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United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York

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September 30, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, ET AL;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J  
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of August 6, 1943, Bureau File No. 62-25889, in which it is requested that the Bureau be advised as to what action has been taken in connection with information furnished by [REDACTED]

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The services of [REDACTED] have been terminated with this office and consequently he has furnished no additional information in this respect. At the same time investigation of this case has reflected that Japanese nationals have attended meetings of this organization in Brooklyn, New York, and it is known that prior to the declaration of war in 1939 and 1940, [REDACTED] EL, one of the leaders of the Moorish Science Temple church, now located at 1796 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, contacted the Japanese institute in New York City, and requested the institute to furnish speakers to appear before the audiences of the Moorish Science Temple church.

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This office contemplates interviewing [REDACTED] EL in the near future at which time, among other things, he will be questioned specifically as to representatives of the Japanese Consulate contacting members of the Moorish Science Temple.

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Very truly yours,

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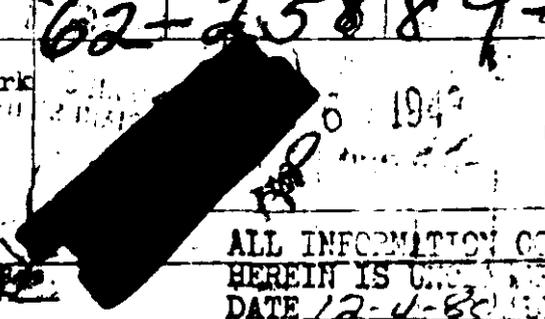
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Camden Temple Branch No. 10, 628 Kaighn Ave., has membership of about fifty families. Believers in reincarnation of NOBLE DREW ALI. Operate restaurant that address, also at 801 S. 2d St., Camden; grocery stores at 755 Kaighn Ave. and 909 Mt. Vernon St., Camden. Former Grand Sheik [REDACTED] BEY. Present leader [REDACTED] EL, also operator of one grocery and several rooming houses and employed by [REDACTED]. One member told informant Moors connected with Japanese. They are clannish and secretive and believed to be claiming whites exploit darker races. One member received special dispensation to shave, etc. while in U.S. Army. No Selective Service violations or unAmerican or subversive activities known. Two small temples in Glassboro: one, branch of Newark Temple No. 10, 5th St. near Douglas St., believers in reincarnation; other, Temple No. 8, Douglas St. between 5th and 6th Sts., non-believers in reincarnation who smoke, eat meat, shave, etc. Leader of believers is [REDACTED] BEY. [REDACTED] EL, leader of non-believers who follow Col. C. KIRIMAN BEY and [REDACTED] BEY. They claim to have little Japanese blood, but since born in U.S. allegiance to U.S. Flag and Moorish Flag. No Selective Service violations known. Some members of latter group express conscientious objection to war. Believers have three members in army. No unAmerican or subversive activities known. [REDACTED] BEY paid \$4,500 in greenbacks obtained from collections for recently purchased farm in Moorestown, N.J. for his branch of non-believers in the state.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 62-25889.  
Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 17, 1943 at Newark, New Jersey.

DETAILS:

AT CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

[redacted] Camden, New Jersey Police Department told the writer that he knew little of his own knowledge concerning the subject organization, but recalled seeing Moors or Moslems wearing fezes, some with and some without tassels and some with and some without beards, and also seeing women of that sect wearing red and white, and green and white turbans. [redacted] these persons have been seen in fewer numbers in recent years and generally appear to be older in age. They rarely come into court for any purpose whatsoever, [redacted] and they are seldom arrested by the police. It appears that these people keep to themselves and associate only with other members of their sect or cult.

[redacted] of Public Welfare for the City of Camden, City Hall, Camden, New Jersey, [redacted] furnished the following information regarding the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE:

The members worship Mohammed and have been in Camden as a group since about 1934 or 1935, to the best of [redacted] recollection. Some of the members have gotten into courts and some have been on relief. Those formerly on relief, according to information furnished to [redacted] by one of his family visitors, [redacted] are:

[redacted]

Concerning some of these persons, [redacted] had the following comments to make:

[redacted] is believed to be in the United States Army and was considered one of the smartest of the group. [redacted] is also believed to be known by the names of [redacted] and [redacted] EL. According to [redacted] it is possible that he was on relief while being employed for many years at the [redacted] It is [redacted]

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opinion that [redacted] wife is a former Camden school teacher and is an intelligent person. [redacted] is believed to be the businessman of the Temple. Meetings are often held at the house of either [redacted]. The latter runs a rooming house at his address and always puts up visiting delegations, especially those from Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] BEY and his family have been on relief for many years. In 1942 his daughter [redacted] BEY, refused a job offered her and in turn was refused relief. She claimed to have hypertension and to have been treated by [redacted]

[redacted]

On November 30, 1942 [redacted]

[redacted] WILLIAM BULL BEY, because of his age, having been born in Georgia on September 21, 1876, is now receiving old age assistance from Commissioner ELLIS' office in Trenton, New Jersey. WILLIAM BULL BEY had worked as a carpenter on WPA jobs. Because of his old age, being over sixty-five, he is not registered for Selective Service.

According to further information furnished [redacted] by his family visitor above mentioned, in addition to [redacted] BEY, the following persons who are members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE are still on relief in Camden:

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One of those formerly on relief, whose name was not included in the above list, but whose record was made available to the writer by [redacted] is [redacted] BEY, formerly of [redacted] Camden, but who now resides at [redacted] Camden. He received relief from 1937 to September 1939 intermittently until he went on the WPA. From 1930 to 1937 he was employed by [redacted] Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was married [redacted] 1930 in Newark, New Jersey and his wife's name is [redacted] BEY.

In conclusion [redacted] as follows: Although the Moors are not supposed to obtain employment outside of their organizational activities, when they do, however, they obtain permission to shave. They are a fanatical cult, calling themselves Asiatics. It is believed by some that the suffix, "El" is of higher rank than the suffix, "Bey" which some persons believe to mean a slave. It is also understood that one can be promoted from a Bey to an El. It is noted at this point that this is only a belief and has not definitely been proven. [redacted] the members of this Temple appear to be growing partially as a result of their grocery stores, restaurants and rooming house

activities. They also have gardens in various places in Camden where they grow the vegetables they sell in their stores. The group seems to be very well organized and the members are close-mouthed about their sect except to say that it is a religious cult. They have little association with other negroes.

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[redacted] is of the opinion that the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE is a "racket" and that the leaders are in it for what they can get out of it. He believes it is a fundamental part of negro psychology to be "joiners." However, he knew of no unAmerican or seditious activities on their part. In discussing the various enterprises of the Temple in Camden with [redacted] he said he has only recently noticed a new grocery store at [redacted] and a new restaurant at 801 South 2d Street. This is indicative to him that the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE is active and apparently deriving its income from their other enterprises. It was noted by the writer that at [redacted] Camden is a small grocery store operated by [redacted].

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[REDACTED] negro, [REDACTED] Camden, New Jersey, employed as a shipper at [REDACTED] Camden, furnished the following information about the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE:

In about 1934 or 1935 he had been a member of the [REDACTED] and about that time some men who claimed to be representatives of MARCUS GARVEY, founder of the [REDACTED] came to Camden and started to organize the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE, saying that GARVEY had sanctioned it. GARVEY is supposed to have denied any connection with this movement of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE at a subsequent time. Nevertheless the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE was organized and [REDACTED] was invited to a meeting in the 100 block on Kaighn Avenue, Camden. He was not interested and did not attend. He was told, however, by acquaintances who had attended that one or two Japanese spoke at that meeting. These Japanese told the negroes that they were not "black," "coons" or "shines," but were Moors and Asiatics and, therefore, related to the Japanese. They also said at that time that there was going to be a war between the United States and Japan and that they, the Moors, being Asiatics and not Americans should help the Japanese defeat the United States when that time came.

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Friends constantly asked [REDACTED] to join the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE and on one occasion one of the members told him that he would hate to see

[redacted] blood spilled in the street. Another member of the Temple said that the crescent, the star and the number "7" were the only things that could save him. He could not recall the exact identities of these persons, nor could he recall the identity of the person he remembered saying that the Moors were not supposed to go to war. However, [redacted] through his acquaintanceship among the negro population in Camden, knew of no persuasion not to abide by the Selective Service laws.

At the beginning of the existence of the Temple in Camden and for some time thereafter, [redacted] BEY was the Grand Sheik [redacted] had visited the Temple on several occasions, although he had not joined, and saw [redacted] BEY act in that capacity. At that time [redacted] was given a Koran to read. He learned from that the reason the number "7" is considered with reverence by the members of the Temple. The Koran explains it by reference to the Bible which in Genesis speaks of the seven days taken to create the world and in Revelations in various chapters mentions "the seven churches" which are in Asia, "seven gold candlesticks," "seven stars," a beast with "seven heads" and "seven angels." The major reference for the number "7" is the quotation, "the seven churches which are in Asia." This, according to the Moors' philosophy, ties up with the fact that they consider themselves Asiatics.

[redacted] is personally acquainted with the present leader and Grand Sheik of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE, [redacted] EL, who also operates the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE grocery store at 755 Kaighn Avenue and manages several apartment houses or rooming houses for the Temple. [redacted] has been employed for a number of years by the [redacted]

What [redacted] has never been able to understand in connection with the Moors is how they, the majority of whom are poor and ignorant and some of whom are illiterate, can acquire an automobile after belonging to the Temple for a short while. Also, he wonders how some of them get into businesses. In addition, he wonders where they obtain the funds necessary to set up these various enterprises. He believes this possibly might come from a source in Chicago, Illinois where the headquarters of the organization are located and to which city a delegation from Camden goes about once a year to see the Prophet. The expenses for this trip are borne by the parent organization.

According to this informant, the Moors appear to be a fanatical group and do not discuss their affairs with non-members.

[redacted] that he had spoken to an acquaintance of his in the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE, [redacted] BEY, in August 1943 who said that the Moors were connected with the Japanese and that if he, [redacted] would join the

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE he would be taken care of. [redacted] told [redacted] that August 7th and 8th are considered Moorish holidays and that during that time they were to have celebrations and meetings at the Temple. [redacted] also indicated that the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE had literature which he believed had been given to them by Japanese. Concerning [redacted] that prior to the time [redacted] joined the Temple he was on relief, but shortly after joining he no longer needed relief and was able to purchase an automobile.

In conclusion [redacted] related that, although the Moors follow the Koran and believe in Mohammed, they also frequently refer to Christ and the Bible. The Koran appears to be fashioned somewhat after the Bible.

[redacted] Camden, New Jersey Police Department, accompanied the writer to observe the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE, Camden Branch No. 10, 628 Kaighn Avenue. En route he noticed one of the members driving a Ford sedan with painted white walls bearing New Jersey license [redacted]. This was ascertained to be issued to [redacted] the man identified as formerly the Grand Sheik of the Temple. A check at the Tax Office in the Camden City Hall reflected that [redacted] is owned by [redacted] Camden, New Jersey.

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[redacted] and the writer noticed a number of people wearing fezes and turbans entering the restaurant at 628 Kaighn Avenue and saw some of these people emerge from automobiles that drove up, two of which bore New Jersey license numbers [redacted] ascertained to have been issued to [redacted] Camden, and New Jersey [redacted] ascertained to have been issued to [redacted] Camden, New Jersey. It is believed that this [redacted] is identical with the [redacted] heretofore mentioned in this report of [redacted] Camden, who formerly received relief from the City of Camden.

[redacted] introduced the writer to Pat [redacted] negro, Badge No. [redacted] Camden Police Department, who has been on the "beat" in the Second District where 628 Kaighn Avenue is located [redacted] He stated that the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE has been located at various places in the same neighborhood for about five or six years.

He mentioned that he knew a member by the name of BULL (probably WILLIAM BULL BEY heretofore mentioned in this report) and of another member who was recently inducted into the United States Army and stationed at Camp Dix and who received special dispensation from the organization headquarters in Chicago, Illinois to shave and eat meat. [redacted] that several of the members of the Temple were known numbers writers and recalled that some other

members, whose identities he did not know, said they had registered for the Draft but did not believe in fighting. He mentioned one of the members, [redacted] whom he believed was in disfavor with the group because he heard that [redacted] refused to contribute to the Temple and is a heavy drinker.

[redacted] that from his experience the Moors are clamish and do not bother with other colored people, whom they refer to as negroes. He has noticed that occasionally strangers visit the Camden Temple, both male and female visitors. They all wear fancy, bright colored clothing and drive to the Temple in automobiles bearing Pennsylvania licenses. He stated that the next time he saw this delegation he would obtain the license numbers and furnish them to [redacted] for transmittal to this office.

At 628 Kaighn Avenue, the writer observed that on the second floor, above the restaurant where only the street number "628" appears on the window, are colored glass windows. One of these bears the legend, "MOORISH SCIENCE - TEMPLE OF AMERICA." It also contains a colored circle with the number "7" inside the circle. Underneath the circle is the word, "Allah." The other window that contains colored glass carries the legend, "PROPHET NOBLE DREW ALI" and underneath that legend is the crescent and a star.

