

Additional employers	[REDACTED] Philadelphia, construction work; WPA work; stevedoring.
Marital Status	Married [REDACTED]
Children	[REDACTED] BEY, born [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BEY, born [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BEY, born [REDACTED]
Classification	4-A until [REDACTED] 1944

The records of the above board also reflected the following registrant as being a member of instant organization. [REDACTED] BEY, and the person who would know his address was [REDACTED] EL. It reflected that he was classified 4-A [REDACTED] 1945. It also reflected that he is employed by the [REDACTED] of Philadelphia, as a construction worker.

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The records of this board also reflected one [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] as being a member of instant organization. He gave the name of [REDACTED] BEY, brother, [REDACTED] as the person who would always know his address. It will be noted that he was born on [REDACTED] and is now over draft age. It was noted in the file of the latter mentioned individual [REDACTED] BEY that he wrote a letter to Local Board #21 on June 2, 1942, stating that "The negro problem is being solved only as it can today. This is by the Moorish National Divine Movement, Inc., in this government that the problem can be solved." In this letter, he requested that his nationality on the reverse side of his registration be changed to show "Moorish American" instead of "negro."

The records of Local Board #21 also reflected the name of [REDACTED] BEY, age [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] as being a registrant of this board. He gave as the person who would always know his address as [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Pa. It reflected his relatives as father [REDACTED] BEY, mother [REDACTED] BEY, brother [REDACTED] BEY, sister [REDACTED] BEY. He claimed in his questionnaire he was a minister of the Mohammedan religion which he had inherited. This individual was classified in 1-A on [REDACTED] 1942 and on [REDACTED] 1942, was accepted at the Induction Station at Baltimore, and on [REDACTED] 1943 placed in a 1-C classification as this individual was discharged from the armed forces.

The records of Local Board #22, Baltimore, reflect two members of

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instant organization, one being [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] Baltimore, he having filled out his Selective Service questionnaire on April 13, 1942, at which time, he was working for [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Baltimore, Md., in the wholesale and retail drug business. This individual was inducted into the armed forces on [REDACTED] 1942 and was given a 1-C classification. It reflected that this individual's nearest relative is [REDACTED] EL, father, [REDACTED] Baltimore, Maryland, who it will be noted is the "Grand Sheikh" of Temple [REDACTED] Baltimore. This questionnaire also reflected that [REDACTED] EL has a brother [REDACTED] who resides with his father.

The other member of Local Board #22, who is a member of instant organization, is [REDACTED] EL of [REDACTED] as reflected that he is [REDACTED] years of age, born [REDACTED]

The clerk at Local Board #22 advised that [REDACTED] in Baltimore is covered by Local Board #3 located at 1508 E. Olive Street, which it is believed is the local board of [REDACTED] EL. A lead is being set forth to check the draft board on this individual.

The writer checked the records of the Office of Price Administration, 20th floor of the O'Sullivan Building, Baltimore, and ascertained that the following individuals whose last names are BEY were listed therein together with their addresses. It will be noted that the names of other individuals on the application for #3 ration books are being set forth, it being noted that they are probably members of instant organization as much as they have the last name of BEY.

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BALTIMORE #100-8420

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THE BALTIMORE FIELD DIVISION

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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At 1508 E. Olive Street, Local Board No. 6, will ascertain if one [REDACTED] EL is a registrant of that board and if so will secure all information pertaining to him from that file. [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This individual is allegedly the "GRAND SHEIK" of subject organization.

Will also check the records of this board to ascertain if they have any other registrants whose last names are "BEY" or "EL".

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At the [REDACTED] maintain contact with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who are cooperating with the writer in this matter.

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[REDACTED]

AT ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

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At the Office of the Secretary of State, will ascertain if TEMPLE [REDACTED] MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC, 1406 Laurens Street, Baltimore, Md. is incorporated under the Laws of the State of Maryland.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FILE NO. 100-15442 NEW

REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/19/45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/7,8;5/8/45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <i>b7c</i>
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*b7c* **[REDACTED] REY, was, ET AL  
MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC.**

CHARACTER OF CASE  
**INTERNAL SECURITY - S  
SEDITION  
SELECTIVE SERVICE**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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**[REDACTED]** has attended meetings on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays and has never heard any seditious comments on the part of the speakers. He was instructed to comply with all Selective Service regulations when he becomes of draft age.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File #62-25889.  
Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** dated February 23, 1945, at Philadelphia, Pa.

**DETAILS:**

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**[REDACTED]**

*b7c, b7E* **[REDACTED]** was interviewed **[REDACTED]** at which time he furnished the following information.

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He is employed at the **[REDACTED]** Philadelphia, Pa. One day, while eating his lunch, he became sick to his stomach. A fellow employee, **[REDACTED]** told him that it resulted from eating flesh. **[REDACTED]** explained he was a member of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE and explained his beliefs to **[REDACTED]** asking him to attend meetings at the Temple at 18th & Christian Streets. **[REDACTED]** attended one meeting and was redeemed on

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December 7, 1944. Meetings are held on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and in attending these meetings [redacted] has failed to note any seditious remarks on the part of the speakers. [redacted] instructed him to register for the draft when he becomes eighteen years of age on [redacted] 1945, and also to comply with the regulations of the Selective Training and Service Act.

The following is a description of [redacted]

Name:	[redacted] M.
Born:	[redacted]
Place of Birth:	[redacted]
Age:	17
Race:	Negro
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	130
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Build:	Thin
Marital Status:	Single
Residence:	[redacted] Phila.
Occupation:	Laborer

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Philadelphia File #100-15442

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THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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Will ascertain through the appropriate Local Board for  
EL if he complies with the Selective Service Act by registering on  
1945.

Will continue to conduct appropriate investigation regarding Temples  
and which are affiliated with C. G. BIRKMAN, of Chicago, Illinois.

