the month of August and that from 100 to 200 persons assemble for the annual convention.

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b7d [redacted] that the children of the members of the organization, including subject's children, do not attend public school inasmuch as there is a school operated at the Temple. According to [redacted] EL is the teacher and that prior to her membership in the subject organization [redacted]

[redacted] the subject insists on isolating the members of his Temple from any contact with anyone outside of the Temple and

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that he prohibits any member from associating with or talking to any persons who are not members of the subject organization.

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A check of the telephone records made by Special Employee [redacted] revealed that the telephone at [redacted] is in the name of [redacted]. This number is [redacted] is identical with the [redacted] referred to above by [redacted].

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Interview was had with [redacted] on June 10, 1913. He advised that he was the brother of [redacted] whose interview was set forth above. [redacted] substantiated the information furnished by his sister and in addition furnished the following information:

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He stated that the subject [redacted] EL, had begun holding meetings in 1928 at 3140 Indiana Avenue, together with NOBLE DREW ALI, the leader of the Moorish Science Temple. In 1929 a murder was committed at 3140 Indiana Avenue and a lawyer was killed. Following this, NOBLE DREW ALI was put in jail and [redacted] was also incarcerated. NOBLE DREW ALI died while in jail, and subject [redacted] was released after being confined for approximately six months. During the time that [redacted] was in jail he began growing a beard. When he was released the [redacted] family were living at [redacted].

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[redacted] mother, two aunts, a grandmother and one sister had previously been members of the Moorish Science Temple [redacted] that his mother, two sisters and an aunt accepted the story as told by [redacted] and immediately thereafter this group of people began holding secret meetings at [redacted]. Shortly thereafter [redacted] moved to [redacted] where he is presently found, taking with him [redacted] and the two sisters. In 1931 the rest of the [redacted] family split up over their inability to dissuade the mother and sisters from membership in the organization. [redacted] advised that his mother tried very hard to make him become a member, and he stated that he went to two meetings while NOBLE DREW ALI was alive, but upon his death had never gone to another meeting. He stated that the times he attended the meetings the talk consisted of the poor standard of living enjoyed by the Negroes and the favors that would accrue to them when they received their true national name of EL or BEY. The religion of the organization at this time was Islam and the Prophet. subject [redacted] was alleged to be the Son of God and was Allah reincarnated. [redacted] there was no subversive talk at this time in the organization and stated that the American flag was featured in its meetings.

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He advised that subject [redacted] had relations with his sister [redacted] as a result of which two children were born. He stated that his grandmother became sick in the house and died in 1934. His aunt [redacted] became sick and died in 1936. He advised that his mother became sick and died in April of 1943.

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[redacted] that the first he knew that the organization was pro-Japanese in character and sympathy was shortly after Pearl Harbor when [redacted] the son of subject and [redacted] EL, told him that the Japanese planes had not fire to everything in Pearl Harbor and that the members of the organization were happy that this was true. [redacted] told him that the "black man" would soon rule everything, that the Japanese were just starting the fight and they were going to finish it. [redacted] this was the only pro-Japanese sympathy he had heard of directly but stated it had been rumored on several occasions that the organization was sympathetic to the Japanese.

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He stated that his sister [redacted] who had become a member, had run away from the Temple in 1935, when she had gone to [redacted] after a short time in [redacted] she returned to the house of the subject and stayed until 1937 when she again ran away and went to Detroit to stay with one [redacted] who had been a member of the subject [redacted] house and had run away from there some time previously. [redacted] that his sister had recently married and her name was now [redacted] and that she lived at [redacted] He advised that [redacted] if contacted, would furnish all information in her possession concerning the subject organization inasmuch as she had run away due to the bad treatment she had received while living in the house.

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[redacted] that [redacted] an aunt, who lives at [redacted] had been a member of the subject organization until 1937 and [redacted] was of the opinion that she would furnish all information in her possession concerning the organization as she said she wanted nothing more to do with this group. [redacted] lives with [redacted] father at the above address.

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He stated in addition to [redacted] EL, he has an aunt, [redacted] EL, who is still a member of the organization.

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[redacted] at one time there was considerable ammunition stored in the house but that he did not know whether the ammunition was still there at the present time.

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He stated there are at least fifty members, twenty of which are men. He stated there are branches in New Jersey, Florida, Georgia and other places. He advised that most of the members are on relief and the old age pensions and that a few of

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b7c, the women are employed as domestics and work by the day. He stated meetings are held Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays and that the home at [redacted] next door to the subject organization, is owned by [redacted]. He stated [redacted] would be glad to cooperate in any way possible.

b7d [redacted] that the Health Department had investigated the living conditions at subject's house. [redacted] recently on two occasions. He further stated that he had been told that an investigator from the War Department and the Red Cross had also been there for the purpose of sending on his brother's Army check. [redacted] that his brother, [redacted] is not at [redacted] and that he had been sending his checks to [redacted] EL. When the check came [redacted] EL was forced by the subject [redacted] to return the check because he was afraid the Army would investigate and would want to know why he, himself, was not supporting his common law wife.

b7c, [redacted] that the house at [redacted] is owned by [redacted] who resides on the second floor, and so far as he knows [redacted] is cooperative, patriotic and would furnish information in her possession concerning the subject organization.

b7c On May 14, 1943 the chief clerk at Local Board 83 was contacted. After checking the records of this board the following registration of subject [redacted] EL SHEIK was located. The Selective Service file reveals that the subject, who has order number 1603, was born [redacted]. He advised that he is a citizen of the United States. From the registration card subject furnished [redacted] as the person always knowing his whereabouts. Subject indicated that he was self-employed as a religious teacher. From the occupational questionnaire submitted by the subject it was ascertained that he had listed himself as a religious teacher since August 7, 1929, and that for the duties of his job he had written: "I am uplifting fallen humanity." From the questionnaire filed by the subject April 26, 1941 it was ascertained that he had listed himself as being known as [redacted]. He stated he had two years elementary school training and that he is presently married and living with his wife. The subject stated that his employment as a religious teacher had earned him an income of an average weekly rate of \$12 to \$14. He stated he was not licensed in any profession. Subject stated that he had two children as a result of his marriage to [redacted] EL. He listed the two children as [redacted] EL and [redacted]. Subject claimed that he had earned \$728 during the past twelve months and that his expenses for that period were \$728. From the notations of the board it was ascertained that subject was classified III-A on May 9, 1941 and that he is not classified IV-H as being over [redacted] years of age.

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[redacted] Local Board 3, made a check of her records and located a file pertaining to [redacted] BEY, [redacted] Order Number [redacted]. The Selective Service records reflect that [redacted] BEY was born in [redacted]. He gave as the person always knowing his address [redacted].

[redacted] in his questionnaire that his wife lived at [redacted] and that he is married but is not living with his wife, although he supports her and her children. The records of the board indicate [redacted] BEY is classified IV-F. From the occupational questionnaire it was ascertained that [redacted] BEY has no permanent employment, but that he regarded himself best suited for employment as a Pullman porter.