The writer also observed that the store at 755 Kaighn Avenue heretofore mentioned bears the name, [redacted] EL UNITY GROCERIES." Next door to this store, at [redacted] are the home and offices of [redacted]

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With regard to Sister [REDACTED] BEY mentioned above at [REDACTED] believes she is the mother or sister of the [REDACTED] BEY who recently went into the United States Army and is the person who obtained special dispensation from the Prophet to shave and eat meat.

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This informant continued by saying that the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE used to have its headquarters on the second floor above Denbo's Confectionery Store, 703 Chestnut Street, Camden.

By way of commentary, [REDACTED] remarked that this hall at 702 Chestnut Street is now used by the Walt Whitman Club, a mixed white and negro group believed to be Communist. It should be noted that it has been ascertained by the writer that the Walt Whitman Club of the City of Camden is under the direction of [REDACTED] the Communist leader of South Jersey.

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[REDACTED] knew of no seditious or unAmerican statements or subversive activities which the Moors have made or in which they might be engaged. To him the Moors seem aloof from and better educated than most other negroes. He believes they can generally read and write. This was made apparent to him when ration book applications were distributed and returned, and he noted that none of them had to be returned for correction to any of the Moors, whereas other negroes in the neighborhood had great difficulty in filling out the applications properly.

Regarding the morals of the Moorish group, he said he had received the impression that marriage did not seem to be of very great significance to them. He believed they were lax in their relations and could get rid of any

old wife and obtain a new one very easily.

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[REDACTED] rented the hall above 703 Chestnut Street about three years ago and moved out about one and a half years ago. The Sheik at that time told [REDACTED] that their group was connected with a similar group in Newark and that whenever any members get into any kind of trouble a lawyer comes down from Newark. The Sheik also told [REDACTED] that he was sent to school in Chicago to learn how to be a Sheik. [REDACTED] they had some large affairs at the Temple and frequently played host to visitors in gaily colored clothes in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. However, in view of the fact that the [REDACTED] could no longer stand the odor of the oil they used to fry their fish since they are not meat eaters, the [REDACTED] raised the rent so the Temple could no longer bare the expense and departed.

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[REDACTED] knew of no subversive activity on the part of any of the members of the Temple nor of any talk of a seditious nature. All he knew was that they described themselves as Moslems and said they were not negroes. He remarked they recently inquired of him whether they could purchase soft drinks which they intended to use for their festival on August 7 and 8, 1943.

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] BEY was the person who rented the hall at 703 Chestnut Street. They rented the place in about 1935 and moved in February 1942 to their present location, 628 [REDACTED] Avenue. [REDACTED] BEY was described in the files of [REDACTED] as the Grand Sheik of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. [REDACTED] he believed from information given to him by [REDACTED] BEY that they were supported by an organization in Chicago, Illinois which at one time sent money by wire to pay rent due for 703 Chestnut Street. [REDACTED] could not find his file on that particular matter.

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He added that he was agent for the property at [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED] BEY has been there since January 1942.

From the records of the Tax Office, Camden, New Jersey it was ascertained that the owner of [REDACTED] Camden; that the owner of [REDACTED]

for whom no mailing address was shown. The taxes were unpaid on this property and for [REDACTED] the location of [REDACTED] EL's grocery store, it was ascertained that the City of Camden, through the City Assessor's Office, Room 329 City Hall, is the owner of that property. The writer had also observed at 801 South 2d Street, the southwest corner of 2d and Pine Streets, Camden, a "Moorish Unity Lunchroom." At the Tax Office in City Hall, Camden, New Jersey it was determined that this property is owned by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] corroborated the fact that he was the owner of 628 Kaighn Avenue, the home of the Camden Branch of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE. He stated that the Temple rented that place from him about one and a half years ago for a monthly rental of \$25.00. The group was recommended [REDACTED] by his real estate agent [REDACTED]. They then told [REDACTED] that they wanted it for a restaurant and meeting hall. They met their obligations and [REDACTED] rarely has contact with them except possibly to give water bills to the Sheik. He knows nothing of their activities.

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[REDACTED] real estate agent, said that the property was leased to the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, Camden Branch No. 10, on a yearly lease dated February 1, 1942 at a monthly rental of \$25.00. Concerning his recommendation of the Temple to [REDACTED] that one of the Moors whose name is unknown to him but who is represented by his brother, an attorney, [REDACTED] saw that property at 628 Kaighn Avenue and asked for it. [REDACTED] knows nothing further of the activities of this group.

[REDACTED] that about four years ago he represented one [REDACTED] EL who had killed his brother. The trial resulted in an acquittal for [REDACTED] EL and, among the character witnesses at the trial of the case, were the dependent's uncles, [REDACTED] EL [REDACTED] EL. There were several other character witnesses who were members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE but whose names [REDACTED] could not recall. Subsequent to the trial of that case, [REDACTED] EL, one of the leaders of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE, kept returning to [REDACTED] with several legal matters, both civil and criminal, and brought other members of the Temple to him for his services. Thus [REDACTED] then became acquainted with one [REDACTED] EY who at that time was the leader of the Temple. During the course of [REDACTED] acquaintance with [REDACTED] EL, he said, that person leased several properties for subleasing purposes. The criminal cases that [REDACTED] EL brought to [REDACTED] to handle were those involving matters such as support and statutory rape.

[redacted] that at all times whenever in Court the members of the Temple insisted upon wearing their fezes, claiming that their religion dictated it.

[redacted] association with this group leaves him with the impression that they are honest, but that the majority of them are ignorant persons. He knows nothing further of their activities or sympathies.

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stated he has owned the property at [redacted] for about twenty years. This house has been rented to [redacted] BEY for a monthly rental of \$15.00 since the signing of a lease dated September 20, 1941. [redacted] BEY or his wife have always brought the rent to the office and [redacted] has never gone to the house to collect it. He, therefore, knows nothing about [redacted] BEY or his activities.

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[redacted] employed in the office of [redacted]

said she receives rent from most of the tenants of the houses managed by that company and [redacted] BEY is the one who usually pays the rent and has always worn a long dress and a turban. At the present time there is a young and different [redacted] BEY who pays the rent and who now has in company with her a small boy. On occasions [redacted] BEY himself pays the rent and has always come in wearing a cap indicating that he had been working. The only comments he makes regarding the Temple are references to the members as his people.

[redacted] that other members of the Temple who occupy residences managed by their company and from whom she collects rent are:

- [redacted] BEY, [redacted] Camden
- [redacted] EL, [redacted] Camden
- [redacted] BEY, [redacted] Camden

[redacted] arder, who wears a turban and mentioned that she attended a convention in Chicago two years ago.

[redacted] white [redacted] Camden, who until two months ago resided at [redacted] for thirteen years, stated that [redacted] is about thirty-five or forty years of age and drives a truck for the junk yards operated by the [redacted] Camden, New Jersey. [redacted] that [redacted] rarely spoke to him or anyone else in the neighborhood, but only did so whenever he felt he wanted to [redacted] is believed by [redacted] to be a teacher in the cult and is always to be seen going out of the house with books. Whether or not [redacted] ever had any meetings in his home is not known to [redacted]

[redacted] northwest corner [redacted] Camden, said that until about four weeks ago [redacted] BEY, [redacted] aged thirty-seven, Social Security No. [redacted] was employed by his company as a truck driver [redacted] BEY resigned, giving no reasons and said he would be back. He has not yet returned and [redacted] knows nothing further about him. [redacted] that his family owns the building across the street from the [redacted] offices at [redacted] where the Moorish Unity Lunchroom is located. He did not know who the tenant of that property is, but said he sees many men wearing fezes and beards and many women with long dresses and turbans go into the place. However, he knows nothing about them nor their cult.

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[redacted] Secretaries to [redacted] northwest corner of [redacted] Camden, agent for the [redacted] properties, told the writer that since October 1942 [redacted] BEY has occupied [redacted] including the garage in the rear of that house. He pays a total of \$30.00 per month for rent.

It should here be noted that it is believed this is the same [redacted] who formerly received relief from the Camden City Relief Board. [redacted] said he himself comes into their office to pay the rent and they have heard he rents rooms at that place to other members of the sect. These Secretaries added that their office also manages the properties where the following members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE reside and collects rents from them:

[redacted] rented to [redacted] EL, who resides at [redacted] Camden. He has occupied the [redacted] since January 1942.

[redacted] owned by the City of Camden on a tax lien since July 1940; has been rented by [redacted] EL, [redacted] since July 1940.

[redacted] - occupied by [redacted] EL since March 1942. [redacted] EL pays the rent and brings with her her little daughter. Both she and her daughter wear long dresses and turbans. The mother wears a blue turban and the daughter wears a red turban.

[redacted] - occupied by [redacted] BEY since July 16, 1942.

[redacted] - occupied by [redacted] EL.

[redacted] - occupied by [redacted] BEY, who pays her rent with relief checks.

[redacted] - occupied by [redacted] EL.

[redacted] Chief Clerk of Local Selective Service Board No. 9 for Camden County, 5th and Chestnut Streets, Camden, New Jersey, made available to the writer a list of BEYS and ELS registered at his Local Board:

<u>Order #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
[redacted]	[redacted] BEY	Camden
[redacted]	[redacted] EL	Camden
[redacted]	[redacted] EL	Camden
[redacted]	[redacted] EL	Camden
[redacted]	[redacted] BEY	Camden
[redacted]	[redacted] EL	Camden
[redacted]	[redacted] EL	Camden
[redacted]	[redacted] EL	Camden

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Regarding [redacted] BEY listed above, [redacted] he was inducted into the United States Army [redacted] 1941 and is the person who received publicity when he was put in the guard house for not shaving and for getting special food sent to him. At first, [redacted] BEY said he did not want to get into the army, but on a recent furlough told [redacted] he was happy and liked it in the army. [redacted] that he is now clean shaven. Prior to his induction into the United States Army, according to this informant, he was a junk dealer by occupation.

The Selective Service file reflects the following information:

[REDACTED] BEY was born in [REDACTED] and claimed to be an American citizen of the Moorish-American race. In his Selective Service Questionnaire he claimed to be a student preparing for the ministry at the Moorish Holy Temple of Science, established 1913 AD, Newark, New Jersey and which as of that time (November 14, 1940) was located at 703 Chestnut Street, Camden. On [REDACTED] 1941, after being inducted into the United States Army, he wrote a letter to Local Board No. 9 from Camp Lee, Virginia asking for a release from the army because he was over [REDACTED] of age and because he was a "Mohammadian" and because the army "deprived" him of "certain privileges, that is in order for one to live up to army regulations." In that letter [REDACTED] BEY stated that he cannot eat many of the foods served and that he "cannot get to worship but once in a great while." He also felt that since he had sacrificed his beard and hair the Board should help him get out of the army. Shortly thereafter he was discharged from the army because he was over [REDACTED] but immediately after Pearl Harbor was recalled to active duty and is still in the United States Army.

[REDACTED] Chief Clerk of Local Board No. 10 for Camden County, Broadway and Clinton Streets, Camden, New Jersey furnished the following list of BEYs and ELs who have registered with his Board:

<u>Order #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] BEY	Camden
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] EL	Camden

The file on [REDACTED] BEY, who registered [REDACTED] 1940 while residing at [REDACTED] Camden, New Jersey, reflected the following information: From the [REDACTED] address he moved to [REDACTED] and finally, as indicated heretofore, to [REDACTED]

Camden. His education consisted of eight years elementary school and two years of high school and, in addition, training in molding and bench foundry at the Central Avenue Training School, Newark, New Jersey for two years. As

of July 16, 1941 he was employed as a pipe layer and caulker for \$32.00 a week at [redacted] New Jersey. He also claimed to be a teacher of the "Mohameden" Temple. He was married at Newark, New Jersey on [redacted] (not 1930 as reflected in his relief record set forth above) and he lives with his wife, [redacted] BEY, aged [redacted]. They have no children. He also claimed to be a minister of religion of the "Mohammedan" faith since September 3, 1933 and to have been formally ordained on that date by Prophet NOBLE DREW ALI, Reincarnated, 447 East 40th Street, Chicago, Illinois. The records further reflected that [redacted] BEY was born in [redacted]. He claimed to be a citizen of the United States of the Moorish-American race. He was classified in III-A March 12, 1942.

One of the members of the Temple not in the above list furnished by [redacted] but who is registered at Local Board No. 10 is the present leader of Camden Branch No. 10 [redacted] EL. His Selective Service file reflected the following information about him:

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Address [redacted]  
 Telephone No. [redacted]  
 Order No. [redacted]  
 Social Security No. [redacted]  
 Education Camden Vocational School, course in automobile mechanics, no period of time stated.  
 Philadelphia Electrical School, automobile electricians course, ten months.  
 Employment 1937 to 1940-41 door-to-door hosiery salesman  
 From four to seven years including the present time employed by the [redacted] Camden, New Jersey at \$27.00 to \$30.00 a week.

He also claimed that at the present time he is operating a rooming house but did not give the address.

His wife is [redacted] EL and they were twenty-eight years of age in 1941. He and his wife were married on [redacted] Delaware. They are living together and have three children, a six year old daughter, [redacted] EL; a two year old daughter, [redacted] EL; a son born [redacted] EL. He pays \$18.00 per month rent for his house at [redacted].

