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MOORISH TEMPLE

OF

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PART 5 OF 8

BUFILE: 62-25889

Moorish Science Temple of America

(Noble Drew Ali)

Part 5 of 14 parts

HEADQUARTERS

62-25889

SECTION 13

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice
305 Realty Building
Savannah, Georgia
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Director, FBI 419-a

RE: NEGRO MOSLEM SECT
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA
INTERNAL SECURITY - J

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of November 23, 1943
entitled as above.

Please be advised that investigation of this matter has been
and is being made. The reports have been submitted in the case entitled,
"Moorish Science Temple of America, Incorporated, et al, Internal Security - J,
Sedition."

Chicago is the office of origin in this case, and the inves-
tigation by the Savannah Office is being continued.

Very truly yours,

J. R. Ruggles
J. R. RUGGLES
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PITTSBURGH, PA.**

FILE NO. **100-5817**

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| REPORT MADE AT PITTSBURGH, PA. | DATE WHEN MADE 11-30-43 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-30-43 11-20, 27-43 | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c |
| TITLE [REDACTED] BEY. with aliases | | | CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER SELECTIVE SERVICE |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Marriage license and driver's license records reflect subject's birthdate as 1902. Subject in summer of 1943, in connection with insurance claim, stated true age is 58.

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REFERENCE: **b7c** Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** dated on August 10, 1943 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

DETAILS: **AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

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**[REDACTED] Prothonotary and
Clerk of Courts for Lawrence
County, Newcastle, Pennsylvania**

b7c The marriage docket in the prothonotary's office, Lawrence County Courthouse, Newcastle, Pennsylvania, under marriage license **[REDACTED]** reflected that on February 14, 1925 a marriage license was issued to one **[REDACTED]** and **[REDACTED]**. This record is contained in volume **[REDACTED]** page **[REDACTED]**. This record reflected that **[REDACTED]** a negro, who was born in **[REDACTED]** was at the time of this application **[REDACTED]** years old. It further reflected that his father was one **[REDACTED]** and his mother one **[REDACTED]** nee **[REDACTED]**.

**[REDACTED] Director b7c
Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

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The records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles reflect that registration plates [redacted] were issued to BEY, [redacted] Pittsburgh, for a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and that a 1943 operator's license [redacted] was issued to the same individual. Both of these records list BEY's birthdate as [redacted]

Chief Clerk of Disbursements
Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railway Co.
Wabash Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

[redacted] who is now known as [redacted] BEY, made application for employment on February 15, 1925 and at that time filled out an application form which reflects his birthdate to be March 11, 1902.

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[redacted] of the Wabash Building, Pittsburgh, advised that he was [redacted] in the Wabash Building in 1925, the year subject was employed. He stated that at that time the age of the subject would have had no bearing on his employment and that he would have been hired just as quickly had he been 40 as 23. [redacted] made an examination of his employment records which reflected that around the same time subject was employed, other colored porters of much older ages had been employed. These records reflected that one HENRY FULLER, colored, had been employed as a porter on August 16, 1920 and at the time of this employment had given his birthdate as July 5, 1860. The records also reflected that a HENRY DANIEL MEADS, colored, had been employed as a porter on September 19, 1918 and at the time of his employment had given his birthdate as May 15, 1870.

[redacted] that his records reflect that prior to being employed by their concern subject had been employed from 1920 to 1924 as a janitor and chauffeur for the [redacted] under [redacted] and from 1924 to 1925 he was employed as a dishwasher for the [redacted] formerly at [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

It is noted that the City Directory does not list the [redacted] Pittsburgh Credit Bureau have any record of any such company.

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[redacted] that at the time of the subject's accident which is mentioned in the referenced report, he gave his age as 57 and on filing a claim to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for compensation which claim is dated July 26, 1943 and signed by the subject his age is also given as 57. Later correspondence between the subject and [redacted] in connection with his insurance claim reflects that the subject advised that the statement that his age is 57 was an error and that he is really 58, having been born on [redacted]. In this letter he explained that he had falsified his age when he was employed in 1925 so that he might obtain a job.

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that he has had the subject as a patient on two occasions during the past six years. However, he has destroyed his older records and the records which were made this summer of 1943 reflect that subject was 57 years of age. It is noted that this was based upon [redacted] memory inasmuch as the records for 1943 had been temporarily misplaced.
[redacted]

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THE BALTIMORE FIELD DIVISION

AT WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

b7c * Will check birth records for the birthdate of the subject. It is noted that his parents are stated to be [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] If subject's record is located, will obtain the name of the person competent to testify to the same.

THE PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION

AT NEWCASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA

b7c Will check the records of the [REDACTED] regarding the age of subject. It is noted that subject was employed as a janitor and chauffeur from 1920 to 1924 under [REDACTED]. If possible, [REDACTED] should be questioned as to his opinion regarding the subject's true age.

Will determine the nature of subject's organizational activities.

On completion of instant leads, will discuss facts with United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, regarding violation of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

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FILE NO. **100-8420**

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| REPORT MADE AT Baltimore, Md. | DATE WHEN MADE 12-7-43 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-15; 11-10; 12-2-43 | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] |
| TITLE [REDACTED] BEY with aliases: | | | CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER SELECTIVE SERVICE |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records at Wilmington, Delaware, Health Bureau checked as to subject's birth date with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as parents and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as parents, with negative results.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated August 10, 1943.
Letter from the Pittsburgh Field Division to the Baltimore Field Division dated October 21, 1943.

DETAILS:

- AT WILMINGTON, DELAWARE -

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

On September 15, 1943, the records of the Wilmington, Delaware Health Bureau were checked between the years 1831 and 1904, with parents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as parents, with negative results.

On November 10, 1943, the records of the same bureau were checked as to subject's birth under the parents' name of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with negative results. These records were also checked under [REDACTED]'s maiden name of [REDACTED] with negative results.

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| Louisville, Kentucky | 12/3/43 | 8/24, 27, 31/43; 9/3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28/43; 10/1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29/43; 11/2, 5, 18, 19, 23, 24/43. | [REDACTED] jlk |

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Title

COL. C. KIRKMAN BEY, WAS, ETAL;
MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA

Character of Case
INTERNAL SECURITY - J
SEDITION; OVERTHROW OR
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERN-
MENT.

Synopsis of Facts:

[REDACTED]

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REFERENCE:
[REDACTED]

Bureau file #62-25889; Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 11/10/43 at Indianapolis, Indiana.
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 9/23/43 at Louisville, Kentucky.

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THE LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION:

At Louisville, Kentucky -

b2 Will contact [REDACTED] for further information in regard to Temple #45 of the Moorish Science Temple of America.

Copies are being furnished to the various field divisions inasmuch as temples of the Moorish Science Temple of America are present in those field divisions.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
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DETAILS: AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA:
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

RICHMOND OFFICE

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA:

Will follow and report the activities of the Moorish
Science Temple of America, Inc., in this area.

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| Chicago | 12/15/43 | 3/14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23; 10/7, 15, 20; 11/1, 3, 6/43 | [Redacted] |
| MORRIS SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED CHARLES KIRKMAN BEY, was Supreme Grand Advisor and Moderator, et al 419-d | | | Character of Case INTERNAL SECURITY - J SELECTIVE SERVICE SEDITION |

Synopsis of facts: Subject organization incorporated as a religious organization in Illinois. Was originally founded in Newark, New Jersey, in 1913 by the Prophet ROBLE DREW ALI, who died in Chicago, Illinois, in 1929. Membership in organization at the time of Prophet's death numbered into thousands. Jealousy of the Prophet's lucrative enterprise by other prominent members resulted in a riot at Chicago in 1929, causing the death of two Chicago policemen and one member of the organization. After the Prophet's death, several divisions of the organization resulted under the leadership of CHARLES KIRKMAN BEY, JESSE SMITH, and [Redacted]. Each of the leaders claimed to be the logical successor to the Prophet. Friction presently exists between the respective

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE 1-28-81 SP

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leaders of the organization [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] There are presently sixty-nine active and inactive branches of the organization in the United States, of which KIRKMAN and [REDACTED] have the largest following. The members' belief is that of Mohammed and they worship ALLAH in a modified form of true Mohammedanism. The members claim to be Moors, and not Negroes. Members of the organization as a whole have complied to Selective Service laws. There has been indication of pro-Japanese propensities in the various groups.

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Investigation to date discloses no subversive activity.

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Reference:

Bureau File 62-25889

Details:

At Chicago, Illinois

The following information was obtained from [REDACTED] of the Chicago University.

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[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois. The information was compiled by [REDACTED] of the now defunct Illinois Writers Project, which was a WPA project. [REDACTED] is now affiliated with the Office of Civilian Defense in the Chicago area. The research was conducted for anthropological reasons to determine if there was any cultural connection between the various Negro cults in Chicago and vicinity. This investigation shows KIRKMAN's connection with the early history of the Moorish Science Temple of America.

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Two organizations striving to foster racial pride have attracted numbers of Chicago Negroes from time to time. These are the Moorish American Science Temple and the Nation of Islam, ordinarily referred to as "Nation." Essentially they are religious bodies, opposing the Christian faith. Members of the Moorish American Science Temple insist that they are not Negroes and avoid use of the word, or of "black" when referred to themselves, insisting that they are really Moors and that their skin is "olive-mad." In the other hand, the Islamites not only call themselves Negroes but are proud of the name, contending that the Negro is the original man. Neither endorses the "Back to Africa" Movement.

In 1925 a small Negro wearing a flaming red fez, similar to those worn by Turks, appeared in empty lots and on street corners of Chicago's South Side to proclaim a startling new doctrine. He was NOBLE DREW ALI, born TIMOTHY BROWN in North Carolina, Prophet of Islam, and founder of the Moorish American Science Temple. Little is known of DREW ALI's early history. He is reputed to have been an expressman in Newark, New Jersey, where he is said to have founded the first Moorish American Science Temple as early as 1915. There is also some evidence to indicate that he had established branches of his cult in Pittsburgh and Detroit before he came to Chicago.

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

"With us all members must declare their nationality and their Divine Creed that they may know that they are a part and partial (six) of this said government and that they are not Negroes, Colored Folks, Black People or Ethiopians, because these names were given to slaves, by slave holders in 1779 and lasted until 1865 during the time of slavery, but this is a new era of time now, and all men must proclaim their true national name to be recognized by the government, in which they live and the nations of the earth, this is the reason why ALLAH the Great God of the universe ordained NOBLE DREW ALI, the prophet, (to redeem his people from their sinful ways. The Moorish Americans are the descendants of the ancient Moabites who inhabited the North Western and South Western shores of Africa."

Prophet NOBLE DREW ALI did not immediately rally many disciples to his banner, he Moorish star and crescent on a field of red. But he persisted, and at length was able to set up permanent headquarters. Though semi-literate, he possessed an eloquent tongue, a persuasive manner, and a native shrewdness

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which enabled him to sway the poor and unlettered people who listened to him. Most of them remembered the race riots of 1919; all of them had experienced discrimination and other wrongs. DREW ALI was offering them pride of race and dignity. In 1927 a successful convention encouraged DREW ALI to expand his proselytizing activities to other cities. It is difficult to ascertain just how many temples resulted, but those in Pittsburgh, Detroit; Charleston, West Virginia; Lansing, Michigan; and Youngstown, Ohio are fairly well authenticated.

DREW ALI had written and published his "Koran," a slim pamphlet consisting of a curious mixture of the Mohammedan holy book of the same name, the Christian Bible and anecdotes of the life of Jesus--the whole bound together with the Prophet's own pronouncements and interpretations. The Prophet began to do a profitable business in various nostrums and charms he had concocted, among them Old Moorish Healing Oil, Moorish Purifier Bath Compound and Moorish Herb Tea for Human Ailments.