The chief clerk of Local Board 83 also furnished the file of [redacted] EL, a member of the subject organization. This file reflected that [redacted] EL lives at [redacted]. [redacted] was born [redacted].

From the occupational/questionnaire submitted by [redacted] it was reflected that he was married to [redacted] and that he had been employed in the past as a longshoreman and was a member of Local 19 of the Longshoremens Association, Ninth District, 942 North Wells Street.

A check of the Selective Service boards covering the address [redacted] failed to reflect any further persons giving the name EL or BEY as their last name.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 13, 1942 at Springfield, Illinois, in which one [redacted] was interviewed and a signed statement was taken. It is to be noted that the [redacted] mentioned was a member of the subject's branch of the Moorish Science Temple and was undoubtedly sent on the mission by the subject. It is therefore pertinent to this case. The following excerpt is taken from the reference report:

"The following signed statement was obtained from [redacted] the original of which is being retained in the Springfield File in this case:

"Monard, Illinois, November 5, 1942.

"I, [redacted] make the following statement to [redacted] Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and [redacted] Chief Guard, Illinois State Penitentiary, freely and voluntarily:

"I am [redacted] years old. I was born at [redacted]. My father is [redacted]. My mother was [redacted] and she died in 1937 at St. Louis, Missouri.

"My father moved to Chicago, Illinois in about 1915 and lived at [redacted] and lived at this address for about six years. He moved to [redacted] in Chicago, Illinois, in 1920 and I lived with him at this address. I had served a term in the State Reformatory at Pontiac, Illinois, at that time. I married [redacted] and she has been dead since 1931. We had one child by the name of [redacted] and she now lives at [redacted] and is still single so far as I know. I receive letters from her from time to time.

"I do not know how it happened to start but my father, [redacted] became acquainted with an organization known as the Moorish Science Temple of America. The headquarters of this organization was first at the home of my father at 1841 State Street in Chicago, Illinois. My father started up this organization in Chicago, Illinois and was the head official of it till 1929 when he got into trouble and was sent to the penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois. He had two associates. One was known as Ali Drew and Charles Kirkman, and these three men succeeded in getting a large membership for this organization. Ali Drew was killed about 1929 or 1930. There was also a man by the name of Green who was also connected with this organization but he was also killed. Green was shot in the head and both Drew and my father were arrested for the murder. Drew got out of this trouble and my father was also let go as they could not prove anything on him in connection with this murder. Drew was later poisoned and his death was put out as being heart trouble.

"My father was voted out as head of the organization in July 1929 and C. Curtmen was voted in and my father was then under him. My father did not like the idea of being under C. Curtmen and actually kidnapped C. Curtmen which was on September 25, 1929 and held him at my father's home at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. Police officers came to arrest my father and to rescue Charles Curtman and my father resisted two of these police officers and killed two police officers. My father had other members with him in this kidnapping and two of them were also sent to the penitentiary with my father. The names of the two men with my father in this crime were Jackson. The old man Jackson died in Joliet prison and the boy is now out.

"My father, [redacted] has never been released from prison and has now been transferred to the State Penitentiary at Menard, Ills. where he is known as convict [redacted]

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"I became a member of the Moorish Science Temple of America in 1919 at Chicago, Illinois at the insistence of my father. I was a member of it for a long time and was still a member when I got into trouble in 1935.

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"I became acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_ whose picture I have been shown as \_\_\_\_\_. He took my father's place after he was sent to prison for murder. He was known as the Prophet in the organization. He was supposed to be married to my aunt, \_\_\_\_\_. I do not know for sure that they actually married but both of them told me they were married and I have no right to doubt them and I really believe they did get married. \_\_\_\_\_ is my father's half sister and was born in New Orleans, La. I know that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ lived together for some time. My aunt was the brains of the organization for a long time.

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"I have been shown the picture of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and positively identify same as the parties I have mentioned above as being the prophet and my aunt.

"In 1934 my aunt \_\_\_\_\_ sent me to St. Louis, Mo. to help organize this movement in St. Louis, Mo. Before I left a Japanese whose name I have forgotten was at the home of my aunt, \_\_\_\_\_ and her husband \_\_\_\_\_ and this Jap gave me something over \$200.00 to pay my expenses in going to St. Louis, Missouri and getting a place to hold meeting and to organize the colored people there in the Moorish Science Temple of America.

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"This Jap explained to me and to \_\_\_\_\_ and my aunt that the money was from a Japanese organization and that I should tell the colored people at St. Louis, Mo. and other places I might go that Japan was offering the colored people equal rights with the white men; also that there was going to be a war between Japan and the United States some time in the future and that when the United States drafted all the young men into the army, I mean the young white men, that the remaining colored men would start a revolution in the United States while the white able bodied white men were away from home and that we could win in that conflict. We were also told by this Jap to encourage all young colored men not to join the United States Army with the white men in order to have a larger number of colored men for service when this time came.

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"I have been shown a photograph of a jap by the name of Takahashi and while I cannot positively state that he is the same Jap who gave me the above money, I believe that he is the same Jap and I would know him if seen fac to face.

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"I wish also to state that my aunt, [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] also advised me that what this Jap said was the thing for me to do.

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"I wish also to state that in furtherance of this cause I went to St. Louis, Mo. in 1934 and was also there in 1933. I had made a speech in Chicago, Illinois. When I went to St. Louis, Mo. I also made a Speech at 2709 Walnut Street - upstairs. There was a number of members there. [redacted] and my aunt were there. I was supposed to take the place of my father in the organization or be a lieutenant under [redacted] and I was to give my decision about four days after this meeting.

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"I finally gave my decision to [redacted] and my aunt, [redacted] and that decision was that I was not going to have anything further to do with this organization.

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"This decision was made by me about May 11, 1934 and that night I was at 2330 Pine St. in St. Louis, Mo. and intending to go back to Lundale, West Virginia, I was grabbed by four people and was seriously cut up on the back and side which scars are still plainly to be seen. I know that [redacted] is one of the four persons who grabbed me and cut me up. I also know that a colored man by the name of [redacted] also was among the four who grabbed me and that [redacted] was the one who did the cutting on me. He said "once a member always a member."

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"I succeeded in getting away from them and went to the County Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. The police took me to the hospital. I did not tell them who had cut me. I never saw [redacted] until 1935 after that. I went to West Virginia after I got out of the hospital. I was at Lundale, West Va. and my aunt [redacted] and cousin [redacted] came to see me. They wanted me to come to Pittsburgh, Pa. and talk the matter over with a Japanese by the name of [redacted] and said they could make me see things more plainly. I told them that I did not care to again join the organization but was willing to do anything to

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help my father. They said ~~that the way~~ for me to help my father was to meet this Jap in Pittsburgh, Pa. This was in July or August, 1935.

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"I went to Pittsburgh, Pa. either in August or September 1935 and was met at the station by my aunt \_\_\_\_\_ my cousin \_\_\_\_\_ and C. Curtmen. I had notified them I was coming on a certain train. They took me to meet a Jap by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ who lived about twelve miles out of Pittsburgh, Pa. I wish also to say that \_\_\_\_\_ also met me with the rest I have named above.