He stated he is not a student preparing for the ministry. However, he claimed to have a conscientious objection to war, although he has filed no conscientious objector's form. He is a citizen of the United States of the Moorish-American race, having been born [redacted].

[REDACTED] He was classified in III-A by Local Board No. 10 on January 28, 1942.

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[REDACTED] that the members of this cult are insistent that the suffix, "Bey" or "El" appear on their Draft Cards and files. Several of them have resented being classified as members of the negro race and insisted that the classification be changed to that of Moorish. Although [REDACTED] could not recall any of the members of this sect having filed conscientious objector's papers, he did recall that unidentified members have on occasions expressed objections to war.

[REDACTED] Chief of the Identification Division of the Camden Police Department, searched the records for the names of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with negative results. He also searched the records for anyone with the suffix, "Bey" or "El" with negative results, but disclosed the following information on persons with the suffix "Bey" to their name:

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AT GLASSBORO, NEW JERSEY

[REDACTED], member of the [REDACTED] there, said that he recalls a group of what he defined as the [REDACTED] BEYS" who were driven out of Glassboro, New Jersey some eight years ago by the Irish living in the town. At that time the [REDACTED] BEYS" used to meet at the Moose Hall. [REDACTED] was of the opinion that that was a "shake down" promising the negroes a "trip to heaven."

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He also related that about eighteen years ago a negro by the name of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] and his wife [REDACTED] put in an appearance in Glassboro. This was the first negro he ever saw wearing a fez. [REDACTED] about building a temple in Glassboro, but never got anywhere outside of negotiating for the purchase of some land. He was called Prince ALI [REDACTED] by the people from town. He and his wife disappeared about twelve years ago.

[REDACTED] seized a few negroes in Glassboro wearing fezes, but he recalled that they generally do not wear them except when they are dressed up. These same men wear beards.

He knew very little of his own knowledge about the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE but heard it is in existence again in Glassboro and that the people meet at different homes. He added that he has seen a negro come down to the Elk Township part of the negro community in Glassboro in an automobile bearing a Hudson County, New Jersey license. He believes this man is connected with the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE because on his car hangs a tag with a crescent and a star. He said the next time he sees this automobile in Glassboro he will obtain the license number and furnish this office with it.

Chief Clerk of Local Selective Service Board No. 2 for Gloucester County, Legion Building, 123 East High Street, Glassboro, New Jersey, furnished to the writer for examination the following files which were found among the Selective Service registrations at Local Board No. 2. These files reflect the following information concerning members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE:

[REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] His mother is [REDACTED] BEY. His employer is [REDACTED] New Jersey. In the past he has also been a trucker for the [REDACTED]  
 He is described as:

Height	5'6"
Weight	145 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Dark

For race he indicated that he is oriental. He claimed to be a negro and a Moorish-American. His Social Security Number is [REDACTED]

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 In a conscientious objector's form filed with the Local Board, he stated he holds the belief that everything is created for a good purpose and that if one exceeds the limit it becomes evil. He learned this belief from the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC. since 1952. Although he has a conscientious objection to war, he is willing to work in a defense plant. He relies for his religious guidance on [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (This is no doubt [REDACTED] BEY of Trenton, New Jersey who is the leader of the branch of subject organization that does not believe in the reincarnation of Noble DREW ALI and which permits its members to shave, eat meat, smoke, etc.) The following quotations are taken from this conscientious objector's form filed by [REDACTED] BEY:

"It is the Moslem faith to believe in the freedom of action and the liberty of judgment." I blend my life to the five great principles of love, truth, peace, freedom and justice."

Further, according to these records, his parents are [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] BEY mentioned above. Both are living. He noted that the New Jersey Headquarters of his branch of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE are 239 North Clinton Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey and the national headquarters are 1104 Sedgwick Street, Chicago, Illinois. He gave as his references on his conscientious objector's form [REDACTED] EL, a janitor, Glassboro,

New Jersey; [REDACTED] BEY, Glassboro, New Jersey; [REDACTED] EL, Glassboro, New Jersey; [REDACTED] EL, Glassboro, New Jersey. His education consisted of attendance at the [REDACTED] in Glassboro from 1929 to 1938 and [REDACTED] from 1938 to 1942.

On January 22, 1943 he refused to take a physical examination and blood test after receiving a I-A classification from the Local Board. He again refused on February 7, 1943. His I-A classification was continued awaiting a physical examination, but on March 21, 1943 he was reclassified IV-E. Finally, on June 4, 1943 he was placed in classification I-AO.

[REDACTED] BEY, Order No. [REDACTED] Glassboro, New Jersey. He has been employed at the following places:

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He is single and has the following relatives: Father, [REDACTED] BEY; mother, [REDACTED] BEY; sister [REDACTED] BEY; brother, [REDACTED] BEY. [REDACTED] BEY was born [REDACTED] in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and claimed to be a member of the negro race.

He was reported as a Selective Service delinquent to the United States Attorney on December 4, 1941 for failure to report for a physical examination, but since he reported for that physical examination on January 24, 1942 his delinquency was cleared. He was subsequently inducted into the United States Army on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED] Glassboro, Order No. [REDACTED] was born in [REDACTED] He was married on [REDACTED] at Glassboro Lawn and his wife's name [REDACTED] BEY. He has been employed by the WPA in Woodbury, New Jersey, and at the [REDACTED] Glassboro. His Social Security Number is [REDACTED] He is five feet six inches tall, weighs 165 lbs and claims to be a member of the negro race. His father [REDACTED] BEY, aged seventy-two, is presently receiving Old Age Assistance. Although [REDACTED] BEY on his descriptive card claimed to be a member of the negro race, on his Selective Service Questionnaire he stated he is of Moorish descent. He, too, claimed to have a conscientious objection to war because a principle of his "religion is love, truth, peace, freedom and justice to all mankind. War is strictly against his religion."

He filed a conscientious objector's form declaring the same principles as those set forth above and filed by [REDACTED] BEY. [REDACTED] BEY is also a member of [REDACTED] BEY's branch of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE and a pupil of the same teachings.

His education consists of grammar school in Georgia from 1921 to 1923 and high school in Glassboro, New Jersey from 1923 to 1928.

In support of his conscientious objection, he quoted a verse from the "Holy Koran: He who takes the life of another cannot enjoy his own. When man harm in word, thought or deed another man, he does a wrong to Allah. His references are: [REDACTED] EL, a farmer in Glassboro, New Jersey; [REDACTED] BEY, Glassboro, New Jersey; [REDACTED] EL, Glassboro, New Jersey; [REDACTED] a boiler maker whom he claimed is not a brother in religion. [REDACTED] BEY was classified in IV-E by the Local Board March 19, 1943.

MOSE PINNEY BAYE (it is noted that this registrant spelled the suffix differently), Serial No. 1058, resides at 2d Street, Glassboro Lawns, New Jersey. His Post Office mailing address is 13 High Street. He was born September 7, 1881 in Yantville, North Carolina. [REDACTED]

His employer is E-Saw Jayton, Glassboro Lawns and Chester, Pennsylvania. He also claimed that another employer of his is BEN HAND, Aura, New Jersey.

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[REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED]. He is the father of [REDACTED] BEY mentioned heretofore. He claimed he is a member of the oriental race as did his son [REDACTED]. He also said he is a Moorish-American.

[REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] is the father of [REDACTED] BEY mentioned above who was inducted into the United States Army [REDACTED] 1942. [REDACTED] BEY was born in [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] EL, named as a reference by [REDACTED] BEY and [REDACTED] BEY, both of whom filed conscientious objector's forms, resides at [REDACTED] Glassboro, New Jersey. His Selective Service Serial Number is [REDACTED]. He was born in [REDACTED] and is married to [REDACTED] EL. He claimed to be of Moorish descent. He is employed by [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] BEY, Serial No. [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] with his wife, [REDACTED] BEY. He was born [REDACTED] and claimed to be of [REDACTED].

Moorish descent. He also asserted that he is a student and has been one since December 1942, but named no school. He is employed at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BEY, Serial No. [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] his wife is [REDACTED] BEY and they are Moorish-Americans.

(Attention is herein called to the fact that [REDACTED] BEY, as is reflected by the information set forth hereinafter, is the leader of the branch of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE IN Glassboro, New Jersey which believes in the reincarnation of the Prophet NOBLE DREW ALI and follows all the orthodox practices of that branch.)

[REDACTED] BEY, Order No. [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] and is the brother of [REDACTED] BEY heretofore mentioned. [REDACTED] BEY was born [REDACTED] has been employed at the [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] and at the [REDACTED]. He claimed to be a member of the negro race, is single, but lived with [REDACTED] aged eighteen, and [REDACTED] aged one, who are dependent upon him. Another child was expected as of December 1942. He was inducted into the United States Army [REDACTED] 1943.

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[REDACTED] EL, Order No. [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] He claimed to be an oriental and a Moorish-American. He has been employed by the [REDACTED]

as a trackman and also by the [REDACTED]. His wife is [REDACTED] EL. She was named as a reference by [REDACTED] BEY in his conscientious objector's form. [REDACTED] EL has a daughter born [REDACTED] name [REDACTED] EL. Although [REDACTED] EL claimed he should be placed in Class IV because of his "religious belief," he was classified in III-A on January 31, 1943.

[REDACTED] EL, Order No. [REDACTED] formerly resided at [REDACTED]. On November 10, 1942 he moved to [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was born [REDACTED] in Cambridge, Massachusetts and averred that he is a member of the MOORISH-American race. His education consisted of attendance at the [REDACTED] school in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He has been employed by the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and by [REDACTED] the latter half

of 1942. He has been placed in Class III-AH as of July 8, 1943 and has the following dependents: wife [REDACTED] EL; daughter [REDACTED] EL; son, [REDACTED] EL, aged twelve; son, [REDACTED] EL, aged nine; son, [REDACTED] EL, aged two.

[REDACTED] BEY, another brother of [REDACTED] although not mentioned in [REDACTED] Selective Service file, has Serial No. [REDACTED]. He, too, resides at [REDACTED]. He claimed to have a physical disability in that he has syphilis. He is single and claimed that he supports his father and mother. He was born [REDACTED] in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He said he is a member of the negro race. His Social Security Number is [REDACTED]. He has been employed at the [REDACTED] and since January 8, 1943 at the [REDACTED] as a machinist trainee. On June 20, 1943 the Board classified him in II-B.

[REDACTED] EL, the son of [REDACTED] EL mentioned heretofore, resides at [REDACTED]. He has Order No. [REDACTED] and is of the Moorish-American race. He was married [REDACTED] 1935 to [REDACTED] EL. He has three daughters: [REDACTED] EL, aged four; [REDACTED] EL, aged two; [REDACTED] EL, aged one. He is employed by the [REDACTED] Philadelphia. He claimed to be a member of Local No. [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] in Philadelphia. His education consists of attendance at grammar school and junior high school, [REDACTED] from 1922 to 1930 and [REDACTED] High School from 1930 to 1933.

He, too, claimed to have a conscientious objection to war and filed a form containing principles similar to those filed by [REDACTED] BEY and [REDACTED] BEY. He stated he is a member of that branch of the Temple meeting at Glassboro Lawn, New Jersey. He gave as his references [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] BEY's father); [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] (who himself filed a conscientious objection's form and gave as a reference [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED]. Nevertheless he was classified by the Local Board in III-A on February 21, 1941.

As will be reflected hereinafter [REDACTED] EL is the leader of that branch of subject organization which consists of the non-believers in the reincarnation of the Prophet and whose membership follow Col. C. KIRKMAN BEY and [REDACTED] BEY.

[REDACTED] the writer interviewed [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] He stated he is the teacher and, therefore, the leader of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA,

Branch of Temple No. 10 in Newark, New Jersey in Glassboro, New Jersey, which has its Temple building on 5th Street near Douglas Street. [REDACTED] BEY stated that his Temple was under the jurisdiction of [REDACTED] EL who occasionally visits the Glassboro Temple. [REDACTED] EL is from the Newark Temple No. 10. [REDACTED] BEY, who claimed to have been the teacher for four years, furnished the following information regarding his Temple:

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The MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE started in 1932 but ceased operation for a few years after 1934. During that time the members visited other temples, such as the one in Camden, also called a branch of No. 10, and also visited Branch No. 11 in Philadelphia at 18th and Christian Streets. [REDACTED] BEY himself became a member of the Temple in 1932 after it was started and believes it was originally organized by [REDACTED] BEY, then the teacher of Temple No. 11 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and now the leader of the New Jersey Branch of the Temple that does not believe in the reincarnation of the Prophet NOBLE DREW ALI. [REDACTED] BEY joined because he liked the principles of this organization, which are love, truth, peace, freedom and justice. The organization has a flag which is the flag of the Moors and is a red one with a five pointed green star in the middle of it. Each of these points stands for one of the five principles of the Temple heretofore mentioned.