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Assistant Attorney General T. L. Candler  
Criminal Division

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John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

S. JOHNSON BEY, was, et al  
MORRISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - S; SEDITION;  
SELECTIVE SERVICE

For your further information in the captioned matter there are enclosed  
herewith copies of the investigative reports submitted by Special Agents  
[redacted] dated May 21, 1945, at Baltimore, Maryland, and [redacted]  
dated May 19, 1945, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Enclosures *a*

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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HEADQUARTERS  
62-25889  
SECTION 18

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
FROM : Tom C. Clark  
Assistant Attorney General  
SUBJECT: Moorish Science Temple of America, Incorporated  
Sedition

DATE: June 7, 1945

TCC:JTB:AA  
146-7-4221

Reference is made to your memo dated May 31, 1945, relating to the above captioned case.

In view of our previous determination that prosecution is not warranted in this case, it would appear unnecessary for prosecution purposes to retain the material mentioned in your memorandum.

*See Serial 6-21-45 4173*

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SAC, Indianapolis

June 21, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, Inc.  
COLONEL C. KIRKMAN BEY, with aliases,  
Supreme Grand Advisor and Moderator, ET AL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J; SEDITION; OVERTHROW AND  
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT

Reference is made to your letter dated May 11, 1945, captioned as above. You will recall your letter requested advice as to whether certain bulky exhibits contained in your files should be disposed of or retained.

The Criminal Division of the Department, after considering this matter, has advised that there appears to be no necessity for the retention of these exhibits.

Therefore, the Bureau has no objection to your disposing of these bulky exhibits. However, it is desired that wherever practical and feasible the exhibits be returned to the individual from whom they were received. The others should be destroyed. The decision as to which exhibits will be returned to the persons from whom they were received, and which ones will be destroyed will, of course, be left up to the discretion of your Office.

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- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PHILADELPHIA**

FILE NO. **100-15442 hts**

REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/3/45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/6,12,17,24/45</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <b>b7c</b>
TITLE <b>b7c</b> [REDACTED] <b>BEY, was, ET AL</b> <b>MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - J</b> <b>SEDITION</b> <b>SELECTIVE SERVICE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED] but refused to sign registration certificate unless name, race, and complexion were changed to conform with teachings of subject organization.

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AGENCY [REDACTED]  
REQ. REC'D  
REP'T FORM.

**REFERENCE:**

**b7c** Bureau File No. **62-25889**,  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated  
**May 10, 1945, at Philadelphia, Pa.**

**DETAILS:** This is a joint report conducted by SA [REDACTED] and the writer.

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[REDACTED]

**b7c** [REDACTED] at Local Board #61, advised that on June 30, 1945 [REDACTED] appeared at the Local Board in order to register for the draft, and presented his birth certificate. He refused to register unless the name on the registration certificate was written as [REDACTED] EL. He also advised [REDACTED] at the time of registering that he was a Moorish American.

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On July 12, 1945, [redacted] of Temple [redacted] Moorish Science Temple of America, 817 S 18th Street, telephonically contacted [redacted] and insisted that [redacted] name be written with the suffix, EL. [redacted] then called Assistant United States Attorney, EDWARD A. KALLICK for advice; Mr. KALLICK suggested that both names be placed on the certificate. The following day [redacted] returned to the Board and again refused to sign his registration certificate when he noticed that the Negro Race was checked and that his complexion was listed as Negro. [redacted] wanted the words, "Moorish American" inserted after Race; and the word, "Olive", after complexion.

[redacted] again contacted Assistant United States Attorney KALLICK for advice and he suggested that [redacted] write him a letter, explaining in full what had transpired.

As of July 17, 1945, the case was still in abeyance, pending a definite decision from Assistant United States Attorney KALLICK.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION  
AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Will report the decision of Asst. United States Attorney, EDWARD A. KALLICK, regarding [REDACTED] EL's refusal to sign the Selective Service registration certificate.

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Will report any specific information regarding any seditious actions or comments made by the members of Temples [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] which are affiliated with C. G. [REDACTED] BEY, of Chicago, Illinois.

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Made at: BALTIMORE	Date: 8-18-45	Period: 5-15, 27, 28; 7-5, 7, 30-45	Made by: [REDACTED]
Title: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC. C. KIRKMAN BEY, was, et al.			Character: INTERNAL SECURITY (J) SEDITION

SYNOPSIS:

Names of officers of Temple of subject organization secured and set out. Instant temple is not incorporated under State laws of Maryland. No evidence of violations of Selective Service Act or Sedition.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Baltimore, dated May 21, 1945.

AGENCY [REDACTED]  
REQ. REC'D  
REP'T FORW. [REDACTED]

Bureau letter dated April 2, 1943 BY [REDACTED]

DETAILS:

[REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] Baltimore, advised the writer on July 30, 1945 that [REDACTED] for subject organization and works directly under Prophet NOBLE BREWER ULLI, whose headquarters are at 447 E. 40th Street, Chicago, and who is the head of instant organization.

The above mentioned [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] Baltimore, is the "Grand Sheik" of Temple [REDACTED]. He gave the

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names of the following officers of instant organization:

[REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED]  
Baltimore, Maryland.

[REDACTED] BEY, Sheik  
Baltimore, Maryland.

[REDACTED] BEY, Sheik  
Baltimore, Maryland.

[REDACTED] BEY, Sheik  
Baltimore, Maryland.

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[REDACTED] BEY, Sheik (formerly head of Temple [REDACTED])  
Baltimore, Maryland

[REDACTED] BEY, Sheikess  
Baltimore, Maryland

[REDACTED] BEY, Sheik - Officer  
Baltimore, Maryland

[REDACTED] EL, Treasurer  
(Address not known)

[REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] EL also advised that Prophet NOBLE DREW ALI's true name is [REDACTED] EL, who was born in Sumpter, South Carolina, and that the original founder of the organization was TIMOTHY DREW, born in 1836 in North Carolina and who died in 1929. He stated that [REDACTED] EL is in truth [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] is a Prophet of Allah, originally sent to the earth to bring the people "back into the fold".