"This Jap explained to me that there would be a war between the United States and Japan in about 1944; that the colored or dark races are to hang together; that it was one of the duties of members of the Moorish Science Temple of America to try to get all colored members not to join the military forces of this country; that when war between this country and Japan was started and all the white men were in the Army that there would be enough colored young men left to cause a revolution in this country and take over things here while the soldiers were away in foreign service.

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"I agreed to join and this Jap \_\_\_\_\_ gave me over \$500 to go out in West Virginia to organize among the colored people.

"I was then out on parole from the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois and instead of going out to work for this organization I went back to Joliet, Illinois and gave myself up as a parole violator. I was later transferred to the State Penitentiary at Menard, Ill. where I am now confined and so far as I know none of the above mentioned persons know where I am.

"If the above information will be of assistance in the trial of any case against any of the individuals I will be glad to testify as I have stated in this statement."

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"Witnesses:

" \_\_\_\_\_ Sp. Agt., FBI, 1107 Ill. Bldg., Springfield, Ill.  
" \_\_\_\_\_ same  
" \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Guard, State Penitentiary, Menard, Ill.

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Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 26, 1943 at Newark, N. J., in which there was mentioned the fact that there are presently seven temples of the Moorish Science Temple located in New Jersey. It was further stated that there are two distinct branches of that organization. The following excerpt is taken from the reference report which is pertinent to the instant case:

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"The branch at 230 Court Street, Newark, N. J. is under the leadership of [redacted] EL, who has been the leader for more than 10 years. He resides at [redacted] Active temple membership is about 200. This temple is known as Temple No. 10 on the national roll. According to the statements made to the writer on several occasions in recent months by [redacted] EL, the leader of Temple No. 10 in Newark, N. J. at 230 Court Street, five of the temples located in New Jersey believe in the reincarnation of NOBLE DREW ALI, founder of the faith and also believe in following strict dietary laws involving abstinence from meat, alcohol, and tobacco. They do not shave and wear the Moorish fez at all times. [redacted] that the reincarnation of NOBLE DREW ALI was a spiritual rebirth occurring on August 7, 1929. Some time after that he did die and his successor is believed to be one [redacted] EL with headquarters at 447 East 40th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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

Set forth below are the locations and leaders of the five branches of the Moorish Science Temple of America in New Jersey as reflected in the reference report.

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It is stated that the five branches set forth believe in the reincarnation of NOBLE DREW ALI, which is also the belief of the subject. It is entirely probable that the five mentioned are the five branches of the subject [redacted] in the state of New Jersey.

1. 230 Court Street, Newark, N. J., under the leadership of [redacted] EL, who has been the leader for more than ten years. He resides at [redacted]. Active temple membership is 200. This temple is known as Temple No. 10 on the national roll.
2. 235 Sycamore, Camden, N. J., under the leadership of [redacted] BEY; membership small; exact total not yet known.
3. Glassboro, N. J., under the leadership of [redacted] (designation of EL or BEY not presently known). Membership known to be extremely limited.
4. 621 Communipaw Avenue, Jersey City, N. J., under the leadership of [redacted] BEY. Membership 35, 12 of which are known to be male.
5. 6 Washington Street, Montclair, N. J., under the leadership of [redacted] EL. Membership limited to less than one dozen adults.

On August 18, 1943 there was received a letter in the Chicago Field Division from [redacted] L, c/d [redacted]. In this letter [redacted] EL advised that she would like very much to make an appointment with the Chicago office to discuss important business relating to the Moorish Science Temple at 447 East 40th St. Accordingly, [redacted] living on the third floor at [redacted] telephone [redacted] was contacted by Special Agent [redacted] that she had been a friend of [redacted] EL since September 1942, at which time [redacted] had moved to the first floor of [redacted] to take care of her mother [redacted] who had become ill and had been forced to move from 447 East 40th by subject [redacted] that since this time she has had frequent conversations with [redacted] and in these conversations she had learned the following things:

She stated that [redacted] had related that there were members of the subject organization located all over the world and that large contributions are received by subject [redacted] EL from the various members. She further learned that the organization currently has considerable money and that they are able to buy much food and the finest gowns for the members. [redacted] stated that [redacted] related to her that

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Negroes not members of the subject organization are referred to as "coolies," and that white men are called "devils." [redacted] stated that [redacted] had told her that the subject organization was the original Moslem group and that several years ago a split in the organization resulted in the formation of a second Moslem group who had headquarters at 104 East 51st Street, Chicago, Illinois.

In this connection it should be noted that the Moslem group referred to by [redacted] is undoubtedly the group known as the Allah Temple of Islam, whose headquarters are at 104 East 51st Street. The leaders of the Allah Temple of Islam were arrested for sedition and some seventy members of the temple were arrested and sentenced for failure to register and comply with the Selective Training and Service Act. The Allah Temple of Islam is the subject of Chicago office file 100-9129.

[redacted] related that there was a large meeting or convention held at the subject organization's meeting place during the first week of August, 1943, and that [redacted] had related to her that the meeting was in celebration of a Moorish holiday. [redacted] whose third floor apartment overlooks the rear yard of 447 East 40th, there were in excess of 100 members attending the celebration. [redacted] that there were at least two soldiers in uniform who attended the celebration. [redacted] related that [redacted] had stated the soldiers were members of the organization from other cities and that they had been granted furloughs from the Army to attend the celebration.

[redacted] one of the members of the subject organization had been drafted or otherwise taken into the Army. In this connection [redacted] related that the organization was apparently not opposed to Selective Service. She also stated that on one occasion she was talking with [redacted] about the purchase of war bonds, and stated that [redacted] urged her to purchase more war bonds. [redacted] that [redacted] had confessed that she was not married to the subject and that she had had three children by him. She further stated that [redacted] related to her that she suspected that the subject [redacted] has other wives.

[redacted] in addition that the members of the organization worship Allah and that it is a part of the cult belief that they only eat fish and not meat. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had recently been coming to her apartment in the early morning hours when she can leave the house of the subject without being seen and drinking coffee with her. [redacted] that apparently coffee is forbidden to members.

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Arrangements were made with [redacted] to contact [redacted] EL and an appointment was made to interview her at the Chicago Field Office on August 20, 1943. Accordingly, on that date [redacted] EL came to the Chicago Field Office accompanied by [redacted] and was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] and the writer. EL explained that the purpose of her visit to the office was to secure information concerning the subject, and further to request assistance of the Chicago office to enable her to receive support from the subject. [redacted] readily admitted not having been married to the subject and further stated that he had formerly been married to a woman not a member of the temple, and that to the best of her belief that he was not divorced from this woman. [redacted] EL was unable to furnish the address of the wife of the subject, but stated that she would endeavor to locate this person.