The Temple teaches seven acts of the law of the Prophet, which seven acts are placed on the walls of every temple. What these seven acts of the law are [REDACTED] BEY could not state, but he said that the Koran is their "bible" and that the seven acts of the law are taken from the Koran. A questionnaire was drawn up by Prophet NOBLE DREW ALI, Reincarnated, 447 East 40th Street, Chicago, Illinois from the Koran. Allah is the name for the "true god" and all the members are Mohammedans. They belong to the race of Moorish-Americans because they were born in the United States and as such consider themselves part of the United States. Accordingly, they are permitted to fight for the United States and owe allegiance to its Flag, as well as to the flag of the Moors. [REDACTED] BEY himself claimed to have two sons in the service of the United States army: [REDACTED] BEY and [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED]. He said everyone who is a member of the Temple within the age limits has registered for Selective Service and that, in addition to his own two sons in the army, [REDACTED] BEY and [REDACTED] BEY are also in the army.

This branch of the Temple abstains from meat, liquor, tobacco, and does not shave and follows all the orthodox practices of that branch of subject organization.

According to [REDACTED] BEY, the leader of that branch of the Temple in Glassboro, the present active membership consists of twelve persons:

[REDACTED] BEY  
 [REDACTED] EL )  
 [REDACTED] BEY ) [REDACTED] BEY's wife)  
 [REDACTED] BEY ) [REDACTED] BEY's wife)  
 [REDACTED] BEY )  
 [REDACTED] BEY ) [REDACTED] BEY's daughters  
 [REDACTED] BEY )  
 [REDACTED] EL ) [REDACTED] EL's wife)  
 [REDACTED] BEY )  
 [REDACTED] BEY ) [REDACTED] BEY's sons  
 [REDACTED] BEY )  
 [REDACTED] BEY )  
 [REDACTED] BEY ) Children of [REDACTED] BEY  
 [REDACTED] BEY )

[REDACTED] BEY continued that each one of the members is taxed merely to maintain the Temple and not for the purpose of making any other contributions. The men wear fezes and the women wear turbans and long dresses only for dress occasions. They meet three times a week: Sunday, Wednesday and Friday nights at 8:00 PM. He teaches his fellow members portions of the Koran and the questionnaire prepared by the Prophet.

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[REDACTED] BEY explained further that there is another group in Glassboro, the followers of [REDACTED] BEY's group. They all used to be in one organization. However, in about 1934, subsequent to the death of NOBLE DREW ALI, the question of his reincarnation arose and those who did not believe that he was reincarnated broke away from [REDACTED] BEY's group. He knows very little of the other Temple's activities in Glassboro, and the following are the only persons that he knows of who belong to that branch:

[REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] MOSE PINNEY  
 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BEY and his group have no connection with the members of this other branch of the Temple. He stated that until the Temple split in 1934 [REDACTED] father, [REDACTED] was the leader of the then consolidated MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE in Glassboro.

The writer, accompanied by [REDACTED] then observed the orthodox Temple building on 5th Street near Douglas Street in Glassboro, New Jersey and noticed that a blue hand-painted sign was tacked up in front of this small shack. The sign contained a crescent and a star, the number "7" enclosed in a circle, and the name, "MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, Branch Temple No. 10.

In an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of one of the leaders of the branch of the Temple following [REDACTED] BEY of Trenton, New Jersey, [REDACTED] introduced the writer under pretext to a negro woman living on [REDACTED] Glassboro, New Jersey by the name of [REDACTED]

She referred to the members of this cult as the "Beys" and believed that [REDACTED] EL was the leader because he and his father, [REDACTED] EL, drive the members to a meeting every Sunday to a place far in the fields where they spend the entire day. She said some of the members of that group shave. In addition to the [REDACTED] family, she believed that the [REDACTED] family at [REDACTED] belong to that branch and that altogether there are about ten families that constitute the members of that group.

Another colored woman, whose name was unknown even to [REDACTED] said she believed her neighbor on Academy Street, [REDACTED] was one of the leaders of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE and was under the impression that they used to meet from house-to-house.

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[REDACTED] the writer interviewed [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] Glassboro, New Jersey. It should be noted at this point that he was named as a reference in the conscientious objector's forms filed by [REDACTED] BEY and [REDACTED] EL. [REDACTED] is not registered for Selective Service because on [REDACTED] 1943 he was sixty-nine years of age. He furnished the following information about the branch of subject organization in Glassboro, New Jersey that did not believe in the reincarnation of the Prophet NOBLE DREW ALI:

The MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA in Glassboro was originally organized in about 1932 by the Prophet NOBLE DREW ALI after he had organized similar groups in Newark, New Jersey and in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. When the Prophet died he left them the Koran and questionnaire which are still used. Then in about 1934 the group split up over the question of the reincarnation of the Prophet and also over the question of wearing beards and other orthodox practices. The group of which [REDACTED] BEY is leader is reported by [REDACTED] EL as being the group which broke away from his, [REDACTED] group. The leader of the group to which [REDACTED] EL belongs is the Assistant Sheik [REDACTED] EL, son of [REDACTED] EL. The Sheik is Brother [REDACTED] BEY of Trenton, New Jersey.

This group in Glassboro is Temple No. 3, and it was observed by the writer that they have a small wooden shack for a temple on the west side of Douglas Street between 5th and 6th Streets in Glassboro, just around the corner from the Temple occupied by [REDACTED] BEY, leader of the orthodox group.

[REDACTED] EL continued with the following: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There is no sign of anything else to indicate that this is a temple of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE as there is on [REDACTED] BEY's Temple building. [REDACTED] EL's group is composed of members who shave, smoke, drink liquor, eat meat and conduct themselves in all activities as other persons. [REDACTED] EL said they follow the principles laid down by the Prophet NOBLE DREW ALLI, but do not believe in his reincarnation. Col. C. KIRKMAN BEY of Chicago, Illinois is their chief officer. [REDACTED] BEY and his followers are under the jurisdiction of [REDACTED] EL, also of Chicago.

[REDACTED] EL's group meets at their Temple every Sunday afternoon from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in accordance with the rules laid down in the "book" as described by [REDACTED] EL. On Sunday, July 24, 1943, Brother [REDACTED] BEY and his wife from Trenton visited Temple No. 8. This Temple consists of a total of about twenty-five or thirty members, all of whom reside in Glassboro, including [REDACTED] EL and his wife, the entire [REDACTED] EL family, [REDACTED] Sister [REDACTED] Sister [REDACTED] and the branch of the family of which [REDACTED] is a member. [REDACTED] EL could recall no other members at the moment.

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Ever since 1932 this group has been contributing whatever each member was able to afford to Brother [REDACTED] BEY of Trenton toward the purchase of a farm. Recently the payment was made and this branch of the Temple under [REDACTED] BEY now has the Moorish Farm in Moorestown, New Jersey which is to be used, according to [REDACTED] EL, as an old folks' home for aged Moors. All their own food will be grown right on the grounds.

[REDACTED] EL explained that the Koran [REDACTED] EL himself is illiterate) says that he belongs to the Asiatic race which includes the Japanese and Ethiopians. However, his ancestors were originally from a tribe in North Africa called the Moors. When they were brought to America they were called negroes, black men and other similar misnomers. In reality they are not that, they are Moors and as such, according to the Koran, have so much Japanese blood in them and so much blood of various other colored races. Nevertheless, since they are born in the United States, they are Americans too, that is Moorish-Americans. They pay allegiance to the Flag of the United States and also have a red flag with a green five pointed star on it. Each point of the star represents one of the principles of the Moorish Science Temple, namely love, freedom, justice, truth and peace. As Americans, they are taught that they must obey the laws of the United States and Brother [REDACTED] BEY has told them that it is their duty to register for the Draft. Concerning any objection to war (even though [REDACTED] EL himself is beyond the Draft age), he said the Koran admonishes one to accept only the good and not the bad, to assist injured persons and lend first aid is to do good. [REDACTED] EL could not

answer the question as to whether or not to fight in the army would be considered bad. He hedged in his answers and replied that if the United States Government wanted the Moors to fight in the army the Moors were bound to do so because they must obey the laws of the United States, yet the fact that people are on this earth to live in peace is an important one to [REDACTED] EL. No one ever told the Moors not to fight. The people only said that peace was one of the five principles of the Temple. Likewise, they have not been told to join the army. Still, if a Moor felt it was his duty to fight for the United States, the Temple would permit him to do so and still consider him a member. Such a case would be the application by that person of his own principles.

RE: THE MOORISH FARM IN MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

[REDACTED] was formerly the owner of the property at Moorestown, New Jersey which was sold to the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA for \$4,500. She said that the people she and her real estate agent [REDACTED] dealt with were pleasant and well dressed. She was told by them that they wanted the property for an old colored folks' home and she sold it to them after advertising its sale in various local newspapers in Philadelphia, Camden and vicinity. The reason she sold it for only \$4,500 was that her husband had recently died and there were a number of debts she wanted to pay. She and her daughter, [REDACTED] told the writer that this farm was paid for in greenbacks totaling \$4,500, many of the bills in one and two dollar denominations. The final settlement for the sale of the property was in March of 1943. These persons know nothing of the activities of the Temple.

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[REDACTED] Real Estate Agent for [REDACTED] Camden, New Jersey first came into contact with the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE when they answered [REDACTED] advertisement. The first person he met was [REDACTED] BEY and then the attorney for the Temple, [REDACTED] a negro, [REDACTED] Trenton, New Jersey, described by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then met other members of the group, all of whom were very pleasant people. They said they wanted the farm for the purpose of working it. [REDACTED] knows nothing else of their activities. They took possession of the farm February 15, 1943 and have been working it ever since. They gave no indication that they had a branch of that particular group in Camden, but did give the impression that they had other farms in Delaware and other places and were interested in buying another in Jersey.

[REDACTED] had another farm for sale but they did not buy that one. The Agreement of Sale for this farm in Moorestown, New Jersey from [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] EL and [REDACTED] BEY is dated January 26, 1943. According to the terms of that Agreement, a true copy of which was furnished by [REDACTED] and is being retained

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in the files of instant case, [REDACTED] agreed to sell to the above persons five tracts of land and buildings in the Township of Mt. Laurel, Burlington County, New Jersey for \$4,500. This Agreement was signed by all the above persons and was witnessed by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The final settlement was made on May 18, 1943 and the settlement papers, of which a copy has been furnished by [REDACTED] and is being retained in the file in instant case, reflects that the deed for this property is to be made to the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE.

As mentioned before, [REDACTED] said that from his own observation he knows there are colored people living on this farm and working it.

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THE NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

AT CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

Will follow and report further activities of Camden Temple, Branch No. 10 and from time to time any further activities of the two branches of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE.

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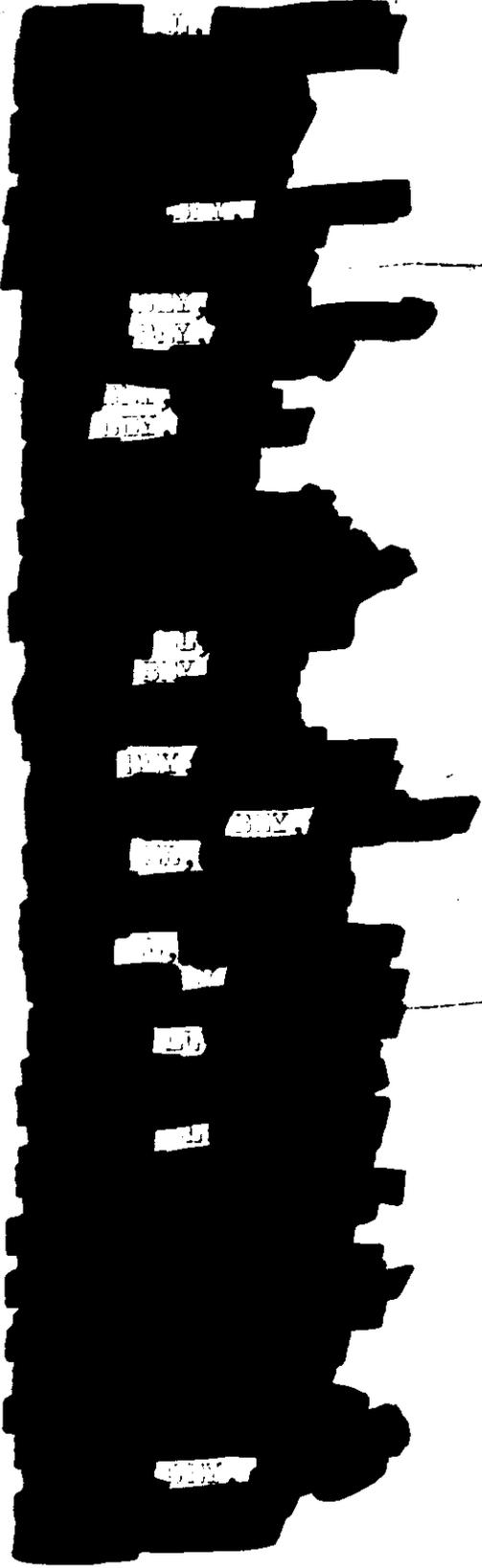
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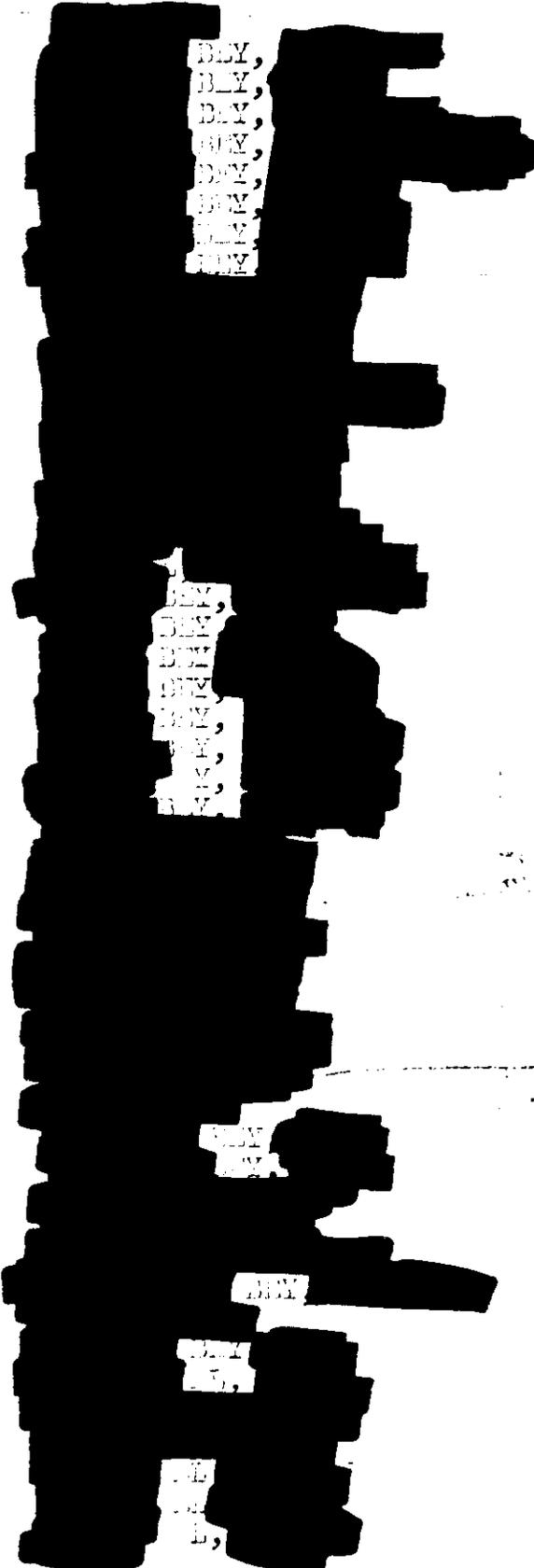
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REPORT MADE AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	DATE WHEN MADE 10-2-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-14,15-43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <i>b7c</i> <i>b1</i>
TITLE Colonel C. KIRKLAN BEY, with aliases; Et Al; MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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REFERENCE:

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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated August 25, 1943 at Knoxville, Tennessee.

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AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE FORW. \_\_\_\_\_  
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BY \_\_\_\_\_

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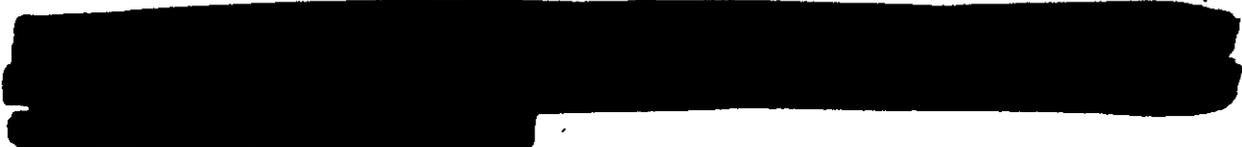
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It should be noted that copies of this report are being furnished all interested offices due to the fact that information regarding members of various temples attending the July Fourth celebration at the Scottish National Home at Prince George, Virginia is set out.

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THE KNOXVILLE FIELD DIVISION

b2 [REDACTED] At Chattanooga, Tennessee, will contact [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] for information regarding the activities of the ESTA.

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New York, New York

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September 30, 1945

Director, FBI

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Re: THE MOORISH AMERICAN RELIGIOUS LEAGUE  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
INTERNAL SECURITY J

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to your letter of August 6, 1945, in the above captioned matter requesting the status of this case. Your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 18, 1945, entitled: "MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA INC. ET AL, INTERNAL SECURITY J; SEDITION; SELECTIVE SERVICE" in which information on this organization is set out, and in which it is stated that an investigation of this organization will be made along with that of the Moorish Science Temple in so much as they are so closely related.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
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It was ascertained from the Telephone Company that telephone number [REDACTED] was listed to [REDACTED] EL [REDACTED] and further that that telephone had been installed subsequent to the issuance of the 1943 Telephone Directory in April.

[REDACTED]

AT CAMP STEWART, GEORGIA:

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] advised that no mail directed to [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] had been brought to their attention, and they would not know whether he had received any correspondence from [REDACTED] BEY, and further that it was considered inadvisable to make any attempt to obtain any information concerning past correspondence received by [REDACTED]. However, arrangements were made where by any further correspondence to [REDACTED] would be brought to the attention of the Savannah Field Division by either [REDACTED]

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b2/ b7c THE SAVANNAH FIELD DIVISION at Camp Stewart, Georgia, will maintain contact with [redacted] in order to be advised as to whether [redacted] receives any correspondence from [redacted] MEY, or any other known member of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE.

b2/ b7d THE SAVANNAH FIELD DIVISION at Augusta, Georgia, will maintain contact with [redacted]

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[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] Intelligence Officer  
At Camp Stewart.

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[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] Intelligence  
Officer at Camp Stewart.

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REPORT MADE AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	DATE WHEN MADE 10/2/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/11, 12, 16-18, 23, 26, 30/43 9/13, 15/43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, ET AL		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J SELECTIVE SERVICE SEDITION	

### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Moors regarded by Trenton negroes as favoring Jap victory.  
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Details of purchase of temple building, Trenton, New Jersey, by Temple #48 set forth. \$2900 paid.

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Copies original Illinois corporation disclose that one of five first trustees was JAMES LOVAK, believed identical with Professor MUHAMMAD EZ AL DEEN.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 62-25889.

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/15/43 at Newark.

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/22/43 at Newark.

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DETAILS:

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taken over this building along with other properties of the Peoples' Brewing Company as management agency for the brewery. These properties were thereupon managed by the Marvex Corporation. [redacted] that on June 29, 1942, several of the Moorish leaders, whose names he did not then recall, came to him and arranged for purchase of the property for \$2900. They paid \$250 down on that date and paid another \$450 on August 13, 1942. The property was turned over to them thereafter on a \$2200 mortgage which has since been reduced to \$2000 by four quarterly \$50 payments made on November 2, 1942, February 1, 1943, April 17, 1943, and July 27, 1943.

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Interest on the mortgage had been paid up through May 1, 1943, and another interest payment is due November 1, 1943. One half of the 1943 taxes of \$147.56 had been paid by the Moors. Fire insurance coverage on the property in the amount of \$2200 expiring 8/6/45 has been extended by the Standard Fire Insurance Company.

Transfer of the property was signed by [redacted] president, and [redacted] secretary. [redacted] The papers covering the transfer reflected that the purchase had been authorized by a Moorish corporation meeting held July 31, 1942, at Trenton, New Jersey.

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A search of the records of the office of the Secretary of State, State House, Trenton, New Jersey, was made by the writer on August 18, 1943. In file OCL2596 were located photostats of the incorporation in Illinois of the original Moorish Science Temple group in 1926 and the incorporation of the instant group in the State of New Jersey in 1934. The New Jersey application was signed by C. KIRKMAN BEY, SGA, and A. WISE BEY, secretary, dated 5/10/34. At that time the Newark address of the organization was 141 Garside Place, Newark, New Jersey.

The photostats referred to above of incorporation Certificate 100580 State of Illinois covering the incorporation made on November 29, 1926, of the Moorish Science Temple in that state and signed by LOUIS L. LEMPELSON, secretary of State, disclosed the five original directors to be:

DR. W. ALIN, 3603 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This is very likely the individual who took the name NOBLE DREW ALI. Also listed as one of the five original directors was one JAMES LONAX of 3614 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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The other three original directors of the Moorish Science Temple are listed as JOHNNY REYNOLDS, 3603 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, EDDIE WATTS of the same address and SALLY RUCKER of 3738 Calumet Avenue, Chicago.

The business office of the corporation was listed as being at 3603 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of the corporation was set forth as <sup>to</sup> uplift fallen humanity and teach those things necessary to make men and women become better citizens. The papers were witnessed by one CLAUDE B. GREENE.

The Trenton file also contains a photostat of a notice of change of name dated May 19, 1928. This indicates that at a special meeting of the Moorish Temple of Science, Chicago, Illinois, on May 2, 1928, a decision had been made to change the name to the Moorish Science Temple of America. This notice of change of name was signed by WHITEHEAD BEY, secretary, and DREW ALIN.

An annual report filed May 10, 1934, by the Moorish Science Temple of America covering the New Jersey corporation was signed by R. JONES BEY, agent at 144 Garside Street, Newark, New Jersey. Directors listed included:

- R. JONES BEY
- D. HILL BEY of 77 Livingston Street, Newark
- H. HILL BEY, same address
- T. MA GOWNEY, 124 Prince Street
- J. MA GOWNEY, same address

This annual report listed C. KIRK AN BEY of Chicago, Illinois, as president and A. WISE BEY of 440 West Allen Street, Chicago, Illinois, as secretary. F. SYKES BEY was listed as treasurer.

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of Mohammed in America and to establish Mosques and homes for the carrying on of this work." Principle office of the corporation was listed as 239 Clinton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, and the agent was listed as [REDACTED] b7c  
BEY. On February 30, 1942, this incorporation was amended to include C. Kirkman Bey as Grand Advisory Moderator along with NOBLE DREV ALI, the founder, and to denote the New Jersey branch as being affiliated to the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. in the State of Illinois.

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NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

AT TRENTON, NEW JERSEY AND NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

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

AT CAMDEN AND GLASSBORO, NEW JERSEY

Will maintain contacts with the temples in these towns.

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TITLE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC. ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - J SELECTIVE SERVICE SEDITION

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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[REDACTED] El called up for induction [REDACTED] 1943 and rejected by United States Army at induction station for "failure to meet minimum intelligence standards". [REDACTED] El classified 4-F August 12, 1943. Several confidential informants contacted in Boston, Mass. and vicinity and all advise they have never heard of subject organization in this area. No record of subject organization being incorporated in Commonwealth of Massachusetts. [REDACTED]

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF DATE 11/21/43

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**REFERENCE:** b7c

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Boston, Mass., dated August 17, 1943.

**DETAILS:**

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AT SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Special Agent [REDACTED] obtained information from Local Board No. 143, 182 State Street, to the effect that [REDACTED] El was called up for induction on [REDACTED] 1943 and was rejected by the United States Army at the induction station for "failure to meet minimum intelligence standards". He was classified 4-F on Aug-

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AT BOSTON, MASS.

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[REDACTED] were contacted by the writer for any information they might have pertaining to the subject organization and all advised that they had never heard of the subject organization in this area. However, several of the informants stated that they have read about this organization as being active in Chicago.

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[REDACTED] Office of Corporations and Taxation, State house, advised that the files of the Secretary of State fail to reflect that the subject organization was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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THE BOSTON FIELD DIVISION

AT BECKET, MASS.

b7c Will recontact [REDACTED] Deputy Sheriff, as mentioned in reference report, and ascertain from him if the farm at Becket has been purchased by the subject organization and also whether the time of option has expired.

. b7c Copies of this report are being furnished the New Haven Field Division in view of the fact that [REDACTED] El and his wife are members of the Moorish Science Temple in the Hartford area.

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Sheik  
Moorish Science Temple  
Hancock Street  
Joklyn 16, New York

for Mr. Turner:

I have your letter of October 13, 1949, advising of your interest in the problem of juvenile delinquency. The present trend of our youth toward crime is most serious and warrants the immediate attention of every citizen in the United States. I appreciate your expressions of congratulations and know you will be interested in learning that many worthy programs have been initiated throughout the country to meet this problem.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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New Haven, Conn., Connecticut  
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Director, FBI

RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
Bureau File 62-5889  
C. KIRKMAN BRY, was, et al, Internal Security - J-Sedition

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 8, 1943 advising that the Chicago Field Division should be considered the office of origin in all cases involving Moorish Science Temple of America and all cases should be carried under the title of Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., et al, Internal Security - J, Selective Service, Sedition. Further reference is made to the Bureau letter dated October 5, 1943 advising that 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.

The last reference requested that each office proceed in its investigation with a view toward the prosecution in its district of the officers and speakers appearing before the local units of the Moorish Science Temple of America. In view of the last referenced letter the New Haven Field Division will, unless advised to the contrary, report to the Bureau in separate files concerning the activities of the Bridgeport, New Haven and Hartford Branches. It is contemplated that the title will include the officers of each organization and the character will be Internal Security - J, Selective Service, Sedition. This division will forward a copy to the Chicago office for its information since the central office is located in Chicago. It is believed that reports can be more intelligently prepared if this division forwards reports to the Bureau concerning these three organizations in the State of Connecticut in separate files. Unless advised to the contrary the foregoing practice will be followed by the New Haven Field Division.