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

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

Recalling the downfall of the militant Abyssinians and contemplating the current difficulties of the Garvey movement, DREW ALI issued this Ukase:

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

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

DREW ALI, arrested as he sat with his wife and group of followers celebrating (authorities charged) the murder of his rival, was defended by Attorneys AARON PAYNE and WILLIAM L. DAWSON, temple members who later gained political prominence. The Prophet, from prison, issued a message to his flock:

"To the Heads of all Temples, Islam:

"I, your Prophet, do hereby and now write you a letter as a warning and appeal to your good judgment for the present and the future. Though I am now in custody for you and the cause, it is all right and it is well for all who still believe in me and my father, God. I have redeemed all of you and you shall be saved, all of you, even with me. I go to bat Monday, May 20, before the Grand Jury. If you are with me, be there. Hold on and keep faith and great shall be your reward. Remember my laws and love ye one another. Prefer not a stranger to your brother. Love and truth and my peace I leave all.

"Peace from

Your Prophet

NOBLE DREW ALI"

This proved to be DREW ALI's final official proclamation. Released on bond, he died under mysterious circumstances a few weeks later. One theory is that he succumbed to injuries inflicted by the police during his imprisonment, another is that he was set upon by partisans of GREENE after his release and beaten so severely that he never recovered.

After DREW ALI's death Attorney AARON PAYNE attempted unsuccessfully to hold the group together. Each among several of the Prophet's disciples announced that he alone was the rightful inheritor of DREW ALI's leadership. JOHN GIVENS EL (formerly the Prophet's chauffeur) and IRA JOHNSON BEY (who had been imported from Pittsburgh to assist in quelling the GREENE revolt)

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each maintained that the dead leader's spirit had entered his body. JOHNSON, a man of action, invaded the office of CALI EL, another aspirant, and demanded recognition as Grand Sheik. CALI EL derided and received a terrific mauling. JOHNSON then dispatched his henchmen to kidnap ERWIN REY, who claimed possession of DREW ALI's last will and testament.

KIRKMAN's wife, secretly surmising that her husband was being detained in JOHNSON's apartment, directed the police thither. A gun battle ensued in which two policemen and one Moor were killed. Sixty-five cops were arrested, and JOHNSON was committed to the State hospital for the criminally insane. GIBENS EL also was apprehended after he had forced his way into Attorney PAYNE's home in search of DREW ALI's papers.

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

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

Since DREW ALI considered MARCUS GARVEY his forerunner (in a relationship analagous to that of John the Baptist and Jesus) and paid tribute to him in His Koran and in his sermons, Moorish Americans frequently laud and quote the Jamaican organizer.

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

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The leader of each of the bickering factions has striven in vain to build up an organization as powerful (and as lucrative) as the parent body disrupted by internal warfare and the death of DREW ALLI. According to Attorney AARON PAYME, the Prophet in one year amassed a fortune of \$35,000 and commanded a membership of 12,000. Politicians respected and courted him, and Congressman OSCAR DEPRIEST was reputed to have joined the temple.

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The following information concerning the subject organization was obtained from the report of [REDACTED] dated November 13, 1942 at Springfield, Illinois:

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In a signed statement taken from [REDACTED] an inmate of the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois, [REDACTED] that he did not know how the organization originally started but that his father [REDACTED] had become acquainted with an organization known as the Moorish Science Temple of America, whose headquarters were first located at [REDACTED] 1841 State Street, Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED] that his father had started this organization at Chicago, Illinois and was the head of it until 1929 when he became involved in some trouble and was sent to the Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois. His father had two associates in this organization known as DREW ALI and CHARLES KIRKMAN. These men succeeded in getting a large membership for the organization. DREW ALI was killed about 1929 or 1930. There was also a man by the name of GREEN who was also connected with the organization but he was also killed. GREEN was shot in the head and both DREW and [REDACTED] father were arrested for murder. DREW got out of the trouble as did [REDACTED] also, inasmuch as nothing could be proven about [REDACTED] concerning the murder. DREW was later killed and his death was put out as being heart trouble. [REDACTED] was voted out as the head of the organization in July 1929. KIRKMAN was voted in and [REDACTED] was then placed under him. [REDACTED] did not like the idea of being under KIRKMAN and actually kidnaped him on September 25, 1929, holding him at his [REDACTED] Chicago. Chicago Police Officers came to arrest [REDACTED] and rescue KIRKMAN. [REDACTED] resisted two of the police officers and the two officers were killed, [REDACTED] and other members of the kidnaping were arrested and [REDACTED] along with two others, were sent to the Penitentiary. The two men who assisted [REDACTED] in this crime were a man by the name of JACKSON and his son. The elderly JACKSON died in Joliet Prison and the son is presently at large. [REDACTED] has never been released from the prison but has since been transferred to the State Penitentiary at Menard, Illinois, where he is known as Convict [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] that he had become a member of the Moorish Science Temple of America in 1919 at Chicago, Illinois, at the insistence of his [REDACTED]. He stated that he remained a member until approximately 1935 at which time he became involved in trouble. In 1934 [REDACTED]

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[redacted] who is the leader of the Peace Movement of Ethiopia, sent [redacted] to St. Louis, Missouri, to help organize that movement. . . Before [redacted] left, a Japanese, whose name was forgotten, was at the home of [redacted] and her husband, [redacted] and at which time a \$200 payment was made to defray expenses in going to St. Louis and getting a place to hold meetings and to organize the colored people there in the Moorish Science Temple of America. . . Later [redacted] went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in August or September 1935 and was met at the station by [redacted] of the organization known as the Allah Temple of Islam, and CHARLES KIRKMAN.

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These individuals took [redacted] to meet a chap by the name of [redacted] who lived approximately twelve miles out of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Japanese explained to [redacted] that there would be a war between the United States and Japan in about 1944, that the colored or dark races are to hang together, that it was one of the duties of members of the Moorish Science Temple of America to try to get all colored members not to join the military forces of this country, that when war between this country and Japan was started and all the white men were in the Army, that there would be enough colored young men left to cause a revolution in this country and take over things here while the soldiers were away in the foreign service.

The investigation conducted thus far reflects the following branches:

| <u>Temple No.</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|-------------------|--|
| 1 | 3122 Cottage Grove, Chicago, Illinois |
| 2 | Charleston, West Virginia |
| 3 | 322 West Highland, Milwaukee, Wisconsin |
| 4 | 632 Livingston Avenue, Detroit, Michigan |
| 5 | Columbus, Ohio |
| 6 | 13 East Charity, Richmond, Virginia |
| 7 | 3843 Woodlawn, Cleveland, Ohio |
| 8 | 4003 West Eighth, Pine Bluff, Arkansas |
| 9 | 1032 Orleans, Chicago, Illinois |
| 10 | 2 - 12th Street, Newark, N. J. |
| 11 | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania |
| 12 | Youngstown, Ohio |
| Temple at | 1406 Laurens, Baltimore, Maryland |
| 14 | Akron, Ohio |
| 15 | Columbus, Indiana |
| Branch Temple 15 | 796 Indiana Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind. |
| 16 | 1709 Long Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee |
| 17 | 517 Scott, South Bend, Indiana |
| 18 | Fostoria, Ohio |

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| <u>Temple No.</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| Branch Temple 18 | Toldeo, Ohio |
| 19 | 934½ East Dewey and 2615 St. John, Flint, Michigan |
| 20 | Pontiac, Michigan |
| 21 | 1709 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York |
| 22 | Indiana Harbor, Indiana |
| Branch Temple 22 | East Chicago, Indiana |
| Branch Temple 22 | 2160 Broadway, Gary, Indiana |
| 23 | Halsey & Sumner Streets, Brooklyn, N. Y. |
| 24 | Atlanta, Georgia |
| 25 | 9316 Oakland, Detroit, Michigan |
| 26 | Stubonsville, Ohio |
| 27 | 36 West 135th St., New York, N. Y. |
| 28 | Glassboro, New Jersey |
| 29 | Cairo, Illinois |
| 30 | 1718 Third, Chattanooga, Tennessee |
| 31 | Boston, Massachusetts |
| 32 | Springfield, Massachusetts |
| 33 | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania |
| 34 | 259 Hancock, Brooklyn, New York |
| 35 | 229 Village, Hartford, Connecticut |
| 36 | Benton Harbor, Michigan |
| 37 | Harvey, Illinois |
| 38 | Cincinnati, Ohio |
| 40 | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania |
| 41 | 311 West 128th Street, New York, N. Y. |
| 42 | Anderson, Indiana |
| 43 | Mount Clemens, Michigan |
| 44 | Saginaw, Michigan |
| 45 | 437 South Ninth, Louisville, Ky. |
| 46 | 1700 North Third, Kansas City, Kans. |
| 47 | 224½ North Sixth, Atchison, Kans. |
| 48 | 239 North Clinton, Trenton, N. Y. |
| 49 | Bridgeport, Conn. |
| Temple in | Mound City, Illinois |
| Temple of | EL, 3229 Indiana Avenue, Chicago |
| Temple of | 1817 South Prairie, Chicago |
| Temple of | EL, 4848 South State, Chicago |
| Temple of | EL, 3728 South Prairie, Chicago |
| Temple of | EL, 447 East 40th, Chicago |
| Moorish Home | Prince George, Virginia |
| Temple at | 405 Main, New Haven, Conn. |

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| Temple at | 230 Court, Newark, N. J. |
| Temple at | 235 Sycamore, Camden, N. J. |
| Temple at | Glassboro, New Jersey |
| Temple at | 621 Crummipaw, Jersey City, N. J. |
| Temple at | 6 Washington St., Montclair, N. J. |
| Temple at | 1039 Roberts, Augusta, Georgia |
| Temple at | 311 Burroughs, Pittsburgh, Pa. |
| Temple at | 18 and Christian, Philadelphia, Pa. |
| Temple at | 628 Kaighn Avenue, Camden, N. J. |
| Temple at | Douglas between 5th and 6th, Camden, N. J. |

Of the branches listed, the investigation shows that Temple No. 1 of Chicago which is headed by [REDACTED] EL, was formerly affiliated with Temple No. 9, Chicago, which is KIRKMAN's central branch. Apparently friction arose between the two men causing No. 1 to be estranged and operated independently. Temple No. 4 of 632 Livingston Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, is affiliated with the Morgan Branch, 3716 South Prairie, Chicago, Illinois, claiming that as their national headquarters.

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The branches claiming to be that of [REDACTED] EL or [REDACTED] (447 East 40th Street, Chicago, as their national headquarters) are Temple No. 8, 4003 West 8th Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Temple No. 12, 1406 Laurens Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland; the temple located at 1039 Roberts Street, Augusta, Georgia, Temple at 18th and Christian, Philadelphia; Temple at 311 Burroughs, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Temple at 628 Kaighn Avenue, Camden, New Jersey. All of the remaining chapters are affiliated with CHARLES KIRKMAN BEY or [REDACTED] EL of Brooklyn, New York. [REDACTED] was formerly affiliated with KIRKMAN but in recent years has operated independently and has established several branch temples of his own in New Jersey and Connecticut.