[redacted] that the subject had formerly entrusted money to her received in the form of contributions for support of herself and her three children, but that following the illness of her mother and the moving from 447 East 40th Street he had apparently not retained his faith in her. As a result of this, [redacted] that the subject had taken all money from her and had not given her enough to live on and support her three children. She requested to be advised of the action she could take against the subject short of a court action which could force him to properly support herself and her three children. [redacted] EL was advised that this office was unable to assist her in any way and suggested that she contact a lawyer for further advice on the subject. She stated that the mother of the subject [redacted] EL, who formerly resided in St. Petersburg, Florida, had been living for some time at 447 East 40th Street, and that she was of the opinion that the subject may leave and return to Florida with his mother, thus leaving herself and the children without support. She volunteered the remark that she did not desire to leave the subject and was of the opinion that if she did leave he would retain the custody of the three children. [redacted] that she did not want to impose on her relatives and that she did not want to leave the children.

She also requested advice as to procedures she might follow in forcing the subject to move from 447 East 40th Street and to establish a home for herself and the children in another part of the city of Chicago. She was again advised that this office was unable to help her during the course of the interview.

[redacted] that the organization was founded by NOBLE DREW ALI in 1928 and that the subject [redacted] EL had become the true leader of the organization following the death of NOBLE DREW ALI in 1929. She stated that the members of the organization had the utmost faith in his leadership and felt that the organization was of benefit to Negroes. She stated further that the meetings held by the subject organization

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on Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday concerned only religious teachings as found in the Koran. She denied that the organization was pro-Japanese and further that they were in any way opposed to the U. S. Government. In this connection she stated that the subject has four brothers, all of whom are presently serving in the U. S. Army. She advised that the subject had registered and had undoubtedly claimed her self and the three children as dependents in the request for deferment.

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[REDACTED] EL advised that her children attended the Moslem school at the headquarters of the subject organization and that the school was taught by [REDACTED] EL, who was formerly a public school teacher. She substantiated the information furnished above by the other persons interviewed. [REDACTED] that she had no desire to injure the subject. She indicated, however, that were it not for the children and that their welfare was at stake, she might possibly divulge more information concerning the subject which would be of interest to this Bureau.

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[REDACTED] EL denied several times that the organization was in any respect against the U. S. Government. She stated that it was purely a religious organization.

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In the course of the interview [REDACTED] mentioned the fact that the subject had a branch in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. In connection with this, in report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated August 18, 1943 at Little Rock, Arkansas, the following excerpt was taken which is pertinent to instant case:

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[REDACTED] EL denied several times that the organization was in any respect against the U. S. Government. She stated that it was purely a religious organization. On August 19, 1943 the Chicago Field office received a letter from [REDACTED] dated August 18, 1943. According to this letter [REDACTED] that her sister [REDACTED] had been in Chicago for two days the previous week and had talked with her sister [REDACTED] EL at the temple. She further related that [REDACTED] had information which she wished to furnish this office. A lead is being set out for the Detroit, Michigan Field Division to interview [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in the letter that the subject has recently warned all members in the Army to be particularly careful because of an FBI investigation. The letter continued that the subject went to the basement apartment occupied by her sister [REDACTED] and took all money she was keeping for the children, an amount in excess of \$2000. She related that the subject has been keeping [REDACTED] EL and [REDACTED] EL in confidence and that he has showed his distrust of [REDACTED] EL. [REDACTED] ha [REDACTED] EL believed subject was planning to leave with all the money in excess of \$10,000, which he has received in contributions during the past 10 years.

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b7c [redacted] was again interviewed on August 25, 1943, at which time she furnished a scrap book which had been kept by her mother, containing miscellaneous letters and correspondence received while her mother was alive and a member of the subject organization.

A review of the scrap book reflects that there was the following correspondence:

1. A letter dated 12/6/42, Chicago, Illinois, addressed to [redacted] "Happy birthday to you, the author, the creator, and governor of the world, almighty, eternal, and incomprehensible, to the one who is supremo, most wise and beneficent, and to him alone belongs worship, adoration, thanksgiving, and praise. Brother Prophet trust you accept this small token. Peace from [redacted] Bey."
2. An unstamped, unpostmarked envelope bearing the following: "From [redacted] Bey."
3. A letter addressed to [redacted] El, [redacted] in an unstamped, unpostmarked envelope bearing a return address 94 Stratford, Place, Newark, N. J. Letter dated January 3, 1943 contained Islam greetings from [redacted] Bey. [redacted] From the letter the writer is apparently a seamstress and has fixed skirts and dresses for members of the temple in Chicago. The following is contained in the letter: "My brother [redacted] is in the Army."
4. Five miscellaneous sympathy cards addressed to [redacted] EL from [redacted] These cards were not postmarked and return addresses were not given. They were dated April 13, 1942.
5. A telegram dated 3/13/43 from Jersey City, N. J. addressed to the [redacted] [redacted] contained the message: "Islam to you and your son. [redacted] Bey."

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6. A letter to [redacted] El, postmarked 9/10/42, Newark, N. J., containing an innocuous letter from [redacted] Bey, [redacted]
7. A letter postmarked January 1, 1943 addressed to [redacted] bearing return address of [redacted] [redacted] a brother of [redacted] and not a member of the subject organization, advised in the letter that he would continue to send money to [redacted] and his mother for their support.
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8. A letter postmarked June 1, 1942, addressed to [redacted] El from [redacted] Bey, [redacted] The letter contained Islam greetings to the Prophet and wished for the continued health of [redacted] and the other members of the organization.
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9. A letter addressed to [redacted] in an unstamped and unpostmarked envelope, bearing a return address of [redacted] Bey, [redacted] In this letter [redacted] asked the prophet if she and her children could come to Chicago and live with him at [redacted] She stated that she desired to send her children to a true Moslem school and wanted them to grow up to be firm believers in the Moslem faith.
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10. A letter to [redacted] El postmarked at Philadelphia, Pa. 12/9/42 from [redacted] Bey, [redacted] in which she thanks [redacted] for the receipt of the good news that the prophet had consented to have herself and children come to Chicago to live with them at the Temple. [redacted] advises that she will soon be in Chicago.
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11. A letter to [redacted] El postmarked 12/21/42 [redacted] from [redacted] Bey, [redacted] This letter contains Islam greetings and is apparently innocuous.