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Very truly yours,

*Eger F. Gleason*  
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Special Agent in Charge

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FILE NO. **100-10995 RH**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/4/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/21/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC. ET AL</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - J SELECTIVE SERVICE SEDITION</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Subject organization has not taken up their option on the Becket property as yet. The few negroes who resided on the Becket estate have departed for parts unknown. No temples or officials in this field division.

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**Reference:** Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 8/13/43 at Boston, Mass.  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 10/15/43 at Boston, Mass.

**Details:** AT BECKET, MASS.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

Inquiries from County Assessors, [REDACTED] reflected that subject organization to the best of their knowledge has not to this date taken up their option on the [REDACTED] farm at Becket, Mass. They stated, however, that all negroes who were residing at this farm have departed for parts unknown.

[REDACTED] Deputy Sheriff at Becket, Mass. stated that the option has not expired as yet. He added he had been unable to ascertain whether or not instant organization is

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going to take up this option.

Inquiries at the [redacted] farm reflected that the [redacted] have gone on vacation and that the farm was being cared for by neighbors. There was no evidence of any members of instant organization on the premises.

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A review of the file reveals that there are no officials or speakers of subject organization residing in this area. As no other leads are outstanding in this division, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Copy of this report is being designated for New Haven in view of the fact that [redacted] EL and his wife are members of the Moorish Science Temple in the Hartford area.

Copy is being designated for New York in view of the fact that [redacted] EL resides in Brooklyn.

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Headquarters Second Service Command  
Governors Island, New York 4, N. Y.

(Office of Headquarters)

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Governors Island, N.Y.  
(Place)

29 October 1943

(Date)

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Subject: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC.

Summary of Information:

From sources considered as A-1, the following information has been obtained regarding subject organization:

About ten years ago, in Glassboro Lawn, Elk Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey, a small colored settlement, a group of MOORS settled and started farming. One of the leaders appeared to be one GEORGE SEARLES, the reason, was that none all meetings held by this group, was held at the home of GEORGE SEARLES. When this group first settled in this section, there were about 12 families; at the present time, there is only the following:

- GEORGE SEARLES, who has a son named PERRY in the U. S. Army
- WILLIAM WATTS BEY, who has two sons, William & Clarence in the U. S. Army
- GEORGE HARRIS BEY
- JAMES S. IYB BEY
- DAVID HARDIN BEY
- WILLIAM NEWMAN EL

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WILLIAM HOWELL EL, wife's name is KELLUM, with following children, LOULA CHRISTIAN, HELEN GRAVES, TROY HOWELL, WILLIAM HOWELL EL, parents were born in North Carolina. WILLIAM HOWELL EL was born in St. Paul, North Carolina, April 13, 1915, went two years High School, Social Security Number 148-05-3987, is now employed by the Publicker Commercial Alcohol Co., the C.I.O. Union #163, Phil. Pa., claims to have joined the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA INC. in 1932, application read "Main Office 1104 Sedgewick St., Chicago, Illinois. Spugec Smith Bay, 2818 Petty St., Philadelphia, Pa."

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Subject: Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.

28 Oct. 1943.

Summary of Information: (cont'd)

subject group originally settled, they lived up to their religious beliefs, recently, the children have gotten away from same; they were law abiding, and the consensus of opinion was that they were dirty persons, would not clean up, would not shave or have their hair cut, mainly eat fish and chicken, will not eat meat, that some years ago, the children would not Salute the Flag during exercises, but that today, they have no trouble with them, they never talk at the war effort, have never been known to make any un-American remarks, and as a rule, locally keep to themselves.

This is transmitted for your information.

For the Director, Intelligence Division:

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*Wm C. Godfrey*  
W. C. GODFREY  
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Executive Officer.

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DIRECTOR INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

(Office of Headquarters)

Augusta, Georgia

(Place)

November 1, 1943

(Date)

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Subject: NEGRO MUSLIM SICT,  
Augusta, Georgia.

Summary of Information:

The following information was furnished by a confidential negro informant:

The NEGRO MUSLIM SICT in Augusta, Georgia now meets in a dwelling house located on Roberts Street opposite the intersection of Roberts Street with Hopkins Street. This meeting place is called, "The Temple," and no outsiders are allowed to enter.

The present activities of the SICT are kept very secret and it is doubted that any exact information is available except from a member of the SICT. The activities do not at present seem to include the open distribution of any type of propaganda altho it is possible that a small amount may be in the process of dissemination.

The meetings are not open to the public and there has been no drive to recruit a large membership. Membership is by express invitation only and is extended only to persons well known to or closely associated with members. Dues are 40 cents per month but it is possible that other fees are charged. It is understood that an insurance feature is connected with membership. All members are required to grow and keep full beards.

The leader of the local SICT is black negro about 6 feet 4 inches tall. He wears a full beard and generally wears a red fez. His name has not yet been obtained but he is not a local negro.

The organization is reported to be an international one with headquarters in Texas. There is supposed to be another temple of this SICT in Albany, Georgia.

An FBI Agent is reported to have attempted an investigation and to have attempted to place a man in the SICT but without success.

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Special Agent CID

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SAC, Savannah

Re: **ELIJAH MUHAMMAD SECT**  
**AUGUSTA, GEORGIA**  
**INTERNAL SECURITY - S**

Dear Sir:

The Headquarters Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, Georgia, has advised by memorandum dated November 1, 1943, that a Negro Muslim Sect now meets in a dwelling house located on Roberts Street opposite the intersection of Roberts and Hopkins Streets.

It was said that the activities of the Sect are kept secret and no outsiders are allowed to enter the so-called temple described above. It is said that membership is obtained by express invitation only and that all members are required to grow full beards.

It was reported that the Sect has headquarters in Texas, with another temple at Albany, Georgia. The leader of the Sect at Augusta was described as a black Negro, six feet four inches in height, with a full beard. He is said to usually wear a red hat.

The War Department report indicates that an investigation has been conducted concerning this Sect by the Bureau, which is not reflected by the files at the Seat of Government.

It is requested that you advise if an investigation has been conducted relative to this organization. In the event that no inquiries have been made, it is suggested that you determine the extent of this organization and if seditious utterances have been made at its meetings.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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FILE NO. **14-40**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/5/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/29, 9/15, 10/20/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <span style="float: right;">b7c</span>
TITLE <b>CHANGED</b> <b>JESSE SHELBY EL, MOORISH TEMPLE OF SCIENCE #1, 3229 INDIANA AVE., CHICAGO, ILL.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION SELECTIVE SERVICE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Subject SHELBY is presently inactive because of prolonged illness. Regular meetings of organization have been discontinued pending SHELBY's recovery.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, dated May 17, 1943.

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**DETAILS:**

The title of the instant case is marked changed to reflect that Subject ALBERT STRICKLIN EL is being dropped from the title inasmuch as a separate case is being opened on this individual.

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It is to be noted that Life Magazine dated May 28, 1943, contains as one of its feature articles a story of IBEN FUAD.

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CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

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Will through [REDACTED] continue to  
investigate the activities of [REDACTED] and his organization.

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FILE NO. 100-4692

REPORT MADE AT <b>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-9-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-13-39-43 11-3-5-43</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <span style="float: right;">b7c</span>
TITLE <b>MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA C. KIRKMAN BEY with aliases, et al</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Moorish Science Temple of America does not exist at Wichita. [REDACTED] would-be organizer, unknown in that city.

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**REFERENCE:**

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Bureau file 62-25889.  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]  
Kansas City, Missouri, dated September 25, 1943.

**DETAILS:**

- At Wichita, Kansas -

Inquiry at the Police Department revealed that the Moorish Science Temple of America was absolutely unknown, nor was there any mention of it or of [REDACTED] in police indices. It is noted that one [REDACTED] of Wichita, who is believed to have come from Chicago, communicated with the Kansas City chapter of the organization in order to form a chapter in Wichita. This matter was referred to colored officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Wichita Police Department, who stated that they had never heard of the organization and were certain it was not active. [REDACTED] is conversant with all Negro activities in Wichita. Nevertheless, these officers made an investigation among colored social organizations in Wichita and later advised that the Moorish Science Temple of America was absolutely unknown. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] colored porter, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] colored porter, [REDACTED] both of whom have proved reliable on other occasions, after inquiry among their friends, advised that the organization did not exist locally.

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the colored Y.W.C.A., 1221 Cleveland Street, and [REDACTED] matron of the colored Y.W.C.A., stated that they had never heard of this group.

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A search of available directories failed to reveal any [REDACTED]. One [REDACTED] commonly known as [REDACTED] was located and interviewed at [REDACTED] but stated that she is a native Wichitan, has never been to Chicago, has never heard of the Moorish Science Temple of America and does not know any colored woman in Wichita named [REDACTED].

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KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

- \* 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 or these two temples or the organization itself.

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Chicago, Illinois  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Re: [REDACTED] EL, was  
MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J  
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On November 4, 1943 SAC DRAYTON discussed the captioned matter in making a request for technical coverage of subject [REDACTED] EL, who is a leader of a branch of the Moorish Science Temple of America, located at 447 East 40th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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There are in Chicago six branches of the Moorish Science Temple of America, which organization was founded in 1928 by one NOBLE DREW ALI, who died in 1929, after which several persons aspired to leadership including subject [REDACTED]

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Investigation has reflected that this organization is pro-Japanese in sympathy, and it is believed that seditious statements of a pro-Japanese character are made at meetings conducted by [REDACTED]. The organization comprises at least fifty members, and efforts to obtain confidential informants within the organization have met with negative results in view of the fact that [REDACTED] has refused to take new members into the subject organization since 1935.

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As reflected in report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 21, 1943 at Chicago, Illinois in the captioned matter, subject reportedly has branch organizations in New Jersey, Georgia, Florida, and possibly Arkansas, and is active in Chicago.

The members of this organization are negroes but classify themselves as Moors, and have secured the enmity of the negroes in the neighborhood through their activities. I have approved the installation of a microphone surveillance.

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Respectfully submitted,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD  
Assistant Director

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Mr. Tom C. Clark  
Assistant Attorney General  
J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

MODERN SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
C. Kirkman Boy, was, et al;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J; SEDITION; SELECTIVE SERVICE

There are being forwarded herewith certain investigative reports which will supplement the data furnished to you by Bureau memorandum dated September 16, 1943. It is thought that these may be of assistance to you in reaching a decision as to whether or not the facts available in this case warrant prosecution of the leaders and speakers for violation of the sedition or other applicable statutes.

The investigative reports referred to in the foregoing paragraph are as follows:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 22, 1943, at Chicago, Illinois.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 15, 1943, at Chicago, Illinois.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 28, 1943, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 30, 1943, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

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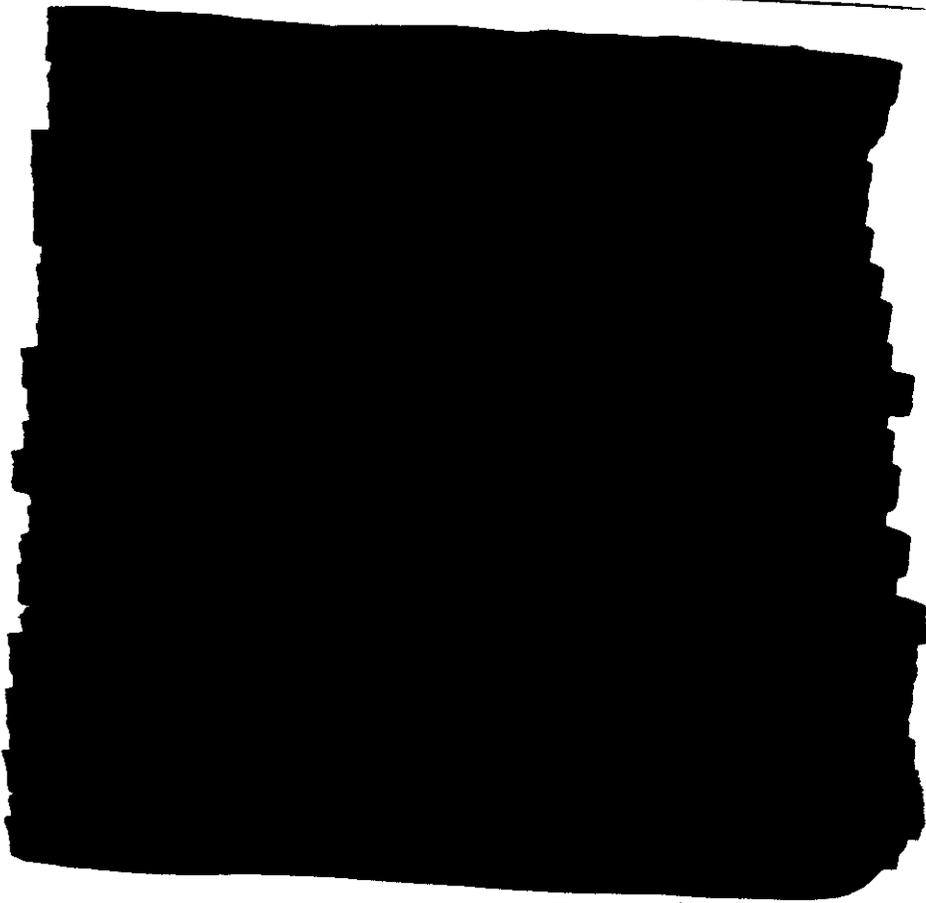
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TITLE <b>MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., ET AL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - J SELECTIVE SERVICE SEDITION</b>

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THE NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

At Trenton and Newark, New Jersey

Will maintain contacts with activities of Temple 10 and 48 through informants and endeavor to obtain additional information on instant organization.