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[REDACTED] EL further advised that according to his recollection, the original NOBLE DREW ALI, who was TIMOTHY DREW, went to Asia at one time and brought back information to the effect that the people commonly known as "negroes" were in truth Moors. He stated that he is not colored; that he is not a negro, but is a Moor, and that his organization does not counsel evasion of the Selective Service Act, and that all members of the organization ordered to report for induction will report as Moors, if allowed to do so. However, he stated that they would not report as negroes inasmuch as they are not negroes. He stated that his organization is 100% American, and

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they wish to abide by the laws of the country.

[REDACTED]

b7c, b7E the writer was permitted to personally observe the records of instant organization by [REDACTED] EL, [REDACTED] which records were noted to be maintained in a brown leather briefcase on the second floor in Temple [REDACTED] meeting room at 1116 Laurens Street. It was noted that the temple consists of approximately four rooms, three rooms of which are vacant, and the other room a meeting hall which would seat approximately 150 persons. A large green flag with a red half moon in the center, and the name 'ALI' was in the front of the meeting hall.

b7c A perusal of the records reflected that there are 275 listed members of Temple [REDACTED] Baltimore. It was found that the name [REDACTED] EL did not appear in these records.

b7c [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED]

Mr. WILLIAM BARNES, Maryland State Tax Commissioner, Baltimore, advised that his records do not reflect that the Moorish Science Temple of America, Temple #13, is incorporated under the State laws of Maryland.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **100-10995 MD**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/18/45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/2,9/45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>b7c</b>
TITLE <b>MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., ET AL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY ; SELECTIVE SERVICE SEDITION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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AGENCY yc Sub. Kew  
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DETAILS **AT GREAT BARRINGTON, MASS.**

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The writer drove by the hotel on Route 7, now the property of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., and observed no one around the building, and it would appear to be a vacant building. There are no signs or markers indicating what the establishment is. The building is directly across the street on Route 7 from the Great Barrington Fair Grounds.

In view of the information received [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] no further inquiries were made in Great Barrington and this case is being referred upon completion.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 30, 1944

Director, FBI

RE: QUARTERLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY  
Internal Security Quarterly Report

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is the original copy of the Intelligence Memoranda on the following listed groups for the period from August 1st, 1944 to date:

- Communist Political Association Activities
- German Activities
- Negro Organizations
- Japanese Activities
- Italian Fascist Activity

Four additional copies of this memoranda are being forwarded to the Bureau by regular mail.

Very truly yours,

/s/ S. J. DRAYTON, SAC

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The active head of this branch is Colonel CHARLES KIRKMAN BAY, who enjoys the title of Supreme Grand Moderator and Advisor. KIRKMAN is presently residing at 1104 North Sedgewick Street, and has by far the largest following of any of the so-called successors to the original Prophet NOBEL DREW ALI. An individual by the name of [redacted] is at the present time the [redacted] of this temple, which has been designated Temple [redacted]. At the present time this branch has an active membership of approximately 400 negroes. Regular meetings are at the present time being conducted only on Sundays due to the fact that the meeting hall is a Masonic Temple, and they are unable to obtain this building except on Sundays.

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Of interest is the fact that KIRKMAN BAY himself is a former secretary to the original prophet, NOBEL DREW ALI. KIRKMAN was born in North Dakota, and claims that he is part negro and part Cherokee Indian. Further KIRKMAN says that his father was a man of considerable means and had large land holdings which he had obtained from the government. KIRKMAN claims to own several large farms in the states of Arkansas, Mississippi, and Illinois, and advocates that all of his members do likewise in order to prepare themselves for a time when depression will hit this country. KIRKMAN [redacted] gives all appearances at the present time of being loyal to the United States.

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This particular branch is operating several farms for its members on a cooperative basis. These farms are located in Prince George, Virginia; Hope, Indiana; and Berkshire, Connecticut.

According to the incorporation papers the general aims and purposes of this particular branch of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Incorporated are to (1) Uplift fallen humanity, (2) propagate the faith and extend the learning and truth of the Prophet, NOBEL DREW ALI, in America, according to the Koran of Mohammed, (3) to appoint and consecrate missionaries of the Prophet and establish the faith of the Moor in America, and (4) to establish mosques and

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houses with the express purpose of carrying out these ideas.

**KIRWAN RAY** has branch temples located at the following places:

Charleston, West Virginia (which is presently inactive); 822 Highland, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Frederick Street between Beaubien and St. Antoine, Detroit, Michigan; Columbus, Ohio (presently inactive); 13 East Charity, Richmond, Virginia; 8843 Woodlawn, Cleveland, Ohio; 2 Twelfth Avenue, Newark, New Jersey; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Youngstown, Ohio (presently inactive); Akron, Ohio (presently inactive); 1302 Sixth Street, Columbus, Ohio (presently inactive); 796 Indiana Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana; 1709 Long Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee; 517 Scott Street, Cough Band, Indiana; Fosteria, Ohio (presently inactive); Toledo, Ohio; 934<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> East Dewey and 2615 St. John's Street, Flint, Michigan; Pontiac, Michigan; 1709 Pitkin, New York City, New York; Indiana Harbor, Indiana; East Chicago, Indiana; 2160 Broadway, Gary, Indiana; Halsey and Summer, Brooklyn, New York; Atlanta, Georgia (presently inactive); 9216 Oakland, Detroit, Michigan; Steubenville, Ohio; 86 West 135th Street, New York, New York; Cairo, Illinois (presently inactive); 1718 Third Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee; 239 Hancock, Brooklyn, New York; Benton Harbor, Michigan (presently inactive); Harvey, Illinois (presently inactive); Cincinnati, Ohio (presently inactive); 311 West 128th Street, New York, New York; Anderson, Indiana, Mount Clemens, Michigan; Saginaw, Michigan; 437 South 9th Street, Louisville, Kentucky; 1700 North Third Street, Kansas City, Kansas; 224<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> North 6th Street, Atchison, Kansas; 239 North Clinton, Trenton, New Jersey; Moorish National Home, Prince George, Virginia; The Aron Home, Berkshire, Connecticut.