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12. A letter to [redacted] El postmarked at [redacted] 12/15/42. Letter is signed [redacted] El, [redacted] and is from the mother of the subject. In this letter she advises [redacted] El that she will soon be in Chicago and is looking forward to meeting her personally.
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13. A letter addressed to [redacted] El, postmarked [redacted] /22/42, from [redacted] El, [redacted] This letter is apparently innocuous.
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14. A letter to [redacted] El in a franked envelope bearing return address [redacted] Bey, [redacted] This letter is apparently innocuous.
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15. A letter to [redacted] El, postmarked at [redacted] 6/1/42, bearing return address [redacted] Bey, [redacted] In this letter [redacted] Bey advised [redacted] that he has been having difficulty making a living, but that he will endeavor to continue sending contributions to the prophet.
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16. A letter to [redacted] postmarked [redacted] 1/16/43, bearing return address [redacted] Bey, [redacted] In the letter she mentions [redacted] Bey, [redacted] Bey, and [redacted] Bey. The letter advises that the writer, [redacted] 13 years of age, is sending birthday greetings to [redacted] who is 13 years of age.
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17. Letter to [redacted] El, postmarked at [redacted] 12/12/42. This letter bears return address [redacted] Bey, [redacted] In the letter [redacted] Bey advises that she had recently had a baby by a member of the temple living in Philadelphia and that the member had not been supporting her and her child. In the letter she requested financial aid from [redacted]



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██████████ substantiated the story of the split in the family caused by the subject, advising that the entire family had been members of the Moorish Science Temple during the time that NOBLE DREW ALI was alive. ██████████ that he went to a few meetings held by NOBLE DREW ALI in 1928 and 1929, and these meetings were held at 3140 Indiana Avenue. ██████████ the meetings at that time were purely religious and had no other purpose, other than to give the Negro his true nationality. ██████████ he had never been to a meeting at 447 East 40th St. and had tried very hard to get the rest of his family away from the subject. ██████████ that he had heard rumors to the effect that subject was teaching pro-Japanese talk at the meetings, but could not state of his own knowledge that this was true.

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██████████ he had considerable records in his possession and would like to examine them, and requested that he be reinterviewed at a later date after he had a chance to refresh his memory. Accordingly, a lead is being set forth to interview ██████████ for further information.

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An interview was had with ██████████ telephone ██████████ she was a sister of ██████████ EL. She also stated that she had joined the Moorish Science Temple under NOBLE DREW ALI and continued with the organization through the death of NOBLE DREW ALI and the trouble between leaders of the organization and the Chicago Police, which resulted in the death of two Chicago policemen. ██████████ that as a result of the death of the two policemen, ██████████ BEY, a follower of the subject, was sentenced to serve a life term in the Illinois State Penitentiary. ██████████ that she remained a follower of the subject and moved to 447 East 40th Street with him. She stated that she remained at this address until 1932 when she voluntarily left the organization, because, she stated, that the subject subject was teaching hatred and animosity to the members of the organization and was not following the teachings laid down by NOBLE DREW ALI. She also advised that her sister-in-law had been a member of the temple and was asked to resign at that time.

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██████████ that during the time she went to meetings prior to 1932 at the subject's house the members were told that the Japanese were friends of the Negro and were coming to America to help the Negroes. She advised that the members of the organization were told that the Japanese would some day rule the world and would give Negroes a share in ruling the world. ██████████ it was her opinion that the subject was teaching the same philosophy at the present time, inasmuch as he was a very stubborn individual, who would listen to the arguments and reasoning of none of the other members. She stated that while she was at the

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temple a teacher, whose name she did not recall, had a gun and he continually pointed the gun at the members saying that he was "going to drive the truth home." This action also prompted [redacted] to leave the subject organization. She stated there were many knives kept at the temple and that there was much talk by the subject and members of "cutting heads." of non-members. She said members of the organization regard Negroes who are non-members as "coolies" and stated that the members bear as much ill will toward coolies as they do toward white people. [redacted] described the subject as being a wicked, evil person who would have only selfish interests at heart.

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Special Agent [redacted] contacted [redacted] the Chicago Police Department, who advised that there was a file pertaining to the activities of the Moorish Science Temple kept by the Chicago Police Department. [redacted] that [redacted] and [redacted] had been assigned by him to investigate Negro activities and could furnish additional information pertaining to the subject organization.

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The file kept by the Chicago Police Department relating to the subject organization was reviewed and nothing was found therein not already in the possession of this office.

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On August 28, 1943 [redacted] that her aunt [redacted] EL, a member of the subject organization had a daughter named [redacted] who had been a member of the subject organization, but who left some time ago. According to [redacted] who subsequently married and whose married name is [redacted] telephone [redacted] may be able to furnish additional information. [redacted] has reportedly endeavored to contact her mother at the home of the subject, but has been ordered by her not to return to the house inasmuch as she is regarded as a "deserter."

[redacted] advised that [redacted] a Hindu living in the [redacted] [redacted] has been very friendly with subject [redacted] EL and has visited the house at #447 East 40th. According to [redacted] makes a tonic which he sells to members of the organization as medicine for them. [redacted] puts labels on the tonic bottles which bear a star and crescent. On one occasion [redacted] talked to [redacted] after she left the temple and related to her out the medicine which he sold for [redacted] a bottle was in reality principally water and flavoring. [redacted] that [redacted] may be permitted to go to the meetings because of his close friendship with [redacted] and she further advised that this individual would be the only

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non-member permitted to attend meetings. [redacted] he did not believe [redacted] was a believer in the subject organization, and that he maintains friendship with [redacted] EL as a method of making money by selling medicine.

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The following description of the subject was obtained from his Selective Service registration card and from various other sources:

Age	[redacted]
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	[redacted]
Height	5' 8 1/2"
Weight	140
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark
Nationality	American
Idiosyncrasies	Heavy beard
Build	Medium
Marital Status	Unknown; Common-law wife: [redacted] EL, [redacted] EL, [redacted] EL
Children	[redacted] EL, six months (children of the subject by common-law wife [redacted] EL).

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

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At Detroit, Michigan will interview [REDACTED] a former member of the subject organization to develop any information she can furnish concerning the activities of the subject organization. It is requested that this lead be given expeditious attention.

THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION

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At Pine Bluff, Arkansas will conduct investigation to determine if subject [REDACTED] is the Chicago leader who is reportedly in contact with the Japanese.

THE NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

At Newark, New Jersey is being furnished one copy of this report for information, inasmuch as the subject is reported to have five active chapters in that division.

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois will through informants continue to investigate the activities of the subject organization.

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[REDACTED]  
Will reinterview [REDACTED] to determine any additional information he may be able to furnish concerning the subject's activities.

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Will interview [REDACTED] second floor, with a view of developing her as an informant concerning subject's activities.

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Will interview [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] for information in her possession regarding the subject organization. It is being noted that [REDACTED] was a member of the subject organization and is a daughter of [REDACTED] AL, presently a member.

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Will interview [REDACTED] for information relating to the subject organization.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A SLATOR BEY makes statements that great disaster will come to this country in the near future. [REDACTED]

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated July 2, 1943 at Louisville, Kentucky.

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ARTHUR S. PEF reported that he is ready to get married so he will be able to go to the National Home when the time comes and A. SLATON BEY is sure that time is not far off. He says a great disaster for this country is drawing near and that the only safe place will be at the Colony, Prince George, Virginia.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION:  
at Chicago, Illinois

Will report on the activities of the national conference to be held at Chicago, Illinois around the 15th of September, 1943.

THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION:  
at Columbia, Indiana

\* Will ascertain the occupation and whereabouts of the home in Columbia, Indiana.

THE LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION:  
at Louisville, Kentucky

Will recontact [REDACTED] for further information in regard to [REDACTED] MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA.

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Copies of this report are being furnished to other field offices due to the fact there are active temples in these field divisions.