- Temple No. 1 -

Leader - [REDACTED] Location 3122 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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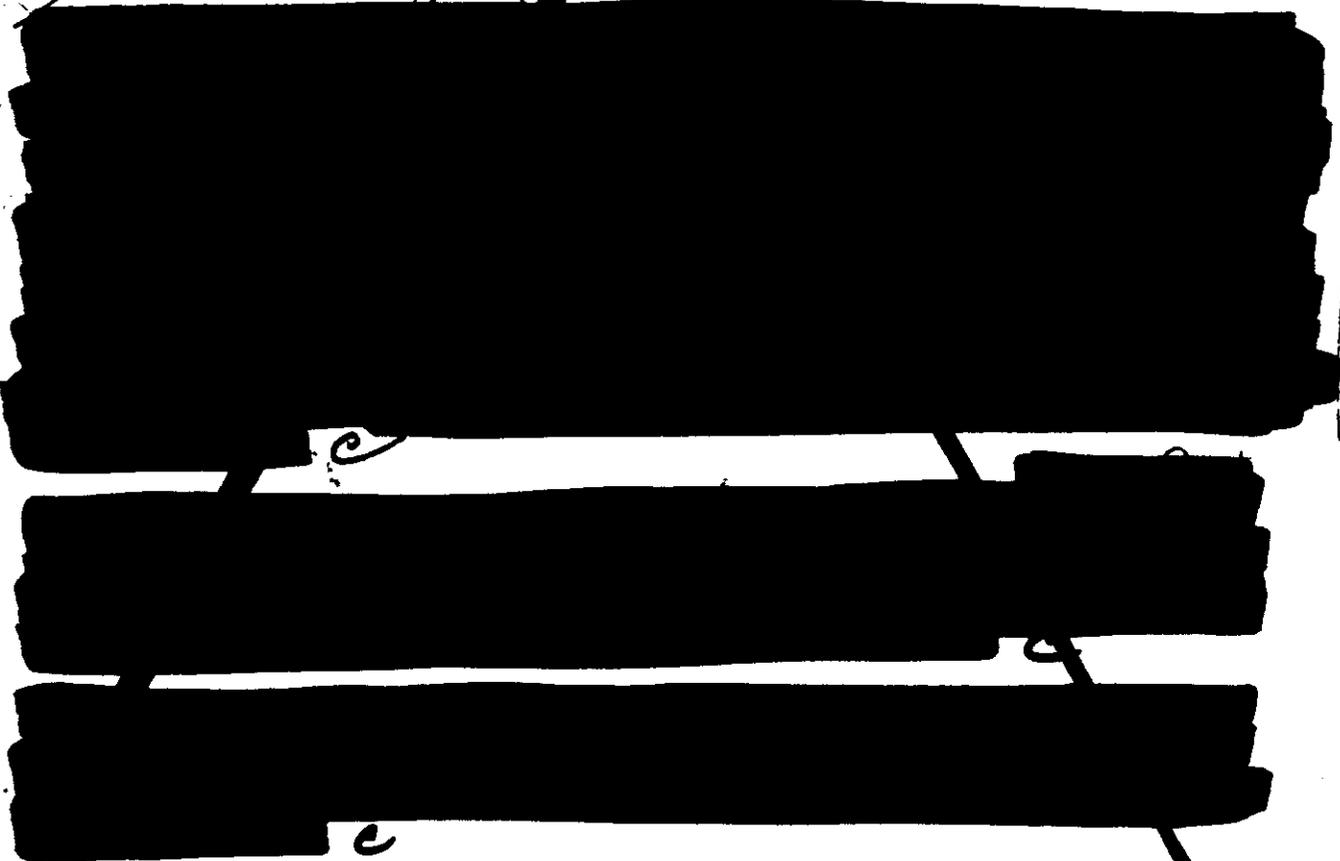
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the Holy Koran and the lesson outlined therein. KING advised that the Temple was the original descendants of the Mohammedan Faith of India, Arabia, and Africa. KING advised that they had the original charter and that it was sealed and that the U. S. Government could not put them out of business. He stated that the blackman in the South had been mistreated and that this mistreatment was still going on. **b1** **b7d** **b7c** **b7d** He was referring to the treatment of colored soldiers in the Armed Forces and that the Government should do something about it. RHODES made a short speech in which he stated that he had worked hard to build up the Temple and that all the members were present, the Temple could not hold them. He stated that there would come a time soon when the members and others could be returning to the Temple for treatment to be saved. He stated that his Temple was the only one in the United States that was backed up by the power of the Eastern World that millions of dollars were being put in daily by people of the East to keep them going. He stated that he was not uneasy about being stopped by the U. S. Government and asked all people to return the following Sunday. The closing sermon was conducted by all members standing and repeating the prayer to Allah. About ten people were in attendance.



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- Temple No. 9 -

CHARLES KIRKMAN BEY, head, 1032 Orleans, Chicago, Illinois

Investigation conducted by the Chicago Field Office shows that CHARLES KIRKMAN BEY, head of Branch Number 9, located at 1032 Orleans, has approximately 650 to 700 members. CHARLES KIRKMAN BEY resides at 1104 Sedgwick, and is registered at Selective Service Board No. 64, located at 844 North Rush, Chicago, Illinois. KIRKMAN was born September 7, 1896, at Mobridge, South Dakota.

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The investigation conducted of the Branch thus far indicates that all members have complied with the Selective Service laws as a group; that there has been no indication of any pro-Japanese sentiments expressed in any of the meetings.

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[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, janitor of the [REDACTED] wherein the meetings are conducted, has indicated that he has attended practically all of the meetings and that there has been no indication of any activity which is contrary to the best interests of the United States Government. KIRKMAN has advised [REDACTED] on several occasions that anyone who he wished to bring in with him would be entirely welcome to attend the meetings. [REDACTED] that he has always observed the American flag placed along side of the Moorish American flag to indicate the dual loyalty of the subject organization. He stated that there had never been any trouble at the meetings and that the members conduct themselves in a quiet orderly fashion even during occasions when there is some drinking on the premises.

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KIRKMAN has advised [REDACTED] that the purpose of the organization is to "raise fallen humanity," which in practice is to better the conditions of the down-trodden Negroes.

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- Temple No. 37 -
(Harvey, Illinois)

SHELBY BRANCH, 3229 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois - JESSIE SHELBY EL - Head.

This investigation conducted by the Chicago Field Division indicates that JESSIE SHELBY EL is a leader of a group at Moorish Science Temple, 3229 South Indiana, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that the group at 3229 South Indiana are a group who call themselves Moslems. He stated that they are a very reticent and distinct group of individuals, and that it has been practically impossible to gain entrance to the residence. He stated that while he knows this group, they are very undesirable tenants and he expressed his anxiety to evict them.

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Investigation shows that all members of SHELBY Branch have complied with the Selective Service Laws and there are no delinquencies reported in their Selective Service status. The Selective Service records of Draft Board No. 2, 3104 South Michigan, show that Brother J. SHELBY EL, Shaik, was born June 4, 1886, at Clarksville, Tennessee. He stated in his Occupational Questionnaire that he was the savior of the world. The investigation conducted thus far has shown no indication that there are any pro-Japanese sentiments or subversive activities being conducted by this organization.

The investigation further shows that J. SHELBY EL and ALBERT STRICKLAND, who is an assistant to SHELBY, attempted to organize a branch of the Moorish Science Temple near Milestone, Mississippi, which resulted in the arrest of several members at Milestone during which time SHELBY and STRICKLAND returned to Chicago, there presently being an indictment outstanding against them in the State of Mississippi. The details of this will be found in the investigation conducted in the Jackson Field Division.

[REDACTED] EL BRANCH

This group of the Moorish Science Temple of America is under the leadership of [REDACTED] EL, who calls himself [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was one of the leaders of the subject organization at the time DREW ALI was alive, and following his death aspired to its leadership. EL was successful in attracting a following [REDACTED].

Since 1930 the group has been meeting at 447 East 40th Street on Wednesday and Friday evenings, and Sunday afternoons. There have been several members of the organization living at 447 East 40th with the Subject and the vast majority of the members are residing in the immediate neighborhood. The membership [REDACTED] has been estimated from 60 to 150 persons in Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED] reportedly has five wives living with him at 447 East 40th Street. These women are named [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] EL, and [REDACTED] EL. [REDACTED] has had three children by [REDACTED] EL, the oldest of which is now [REDACTED] years of age.

From information reported to the Chicago Field Division, [REDACTED] has been pro-Japanese in the past. An informant advised that [REDACTED] has not taken in new members into the subject organization but that in 1932 and 1933 was active in telling members that the Japanese were the friends of the colored man, and that when the Japanese came and conquered America that they would see that the Negro received his fair share in governing this country.

An investigation conducted by the Chicago Field Office has not established that statements at the present time made by [REDACTED] EL are seditious in

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nature. The investigation of the male members of the [redacted] Branch reflects that they have complied with the requirements of the Selective Service Act. Subject [redacted] EL is registered in accordance with the Act and has claimed his common-law wife [redacted] EL and the three children as grounds for deferment, [redacted] who is [redacted] years of age, has been classified III-H by his local board.

This group has been reported to be extremely well financed by contributions received from members located in different cities principally along the East coast as will be developed further in this report. This group is also more fanatic and more closely resembles a cult group than do other branches of the Moorish Science Temple, male members of this branch wearing long beards and red fezzes, and women members wearing long flowered gowns and colored turbans. [redacted] enjoys a dictatorship status over the members of this branch. A school is conducted by [redacted] EL for the children in the subject organization. [redacted] a former school teacher, is reported to teach fundamentals of grade school education as well as the Moslem and Islam Religion.

[redacted] KEY is next in charge to [redacted]. The male members of this branch are employed in domestic positions and regularly contribute to the support of [redacted] and his wives and children.

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[redacted] EL, 4848 South State Street

This branch of the subject organization has been inactive for sometime. [redacted] EL was a member of the Adept Chamber while NOBLE DREW ALI was alive. Following the death of NOBLE DREW ALI at a meeting of the Adept Chamber, [redacted] EL was allegedly elected to be the Grand Shiek of the subject organization. However, he was not successful in retaining the leadership and attracted only a few persons to his group. However, [redacted] EL has filed with the Secretary of State at Springfield, Illinois, every year since 1938, and has received the State Charter. This is the only group on record with the Secretary of State. Meetings of this group were formerly held at 4848 South State Street until April, 1942, but since this time meetings have not been held.

[redacted] EL, [redacted] is the [redacted] of this branch. On August 1, 1942, [redacted] EL received a typewritten letter addressed to him, dated July 29, 1943, which is set forth as follows:

"Dear Brother:

"You are invited to a special meeting of Asiatic Brethern at 8:00 p.m. next Saturday, August 1, at [redacted]

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avenue, to hear special reports on the program of Islam among we Mohammedans, who live in the pale-face countries of the world.

"Bring a true friend who is consecrated to the peace of Islam and the teachings of ALLI, and enjoy a pleasant evening of brotherly friendship and refreshments. You will be my guest and there will be no charge.

"Only Genuine Moors, East Indian Egyptians, Syrians, Turks, Arabs, and other child of ALLI are being invited, and it is a special privilege to be included in the gathering.

"Addressing us will be one of our oldest friends from Detroit, Michigan, and a real surprise visitor from New York, New York..

"Yours in the Noble Prophet

/s [REDACTED] EL

"P.S.. This meeting is strictly confidential."

b7c The address [REDACTED] was known to be occupied by a number of Japanese aliens, including [REDACTED] who operates a rooming house at this address. A surveillance was conducted of this meeting with negative results. The recipient of the letter [REDACTED] EL, was observed to come to the entrance, but was met at the door by a Japanese woman, who it was subsequently ascertained, denied any knowledge of the letter and related to [REDACTED] EL that the occupants of this house were Chinese and were not Japanese..

Investigation was conducted of the Japanese residing at [REDACTED] with negative results. In connection with the Alien Enemy Control Program the Japanese residing at [REDACTED] were interviewed and a thorough search of the premises was made with their consent. A search of the premises failed to reveal the typewriter with type similar to the one writing the letter to [REDACTED] EL.

A physical surveillance maintained on the premises of [REDACTED] was negative in establishing any connection between the residents of [REDACTED] and the subject organization.