At the present time **KIRWAN RAY** and his members have been confining themselves entirely to the prescribed ritualistic services of their organization during meetings. This means that the meetings generally open with each individual member present renewing his faith in Allah and presenting his personal reasons for feeling that membership in this organization is the greatest personal thing which can come to him. At some of the meetings there are speakers who have in general confined themselves to reading from the Koran and rendering eulogies regarding the greatness of the organization.

The predominant activities of this branch during the last quarter were centered on the 17th annual national convention which was held from September 15, 1944 to September 20, 1944 at the Headquarters, 1032 Orleans Street. Approximately 250 members of the organization convened during this period, and it is well to note that the delegates were very well spread from the various parts of the country.

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A summary of the convention would indicate that most of the time was spent in settlement of personal disputes, eulogy of membership in the organization, and some indictments against treatment afforded negroes by the white man. However, no inflammatory statements were made by any of the participating delegates or leaders during the entire convention.

It also might be well to add that the general impression seemed to be that this convention was in a large measure a money-making scheme for the leader, Colonel CHARLES KIRKMAN BAY. In substantiation of this fact it is well to note that the convention fees paid by each delegate were extremely high and that exorbitant prices were charged for the meals which were served the delegates at the convention hall.

The [redacted] El Group  
3122 Cottage Grove  
Chicago, Illinois

The leader of this branch is [redacted] EL, who claims that his organization is loosely affiliated with the KIRKMAN BAY branch described in the foregoing paragraph. However, it is evident that [redacted] EL is rather jealous of KIRKMAN BAY due to the fact that many of the members are leaving this branch and openly affiliating with the KIRKMAN BAY group. As a result thereof this particular branch has at the present time practically ceased to exist. [redacted] EL holds meetings on Friday and Sunday afternoons if enough members can be gathered together to warrant the opening of the meeting. There are no temple branches affiliated with this particular organization.

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The [redacted] El Branch  
3229 South Indiana Street  
Chicago, Illinois

The head of this particular branch is [redacted] EL, who claims to be one of the logical successors to the Prophet NOBEL DREN ALI, and states that any of the other so-called successors are claiming this honor fraudulently. At the present time [redacted] EL continues to be a very sick man, and personal contact with him is not allowed by anyone.

The officers of this branch are [redacted] EL - [redacted] BAY, [redacted] and [redacted]. This group of officers carry on whatever activities are engaged in by this particular branch.

Also of interest is the fact that STRICKLAND EL and CHASEY EL back in the year 1942 made a trip to Mississippi with the purpose in mind of establishing

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an auxiliary temple. It has been reported that during this trip to Mississippi each of them expressed pro-Japanese sympathies in attempting to organize this branch, and as a result were indicted for the violation of the State Sedition laws of Mississippi. Upon indictment STRICKLAND and SHELBY EL fled from Mississippi before they were apprehended, and there is presently outstanding process against them on this charge in the State of Mississippi. It is well to note in this connection, however, that this indictment in the State of Mississippi is purely rumor and there is no evidence to substantiate the accusation.

Members of this group vigorously deny that they have any Japanese affiliations or any feeling of desiring to cooperate with the Japanese in the war against the United States. They claim that they are good Americans, and are merely trying to live up to the five principles of love, truth, freedom, peace, and justice for which the organization stands.

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This group at the present time has no branch temples located in any other section of the United States, and due to the serious illness of [redacted] EL the meetings whenever held are very irregular and find few members in attendance.

The [redacted] EL Branch  
3700 South Wentworth Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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The present [redacted] of this group is [redacted] EL, who resides at [redacted]. This group holds regular meetings on Friday and Sunday evenings at the meeting hall and claims a total membership of approximately fifty. From all appearances [redacted] EL is apparently attempting to cooperate in every way with the laws of the government. In 1942 when members of the Ali Temple of Islam, the Peace Movement to Ethiopia, and the Washington Park Forum were apprehended [redacted] and other officials of his group appeared at the Chicago Field Division office, and explained that they had no association and were in no way affiliated with any of these groups. Further [redacted] and his members indicated that they desired in every way to comply with and assist in clearing up any misunderstanding which might have arisen concerning their organization. [redacted] EL claims that [redacted] EL, [redacted] EL, and KIMMAN BAY, along with other so-called successors of the Prophet NOBEL DREN ALI are operating fraudulently. [redacted] also claims that according to direct word from the Prophet all of the leaders and members are to be led by him. There are no branch temples associated with this particular branch.

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The [redacted] El Branch  
3716 South Prairie Avenue (3rd Floor)  
Chicago, Illinois

This branch is headed by [redacted] EL, [redacted] [redacted] EL, formerly [redacted] of Temple [redacted] under the Prophet NOBEL DREW ALI at 3140 South Indiana Avenue. According to a copy of the "Moorish Voice" during the year 1929 [redacted] was shown to be the [redacted] of Temple [redacted] at this address.

[redacted] EL claims that [redacted] was the logical successor to the Prophet NOBEL DREW ALI, and during the course of interviews of other so-called leaders of this group they admitted that [redacted] EL was the logical successor to the Prophet. However, following the [redacted] EL various other leaders have gradually usurped his power, and as a result thereof [redacted] EL has been unable to hold the group under her leadership even though she continually attempts to do so. The membership of this temple is very small and the meetings are irregular.