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who come within the provisions of the Selective Service Act. Inasmuch as many members of this organization have been convicted of violations of the Act, it is requested that the draft status of these individuals be carefully investigated.

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The Criminal Division will appreciate further investigation of [REDACTED] who is presently under custody of the United States Marshal pending grand jury hearings for a Selective Service violation. It is noted that he is alleged to have written two seditious letters to Father Divine and to have made pro-Japanese statements to [REDACTED]

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In the same report, [REDACTED] are alleged to have made seditious statements to gatherings at that temple. Witnesses should be developed to testify to specific statements by these individuals which might come within the provisions of the sedition statutes.

The Criminal Division will appreciate copies of such reports as soon as they become available.

Respectfully,

*Tom C. Clark*

TOM C. CLARK  
Assistant Attorney General

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SAC, Chicago

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

The Criminal Division has come to the conclusion that each unit of this cult must be considered individually for the purpose of developing prosecution of its leaders under the Sedition Statutes as there seems to be little uniformity in the teachings promulgated by the purported leaders of the respective units.

Therefore, each Office receiving copies of this letter is requested to proceed in its investigations with a view toward the prosecution in each district of the officials and speakers appearing before the local units of the Moorish Science Temple of America.

It is observed that from time to time leaders and speakers of this cult are reported to have made seditious statements before their audiences. Every effort should be made to develop witnesses who may testify to specific statements by these persons which may come within the provisions of the Sedition Statutes.

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SAC, New York

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
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INTERNAL SECURITY - J  
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Please refer to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 18, 1943, at New York City, which reflects that several active members of Chapter Number 34 in Brooklyn, New York, come within the provisions of the Selective Service Act. The Criminal Division has requested that the draft status of these persons be carefully investigated as many members of this organization have been convicted of violations of the Act.

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It is requested that further investigation be conducted relative to [redacted] New York, who is presently in the custody of the United States Marshal pending a grand jury hearing concerning his failure to comply with the terms of the Selective Training and Service Act. It is observed on page 7 that [redacted] directed two letters of pro-Japanese expression [redacted]

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This same report points out certain seditious statements alleged to have been made by [redacted] El [redacted] Bey before audiences of their Temple. Witnesses should be developed who will be able to testify to specific statements made by these persons which might come within the provisions of the Sedition Statutes.

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Please refer to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 18, 1943, at Little Rock, Arkansas.

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It is observed on pages 3 and 4 of this report that Brother [redacted] Bey, [redacted] of the Pine Bluff Temple, made statements which may serve as a basis of prosecution under Title 50, Section 33 or under Title 50, Section 311. You are instructed to make every effort to develop additional witnesses to statements of this nature which may have been made by [redacted] and information as to whether or not they were made in the presence of persons coming under the provisions of the Selective Service Act.

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It is also requested that you advise if [redacted] Bey is identical to [redacted]

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United States Department of Justice  
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September 28, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, ET AL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J  
SELECTIVE SERVICE  
SEDITION  
Bureau file 62-25889

Dear Sir:

In line with Bureau instructions to cover meetings of the instant organization through confidential informants, the Newark Field Division has been successful in obtaining services of [redacted]

[redacted] In addition the services of a new confidential informant are being acquired to cover [redacted] the instant organization in the State of New Jersey.

Therefore, there are now [redacted] confidential informants [redacted] reporting regularly on what transpires.

However, some difficulty has been encountered in sustaining the interest of these informants owing to the unpopularity of the Moorish doctrine and associations among most negroes. In order to keep the informants interested over a period of time, it will be necessary to pay them for their services and to allow them small expenses to cover the money needed for collections made at the meetings, etc.

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Yours truly,  
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SAC, Newark

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, et al  
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Newark file [redacted]

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Reference is made to your letter of September 28, 1943 [redacted]

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The Bureau by letter of September 23, 1943, [redacted]

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The files of the Bureau reflect that by letter of January 6, 1943, you submitted information concerning [redacted]

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If this is not correct the Bureau should

Mr. Tolson advised.

Mr. E. A. Tamm [redacted]  
Mr. Clegg [redacted]  
Mr. Glavin [redacted]  
Mr. Ladd [redacted]  
Mr. Nichols [redacted]  
Mr. Rosen [redacted]  
Mr. Tracy [redacted]

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Mr. Acers  
Mr. Carson  
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ORIGIN: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

File No. 100-5693

Made at RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	Date Made 9-30-43	Period 9-16, 20, 22-43	Made by [REDACTED]
Title MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., ET AL			Character INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION SELECTIVE SERVICE

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated July 27, 1943, at Richmond, Virginia.

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[REDACTED] whose identity is already known to the Bureau confirmed the information furnished by [REDACTED]

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE RICHMOND FIELD DIVISION

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Will continue to follow and report the activities  
of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC.  
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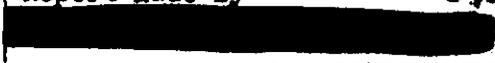
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This Case Originated at Chicago, Illinois

KC File No. 100-4692

Report Made At KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	Date 9-25-43	Period 9-8,9,13,18, 21-43	Report Made By 
Title MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA C. KIRKMAN BEY, was, et al			Character INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION SELECTIVE SERVICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Temple No. 46 and Branch Temple No. 46, K. C. Kansas of MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA continues to meet regularly. Complete list of membership obtained. Indices of KCMO PD, KC Kansas PD and KC Field Division negative as to any subversive activities of any of the members. Officers of the organization at Kansas City, Kansas set forth. Information received a branch temple to be established at Wichita, Kansas.

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[REDACTED] He stated the aforementioned individual contacts him at regular intervals concerning [REDACTED] the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA and stated she had been very frank and outspoken with him in regard to the activities of that organization. He stated he had at various times had occasion to delve rather deeply into the purposes and aims of this organization and believed that Sister [REDACTED] BEY had been sincere with him in her answers to all of the questions directed to her. He stated he had come to the conclusion that the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA as it operates in Temple No. 46 and Branch Temple No. 46, both Kansas City, Kansas, was a harmless colored organization which had for its purpose purely religious motives.

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[REDACTED] noted the colored individuals have always, because of their lack of education, been people who would "join" any organization regardless of how much it cost them as long as it would give them a title. He stated the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA satisfied the ego of the negroes in the Kansas City, Kansas area and advised he felt it was through this medium that Sister [REDACTED] BEY had been successful in gathering about her several followers who were regularly contributing to the Temple and thereby supporting her. He added he had no reason to question the sincerity of [REDACTED] Sister [REDACTED] BEY, but that at various times he had questioned her concerning whether she actually believed in the doctrines as she is teaching them. On each of these occasions, [REDACTED] she stated that definitely

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she felt the Bible was written from the Holy Koran, which is the basis for the teachings of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA.

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[redacted] stated he had been [redacted] in Kansas City, Kansas for a number of years and that although Sister [redacted] BEY, [redacted] Branch Temple No. 46, leads separate meetings of those individuals belonging to her Branch Temple from the meetings held by Sister [redacted] BEY, [redacted] for Branch Temple Number 46 through Sister [redacted] BEY. He stated he would vouch for the loyalty of this group of colored people who are members of these two Temples and felt there was no concern to be had regarding their activities, purposes or motives as it pertained to the Kansas City, Kansas branches.