Subsequently [redacted] EL advised that in discussing the letter he had received with [redacted] EL, leader of Branch 1, 3122 South Cottage Grove Avenue, that [redacted] EL stated that he had received a similar letter but had declined to accept the invitation. [redacted] EL further advised that on interview [redacted] that a Japanese had come to his house in 1938 and endeavored to persuade him to sympathize with the Japanese cause. [redacted] EL advised that he had never known the identity of the Japanese calling on him, and he further stated that as soon as their purpose became clear, he invited them to leave his house, stating that America was the only country with which he was familiar and, therefore, he would do nothing to hurt the United States.

[redacted] EL further advised that the total membership was not over ten persons, and that for that reason meetings were discontinued in the Spring of 1942. He advised, however, that he and [redacted] EL, the [redacted] were discussing the advisability of again holding meetings of this branch of the subject organization. [redacted] EL insisted that under the teachings of Prophet NOBLE DREW ALI that members of the subject organization must abide by the laws of the United States, and must place their loyalty to this country in times of emergency.

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[redacted] EL, 2709 Indiana Avenue

This branch of the subject organization, under the leadership of [redacted] EL, meets at 322 East 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, on Friday and Sunday evenings at 8:00 p.m. [redacted] EL, [redacted] EL, [redacted] and [redacted] BEY, [redacted] came to the Chicago Field Office on September 26, 1942, to advise that their organization was in no way connected with the Ali Temple of Islam, although newspaper stories of the arrest of the Moslems had indicated that they were in fact connected with the Moorish Science Temple of America. [redacted] EL advised that his branch has 36 members and its officers are as follows:

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

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[REDACTED] EL advised that members of this group abide by the teachings of NOBLE DREW ALI and that the members are taught to comply with all laws and regulations of the United States. Each of the three individuals above referred to exhibited Selective Service cards and advised that all members have been instructed specifically to comply with the requirements of the Selective Service Act. They advised further that the Koran used by this organization was printed by one [REDACTED]. EL advised that members of his group had never been in conflict with the Chicago Police Department, and that all members were employed at responsible positions, including many defense plants.

With reference to [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] the Chicago Field Division received a letter dated October 6, 1942, from Chicago Local Board No. 7. [REDACTED] of Draft Board No. 7, advised that [REDACTED] BEY's order number was [REDACTED] and that he was born in [REDACTED] and had listed on his Selective Service Registration Card that his race was Oriental. In a questionnaire followed by [REDACTED] BEY, he stated he was opposed to noncombatant military service. He was classified III-A on [REDACTED] 1943. The Board received a letter dated [REDACTED] 1942, from [REDACTED] BEY in which he returned a special form for Conscientious Objector and stated that he was not opposed to the Selective Service Act, and any objections made by him to the Selective Service Act were a mistake. In this letter he claimed to be a Moorish American and to be a part of the United States Government.

[REDACTED] BEY, 3728 Prairie Avenue

[REDACTED] for Local Draft Board No. 7, furnished the following information which he had obtained from one [REDACTED] BEY on [REDACTED] 1942, who appeared before the Local Board. [REDACTED] BEY had stated that the Moorish Science Temple was started in Chicago, Illinois, in 1928 under the leadership of NOBLE DREW ALI, who shortly thereafter passed away. According to [REDACTED] BEY, the present head of this organization is [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] was given as the pastor and the [REDACTED] of Jackson Branch,

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[REDACTED] This temple, known to its members as Temple No. 1, meets every Friday and Sunday evenings. According to [REDACTED] BEY, there were 22 members of this Temple, and [REDACTED] further stated that the creed of the organization is that of Islam, which is founded on an Asiatic Religion. Members of this Temple pay 25¢ per capita tax each month and 50¢ dues each month. According to [REDACTED] BEY, members do not believe in killed and claim to be a peaceful organization. [REDACTED] that all members of this group are employed and receive no salary for their religious activity.

On November 12, 1942, [REDACTED] BEY filed a Conscientious Objector Form, giving as references:

- [REDACTED] BEY
- [REDACTED] BEY
- [REDACTED] EL
- [REDACTED] BEY
- [REDACTED] BEY

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[REDACTED] that he definitely does not intend to go into military service.

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Following is a list of the pamphlets and publications of the KIRKMAN Branch of the Moorish Science Temple:

The magazine "The Moorish Voice", which is published monthly, 1104 North Sedgwick Street, Chicago, Illinois, home of CHARLES KIRKMAN BEY, is the soul publication of the organization for the dissemination of the of the current events. A perusal of the contents of the issues of "The Moorish Voice"

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in the Chicago Field Office, for the last year, reflected no subversive statements. The contents of this magazine deal for the most part with the news and social activities of the various branches of the organization throughout the country.

Following are excerpts taken from the Holy Koran, which indicate the association between the Moors and the Asiatics and the Japanese:

Chapter XLV - THE DIVINE ORIGIN OF THE ASIATIC NATIONS

1. The fallen sons and daughters of the Asiatic Nation of North America need to learn to love instead of hate; and to know of his higher self and lower self. This is the uniting of the Holy Koran of Mecca for teaching and instructing all Moorish Americans, etc.
2. The key of civilization was and is in the hands of the Asiatic nations. The Moorish who were the ancient Moabites, and the founders of the Holy City of Mecca.
3. The Egyptians who were the Hamities, and of a direct descendant of Mizraim, and Arabians, the seed of Hagar, Japanese and Chinese.
4. The Hindoos of India, the descendants of the ancient Canaanites, Hitites and Moabites from the land of Canaan.
5. The Asiatic nations and countries in North, South and Central America; the Moorish Americans and Mexicans in North America, Brazilians, Argentinians and Chilians, in South America.
6. Columbians, Nicaraguans and the natives of San Salvador in Central America, Etc. All of these are Moslems.
7. The Turks are the true descendants of Hagar, who are the chief protectors of the Islamic Creed of Mecca; beginning from Mohammed the first, the founder of the uniting of Islam, by the command of the great universal God-Allah.

Chapter XLVI - THE BEGINNING OF CHRISTIANITY

1. The foundation of Christianity began in Rome. The Roman nations founded the first Church of whom crucified Jesus of Nazareth for seeking to redeem his people from under the Roman yoke and law.
2. Jesus himself was of the true blood of the ancient Canaanites and Moabites and the inhabitants of Africa.

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3. Seeking to redeem his people in those days from the pressure of the pale skin nation of Europe, Rome crucified him according to their law.
4. Then Europe had peace for a long time until Mohammed the first came upon the scene and fulfilled the works of Jesus of Nazareth.
5. The holy teaching of Jesus was to the common people, to redeem them from under the great pressure of the hands of the unjust. That the rulers and the rich would not oppress the poor. Also that the lion and the lamb may lay down together and neither would be harmed when morning came.
6. These teachings were not accepted by the rulers neither the rich because they loved the principles of the ten commandments.
7. Through the ten commandments the rulers and the rich live, while the poor suffer and die.
8. The lamb is the poor people, the lion is the rulers and the rich, and through Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice all men are one and equal to seek their own destiny; and to worship under their own vine and fig tree. After the principles of the holy and divine laws of their forefathers.
9. All nations of the earth in these modern days are seeking peace, but there is but one true and divine way that peace may be obtained in these days and it is in through Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice being taught universally to all nations in all lands.

Chapter XLVII - EGYPT, THE CAPITOL EMPIRE OF THE DOMINION OF AFRICA

1. The inhabitants of Africa are the descendants of the ancient Canaanites from the land of Canaan.
2. Old man Cush and his family are the first inhabitants of Africa who came from the land of Canaan.
3. His father Ham and his family was second. Then came the word Ethiopia which means the demarcation line of the dominion of Amexem, the first true and divine name of Africa. The dividing of the land between the father and the son.
4. The dominion of Cush, North-East and South-East Africa and North-West and South-West was his father's dominion of Africa.
5. In later years many of their brethren from Asia and the Holy lands joined them.
6. The Moabites from the land of Moab who received permission from the Pharaohs of Egypt to settle and inhabit North-West Africa; they were the founders and are the true possessors of the present Moroccan Empire. With their Canaanite, Hititite and Amorite brethren who sojourned from the land of Canaan seeking new homes.
7. Their dominion and inhabitation extended from Northeast and Southwest Africa, across the great Atlantic even unto the present, North, South

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- and Central American and also Mexico and the Atlantic Islands. Before the great earthquake, which caused the great Atlantic Ocean.
8. The River Nile was drudged and made by the ancient Pharoahs of Egypt, in order to trade with the surrounding kingdoms. Also the Niger River was drudged by the great Pharoah of Egypt in those ancient days for trade, and it extends eastward from the River Nile, westward across the great Atlantic. It was used for trade and transportation.
 9. According to all true and divine records of the human race there is no Negro, black, or colored race attached to the human family, because all the inhabitants of Africa were and are of the human race, descendants of the ancient Canaanite nation from the holy land of Canaan.
 10. What your ancient forefathers were, you are today without doubt of contradiction.
 11. There is no one who is able to change man from the descendant nature of his forefathers; unless his power extends beyond the great universal Creator Allah himself.
 12. These holy and divine laws are from the Prophet, NOBLE DREW ALI, the founder of the uniting of the Moorish Holy Temple of Science of North America.
 13. These laws are to be strictly preserved by the members of all the Temples, of the Moorish Holy Temple of Science. That they will learn to open their meetings and guide it according to the principles of Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom, and Justice.
 14. Every subordinate Temple of the Grand-Major Temple is to form under the covenant of Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice; and create their own laws and customs, in conjunction with the laws of the Holy Prophet and the Grand Temple. I, the Prophet, NOBLE DREW ALI, was sent by the great God, Allah, to warn all Asiatics of America to repent from their sinful ways; before that great and awful day which is sure to come.
 15. The time has come that every nation must worship under his own vine and fig tree, and every tongue must confess his own.
 16. Through sin and disobedience every nation has suffered slavery, due to the fact that they honored not the creed and principles of their forefathers.
 17. That is why the nationality of the Moors was taken away from them in 1774 and the word Negro, black and colored was given to the Asiatics of America who were Moorish Descent, because they honored not the principles of their mother and father, and strayed after the gods of Europe whom they knew nothing of.

Chapter SLVIII - THE END OF TIME AND THE FULFILLING OF THE PROPHECIES

1. The last Prophet in these days is NOBLE DREW ALI, who was prepared divinely in due time by Allah to redeem men from their sinful ways; and to warn them of the great wrath which is sure to come upon the earth.

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2. John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus in those days, to warn and stir up the nation and prepare them to receive the divine creed which was to be taught by Jesus.
3. In these modern days there came a forerunner, that was divinely prepared by the great God-Allah and his name is MARCUS GARVEY, who did teach and warn the nations of the earth to prepare to meet the coming Prophet; who was to bring the truth and divine Creed of Islam, and his name is NOBLE DREW ALI; who was prepared and sent to this earth by Allah, to teach the old time religion and the everlasting gospel to the sons of men. That every nation shall and must worship under their own vine and fig tree, and return to their own and be one with their Father God-Allah.
4. The Moorish Holy Temple of Science is a lawfully chartered and incorporated organization. Any subordinate Temple that desires to receive a charter, the prophet has them to issue to every state throughout the United States, Etc.
5. That the world may hear and know the truth that among the descendants of Africa there is still much wisdom to be learned in these days for the redemption of the sons of men under Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom, and Justice.
6. We, as a clean and pure nation descended from the inhabitants of Africa, do not desire to amalgamate or marry into the families of the pale skin nations of Europe. Neither serve the gods of their religion because our forefathers are the true and divine founders of the first religious Creed, for the redemption and salvation of mankind on earth.
7. Therefore we are returning the Church and Christianity back to the European Nations, as it was prepared by their forefathers for their earthly salvation.
8. While we, the Moorish Americans are returning to Islam, which was founded by our forefathers for our earthly and divine salvation.
9. The covenant of the great God-Allah, "Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be longer upon the earth land, which the Lord thy God, Allah hath given thee!"
10. Come all ye Asiatics of America and hear the truth about your nationality and birthrights, because you are not Negroes. Learn of your forefathers' ancient and divine Creed. That you will learn to love instead of hate.
11. We are trying to uplift fallen humanity. Come and link yourselves with the families of nations. We honor all the true and divine prophets.