It will be well to note that this branch has one branch temple which is Temple [redacted] at 682 Livingstone Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

[redacted] El Branch  
447 East 40th Street  
Chicago, Illinois

This particular temple, headed by [redacted] EL, is at the present time the largest and most active branch within the Chicago area next to Temple [redacted] headed by Colonel CHARLES KIRKMAN BAY.

[redacted] EL was at one time the [redacted] of the Prophet NOBEL DREW ALI, and immediately upon the Prophet's death [redacted] EL assumed the title of the [redacted] based this claim upon the fact that the Prophet spirit entered his body immediately following the death of the prophet.

There are at the present time approximately 100 members of this particular branch, and each of them resides within the immediate vicinity of the Temple and maintains very close contact with [redacted] EL.

Further the members of this temple are very secretive and will have nothing whatsoever to do with other negroes who are not affiliated with them. The members are not allowed to eat meat, and the male members are not permitted

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to shave. Therefore most of them have long flowing beards. Also all of the male members wear red faces, and the female members adorn themselves with long red robes and gaudy headgear. It is a rule of this organization that no member is permitted to appear in public without being fully attired in the prescribed manner.

Information has also been received that the members of this group maintain a policy racket among themselves, and on several occasions there have been rumors to the effect that the members are very pro-Japanese in their attitude. However, investigation has failed to substantiate that such is the fact.

The members of this group have no definite time in which to hold a meeting, but in most instances they meet whenever they so desire.

There are several branches throughout the country which at the present time are affiliated with this group. They are located at 4003 West 18th Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; 18th and Christiana, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; 311 Burrough, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; 1406 Laurans, Baltimore, Maryland; 1039 Roberts, Augusta, Georgia; 628 Kaigh Avenue, Camden, New Jersey; 230 Court, Newark, New Jersey; 235 Myesmore, Camden, New Jersey; Glassboro, New Jersey; Jersey City, New Jersey; 6 Washington Street, Montclair, New Jersey.

It is well to note that members of branches which are located in the eastern cities commute rather freely to and from Chicago, and appear to be negroes of considerable means. It has been ascertained that contributions in the amounts of \$5 and \$10 are very frequently sent to ██████████ EL, and according to one of the ██████████ of this leader he has considerable sums of money cached away in this temple at 447 East 40th Street.

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The Harvey, Illinois Branch

This group, which is an affiliate of the KIRKMAN BAY branch is at the present time inactive. ██████████ EL, the former head of this branch, still resides at ██████████ Illinois. However, ██████████ EL, along with approximately eight of his members who reside in this immediate neighborhood are now commuting to 1032 Orleans Street and affiliating with the KIRKMAN Branch.

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### THE FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION

According to a new statement which has been announced by the officers of the FOR the aims and purposes of this group are as follows:

- (1) To refuse to participate in any war or to sanction military preparations.
- (2) To work towards the end of abolishing war and fostering good will among all nations, races, and classes.
- (3) To build a social order which will suffer no individual or group to be exploited for the profit or pleasure of another, and which will assure to all the means of realizing the best possibilities of life.
- (4) To advocate such ways of dealing with offenders against society as shall transform the wrongdoer rather than inflict retributive punishment.
- (5) To endeavor to show reverence for personality—in the home, in the education of children, in association with those of other classes, nationalities, and races.
- (6) To avoid bitterness and contention, and to maintain the spirit of self-giving love while engaged in the struggle to achieve these purposes.

The Chicago Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation appears to be presently bending all efforts and laying stress along the following lines:

- (1) Give aid to conscientious objectors who are presently incarcerated in prison as well as help to those conscientious objectors located in Civilian Public Service Camps.
- (2) Strong opposition to any form of peace time permanent conscription.
- (3) Advocacy of Pacifism.
- (4) Work towards the end of racial equality.

The national headquarters of the FOR are located at 2929 Broadway, New York City. It is here that the organization's publications are printed and prepared and the larger portion of its policies formulated. The FOR has a national council composed of approximately fifty members, each of whom is elected for a two-year period, and it is this council that exercises the predominant control of the practices on the part of members of the FOR. The organization claims to have approximately 15,000 members in Europe and 10,000 members in the United States.

There appear to have been some changes in office locations since the last quarterly report; therefore, the locations of the various offices of the FOR are being set forth below:

Southern Office, 1804 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee  
Midwestern Office, 740 Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois

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Northwestern Office, 4033 University Way, Seattle, Washington.  
Northern California Office, 2151 Vine Street, Berkeley, California.  
Southwestern Office, 1837 North Beranda Street, Los Angeles, California.  
Rocky Mountain Office, 440 East 13th Avenue, Denver, Colorado.  
Rural Office, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin.  
Refugee Office, 2929 Broadway, New York, New York.

[redacted] and [redacted] are the [redacted] of the FOR, and [redacted] is the [redacted] of the organization. There are at the present time six members from the Chicago area who are serving on the National FOR Council. These members are as follows:

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In Chicago, the headquarters of the Fellowship of Reconciliation are at 740 Rush Street. The newly elected officers of the FOR in Chicago are as follows:

[redacted]

In addition to the main office at 740 Rush Street, the FOR maintains an office at 4752 South Cottage Grove Avenue, where a group of its members holds meetings. In this connection it will be well to note that the Committee of Racial Equality, which is a satellite organization of the FOR, also holds its meetings here.

Also worthy of note is the fact that the offices of the Conscientious Objectors Bureau are also located at 740 Rush Street. [redacted]

[redacted] who is connected with the Bethany Biblical Institute at Chicago. While [redacted] has indicated that the FOR has no direct tie-up with this

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Conscientious Objectors Bureau, it is felt significant that FCB helps to finance this Bureau and furnishes it with both office space and stenographic help.