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[redacted] stated he would continue to serve [redacted] Sister [redacted] BEY and added he would have no hesitancy in furnishing the Kansas City Field Division with all information coming to his attention regarding her or her organization. He emphasized the fact that [redacted] but that as it pertained to being loyal to the United States Government and to any subversive activities, he would gladly [redacted] furnishing such information at any and all times to the appropriate officials.

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It is to be noted [redacted] s recently instrumental in forming a Committee of colored individuals in Kansas City, Kansas for the purpose of locating a colored man who had fatally shot an officer of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department. The committee formed [redacted] was successful in locating the party responsible for the shooting and for such action a possible racial problem was averted.

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Sister [redacted] BEY, [redacted] Kansas City, Kansas, was interviewed [redacted] at which time she advised that the members of Temple No. 46 and Branch Temple No. 46 of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA had remained approximately constant for the past two months. She stated, however, that the interest which formerly existed within these two temples is absent in as much as the majority of the negroes are earning more money than they ever have previously and have less time to consider religion. She explained that the organization over which she was Divine Ministress had a present membership of approximately thirty individuals and that the teachings of the members by her are taken direct from the Holy Koran and no other literature is used. She stated the organization realizes, as well as all of the members of the organization,

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that they are "part and parcel of the United States and this government". She advised that for that reason she had emphatically ordered the members to discuss at no time the present war or any racial problems while they were in attendance at a religious meeting of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. She stated neither she nor any of the members desired war, but that she believed since the United States had entered into the present conflict that it was the duty and obligation of each citizen to obey the laws and regulations set up pertaining to the present war. She added she is specifically opposed to any agitation or trouble-making between the colored individuals and whites and that she preaches continually to the members of her temple that they should do everything possible to avert and prevent trouble between the two races.

Sister [REDACTED] BEY stated the individuals presently attending the meetings held by Sister [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] of Branch Temple No. 46, had formerly been members of her temple (Temple No. 46), but that they had broken off approximately two years ago because they felt the distance to travel to her home was too far. She added Sister [REDACTED] BEY had organized this group at the [REDACTED] house, which is located at [REDACTED] Kansas City, Kansas.

Sister [REDACTED] BEY made available to the reporting Agent the recording secretary's membership list and minutes and a copy of the members was made. A list of the officers of the Temple No. 46 of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA is as follows as furnished by Sister [REDACTED] BEY:

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[REDACTED]	Sister	[REDACTED]	BEY Age
[REDACTED]	Mother	[REDACTED]	EL Age
[REDACTED]	Brother	[REDACTED]	EL Age
[REDACTED]	Brother	[REDACTED]	EL [unclear]
[REDACTED]	Brother	[REDACTED]	BEY [unclear]

Sister [REDACTED] BEY advised they were continuing to hold Divine Services from 7:30 until 9:30 each Friday and Sunday night at 1700 North Third Street, Kansas City, Kansas. She added Sunday School was held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on each Sunday afternoon.

She added that she had gone to the National Home at Prince George, Virginia on July 4, 1943 and had remained until July 6, 1943. She stated the National Home is a home for aged and dependent members of the

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MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. She stated that the occasion for the meeting on July 4, 1943 at Prince George, Virginia, was its annual meeting which is held there, during which time a picnic is held. C. KIRKMAN BEY of Chicago, Illinois was in attendance at this meeting, as well as other representatives from the various temples throughout the United States.

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Sister [REDACTED] BEY added she had received a request from [REDACTED] Wichita, Kansas to visit Wichita for the purpose of establishing a branch temple of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA there. She advised she was going to Wichita, Kansas on Monday, September 13, 1943, for the purpose of determining if there were enough individuals interested in establishing a temple and if so one would be established. She advised it was likewise necessary to locate an individual who is an "eighth grade scholar" to be divino ministrass. She stated it was her understanding that [REDACTED] who was formerly a member of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA at Chicago, Illinois, had an adequate education and was fully qualified to fill this position.

The names appearing on the membership list of Temple No. 46 of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA and as obtained from the Recording Secretary's books were checked against the indices of the Internal Security Units of the Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, as well as the Kansas City Field Division. The indices checked in these three departments were negative as to any subversive activities having been reported regarding those individuals.

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Sister [REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED] Kansas City, Kansas, [REDACTED] of Branch Temple No. 46 of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, was interviewed [REDACTED] at which time she advised that Branch Temple No. 46 presently has a membership of 68. She added, however, there are only approximately thirty individuals who regularly attend and are actually considered active members. She stated substantially the same in regard to the activities of Branch Temple No. 46 as Sister [REDACTED] BEY stated regarding Temple No. 46. In addition she stated that Branch Temple No. 46 meets regularly at Slaughters' Hall, 1315 North 9th Street, Kansas City, Kansas. She said the times of meeting were from 7:30 until 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Sunday nights and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. She stated it was proper for the members to contribute 50¢ per month to the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA but that in the event the members were unable to pay this they could contribute whatever their financial condition enabled them to do. She added out of this 50¢ per month from the members, money was

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sent to support the National Home at Prince George, Virginia, a portion set aside to aid the members who become sick and unable to appropriately care for themselves, and the remainder went into a death fund, which enabled members to be given a decent burial in the event they were not carrying adequate insurance at the time of their death to cover the expenses incurred by a proper burial.

Sister [REDACTED] BEY advised an annual convention would be held at the Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois September 15 to 20, 1943, and that those from Kansas City, Kansas who intended to be present were as follows:

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[REDACTED] EL [REDACTED] of Branch Temple No. 46  
Sister [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] of Temple No. 46  
Sister [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] of Branch Temple  
No. 46

She explained the purpose of this annual convention was to renew old acquaintances and to make a report on the activities of each particular temple throughout the United States. She stated it would be incumbent upon her at this meeting to either make the report or see that Sister [REDACTED] EL made a report concerning the activities of Branch Temple No. 46 for the past twelve months.

In company with Sister [REDACTED] BEY, reporting Agent contacted Sister [REDACTED] of Branch Temple No. 46, who made available the books and records of that organization and a copy of the membership list was furnished to the reporting Agent. A list of the officers of Branch Temple No. 46 as furnished by Sister [REDACTED] EL is as follows:

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[REDACTED] Sister [REDACTED] BEY  
[REDACTED] Sister [REDACTED] EL  
[REDACTED] Brother [REDACTED] EL  
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[REDACTED] Sister [REDACTED] EL  
[REDACTED] Sister [REDACTED] EL

The names appearing on the membership list of Branch Temple No. 46 were checked against the indices of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Kansas City Field Division. This check was negative as to any reports of subversive activities on the part of any of these individuals.

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The names of the members of these two temples of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA are not being set out herewith, but the list as obtained by reporting Agent are being retained in the files of the Kansas City, Missouri Field Division.