At Camden and Glassboro, New Jersey

Will maintain contacts with the temples in these towns.

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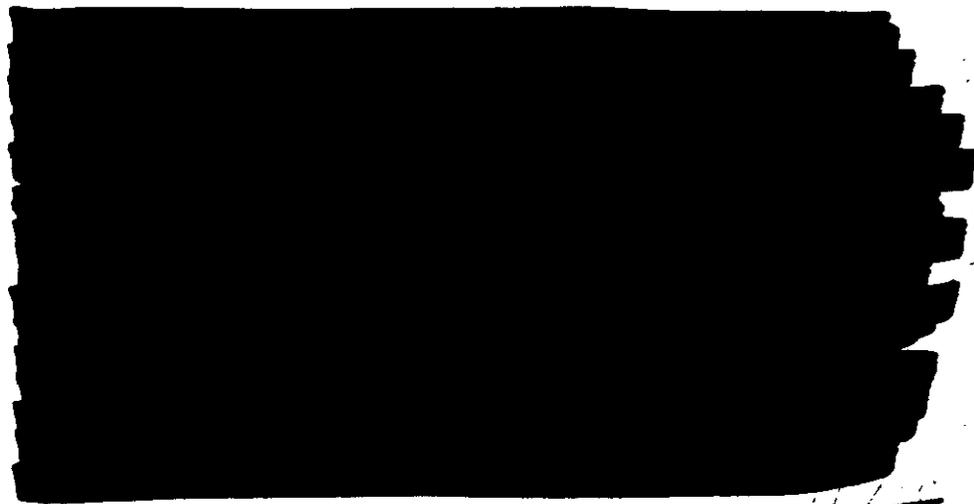
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TITLE <b>COL. C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases; ET AL MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION; OVERTHROW OR DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT</b>

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 BY **[REDACTED]**

REFERENCE: Bureau file #62-25889.

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** dated April 13, 1943 at Indianapolis, Indiana.

**b7c** Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** dated May 14, 1943 at Louisville, Kentucky.

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** dated November 2, 1942 at Indianapolis, Indiana.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

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Reference is made to the undeveloped lead set out in the reference report of Special Agent [REDACTED] to ascertain the whereabouts of the home of the organization located at Columbia, Indiana. Such is, in all probability the residence of [REDACTED] and family at [REDACTED] Indiana, [REDACTED] activities regarding which were set out in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated February 9, 1943 at Indianapolis, and reference report of Special Agent [REDACTED]. Copies of both reports were designated for the Louisville Field Division.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At Anderson, Indiana.

Will through informants obtain and report activities of Temple #42 of subject organization in an attempt to disclose possible violations of the Sedition laws and Selective Service regulations.

At East Chicago, Indiana.

Will through informants obtain and report present activities of Temple #22 of the subject organization in an attempt to disclose possible violations of the Sedition laws and Selective Service regulations.

At South Bend, Indiana.

Will through informants obtain and report activities of Temple #17 of subject organization in an attempt to disclose possible violations of the Sedition laws and Selective Service regulations.

At Indianapolis, Indiana.

Will through informants obtain and report activities of Temple #15 of subject organization in an attempt to disclose possible violations of the Sedition laws and Selective Service regulations.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **100-1368**

REPORT MADE AT <b>KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-19-48</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-5,7;11-9-48</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <span style="float: right;">b7c</span>
TITLE <b>Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases, et al; Moorish Science Temple of America</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - J SEDITION</b>	

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**REFERENCE:**

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**Bureau File 62-25889.  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Knoxville,  
Tennessee, dated October 2, 1948.**

**DETAILS:**

**AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE:**

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A letter is being forwarded the Bureau requesting that this case be referred to the Department for consideration relative to prosecution under the Sedition Statutes.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE KNOXVILLE FIELD DIVISION:

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At Chattanooga, Tennessee, will contact [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] for information regarding the activities of the MSTA.

At Knoxville, Tennessee, will report the opinion of the  
Department relative to prosecution and take such other action as is  
deemed necessary.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Knoxville, Tennessee  
November 19, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA;  
Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY, was, et al;  
SECURITY MATTER - J;  
SEDITION  
Bureau File 62-25889

Dear Sir:

It is suggested that the above-captioned case relative to the activity of members of Temples No. 16 and No. 30 at Chattanooga, Tennessee, be referred to the Criminal Division for opinion as to prosecution under the Seditious Statutes.

Very truly yours,

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

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*Get Kirkman Bey  
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Date: December 14, 1943

To: SAC, Knoxville

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

Subject: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
C. KIRGMAN BEY, was, et al  
INTERNAL SECURITY - S; SEDITION; SELECTIVE SERVICE

Reference is made to your letter of November 19, 1943, suggesting that the activities of Temples 16 and 30 at Chattanooga, Tennessee, be referred to the Criminal Division of the Department for an opinion as to prosecution under the Sedition Statutes.

The activities of the Moorish Science Temple as a whole have been referred to the Department and prosecution is now under consideration.

In connection with the possibility that prosecution, at Chattanooga, may be instituted, it is suggested that copies of pertinent reports be forwarded to the appropriate United States Attorney for his information pending advice from the Criminal Division.

It is suggested that you prepare a report containing a statement as to the reliability of the various confidential informants, their availability as witnesses in the event of prosecution and the accuracy of their methods of reporting the utterances of the persons who addressed meetings of the captioned organization. You should also set out in summary form the statements to which each of the witnesses can testify.

You will be immediately advised of any determination made by the Department in connection with the prosecution of this case.

cc Chicago

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Acers \_\_\_\_\_
- Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mumford \_\_\_\_\_
- Starke \_\_\_\_\_
- Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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FILE NO. **100-2447 KS**

REPORT MADE AT <b>SAVANNAH, GEORGIA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-19-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-30-43</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <b>b7c</b>
TITLE <b>MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., ET AL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] received no mail believed to be from **E. JOHNSON REY.**

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**REFERENCE:**

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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 7-20-43, at Chicago, Ill.  
Letter from Cleveland Field Division to Savannah Field Division, dated 10-8-43.

**DETAILS:**

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**AT CAMP STEWART, GEORGIA**

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DATE **12-4-00** BY **SP-4 JSM**

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was interviewed on October 11, 1943, at the following address: **S.F.P.E. Republic, P.O. Box 2000, Stockton, California.** [REDACTED] further advised that subject's organization the stockade where he spent some time have been checked, and [REDACTED] has been received by the subject from **E. JOHNSON REY** according to [REDACTED] furnished [REDACTED] also advised that [REDACTED] will soon be [REDACTED] for this reason no lead [REDACTED] to make an additional check upon his activities and upon mail received by him.

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\*THE SAVANNAH FIELD DIVISION, at Augusta, Georgia, will maintain contact with [REDACTED] for the purpose of gaining entrance to the meeting place of the subject organization, and for the purpose of being advised as to the nature of the meetings and as to the membership of the organization, and will ascertain the dates and times of the meetings and maintain a spot surveillance in order to ascertain the extent of membership, as well as the identities of members, if possible.

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INDEX TO INFORMANTS

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[REDACTED]

..... Lt. WILLIAM B. WITLES  
Post Intelligence Officer  
Camp Stewart, Georgia



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Newark 2, New Jersey

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[REDACTED] MS  
100-14714

November 4, 1943

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, Inc.  
et al  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J  
SELECTIVE SERVICE  
SEDITION  
Bureau File 62-25889.

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to the letter from the Bureau dated October 26, 1943  
to the Newark Field Division discussing proposed payments to [REDACTED]

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The three-month trial period of [REDACTED] under way, having been begun  
[REDACTED] 1943.

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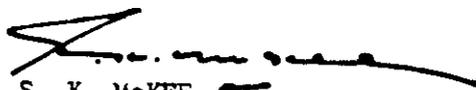
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Approval for this step is therefore, sought, with the three-month trial period to be considered under way as of [REDACTED] 1943, when this informant began working.

Very truly yours,



S. K. McKEE  
SAC

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **100-5820**

REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-30-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-15, 30; 10-25, 30; 11-23, 25-43</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <span style="float: right;">b7c</span>
TITLE <b>MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC. ETAL.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - J SELECTIVE SERVICE SEDITION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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No branch of subject organization at Glassport, Pa.

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REFERENCE: *b7c*

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated on September 13, 1943 at Pittsburgh, Pa.

**DETAILS:**

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[REDACTED] colored, [REDACTED] which is the address of his barber shop known as the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that he is of the Moslem faith. He stated that he does not know of any Moslem or pseudo-Moslem organization in Pittsburgh and that he did not know of any such organization which talked against this country. He stated that he was of the opinion that DREW ALI, formerly of Chicago, was not a real Moslem and that his organization, the Moorish Science Temple of America, was not a true Moslem organization. He stated that he had no knowledge of any branch of the Moorish Science Temple of America presently operating in Pittsburgh. [REDACTED] did not volunteer any information about his own Moslem affiliations. However, it is known that he is not a member of any Moslem organization presently being investigated by this office.

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The records of Selective Service Local Board #3, Pittsburgh, were examined by the writer and they reflected that [REDACTED] was inducted into the United States Army on [REDACTED] 1943 and sent to Camp Meade, Maryland. His Army serial number is [REDACTED]

AT GLASSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

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[REDACTED] of the Glassport Police Department advised that there are only four or five Negro families in Glassport and that all of these families have been life-long residents and none are known to be Moslems. [REDACTED] that he had never known them to have any organization and further, that he has never heard of any organization such as the Moorish Science Temple of America.

AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

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[redacted] white, [redacted]  
[redacted] secretary of [redacted] of the [redacted]  
[redacted] that she became acquainted with [redacted] BEY  
about 7 years ago. At that time she was serving as secretary to a  
[redacted] who maintained offices in the [redacted] where  
[redacted] BEY was employed. At that time she made a practice of giving  
him certain magazines after she had finished reading them. About three  
years ago she met [redacted] BEY on the street and he asked her if she  
would send him some magazines after she had finished with them. Since  
that time she has monthly sent him the "Pathfinder" magazine.

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THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

\* Will determine the activities of [REDACTED] and the Moorish Science Temple of America located at 447 East 40th St., Chicago, Ill. It is noted that [REDACTED] was reported by [REDACTED] BEY to be the national leader of the Moorish Science Temple of America and that [REDACTED] BEY 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.

\* Will determine the identity and activities of the following correspondents of [REDACTED] BEY: [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] Chicago; Sister [REDACTED] and Sister [REDACTED] L, [REDACTED]

THE NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

AT CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

\* Will determine the identity and activities of an unknown correspondent residing at [REDACTED]

AT ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY

\* Will determine the identity and activities of an unknown correspondent residing at [REDACTED]

AT JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY

\* Will determine the identity and activities of the following correspondent of [REDACTED] BEY, Brother [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED]

UNDEVELOPED LEADS (CONTINUED)

THE NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

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- \* Will determine the identity and activities of the following correspondents of [REDACTED] BEY; Sister [REDACTED] EL. [REDACTED] and Sister [REDACTED]
  - \* Will, at Fort Dix, interview and obtain signed statement from [REDACTED] serial [REDACTED] attached to the [REDACTED] Fort Dix, regarding [REDACTED] BEY's statement that if he joined the Moorish Science Temple of America organization he belonged to, he would guarantee he would not be drafted.

THE PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION

AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Will develop information regarding the organizational activities of [REDACTED] BEY in subject organization.

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"Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Agent [redacted] has told me I don't have to discuss this case at all, that I am entitled to counsel, and that anything I say may be used against me. No threats or promises have been made to me, nor have any inducements been offered me. This statement is given freely and voluntarily.

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"I worked in the reproduction section of the [redacted] from July to March, 1942-43. While there I knew [redacted] Bey. As I recall, some time during that period, [redacted] joined some organization which I later learned was Moorish-American. [redacted] became very much worked up over the organization. It got the best of him - he really put his heart in it.

"Every day he would talk about it to me. I had lots of contact with him in his job as a supply clerk. He told me that this organization was going to better the colored race, give them better recognition and consideration, make them the master race. He tried to get me to join, saying I'd be better off, that I wouldn't have anything to worry about. He did not say this meant I would not be drafted but he did say he wouldn't be drafted himself. He never went into detail, indicating I had to join, be one of his brothers, before he would tell me more. I never went to a meeting. He was the only member or Moor I ever knew.

"I know he talked to a janitor in the office named [redacted] - I don't know his last name.

[redacted] did not say in so many words that Moors would not have to serve, but he did leave the impression that they wouldn't by the way he talked about his own case and that he wouldn't be drafted. He made the impression on me that he was trying to convince that if I joined his organization, I wouldn't be drafted.

"I have read the above and foregoing statement in Agent [redacted] handwriting, consisting of this third page which I am signing and of 2 other pages, each of which I am signing and everything therein is true and correct.