Perhaps the most significant activity on the part of the FCB during the last quarter was the concentrated effort put forth by various members on the Midwestern Conference which was held in Chicago from September 29, 1944 to October 2, 1944. The headquarters of this conference were the First Church of the Brethren, 2800 West Congress Street, and the adjoining Bethany Biblical Seminary, 3634 West Van Buren Street.

As was to be expected, many of the national functionaries of the FCB were present at this Midwestern Convention and delivered speeches to those assembled as well as took an active part in leading group discussions.

Average attendance at each of the sessions of the Midwestern Conference was approximately fifty people.

Delegates to the Midwestern Convention carried out an action project which was perhaps the most significant move in regard to the conference as far as attracting public attention. The members went to the corner of Madison and State Streets, to 47th and South Parkway, to Hull House, and to the Union Stockyards, and there distributed pamphlets, explained their pacifist position, and conducted a public opinion poll. The results of this poll are as follows:

1. Would you be willing to be served in any store by qualified negro salesmen and saleswomen?

Yes - 52%                      No - 32%                      No Opinion - 16%

2. Should Germany be included as an equal in any world organization immediately upon acceptance of peace terms:

Yes - 27%                      No - 62%                      No Opinion - 11%

3. Do you think that compulsory post-war military training should be instituted in the U. S.?

Yes - 76%                      No - 21%                      No Opinion - 3%

4. Do you think an international organization dominated by Russia, the U. S., and Britain can form the basis for a lasting peace?

Yes - 53%                      No - 32%                      No Opinion - 15%

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6. If an international organization is set up, should it have for one part of its program increasing disarmament?

Yes - 55%                      No - 34%                      No opinion - 10%

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The organization in its concentration on Pacifism has established regular cell groups throughout the Chicago area which hold weekly meetings and have as their main topic of discussion - Pacifism. Further the organization has projected its racial equality program through holding regular conferences, the media of literature, and by close association with negroes and other racial groups interested in improving the status of these races in this country. [redacted] has repeatedly expressed her desire that all negroes who are interested in the betterment of their race become active members of the FOK.

It will be well to note that the Fellowship of Reconciliation is supported wholly through voluntary contributions on the part of its members. Its leadership, both at the present time and in the past, has been made up of clergymen of the Methodist Church, the Church of the Brethren, the Quakers, and the Mennonites. Further this organization enjoys the cooperation and blessing of many high-ranking laymen in the above-mentioned churches. Therefore it is evident that the FOK as such has a very definite long religious background.

The membership of the FOK remains very predominantly white. However, investigation reflects that its purposes and aims as well as its activity appear to be of such a nature that it must of necessity be included in any summary of negro activities which are reported upon within the Chicago Field Division.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 100-15442 RC

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-2-46</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-4,6/9-5,12/10-26/45 1-18,22/46</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>[REDACTED] BEY, WAS. ET AL MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - J SELECTIVE SERVICE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED] of Temple Moorish Science Temple of America, John Givens Branch, Philadelphia, apprehended by Bureau Agents on [REDACTED] 45 for failure to register under the Selective Training and Service Act. Authorized complaint being filed on [REDACTED] 45. [REDACTED] admitted delinquency but denied being counseled to refuse to register. [REDACTED] indicted in Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia on [REDACTED] 45. At arraignment on [REDACTED] 45 he entered plea of nolo contendere and indicated willingness to register and enter United States Armed Forces. [REDACTED] registered with Local Board #61, Philadelphia on [REDACTED] 45 and was accepted for service at United States Induction Station, Philadelphia on [REDACTED] 45. He was assigned [REDACTED] Indictment was nol prossed on [REDACTED] 45.

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REFERENCES: Bureau File 62-25889.  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]  
Philadelphia, Pa. August 3, 1945.

DETAILS: On August 4, 1945 an authorized complaint was filed of [REDACTED] with failure to register for the Selective Training and Service Act.

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

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On August 6, 1945 he was apprehended by Special Agents of the Philadelphia Field Division. [REDACTED] admitted his delinquency but denied that he was counseled not to register by any of the members of the Moorish Science Temple of America of which organization he is a member.

On August 13, 1945 at a hearing before the United States Commissioner NORMAN J. GRIFFIN in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He was held for Grand Jury under bond of \$1500.

On [REDACTED] 1945 [REDACTED] appeared for arraignment before the United States District Judge J. CULLEN GANEY, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. He entered a plea of nolo contendere and stated that he was willing to register for Selective Service and enter the Armed Forces of the United States if his Local Board so desired. Judge GANEY deferred sentencing [REDACTED] to give him an opportunity to register for Selective Service and volunteer for immediate induction.

On September 13, 1945 [REDACTED] Local Board #61, 51st Street and Chester Avenue, Philadelphia, advised that [REDACTED] appeared at the Local Board on that date and was duly registered for Selective Service and was assigned Order Number 12279-A and volunteered for immediate induction. She stated that he would be called for induction [REDACTED] 1945 in the next regular quota for Local Board #61.

On October 22, 1945 [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was accepted for Service in the United States Army on [REDACTED] 1945 at the United States Army Induction Station, 32nd Street and Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, and was assigned [REDACTED]

Assistant United States Attorney EDWARD A. KALLICK, Philadelphia on October 22, 1945 advised that in view of [REDACTED] compliance and subsequent induction into the United States Army, the indictment outstanding against him would be nol prossed.

On October 26, 1945 [REDACTED] United States Attorney's Office, advised that on this date a petition to nol pros the indictment against [REDACTED] was filed before the United States Judge JOHN A. WELSH.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated February 2, 1946, at Philadelphia, captioned as above.

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A review of the above mentioned report reflects unreasonable delay in reporting the results of the Selective Service investigation and of the prosecutive action taken against [redacted]. The report indicates that an authorized complaint was filed on [redacted] 1945, that the subject was arraigned on [redacted] 1945, and entered a plea of nolo contendere, and on [redacted] 1945, was registered with Local Board 61, Philadelphia. He was subsequently accepted for service in the United States Army on [redacted] 1945. The indictment was not pressed on [redacted] 1945.