The following is The Divine Constitution and By-Laws of the Moorish Science Temple of America:

- ACT 1. - The Grand Sheik and the chairman of the Moorish Science Temple of America is in power to make law and enforce laws with the

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assistance of the Prophet and the Grand Body of the Moorish Science Temple of America. The assistant Grand Sheik is to assist the Grand Sheik in all affairs if he lives according to Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice, and it is known before the members of the Moorish Science Temple of America.

- ACT 2. - All meetings are to be opened and closed promptly according to the circle seven and Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice. Friday is our Holy Day of rest, because on a Friday the first man was formed in flesh and on a Friday the first man departed out of flesh and ascended unto his father God Allah, for that cause Friday is the Holy Day for all Moslems all over the world.
- ACT 3. - Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice must be proclaimed and practised by all members of the Moorish Science Temple of America. No member is to put in danger or accuse falsely his brother or sister on any occasion at all that may harm his brother or sister, because Allah is Love.
- ACT 4. - All members must preserve these Holy and Divine Laws, and all members must obey the laws of the government, because by being a Moorish American, you are a part and partial of the government, and must live the life accordingly.
- ACT 5. - This organization of the Moorish Science Temple of America is not to cause any confusion or to overthrow the laws and constitution of the said government but to obey hereby.
- ACT 6. - With us all members must proclaim their nationality and we are teaching our people their nationality and their Divine Creed that they may know that they are a part and a partial of this said government, and know that they are not Negroes, Colored Folks, Black People or Ethiopians, because they names were given to slaves by slave holders in 1779 and lasted until 1865 during the time of slavery, but this is a new era of time now, and all men now must proclaim their free national name to be recognized by the government in which they live and the nations of the earth, this is the reason why Allah the Great God of the universe ordained NOBLE DREW ALI, the Prophet to redeem his people from their sinful ways. The Moorish Americans are the descendants of the ancient Moabites whom inhabited the North Western and South Western shores of Africa.
- ACT 7. - All members must promptly attend their meetings and become a part and a partial of all uplifting acts of the Moorish Science

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Temple of America. Members must pay their dues and keep in line with all necessities of the Moorish Science Temple of America, then you are entitled to the name of, "Faithful." Husband, you must support your wife and children; wife you must obey your husband and take care of your children and look after the duties of your household. Sons and daughters must obey father and mother and be industrious and become a part of the uplifting of fallen humanity. All Moorish Americans must keep their hearts and minds pure with love, and their bodies clean with water. This Divine Covenant is from your Holy Prophet NOBLE DREW ALI, thru the guidance of his Father God Allah

Moorish American Prayer

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

The following is Koran Questions for Moorish Americans:

"Koran Questions for Moorish Children:

1. Who made you? ALLAH
2. Who is ALLAH? ALLAH is the Father of the Universe
3. Can we see Him? No.
4. Where is the nearest place we can meet Him? In the heart.
5. Who is Noble Drew Ali? He is ALLAH's Prophet.
6. What is a Prophet? A Prophet is a Thought of Allah manifested in flesh.
7. What is the duty of a Prophet? To save nations from the wrath of Allah.
8. Who is the founder of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA? Noble Drew Ali
9. What year was the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA founded? 1913 A.D.
10. Where? Newark, N. J.
11. Where was NOBLE DREW ALI born? In the State of North Carolina, 1886.
12. What is his nationality? Moorish-American
13. What is your nationality? Moorish-American
14. Why are we Moorish-Americans? Because we are descendants of Morroccans and born in America.

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15. For what purpose was the Moorish Science Temple of America Founded?
For the uplifting of fallen humanity.
16. How did the Prophet begin to uplift the Moorish Americans?
By teaching them to be themselves.
17. What is your religion? Islamism.
18. Is that a new, or is that the old time religion? Old time religion
19. What kind of a flag is the Moorish? It is a red flag with a five pointed green star in the center.
20. What do the five points represent? Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice.
21. How old is our flag? It is over 10,000 years old.
22. Which is our Holy Day? Friday.
23. Why? Because Friday is the day on which man was formed in flesh, and it was on Friday when He departed out of flesh.
24. Who was Jesus? He was a Prophet of ALLAH.
25. Where was He born? In Bethlehem, of Judah, in the House of David.
26. Who were His Father and Mother? Joseph and Mary.
27. Will you give in brief the line (geneology) through which Jesus came? Some of the Great Fathers through which Jesus came are: Abraham, Boaz by Ruth, Jesse, King David, Solomon, Hezekiah and Joseph by Mary.
28. Why did ALLAH send Jesus to this earth? To save the Israelites from the iron-hand oppression of the pale-skin nations of Europe, who were governing a portion of Palestine at that time.
29. How long has that been? About two thousand years ago.
30. What was the nationality of Ruth? Ruth was a Moabitess.
31. What is the modern name for the Moabites? Morroccans.
32. Where is the Morroccan Empire? Northwest Amexem.
33. What is the modern name for Amexem? Africa
34. What is the title given to our ruler in Morocco? Sultan.
35. Where do we get the name Jesus? From the East.
36. What does the name Jesus mean? Jesus means Justice.
37. Did the Angel give to the Child that we call Jesus a Holy name? Yes, but it cannot be used by those who are slaves to sin.
38. What is an Angel? An Angel is a thought of ALLAH manifested in human flesh.
39. What are Angels used for? To carry messages to the four corners of the world, to all nations.
40. What is our Prophet to us? He is an angel of ALLAH, who is sent to bring us the Everlasting Gospel of ALLAH.
41. What is the Everlasting Gospel? It is a Saving Power that comes from ALLAH through our Ancient Fathers, by His Prophet.
42. What is the Covenant of the Great GOD-ALLAH? Honor thy Father and thy Mother, that thy days may be long upon the Earthland which the Lord thy GOD-ALLAH hath given thee.

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43. At what age did Jesus begin to teach? At the age of twelve.
44. Where did He teach? India, Africa and Europe.
45. How long did He teach? Eighteen years.
46. What did Jesus say that would make you free? Truth.
47. What is TRUTH? TRUTH is Aught.
48. What is Aught? Aught is ALLAH
49. Can TRUTH change? TRUTH cannot change, or pass away.
50. What other name do we give to TRUTH? HOLY BREATH.
51. What have you to say about the HOLY BREATH? All we can say is it is Great. It is good. It was, it is, and evermore to be. AMEN.
52. At what place on earth was the physical part of MAN formed? In the Garden of Eden.
53. Where is the Garden of Eden? In the land of Canaan, in the City of Mecca.
54. What is the modern name for the Garden of Eden? MECCA.
55. What is the name of the first Physical Man? His name cannot be used, only by Executive Rulers of the A.C. of the M.H.T. of S.
56. What are the words of A. C. of the M. H. T. of S.? Adept Chamber of the Moorish Holy Temple of Science. (3rd Heaven.)
57. Who were Adam and Eve? They are the mothers and fathers of the human family. Asiatics and Moslems.
58. Where did they go? They went to Asia.
59. What is the modern name given to their children? Asiatics.
61. Who is guarding the Holy City of MECCA today to keep the unbelievers away? Angels.
62. What is the modern name for those Angels? Asiatics.
63. What is the shade of their skin? Olive.
64. Are the Moorish Americans any relation to those Angels? Yes, we all have the same father and mother.
65. Give five names that are given to the descendants of Adam and Eve: Lucifer, Satan, Devil, Dragon and Beast.
66. What is the Devil sometime called. The Lower-self.
67. How many selves are they? Two
68. Name them: Higher-self and Lower-self.
69. What people represent the Higher-self? The angels who protect the Holy City of MECCA.
70. What people represent the Lower-self? Those who were cast out of the Holy City, and those who accept their teaching.
71. What is the Higher-self? The Higher-self is the Mother of the virtues and the harmonies of life, and breeds Justice, Mercy, Love and Right.
72. Can the Higher-self pass away? No.
73. Why? Because it is ALLAH in MAN.
74. What does the Lower-self breed? Hatred, Slander, Lewdness, Murders, Theft, and everything that harms.

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75. What did the Higher-self say to the Lower-self at one time when He met Him? Where are you going, Satan?
76. What was the answer that the Lower-self gave to the Higher-self? I am going to and fro the earth seeking whom I may devour.
77. Has he finished His task of devouring? Yes.
78. When was His time declared out? When He nailed Jesus on the cross.
79. What are the last words Jesus uttered? It is finished.
80. What did He have reference to? He had reference to the end of Satan.
81. Did Jesus say that He would return to conquer Him? Yes.
82. What is the name of the person into whom Jesus was first reincarnated? Prophet MOHAMMED, the Conqueror.
83. Was Satan to be bound then? Satan was to be bound in part.
84. When was the head of Satan taken off? 1453 (Byzantine).
85. By whom? By Mohammed.
86. Name some of the marks that were put upon the Moors of Northwest, by the European nations in 1774? Negro, Black, Colored and Ethiopia.
87. Negro, a name given to a river in West Africa by the Moors, because it contains black water.
88. What is meant by the word Black? Black, according to science, means death.
89. What does the word Colored mean? Colored means anything that has been painted, stained, varnished or dyed.
90. What does Ethiopia mean? Ethiopia means something divided.
91. Can a man be a Negro, Black, Colored or Ethiopian? No.
92. Why? Because man is made in the Image and after the Likeness of God, Allah.
93. What title does Satan give himself? God.
94. Will you define the word White? White means Purity, Purity means God, and God means the Ruler of the Land.
95. To whom do we refer to at times, as being the GREAT GOD? ALLAH.
96. Is the Devil made in the Image and Likeness of ALLAH? No, he is the shadow of our lower-selves and will pass away.
97. Who made the Devil? Elohim.
98. Who is Elohim? Elohim, is the Seven Creative Spirits that created everything that ever was, is, and evermore to be.
99. What is Elohim sometimes called? The SEVEN EYES OF ALLAH.
100. How many days are in the Circle? Seven days.
101. How many days are in a creation? Seven days.
102. According to Science, how many days are in a year? Seven days."