[redacted]

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FILE NO. **100-14714 AMS**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEWARK, N. J.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-30-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-14, 21-43 11-2-43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <span style="float: right;">b7c</span>
TITLE <b>MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., et al</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - J SELECTIVE SERVICE SEDITION</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Signed statement obtained from [REDACTED] Fort Dix, New Jersey regarding statements made by [REDACTED] BEY at Pittsburg, Penna. Known Moorish-American residents at [REDACTED] Camden, N. J. set out. Occupant of [REDACTED] Elizabeth, N. J. believed to be [REDACTED] BEY at Jersey City, N. J. heads a small unit there. [REDACTED] EL and Sister [REDACTED] of Newark, N. J. are known Moorish-Americans.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau file 62-25889.  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 9-13-43 at Pittsburg, Pa.

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**DETAILS:** On October 21, 1943 [REDACTED] ASN attached to [REDACTED] Fort Dix, New Jersey, was interviewed regarding his knowledge of statements made by [REDACTED] BEY at Pittsburg, Pa. and the following signed statement was obtained:

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October 21, 1943

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This statement is given by me, [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] who has told me that he is a Special

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Witness:

[Redacted]

Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Newark."

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The original copy of the above signed statement is being transmitted with copies of this report to the Pittsburg Field Division.

Regarding the occupant of [Redacted] referred to in reference report, a check made with [Redacted] assistant manager of [Redacted] disclosed that there is no apartment [Redacted] in the number [Redacted] building, since the apartments carry alphabetical designations. However, [Redacted] knew that the occupant of apartment [Redacted] in building [Redacted] was one [Redacted] who wears a beard, indicating that he may be the correspondent referred to. None of the other residents of this building appeared to be suspects and no one in the building uses the BEY or EL suffix to his name, which would indicate Moorish-American connections.

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Past investigation conducted at Camden, N. J. by Special Agent [Redacted] of the Newark Field Division has disclosed that at [Redacted] which is in the heart of the negro section, there are living the following known Moorish-Americans anyone of whom may be writing to parties referred to in referenced report who live at Pittsburg:

Sister [Redacted] EL [Redacted]

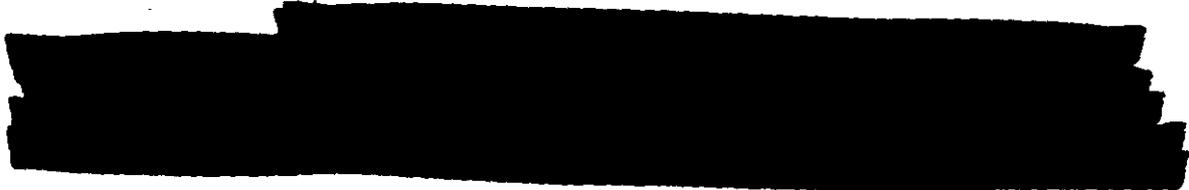
Sister [Redacted] BEY  
Sister [Redacted] EL

[Redacted] EL.

Regarding the brother [Redacted] BEY of [Redacted] referred to in referenced report, this individual is presently known to the writer as the leader of a small unit of the Moorish-American group which meets at 621 Communipaw Avenue, Jersey City.

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While the matters covered in referenced report from the Pittsburg Field Division are covered in this report, the case is retained in a pending status because of previous leads still open in the Newark Field Division in this investigation.

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A copy of this report is directed to the Chicago Field Division for information since it is the office of origin in the main investigation of instant group, and there is no work pending in that field division.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS FOURTH SERVICE COMMAND  
DIRECTOR INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

(Office of Headquarters)

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Augusta, Georgia  
(Place)

16 November 1943  
(Date)

Subject: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC;  
1039 Roberts St, Augusta, Ga.  
(Formerly reported under subject of NEGRO MOSLEM SECT)

Summary of Information:

A confidential Informant furnished the following information:

The NEGRO MOSLEM SECT located at 1039 Roberts St, Augusta, Ga is a Temple of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC, with headquarters at 447 East 40th St., Chicago, Ill. Letters from local Temple are addressed to Prophet Ali Reincarnated at the above Chicago address. The local Temple has been established in Augusta since about 1933.

The organization is said to be more of a political organization than a religious one and one of the basic tenants is said to be that the negroes are Asiatics and not African.

Known members of the Augusta Temple are: Mary El (probably originally Mary Davis), Mary Low rowell, Lamar/dansey Bey (formerly Lamar/dansey), a. James Dickson (or Dickson). All of these persons are negro civilians and none can be considered particularly influential among the negro population. It also appears that none of these persons can be classed as members of the well-educated or intellectual group of negroes in Augusta. The number of members presently active is not known but it is not thought to be larger than about 30. There is no indication that an appeal is being made to negro soldiers altho two negro soldiers were recently seen entering the, "Temple." Members of the organization are required to wear a beard and they change their last names to either, "Bey," or, "El."

On the whole the importance and influence of the local organization seems to be declining and little activity is observed in the vicinity of the, "Temple," altho meetings are still held.

Attention is invited to Summary of Information filed this office dated 1 Nov 1943 Re: NEGRO MOSLEM SECT which instant report supplements and in part replaces.

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This Case Originated At: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

KC File No. 100-4692

Report Made At KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	Date Made 12-3-43	Period 11-5, 22, 24-43 11-25-43	Report Made By [REDACTED] <b>b7c</b>
Title MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA C. WINKIN WEDY, with aliases, et al			Character of Case INTERNAL SECURITY SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Review of files and additional investigation fails to reflect any un-American activities on the part of the Moorish Science Temple of America in Kansas City Field Division.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File No. 62-25889.

**b7c** Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 25, 1943 at Kansas City, Missouri.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated November 9, 1943 at Kansas City, Missouri

DETAILS: Special Agent [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] colored, [REDACTED] Kansas City, Kansas, who is [REDACTED] for Sister [REDACTED] FEY, advised he has made every effort possible to elicit information from the latter-named individual which might indicate whether or not there were any subversive activities on the part of leaders or members of the Moorish Science Temple of America as it exists in Kansas City, Kansas. He advised Sister [REDACTED] FEY had always been apparently honest and sincere with him, and [REDACTED]

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had come to him with all of her troubles relative to the organization. He related he had completely read all of the literature which she had made available to him, which included the Koran, and had questioned her relative to the organization without being able to find one bit of information which would indicate subversive activities by the local branches of the Moorish Science Temple of America.

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[REDACTED] of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, who has actively followed instant organization, advised there had been no information come to his attention relative to Temple No. 46 or Branch Temple No. 46 of the Moorish Science Temple of America located at Kansas City, Kansas which would indicate subversive or un-American activities on the part of leaders or members of the organization.

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A complete review of the file of instant organization in the Kansas City Field Division fails to develop any un-American activity on the part of any of the temples located in the Kansas City Field Division subsequent to the arrest of several members of the Father MOHAMMED BEY organization in Kansas City, Kansas for violation of the Selective Service and Training Act. There has been no indication that the leaders of the temples operating in the Kansas City Field Division are encouraging the members to disregard the Selective Service regulations, and on the contrary, have encouraged their members to obey all of the laws and regulations as prescribed and set down by the United States Government.

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Inasmuch as there has been no indication of un-American activities on the part of the Temples of the Moorish Science Temple of America in the Kansas City Field Division, instant case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin subject to being reopened upon receipt of information

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indicating activity of an un-American nature by either of the branches.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FILE NO. 14-59 b7c

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 11/22/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/5, 6, 9/43	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: [REDACTED] ET AL MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA		9/22, 24/43 10/23/43 11/10, 11, /43	CHARACTER OF CASE: SEDITION SECURITY MATTER - J

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] conducts regular meetings at 447 East 40th Street, Chicago.

[REDACTED] Subject maintains strict secrecy concerning his meetings and activities. Members constantly commuting to and from New Jersey and Maryland by automobile.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 2/21/43, at Chicago

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On August 5, 1943, [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, advised the writer that Subject's organization had been conducting meetings at 447 East 40th Street between 1:30 and 2:00 p. m. daily. He stated that all members were searched as they entered the meeting hall, that the women wore long dresses and had robes, and that the average attendance was approximately

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twenty-five or more people of which fifteen were women. He reported that the leader, whose name was unknown to him, had driven away in a Buick car, license No. of which he was unable to obtain. The informant reported that he had overheard them conversing among themselves before entering the meeting, and the gist of the conversation appeared to be pro-Japanese sympathy. They were attempting to carry out plans to cut the war production of the United States in half. The informant could give no specific statements to the effect, only that the general trend of the conversation indicated this. In connection with the statement of the informant, it should be noted that the reliability of this informant has not been established. On several other occasions, this informant has given information which was subsequently proven to be inaccurate. On August 6, 1943,

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[redacted] informed the writer that the leader of Subject's organization, whose name was unknown to him, conducted regular meetings at 447 East 40th Street and often left the meeting hall late at night always accompanied by body guards. Informant advised that he had learned from one of the members, whose name was unknown to him, that no woman member of the cult can be holy unless she has intimate relations with the prophet. According to this informant, a brother of one of the female members of the cult had sworn to kill the Prophet because of the fact that his sister died of childbirth which had been the result of intimate relations with the Prophet. The informant was unaware of this individual's name or address, but stated that it was general knowledge in the neighborhood.

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On August 9, 1943, [redacted] that he had noticed automobiles with license [redacted] Maryland plates, parked in front of the residence of the Subject's organization. He further stated that he had noticed a black Buick Sedan with A and C ration cards, license No. [redacted] parked in front of the residence. He stated that individuals which were seated in the cars were apparently placed in this position for the purpose of guarding the entrance against intruders. He further stated that he had noticed two uniformed soldiers come out of 447 East 40th Street and walk down the street to Vernon Avenue where they entered the address at [redacted]. On September 22, 1943,

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[redacted] Negro, [redacted] that the Subject's organization held daily meetings in which many out-of-state cars were in attendance. He stated that they were up all hours of the night, and that apparently most of the out-of-state members came from New Jersey and Pennsylvania inasmuch as he had noticed New Jersey cars with

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the following license numbers: [redacted] a Packard automobile; V-88, a Plymouth automobile; [redacted] a Packard. He stated that apparently certain members of this organization were people of considerable means, but this appeared very peculiar to him in that the people living in this neighborhood never appeared to be employed or have any source of income. It was the belief of the informant that there was something subversive and irregular about this organization, yet he lacked any specific proof to substantiate his believes. He stated that it was generally considered in the neighborhood to be a religious organization and cult, but the fact that the members do not associate or even speak to any of the other negroes in the neighborhood made them very suspicious. He further stated that these members often manifested a strong hatred for unknown negroes and members of the white race in general.

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On September 24, 1943, [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] and the writer concerning her mother who is a member of the Subject's organization. It is to be noted that her mother is apparently residing with this organization at 447 East 40th Street. The informant related the following story. They claim to call themselves "Asiatics"; her mother still belonged to the cult and by virtue of her membership had alienated herself from her children and the outside world in general. She made it known to her children that unless they were members, they were not welcome to come and see her. She had tried to persuade her mother to leave the organization, but the woman seemed perfectly content with her lot. She knew nothing of the Subject's present activities, but by way of background, that one [redacted] lived at [redacted] in the early thirties, and that while at this address, [redacted] failed to pay his rent and was evicted and presently came to the present location where he has resided to the present time. The Prophet had broken up many homes of the members of his organization because of his illicit relations with the female members of the cult.



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On October 23, 1943, [REDACTED] was re-inter-  
viewed by Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer for any additional  
information in his possession concerning the Subject's organization. He  
stated that nothing in addition to the original information he had furn-  
ished was available except that one [REDACTED] a book  
agent, who sold books in the neighborhood of [REDACTED] endeavored  
to obtain information concerning the Subject. [REDACTED] that he was  
sure [REDACTED] was reliable and would furnish any information in her  
possession concerning the Subject's organization.

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On October 23, 1943, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was interviewed at her residence concerning her knowledge of the  
Subject's organization. She related the following story. [REDACTED]

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She had attempted to learn through her own curiosity, the nature of the activities of the Subject's organization using the pretext of selling religious literature to obtain this information. All her efforts were in vain so far. The members were very reticent and indicated no desire whatsoever to admit her to their homes or in any way take her into their confidence.

On October 23, 1943, [redacted] proprietor of the [redacted] was contacted by Special Agent [redacted] and the writer concerning his knowledge of the Subject's organization. He was contacted [redacted] in order to determine his attitude toward the Subject's organization. He indicated in the course of his conversation that he had extensive business dealings with [redacted] and other members of the cult, and also indicated in his conversation a strong sympathy for them. In view of this fact, it was deemed inadvisable to continue a further interview in this regard.

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A copy of this report is being sent to Savannah, Baltimore, Newark, Little Rock, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, for information inasmuch as the Bureau letter dated 10/5/43 concerning the Subject's organization, designated each field division where any branch of the organization was located as office of origin, rather than Chicago which was originally the office of origin.

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THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

\*AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

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Will interview [REDACTED] a former member of the Subject's organization to develop any information which she can furnish concerning the activities of the Subject's organization. It is requested that this lead be given expeditious attention.

THE MIAMI FIELD DIVISION

AT ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

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Will conduct an investigation to determine the extent of the activities of the Subject's organization. [REDACTED]

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will, through informants, continue to investigate the activities of the Subject's organization.

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