The report sets forth the opinion of the United States Attorney concerning prosecutive action in this case. However, no copies were furnished him. If it appeared undesirable to furnish the United States Attorney the result of the Security inquiry made in connection with the case which was very meager and negative in this instance, the result of the Selective Service violation should have been made the subject of a separate communication and copies furnished to the United States Attorney. The errors noted above should be brought to the attention of Special Agent [redacted] in order that they may not recur in the future.

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MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE

July 29, 1942

Hon. El  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother:

You are invited to a special meeting of Asiatic Brethren at 8 P.M. next Saturday August 1st at 3610 South Ellis Avenue to hear special reports on the progress of Islam among the Mohammedans who live in the palface countries of the world.

Bring a true friend who is consecrated to the beliefs of Islam and the teachings of Allah, 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 Indians, Egyptians, Syrians, Turks, Arabs and other children of Allah 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

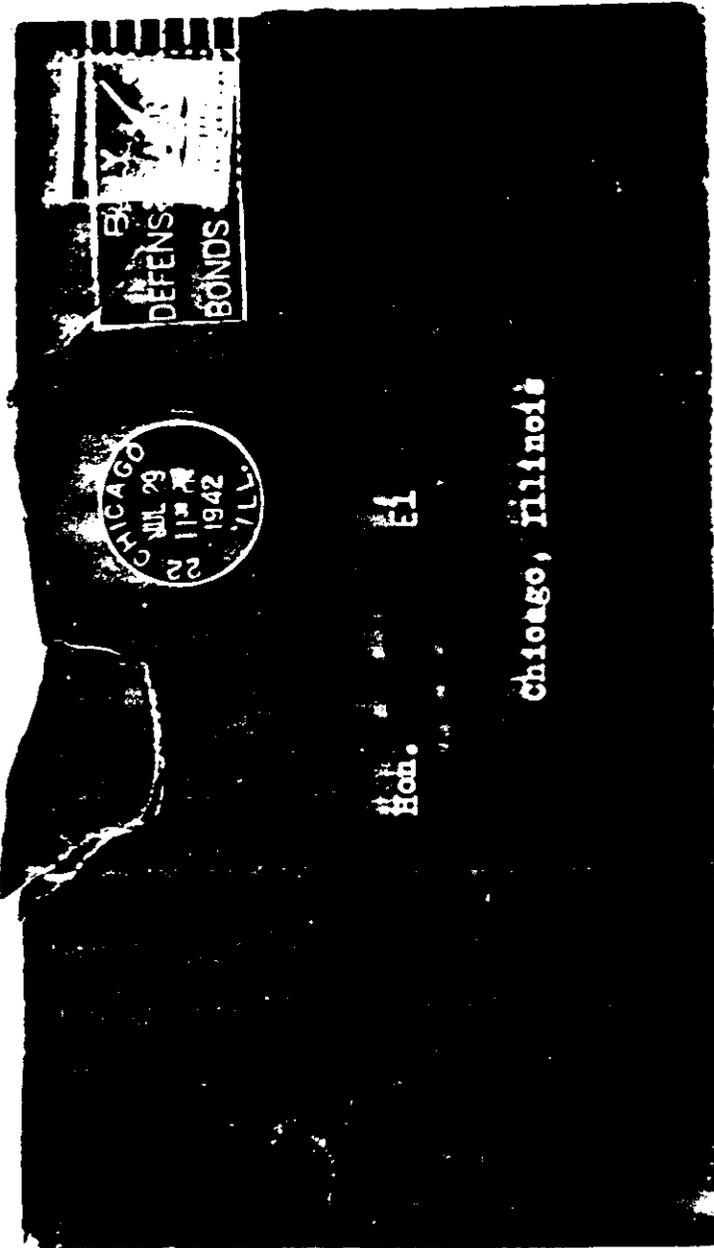
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P.S. This meeting is strictly confidential.

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E.I., Chicago,  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: Moorish Science Temple of America  
Int. Sec. (J); Sedition

62-25889-317  
File # ~~62-25889-12~~  
Lab. # 87906

Examination requested by: Chicago

Date of reference communication: let 8/10/42

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Examination requested: Doc.

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Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

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Specimens submitted for examination

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- Q1 Photostatic copy of envelope adr to Hon [redacted] El, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, postmarked July 29, 1942, 11:30 PM.
- Q2 Photostatic copy of accompanying letter headed MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE beginning: "You are invited.....".
- Q3 Photostatic copy of communication headed "Memo to [redacted] — from [redacted] beginning: "the other day.....".

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

August 22, 1942

File # 62-25889-12

Re: Moorish Science Temple of America  
Internal Security - J; Sedition.

Lab. # 87906

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Examination requested by: Chicago

Reference: Letter 8-10-42

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

- 62-25889-12 Q1 Photostatic copy of envelope addressed to Honorable [redacted] El, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, postmarked July 29, 1942, 11:30 PM. b7c
- Q2 Photostatic copy of accompanying letter headed MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE beginning: "You are invited.....". b7c
- Q3 Photostatic copy of communication headed "Memo to [redacted] from [redacted] beginning: "The other day ....". 1

Result of Examination:

The conclusion was reached that specimens Q1 and Q2 were not prepared with the same typewriter used in preparing specimen Q3.

Specimens Q1 through Q3 were searched in the Espionage File but nothing of significance was noted. Suitable photographic copies are being added to this file for reference purposes.

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The name [redacted] El was reviewed in the Investigative Files under cases entitled "Moorish Science Temple of America; Internal Security; Sedition" but no name comparable to this was found. No additional information was obtained which would supplement the investigative report of the Chicago Field Office on this organization.

The original evidence, Q1 through Q3, is being retained in the Laboratory's files.