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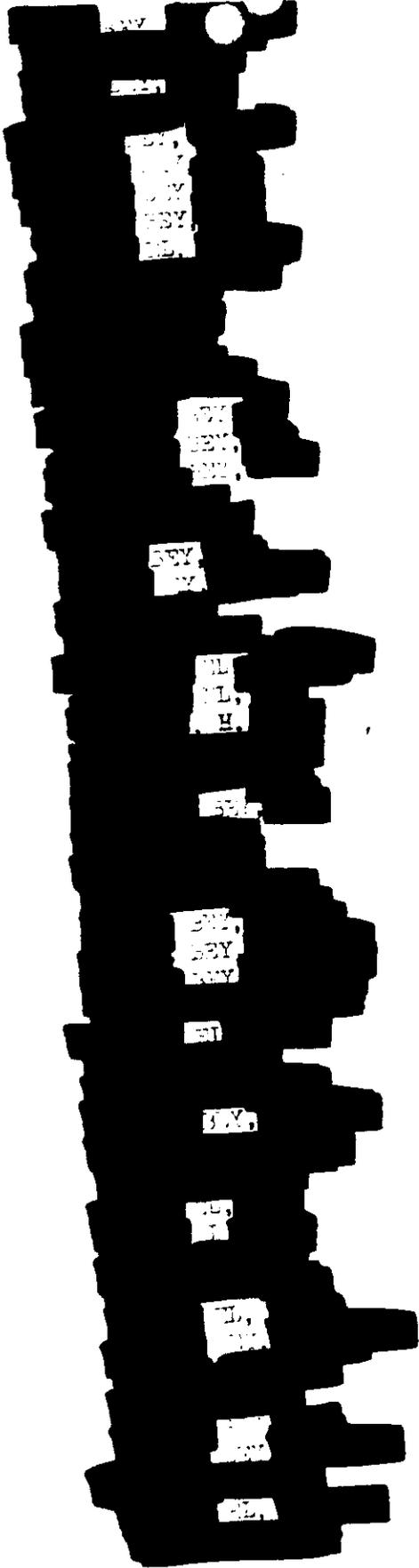
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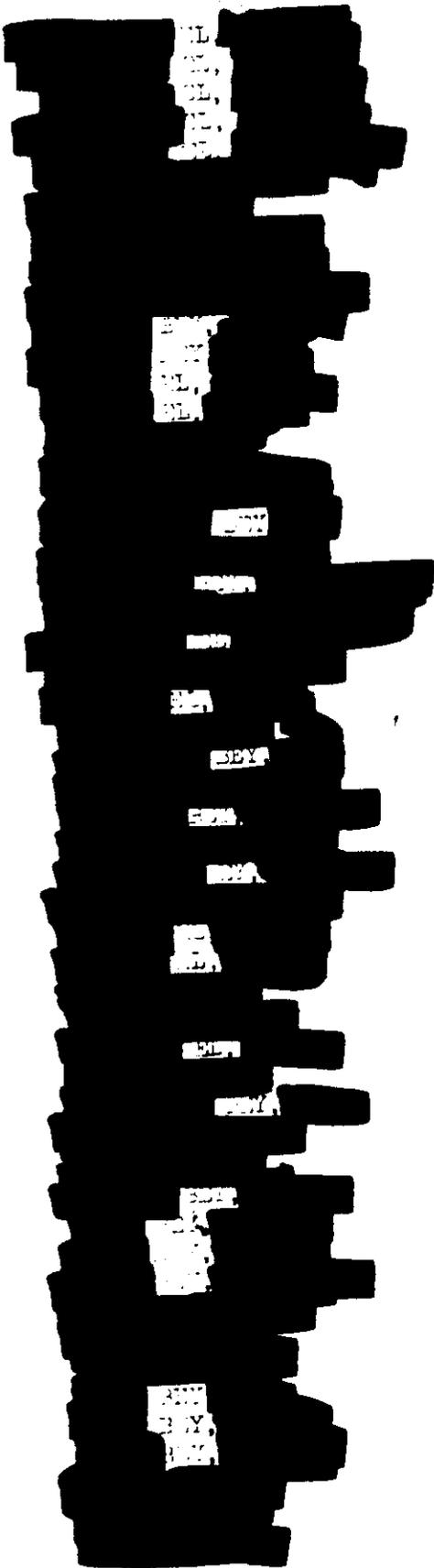
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 100-4094

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| REPORT MADE AT INDIANAPOLIS | DATE WHEN MADE 12/30/43 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/12, 21, 24, 25; 10/11, 14, 18, 22, 30; 11/2, 3, 10, 11/43 | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] |
| TITLE COLONEL C. KIRKMAN, with aliases, et al MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION OVERTHROW OR DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Informant advises members of instant organization meet at 4448 State Street, Chicago, Illinois. Building at this address alleged to have secret connecting passageways with nearby buildings. Chicago membership given as 1500 to 1800, who believe in "Asiatic Brotherhood" and blood relationship with Japanese. Temple reported still active in Calmet Area. Membership drive sponsored early in 1943. Names of alleged members secured.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File No. 62-25889.
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated November 10, 1943, at Indianapolis.
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated March 13, 1943, at Indianapolis.

DETAILS: At East Chicago, Indiana

Information was received from the Chicago Field Division on September 22, 1943, to the effect that a letter was received from [REDACTED] advising that he had information relative to a negro organization with possible subversive tendencies. The information contained in [REDACTED] letter substantially stated that he had a confidential interview with a negro, a co-worker, who informed him that a cult named "The Morans" held meetings in a colored neighborhood in Chicago and St. Louis. [REDACTED] that the negroes maintained a belief that they were the blood brothers of the Japs.

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In a subsequent interview, [redacted] he was employed at the [redacted]

Approximately in August, a colored employee of the Corporation named [redacted] advised him that his mother-in-law, now deceased, had been quite active in a cult known as the "Morans", a branch of the MORRISH SCIENCE TEMPLE, in Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] a negro representative from the Calumet Area attended meetings regularly in Chicago, at 4448 State Street, which is the former building of the Masonic Temple. He also related that this building had secret passageways connecting with a nearby building.

[redacted] the cult assisted their members to become conscientious objectors and requested members to donate clothing and money for negroes in Africa.

A member of the St. Louis, Missouri Branch occasionally came to Chicago and collected these donations. [redacted] the Chicago organization has approximately 1500 to 1800 members who believe in the "Asiatic Brotherhood" and blood relationship with the Japanese.

[redacted] gave the above information to [redacted] (phonetic) of the [redacted] at the above address. [redacted] that [redacted] had given him the above information in confidence, since he was physically afraid of the members of the MORRISH SOCIETY. [redacted] was unable to give the first name of [redacted] but stated he was a rather intellectual type of negro employed in the ingot mold foundry of the [redacted]

[redacted] who was not working at the time of the interview with the reporting Agent, is a highly nervous individual, and admitted he had been advised by his employers to rest and prevent a nervous breakdown. He gave the following description of [redacted]

| | |
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| Race | Negro |
| Age | About 42 |
| Height | 4'7 or 8" |
| Weight | 150 lbs. |
| Hair | Black, medium length |
| Forehead | Full |
| Eyes | Dark |
| Physical characteristics | No visible scars or marks |
| Marital Status | Wife and one daughter |
| Employer | [redacted] |

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At Gary, Indiana

bv [redacted] furnished the following information relative to the present organization and leadership of the MSTA in the Calumet Area:

"Gary: Temple #22 - Grand Sheik, Sister M. TIGGS - EL 2160 Broadway Street

Membership: Meetings attended by eight to ten individuals and are presided over by C. BARKER BEY; early in 1943 a membership drive was in progress.

Subversion: Members claim to be of Moroccan descent, but no subversive activities have been reported.

Indiana Harbor: Temple #22 - Grand Sheik L. COOK-BEY.

East Chicago: Temple #22 - Grand Sheik E. SMITH - EL."

bv [redacted] advised that he received information to the effect that BERTHA ANDERSON EL (colored) 2150 Adams Street, Gary, employed at the Gary Works, as a blast furnace laborer, recently appeared at the plant in an intoxicated condition and loudly declared her views on the racial question and negro discrimination. He further stated that BERTHA ANDERSON EL was born October 10, 1910, in Hernando, Mississippi, and is presently living with a MAMIE BLACKWELL. She was formerly employed by Mrs. GEORGE YUREN, 340 Tyler Street. References given by her were JOHN BEY, 2226 Dunbar, and Mrs. BORENS, 2136 Adams Street, Gary, Indiana.

bv [redacted] further advised that the following persons were employed at the Gary Works of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation:

JACK WEST BEY, 2670 Fillmore Street,
GEORGE W. MOORE BEY, 2581 Pennsylvania,
AARON HUNTER BEY, 26 West 18th Street, Gary, Indiana.

b7c, b7d [redacted] Gary Works, Gary, Indiana, produced records which reflected that [redacted] was reported to have come to their gate at Virginia, reporting for work in an intoxicated condition. However, there was no information relative to any un-American statements in the records. [redacted] that the names of [redacted] BEY and [redacted] BEY, employees of [redacted] contractor at the Illinois Carnegie Plant, were listed in their files, as possible members of subject organization.

[redacted] Gary, Indiana, stated she has occasionally heard comments among the negro members of the house, and in the neighboring community, to the effect that the Japanese would give the negroes a better deal; conse-

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quently, the negroes should fight with the Japanese, and not against them. She was unable to recall the persons making these remarks.

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The following people were contacted with negative results, relative to the subject organization or its members:

[REDACTED] Friendship House,
[REDACTED] Neighborhood House, Gary.
[REDACTED] Gary.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

b7c Will contact [redacted] (phonetic spelling) of the [redacted] for any additional information relative to instant organization.

b7c Will discreetly contact negro [redacted] if deemed necessary and advisable, relative to activities of instant organization, bearing in mind, that [redacted] is physically in fear of the Cult, relative to the safety of his family.

THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

• At Anderson, Indiana

Will, through informants, obtain and report activities of Temple [redacted] of subject organization in an attempt to disclose possible violations of the Sedition Laws and Selective Service regulations.

• At East Chicago, Indiana

b7c Will, through informants, obtain and report present activities of Temple [redacted] 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 [redacted] 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 [redacted] of subject organization in an attempt to disclose possible violations of the Sedition Laws and Selective Service regulations.

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U. S. Naval Intelligence Service,
Ninth Naval District, dated May
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Agent STEPHEN JURCO,
MID, Gary, Indiana.

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

January 10, 1944

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Director, F.B.I.

RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA
C. KIRKMAN KEY, was, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - J
SEDITION
(Bureau file 62-25889)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the above-captioned Bureau letter, dated October 5, 1943, requesting each office receiving copies of that letter to proceed with its investigation with a view toward local prosecution, since the Criminal Division had decided each unit must be considered individually.

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Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 22, 1943 at Chicago, entitled [redacted] et al MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, SEDITION, SECURITY MATTER - J, wherein on page 16, last paragraph, it is stated that the October 5, 1943 Bureau letter had, "designated each field division where any branch was located as office of origin, rather than Chicago which was originally office of origin."

This is to advise that in view of the statement made in the above report from Chicago, the Newark Field Division will consider itself office of origin in its own investigation of instant group in the future, unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
S. K. MCKEE,
SAC

1 CC, Chicago

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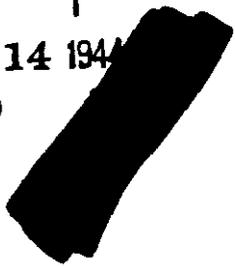
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Knoxville, Tennessee
January 13, 1944**

Director, FBI

COL. C. KIRKMAN BEY, was, ETAL;
MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA;
SECURITY MATTER - J
SEDITION; SELECTIVE SERVICE
Bureau File No. 62-25889

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau letter dated December 14, 1943, please be advised that a review of the above captioned file reflects that individuals who are members of instant organization in Chattanooga, Tennessee have made statements that were probably in violation of the Sedition Statute, however these statements were not made during the meetings of instant organization and were not made in the halls where the meetings are regularly held.

Due to the fact that prosecution would probably be declined regarding statements made by members of instant organization, as an organization, the individuals making the statements which could be termed as seditious will be interviewed in the immediate future and the Bureau advised in order that the additional evidence might be presented the Department for consideration as to prosecution.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Murphy
W. A. MURPHY, SAs

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE RICHMOND FIELD DIVISION

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Will follow and report the activities of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Incorporated, in this area.

Will ascertain the identity of the present members of the local temple.

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F. B. I. Office

Dear Sir

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I am a tax payer Citizen of U.S.A.
and I am writing you for information
on why would the U.S.A. have
a organization going on in the U.S.A
with their own flag and the temple
is located at 16th & symore Sts. in
Anderson Indiana. Two of the leading
members are

[REDACTED] +
[REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

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Of course one of the head men
is called Brother C Kirkman Bey and
the men have El. after their names
and the women have Bey after their
name & they have their Nationality
Cards they are called spouses and have
their own flags, [REDACTED] and have
Bey has a flag [REDACTED] 62-25887-234

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I can't see why that can go on in
the United States it really should
be investigated.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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| Tele. Room | _____ |
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| Miss Beahm | _____ |
| Miss Gandy | _____ |

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

January 14, 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NICHOLS

As a matter of record, you are advised that Grand [redacted] el of the Moorish Science Temple, The Divine and National Movement of North America, Inc., [redacted]-bey and Brother [redacted]-el Sheik were referred to this Section this afternoon by the Director's Office and in [redacted] absence were interviewed by Supervisor [redacted]. The Grand Sheik presented a letter from the Director dated October 21, 1943, which was in response to his letter of October 15, indicating an interest in juvenile delinquency. The Director's letter was just a perfunctory acknowledgment.