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THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Wichita, Kansas

b7c Will make appropriate inquiries to determine if a Branch Temple of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA has been established at Wichita, Kansas. It is to be noted in this connection that if one has been established [REDACTED]

• At Atchison, Kansas

Will follow the activities of the members of Temple No. 47 and if deemed advisable will attempt to secure proper informant coverage of the meetings of these temples to disclose possible violations of the Sedition laws or the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940, as has been suggested in reference letter from the Bureau to the Chicago Field office dated April 2, 1943.

At Kansas City, Kansas

Will follow the activities of Temple No. 46 and Branch Temple No. 46 and report any information indicating subversive activities on the part of either the members of these two temples or the organization itself.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO

FILE NO. 100-14714

REPORT MADE AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	DATE WHEN MADE 9-29-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/22-5/6-6/1, 16 28, 29-7/6, 21-8/5/43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA INC., et al		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J SELECTIVE SERVICE SEDITION	

### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Ration Board records, Trenton, New Jersey show the registrant of Temple 48 claims to serve 3,556 meals a month, a revenue of \$725. Membership list of Temple 48 set forth.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Temple 48, Trenton, New Jersey, aided by other Moors in State, bought 90 acre farm for \$4,500 at Moorestown, New Jersey on May 18, 1943. Arrangements made to obtain information concerning Temple 10, Newark, New Jersey.

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REASON FOR FILE 1-2.4.2-2  
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### REFERENCE:

Bureau File 62-25889.  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 6/7/43 at Newark, New Jersey.

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### DETAILS:

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On April 22, 1943 Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Newark Field Division consulted the records of the War Price and Rationing Board at Trenton, New Jersey and determined that, under the heading of restaurants, the restaurant of the Moorish Science Temple 48 at 239 Clinton Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey, had signed applications for rationing certificates. Ownership was stated as

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Sis	[redacted]	Boy	[redacted]
Sis	[redacted]	Boy	[redacted]
Sis	[redacted]	El	[redacted]
Sis	[redacted]	Boy	[redacted]
Sis	[redacted]	El	[redacted]
Sis	[redacted]	El	[redacted]
Sis	[redacted]	Be	[redacted]
Sis	[redacted]	El	[redacted]
Sis	[redacted]	El	[redacted]
Sis	[redacted]	El	[redacted]
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In addition to the 43 members listed above, the following additional names have been obtained from the records of Local Draft Board in Trenton, particularly Local Board 6, Mercer County Court House:

[redacted]	Boy	[redacted]
[redacted]	Boy	[redacted]
[redacted]	Boy	[redacted]
[redacted]	El	[redacted]
[redacted]	Boy	[redacted]
[redacted]	Boy	[redacted]

On May 6, 1943 information was obtained by Special Agent [redacted] of the Newark Field Division from [redacted]

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Photostats were made of the three cards and the photostats are now in the file of the Newark Field Division.

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[REDACTED] arrangements were made with [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, to supply information on the Moorish Science Temple that meets at number 2 12th Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. This is an off-shoot of the old Temple 10 described above. This split occurred in 1933 over various matters including the strict orthodox nature of the older temple members. This new branch calls itself Temple 10 and regards as its leader Colonel C. KIRKMAN KEY of Chicago, Illinois as opposed to [REDACTED] of Chicago, Illinois, who heads the older orthodox temple.

[REDACTED]

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On July 29, 1943, with the assistance of the Chief of Police, [REDACTED] of the Moorestown, New Jersey Police Department, an extended effort was made to locate the Moorish Science Temple farm, rumored to be located in the vicinity of Moorestown. A number of checks with postal, city and county officials and residents failed to produce definite information upon the fact that Moors had been seen in the town on week-ends wearing the fez. Moorestown is an extremely conservative and wealthy small city with practically no industries, most of the residents being wealthy retired business people from the Philadelphia area.

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Arrangements were made with Chief [REDACTED] to continue his inquiries and on August 5, 1943 it was determined that he had located the farm. It is on a route called Elbow Lane, about a mile and a half south of Moorestown. Chief [REDACTED] suggested that information on the activities at the farm could be reliably obtained from [REDACTED]

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Accordingly, [REDACTED] was questioned regarding the Moorish farm and she reported that the Moors had taken over during the Spring of 1943 evidently buying the place from its former owners, MORRIS MELTZER, who had died the previous winter. He had been a cattle buyer and butcher in Camden, New Jersey. [REDACTED] that three negroes and a negro girl appeared to be the first residents of the farm which she estimated at about 65 acres. [REDACTED] that in 1940 she had first noticed Moors in the vicinity and she had employed several negro laborers from Camden, New Jersey, who turned out to be Moors. [REDACTED] that the Moors on the old MELTZER farm did not appear to be working all over the place having little equipment and trying to borrow what they could get from the neighbors. She stated that the neighbor on the [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] and the neighbor on the [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]

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At [redacted] suggestion, a further contact was made with another neighbor, one [redacted]

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[redacted] reported that he had little contact with the Moors but that they had come over once to borrow his rake, (the horse-drawn type) and that they had returned it in good condition. He thought that several men stayed on the place all the time and he noticed that a dozen or more came out week-ends. He said the Moors were not doing much with the farm. They did not seem to know how to work at it and did not have much equipment. He said "they will never live off the farm this winter".

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The following information was obtained on August 5, 1943 from [redacted] for Mount Laurel Township, Masonville, New Jersey. He disclosed that his records showed the farm on Elbow Lane, referred to above, to be still in MORRIS MELTZER'S name. That it contained 67 acres and that taxes had been paid March 11, 1943 in the amount of \$39.92 for the first quarter and again on May 4, 1943 in the amount of \$39.96 for the second quarter. He indicated that [redacted] that at the time the next quarter's payments became due the taxes would be assumed by the new tenants. The tax records of the farm land had been assessed at \$900 and the building at \$1,000.

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On the same date an effort was made to obtain information on the transfer of the farm to the Moors and on the Moors themselves through [redacted]

[redacted] He reported that no records or accounts concerning the MELTZERS, [redacted] BEY, or any negro members of the instant organization were obtainable at this bank.

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On August 5, 1943 records of the Burlington County Clerk at the County Court House, Mount Holly, New Jersey were checked through the assistance of [redacted] of that office and it was determined that "D" book 959, page 73, contained the record of the transfer of title on May 18, 1943 of the farm on Elbow Lane Road. The transfer occurred between MARY MELTZER, widow of MORRIS MELTZER, and the Moorish Science Temple of America, a corporation of the State of New Jersey (see referenced report) with principle office in the city of Trenton, New Jersey. The transfer listed five separate tracts of land adding up to a total of 89.6 acres. The consideration named was \$4,500. The transfer was handled by [redacted] of Camden, New Jersey and was recorded on June 7, 1943 by [redacted] Burlington County Clerk.

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NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEWARK AND TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

Will maintain contact with activities of Temples 10 and 48 and endeavor to obtain additional information on instant organization.

AT CAMDEN AND GLASSBORO, NEW JERSEY

Will secure facts on the location of temples in these towns, memberships and officials.

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