The Grand Sheik handed Special Agent [redacted] the attached literature and stated that he and his cohorts were in the city today on other matters and just wanted to drop by and pay their respects to the Director. Turner made quite an impassioned spiel on the nature of their group and pointed out that they were not interested in subversive activity in the least but were wholly American and interested in the American way of life. Special Agent [redacted] accepted the pamphlets and indicated that they would be referred to the Director's attention.

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RECOMMENDATION: No further action.

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ACT 5.—All members must promptly attend their meetings and send their children to Sunday School, and the teacher must confirm himself to the questionnaire. And let every member exercise his five senses who is able to do so, because out from your Sunday School comes the guiders of the Nation.

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

ACT 7.—All members must promptly attend their meetings and become a part and a partial of all uplifting acts of the Moorish Science Temple. Members must pay their dues and keep in line with all necessities of the Moorish Science Temple, then you are entitled to the name of "Faithful." Husband, you must support your wife and children. Wife, you must obey your husband and take care of your children and look after the duties of your household. Sons and daughters must obey father and mother and be industrious and become part of the uplifting of fallen humanity. All Moorish Americans must keep their hearts and minds pure with love, and their bodies clean with water. This Divine Covenant is from your Holy Prophet Nohel Drew Ali, through the guidance of his Father, God Allah.

89. What does the word colored mean? Colored means anything that has been painted, stained, varnished or dyed.
90. What does Ethiopia mean? Ethiopia means something divided.
91. Can a man be a Negro. Black, Colored or Ethiopian? No.
92. Why? Because man is made in the Image and after the likeness of God, Allah.
93. What title does Satan give Himself? God.
94. Will you define the word White? White means Purity, Purity means God, and God means the Ruler of the Land.
95. To whom do we refer to at times, as being the GREAT GOD? ALLAH.
96. Is the Devil made in the Image and Likeness of ALLAH? No, he is the shadow of our lower-selves and will pass away.
97. Who made the Devil? Elohim.
98. Who is Elohim? Elohim, is the Seven Creative Spirits that created everything that ever was, is, and ever more to be.
99. What is Elohim sometimes called? The SEVEN EYES of ALLAH.
100. How many days are in the Circle? Seven days.
101. How many days are in a creation? Seven days.
102. According to Science, how many days are in a year? Seven days.



**Questionnaire and Additional Laws For
The Moorish Americans**

(BY THE PROPHET NOBLE DREW ALI)

ACT 1.—Grand Shieks, and Governors and heads of all Temples, all Businesses: Each said Temple must be approved by the Phophet Noble Drew Ali. Before acting upon by any members, let it be finance property or any line of life that will cause the members to sacrifice finance, etc., that will cause the support of any group of members. Any former officer that violates these laws is subject to be removed from his office under heavy restriction, etc. by the Prophet or the Grand Shiek.

ACT 2.—All members are to attend their adept meetings and their public meetings promptly. If a member is found standing around on their meeting period, shall be fined 50c on the first case, and on the second, he will be fined one dollar (\$1.00), which will go on your emergency fund. If member is working, his monthly dues must be paid, and if he has money in the bank he must subscribe for as much as he is able, to the Moorish Uplifting Fund, because it takes finance to uplift a Nation.

ACT 3.—It is lawful and devine duty of every good member if he is able in finance, to aid me in saving the nation and if he does not, he is an enemy to the cause of uplifting his own people and Justice must catch you. Let it be he or she according to Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice as I have the power invested in my hands and I will have to enforce the law ip order to save the nation.

ACT 4. All members while making a public speech must not use any assertion against the American flag or speak radical against the church or any member of any organized group, because we are to teach Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice.

52. At what place on earth was the physical part of MAN formed? In the Garden of Eden.
53. Where is the Garden of Eden? In the Land of Canaan, in the City of Mecca.
54. What is the modern name for the Garden of Eden? MECCA.
55. What is the name of the first Physical Man? His name cannot be used, only by Executive Rulers of the A. C. of the M. S. T. of A.
56. What are the words A. C. of the M. S. T. of A? Adept Chamber of the Moorish Science Temple of America (3rd Heaven).
57. Who were Adam and Eve? They are the mothers and fathers of the human family. Asiatics and Moslems.
58. Where did they go? They went into Asia.
59. What is the modern name given to their children? Asiatics.
60. Who is guarding the Holy City of MECCA today to keep the unbelievers away? Angels.
61. What is the modern name for those Angels? Asiatics.
62. What is the shade of their skin? Olive.
63. Are the Moorish Americans any relation to those Angels? Yes, we all have the same father and mother.
64. Give five names that are given to the descendants of Adam and Eve: Lucifer, Satan, Devil, Dragon and Beast.
65. What is the Devil some time called? The Lower-self.
66. How many selves are there? Two.
67. Name them: Higher-self and Lower-self.
68. What people represent the Higher-self? The Angels who protect the Holy City of MECCA.
69. What people represent the Lower-self? Those who were cast out of the Holy City, and those who accept their teaching.

70. What is the Higher-self? The Higher-self is the Mother of virtues and the harmonies of life, and breeds Justice, Mercy, Love and Right.
71. Can the Higher-self pass away? No.
72. Why? Because it is ALLAH in MAN.
73. What does the Lower-self breed? Hatred, Slander, Lewdness, Murders, Theft, and everything that harms.
74. What did the Higher-self say to the Lower-self at one time when He met Him? "Where are you going Satan?"
75. What was the answer that the Lower-self gave to the Higher-self? "I am going to and fro the earth seeking whom I may devour."
76. Has he finished His task of devouring? Yes.
77. When was His time declared out? When He nailed Jesus on the cross.
78. What are the last words Jesus uttered? It is finished.
79. What did He have reference to? He had reference to the end of Satan.
80. Did Jesus say that He would return to conquer Him? Yes.
81. What is the name of the person into whom Jesus was first reincarnated? Prophet MOHAMMED, the Conqueror.
82. Was Satan to be bound then? Satan was to be bound in part.
83. When was the head of Satan taken off? 1453 (Byzantine).
84. By whom? By Mohammed.
85. Name some of the marks that were put upon the MOORS of Northwest, by the European nations in 1774? Negro, Black, Colored and Ethiopia.
86. Negro, a name given to a river in West Africa by Moors, because it contains black water.
87. What is meant by the word Black? Black according to science means death.

16. How did the Prophet begin to uplift the Moorish-Americans? By teaching them to be themselves.
17. What is our religion? Islamism.
18. Is that a new, or is that the old time religion? Old time religion.
19. What kind of a flag is the Moorish? It is a red flag with a five pointed green star in the center.
20. What do the five points represent? Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice.
21. How old is our flag? It is over 10,000 years old.
22. Which is our Holy Day? Friday.
23. Why? Because Friday is the day on which man was formed in flesh, and it was on Friday when He departed out of flesh.
24. Who was Jesus? He was a Prophet of Allah.
25. Where was He born? In Bethlehem, of Judah, in the House of David.
26. Who were His Father and Mother? Joseph and Mary.
27. Will you give in brief the line (geneology) through which Jesus came? Some of the Great Fathers through which Jesus came are: Abraham, Boaz by Ruth, Jesse, King David, Solomon, Hezekiah and Joseph by Mary.
28. Why did ALLAH send Jesus to this earth? To save the Israelites from the iron-hand oppression of the pale-skin nations of Europe, who were governing a portion of Palestine at that time.
29. How long has that been? About two thousand years ago.
30. What was the nationality of Ruth? Ruth was a Moabitess.
31. What is the modern name for Moabites? Morroccans.
32. Where is the Morroccan Empire? Northwest Amexem.
33. What is the modern name for Amexem? Africa.

34. What is the title given to our ruler in Morocco? Sultan.
35. Where do we get the name Jesus? From the East.
36. What does the name Jesus mean? Jesus means Justice.
37. Did the Angel give to the Child that was called Jesus a Holy name? Yes, but it cannot be used by those who are slaves to sin.
38. What is an Angel? An Angel is a thought of ALLAH manifested in human flesh.
39. What are Angels used for? To carry messages to the four corners of the world, to all nations.
40. What is our Prophet to us? He is an Angel of ALLAH who was sent to bring us the Everlasting Gospel of ALLAH.
41. What is the Everlasting Gospel? It is a Saving Power that comes from ALLAH through our Ancient Fathers, by His Prophet.
42. What is the Covenant of the Great GOD-ALLAH? Honor thy Father and thy Mother, that thy days may be long upon the Earthland which the Lord thy GOD-ALLAH hath given thee.
43. At what age did Jesus begin to teach? At the age of twelve.
44. Where did He teach? India, Africa and Europe.
45. How long did He teach? Eighteen years.
46. What did Jesus say that make you free? TRUTH.
47. What is TRUTH? TRUTH is Aught.
48. What is Aught? Aught is ALLAH.
49. Can TRUTH change? TRUTH cannot change, or pass away.
50. What other name do we give to TRUTH? HOLY BREATH.
51. What have you to say about the HOLY BREATH? All we can say it is Great. It is good. It was, it is, and evermore to be. AMEN.

Moorish American Prayer

ALLAH the Father of the Universe, the Father of Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice. ALLAH is my Protector, my Guide, and my Salvation by night and by day, through His Holy Prophet, DREW ALI. (Amen).



Koran Questions for Moorish Children

1. Who made you? ALLAH.
2. Who is ALLAH? ALLAH is the Father of the Universe.
3. Can we see Him? No.
4. Where is the nearest place we can meet Him? In the heart.
5. Who is Noble Drew Ali? He is ALLAH'S Prophet
6. What is a Prophet? A Prophet is a Thought of Allah manifested in the flesh.
7. What is the duty of a Prophet? To save nations from the wrath of ALLAH.
8. Who is the founder of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA? Noble Drew Ali.
9. What year was the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA founded? 1913 A. D.
10. Where? Newark, N. J.
11. Where was NOBLE DREW ALI born? In the State of North Carolina, 1886.
12. What is his nationality? Moorish-American.
13. What is your nationality? Moorish-American.
14. Why are we Moorish-Americans? Because we are descendants of Morrocans and born in America.
15. For what purpose was the Moorish Science Temple of America Founded? For the uplifting of fallen humanity.



ISLAM

The Great Meeting
Is On!



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KORAN QUESTIONS FOR MOORISH AMERICANS



NOBLE DREW ALI Founder of
MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE, THE DIVINE AND
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Salvation



Our God



Unity



The Moorish Science Temple the Divine and National Movement of North America, Inc.

The Divine Constitution and By-Laws

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

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

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

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

ACT 5.—This organization of the Moorish Science Temple the Divine and National Movement of North America, Inc., is not to cause any confusion or to overthrow the laws and constitution of the said government but to obey hereby.



NOBLE DREW ALI
Founder
May 1st, 1916

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

ACT 7.—All members must promptly attend their meeting and become a part of all uplifting acts of the Moorish Science Temple the Divine and National Movement of North America, Inc. Members must pay their dues and keep in line with all necessities of the Moorish Science Temple the Divine and National Movement of North America, Inc., then you are entitled to the name of, "Faithful." Husband you must support your wife and children; wife you must obey your husband and take care of your children and look after the duties of your household. Sons and daughters must obey father and mother and be industrious and become a part of the uplifting of fallen humanity. All Moorish Americans are to keep their hearts and minds pure with love, and their bodies clean with water. This Divine Covenant is from your Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali, through the guidance of his Father God Allah.

MOORISH AMERICAN PRAYER

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

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

FILE NO. **100-5817**

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| REPORT MADE AT PITTSBURGH, PA. | DATE WHEN MADE 1-26-44 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-21-43; 1-4, 5, 6, 7-44 | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c |
| TITLE BEY, with aliases [REDACTED] Sheik Ali | | CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER SELECTIVE SERVICE | |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records of Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa., reflect subject born in 1902; records of Downtown Ration Board, Pittsburgh, reflect subject born in 1887 and records at [REDACTED] 1899. Subject reinterviewed, stating he does not know true age, but is certain he was born before 1900. USA, Pittsburgh, declines prosecution.

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- C - **SPECIAL ATTENTION**

REFERENCE: **b7c** Report of SA [REDACTED] 11-30-43, Pittsburgh, Pa.

DETAILS: **AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

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I.

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

Allegheny General Hospital
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The admission records of the Allegheny General Hospital reflect that one [REDACTED] BEY, colored, was admitted for hospitalization on [REDACTED] at which time he stated his age was 36.

Downtown Ration Board
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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In connection with the application for ration book #1 [REDACTED] BEY, stating she was the sister of [REDACTED] BEY of [REDACTED] registered

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b7c fo [REDACTED] BEY stating in such registration that he was 45 years of age. It is known that this registration was effected in May, 1942.

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The records of the above company reflect that one [REDACTED] was employed by their [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Pennsylvania. It is noted that this [REDACTED] is the only colored individual on their payroll at their [REDACTED] operation. This employment record reflects that [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] in the United States. It is noted that the physical description given in this record corresponds with the physical description of subject in instant case. Subject's address at the time of this employment was [REDACTED]

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PROSECUTIVE STEPS

The facts in instant case were presented to Assistant United States Attorney, Mr. GEORGE MASHANK, who declined prosecution inasmuch as there is no evidence that the subject has wilfully tried to evade the provisions of the Selective Training and Service Act, and further, as there is no proof as to his correct birth date.

II.

b7c The following investigation at New Castle, Pennsylvania, was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

b7c, formerly [REDACTED] New Castle, Pennsylvania, [REDACTED] at New Castle, advised that he does not recall any employee by the name of [REDACTED] and stated definitely [REDACTED]

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b7 (that a colored [REDACTED] never acted as his chauffeur.

b7c Upon reinterview, subject stated that he does not know his true age, but is certain that he was born before 1900. He stated that the reason he changed his birth date from 1902 to 1885 at the time of registration for the draft was because he knew he couldn't stand the physical work of a man born in 1902. [REDACTED] that he was willing to go into the United States Army if he could serve with men of his own age. It is noted that [REDACTED] was thoroughly questioned as to his age at various periods of his life such as when he was married and his age during the last world war, but in each instance, subject stated that he could not recall his age inasmuch as he had never known his actual birth date. It is noted that subject stated he was not born in the city limits of [REDACTED] Delaware, but was born in some small town just outside of [REDACTED] the name of which he does not know.

It is noted that in connection with the above interview, subject advised the writer that he was still leader of the Moorish Science Temple of America in Pittsburgh. It is noted that no further information has been developed regarding subject's organizational activities in the Moorish Science Temple of America. This case is being placed in a closed status and information regarding subject's activities in the Moorish Science Temple of America will be reported in the Pittsburgh File entitled "Moorish Science Temple of America."

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, N.Y.**

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| REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, N.Y. | DATE WHEN MADE 1/26/44 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/7, 29/43; 1/3, 4, 13, 15, 28/44 | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c |
| TITLE CHANGED | | | CHARACTER OF CASE |
| THE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE THE DIVINE AND NATIONAL MOVEMENT OF NORTH AMERICA, INC., [REDACTED] with aliases, [REDACTED] | | | INTERNAL SECURITY - SEDITION |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation fails to reveal any pro-Japanese activities or violations of the Selective Service laws on the part of the subject organization in this area. [REDACTED] of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE, THE DIVINE AND NATIONAL MOVEMENT OF NORTH AMERICA, INC., with headquarters at 1796 Fulton Street, Bklyn, N.Y. interviewed and records of organization examined; membership list, copy of the organization's charter, constitution, and By-laws obtained. Members of Temple located at [REDACTED] Brooklyn, N.Y. advised that [REDACTED] EL was the original founder of Temple [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] but has severed all connections with the organization headed by C. Kirkman-Bey. [REDACTED] EL has established his own religious organization known as THE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE THE DIVINE AND NATIONAL MOVEMENT OF NORTH AMERICA, INC., which is presently located at 1796 Fulton Street, Bklyn, N.Y. This organization is incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut and has several branches in that State.

REFERENCE: Bureau File Number 62-25889.
 Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] New York, N.Y., August 18, 1943.
 Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, December 15, 1943.
 Bureau letter to New York, October 5, 1943.

DETAILS: The title of this case is being changed to reflect the name of THE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE THE DIVINE AND NATIONAL MOVEMENT OF NORTH AMERICA, INC. and that of its founder and leader [REDACTED] EL, with aliases, [REDACTED] EL. The words MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA INC.; C. FIRKMAN-BEY, with aliases, are being deleted inasmuch as this organization appears to be inactive in this area at the present time.

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The following Selective Service Boards, which cover the area in which the members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC. and THE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE THE DIVINE AND NATIONAL MOVEMENT OF NORTH AMERICA, INC. reside, were contacted by the reporting agent in regard to the possibility that the members of the previously mentioned organizations might be delinquent or might be violating or encouraging the violation of the Selective Service laws.

The Boards in question were Selective Service Board 205, 1263 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, New York; Selective Service Board 209, 1718 Pitkin Avenue, New York City; Selective Service Board 208, 1432 Pitkin Avenue, New York City; Selective Service Board 210, 1796 Pitkin Avenue, New York City.

Interviews with the Heads of the above mentioned Selective Service Boards indicated that several of the members of the Moorish Science Temple organizations under investigation are already in the Armed Forces, others have been honorably discharged, while other members have been declared not fit for Service or have been deferred. There was no indication that any movement has been instigated by the various Moorish organizations to interfere with the operation of the Selective Service laws.

The records of Local Selective Service Board 205, 1263 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, New York indicated that the Grand Sheik of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EL, order number [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] as born at [REDACTED] He resides with his wife, [REDACTED] EL, and was presently requesting a 4-D classification on the grounds that he was a minister and entitled to this classification. Subject's file had been forwarded to Selective Service Headquarters 1 East 44th Street, New York City, where the subject is to be interviewed and a final decision in his case made.

A review of the Subject's file at Selective Service Headquarters indicated that he considered himself the Executive Counselor and Moderator of the [REDACTED]

He also listed [REDACTED] BEY as National Chairman, [REDACTED] BEY as Grand Deputy Counselor of the Eastern Division. Subject stated in his questionnaire that he officiated as a Moorish Minister at the Moorish Science Temple at [REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York. He gave as additional qualifications eight years Elementary School education, four years High School education and four years at [REDACTED] Subject also claims to speak ten languages.

Subject listed as relatives [REDACTED] EL, Mother, [REDACTED]

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Street, Newark, New Jersey; [REDACTED]-EL, Father, [REDACTED]
Brooklyn, New York. He listed his brothers as follows and stated that he
did not know their addresses.

[REDACTED]-EL
[REDACTED]-EL
[REDACTED]-EL
[REDACTED]-EL

b7c He listed his sisters as follows and stated that he did not know their addresses.

[REDACTED]-EL
[REDACTED]-EL
[REDACTED]-EL
[REDACTED]-EL

b7c Subject stated that in addition to his duties as a Minister he operated
[REDACTED] business at [REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York. The records of
the Selective Service Headquarters reflected that the subject had been granted
a Hearing but that no definite conclusion had been reached as to whether or not
he was entitled to a 4-D classification. The matter has been turned over to
[REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] who has been instructed to
interview the subject and determine whether he is entitled to a 4-D classification
as a bone fide Minister.

The records of the New York Times morgue located at 229 West 43rd
Street, New York City were reviewed by the reporting agent in an attempt to
ascertain any additional information not already known to this office. No
additional information was obtained.

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[REDACTED] EL was interviewed at his residence, [REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York, by Special Agent [REDACTED] and the reporting agent. He advised at that time that he had founded Temples [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] but that he had broken away from the organization headed by C. KIRKMAN-BEY and had founded his own religious movement known as THE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF DIVINE AND NATURAL MOVEMENT OF THE AMERICAS, INC. He stated that Temple [REDACTED] located Halsey Street and Sumner Avenue, Brooklyn, New York was no longer in existence, Temple [REDACTED] West 176th Street, New York City was no longer in existence and that Temple [REDACTED] headed by [REDACTED] EL, located at 135 Hance Street, Brooklyn, New York and Temple [REDACTED] located at 1709 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York were very inactive, but still loyal to C. KIRKMAN-BEY in Chicago, Illinois.

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[REDACTED] EL advised that he was the Grand Sheik of all the Moorish Science Temples in [REDACTED] and part of [REDACTED]. He said that the only connection that existed between his organization and the Chicago organization was that they were bound together with bonds of brotherly love. His organization holds meetings twice a week on Friday and Sunday. A National Convention is held on September 15th of each year, the last being held on September 15, 1943 at Hartford, Connecticut at which time the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Connecticut attended.

✓ According to [REDACTED] EL [REDACTED] BEY also known as [REDACTED] BEY was a member of some individual Moorish sect and had no connection with any other Moorish organization in Brooklyn. [REDACTED] EL stated that [REDACTED] BEY was a bad actor and "no good".

[REDACTED] EL was interviewed by the agents in regard to the "BB Plan" which represents the Black Followers of Buddhism and stated that Buddhism is the key to racial success and sets out a plan whereby American negroes were to become Buddhists and automatically Moorish citizens. [REDACTED] EL denied that his followers had ever contemplated adhering to this plan. He stated

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that he knew very little about it.

[REDACTED]-EL advised that his organization has a small branch located at [REDACTED] where they operate a small [REDACTED]. This branch has no number and will not receive one until it is chartered.

[REDACTED]-EL stated his duties as head of the organization was to ordain ministers, issue charters, and preside over the Moorish school, which consists in the teaching of Moorish catechism. The subject stated that his organization operated several temples in the State of Connecticut, the Temples in question are as follows:

Temple [REDACTED] State Headquarters, located at [REDACTED] Connecticut and headed by [REDACTED] BEY, who resides at the Moorish Home, which is owned by the organization and located near Woodstock at [REDACTED] Connecticut. This farm is to be used as an old age home for the members of the organization and is about 200 acres in size and according to [REDACTED]-EL is valued at \$10,000.

Temple [REDACTED] Connecticut, is headed by [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] Connecticut.

Temple [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED] Connecticut is headed by [REDACTED] BEY, who resides at the above mentioned address.

Temple [REDACTED] is located at [REDACTED] Connecticut and is headed by [REDACTED] BEY, who resides at [REDACTED] Connecticut and he is assisted by [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] Connecticut.

The Grand Governor of the State of Connecticut is [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]-EL stated that he is considering founding branches of his organization at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Connecticut. At the present time several of the members of his organization meet at [REDACTED] Connecticut.

Subject advised that the organization owned additional property in Massachusetts. This consisted of a 500 acre tract of land with buildings and was known as the Moorish National Religious Home. The [REDACTED] of this property is [REDACTED] BEY. Subject said that this property was purchased in September of 1943 from the [REDACTED] Massachusetts at a cost of \$50,000.