AIRMAIL  
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Chicago, Illinois  
August 10, 1942

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Dear Sir:

RE: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA;  
INTERNAL SECURITY (J); SEDITION

b7c There is being transmitted herewith a photostatic copy of a letter headed, "MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE", dated July 29, 1942 and addressed to Hon. [REDACTED] El, [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, and a photostatic copy of a communication beginning, "Memo to [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]"

The original of these two communications are not available. The Technical Laboratory is requested to compare the typewriting of both specimens in an effort to ascertain if they were made from the same typewriter. It will be impossible to obtain additional specimens.

It is requested that this be handled as expeditiously as possible.

Very truly yours,

A. H. JOHNSON,  
Special Agent in Charge

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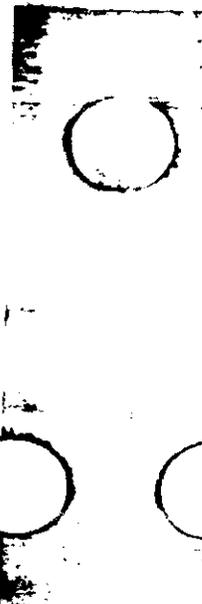
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August 10, 1948

SAC, Detroit

PEACE MOVEMENT OF ETHIOPIA,  
also known as ETHIOPIAN PEACE  
MOVEMENT  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J  
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On July 14, 1948, [redacted] who operates the [redacted] Detroit, Michigan, which is in the Negro area of Detroit, advised that on July 13, 1948, a colored woman, whose name she does not know, came to her store to make a purchase. This colored woman, who professes to be a preacher in the Christian faith, carried on a conversation in which she stated the Arabs in the current Arab-Jewish war were first going to fight the Jews and then the Reds, and then they were going to fight the United States for the purpose of eventual domination of the world by the Asiatic peoples. The Negress dropped the hint that she was interested in Mohazmedanism and stated that after 1952 that faith would be preached in the United States.

According to the informant, the Negress was quite belligerent and stated that after 1952 the Negroes would take over the United States Government and would run this Government to the exclusion of the white people.

The informant also asserted that from time to time Negroes coming to her store had made statements to the effect that all Negroes are united and that someday they would regain their liberty from the white people. They have also stated in substance that in two or three years there would be a Holy War and after that the whites would no longer dominate the world.

According to the informant, some of the colored people were presently adding "Bey" and "Ali" to their names in keeping with their interest in the Asiatic world and Mohammedanism. The informant could give no specific examples of this. The informant requested that her name be kept confidential.

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Inasmuch as information furnished this office regarding the group of people who use the name of "Bey" and "Ali" reflects activity of the Moorish Science Temple of America, an additional copy of this letter is being sent for incorporation in that file.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI.  
FROM : SAC, Philadelphia  
SUBJECT:

DATE: December 27, 1948

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., et al;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - I.  
(Bureau File 62-25889)  
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The Philadelphia Tribune of November 2, 1948, carried as an advertisement the following "Order from Allah-El" which is being set forth hereafter for the interest and information of the Bureau and the office of origin, Chicago.

ORDER FROM ALLAH-EL

Every Moorish American Citizen in the United States of America must place in his window the crescent. Put the circle around the crescent, and under the crescent put U. S. A. inside of the circle.

I want that put in every one of our citizen's cars on the front and the back, large enough to be seen. You can also put both flags (Moorish and American flag) on the car.

The only way to break up all the wars is to nationalize every human being in this North West Asia and every human being here must register in his own nationality to live here, is my honest opinion.

This is from the son of Allah himself.

Every Moorish American citizen must carry an identification certificate.

Every one of our people in America must carry that at all times and present that at the registration booth as proof of their identity.

All of our citizens must wear their Fez and Turban or they cannot vote in the general election because we want everybody to recognise our people by their wearing apparel.

We want to make this country a Holy and righteous nation.

By the Prophet Noble Drew Ali:

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Director, FBI

December 27, 1948

We don't want any killing of fowl of any kind. I don't want anyone to take any life that breathes the sweet breath of life as I do.

From Son of Allah, the Resurrection of the dead:

A. SMITH, BEY, Sheik  
Temple No. II  
His Special Advisor

S. J. HORSEY, BEY  
Political Leader  
Temple No. II

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cc Chicago (File 61-293)

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SAC, New York

November 14, 1950

Director, FBI

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., et al  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Attached for your information and for the information of offices receiving copies of this letter is a G-2 memorandum dated September 22, 1950, entitled "Moroccan United Organizations Federations."

No investigation is being requested at this time unless information is available to you through your indices or through your informants to indicate that such investigation would be warranted.

Should any of the information contained in the attachment be used in a report, the source should be concealed.

An additional copy of this letter and attachment is being furnished to the New York Office for its file on [REDACTED]

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Enclosure

cc Chicago (Information - Enclosure)  
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New York File 97-1146, with enclosure

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (62-25889)

DATE: August 6, 1952

FROM : SAC, New Haven (100-5943)

SUBJECT: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., et al  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X  
Office of Origin: Chicago

b7c [redacted] Hartford, Conn., advised that the [redacted] of the above organization has often been in the "Y" with a young girl whom he describes as his secretary. On several of these occasions, he has stated that he is a Moor and is a representative of the United Nations.

A news item in the "Hartford Times", a daily evening paper published in Hartford, Conn., on July 23, 1952 stated that "Moroccans in U. S. Give Barkley Support". The item then stated that the Grand Sheik as U. N. spokesman for his kinsmen in this nation offered to support Barkley if nominated for the presidency.

b7c Files of this office reflect that [redacted] EL is connected with the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.

The above is being brought to the attention of the Bureau for information purposes.

A copy is being furnished Chicago as it is the office of origin in captioned case.

New York is furnished a copy of this memo in the event any action on its part is desired by the Bureau in connection with EL's claimed connection with the U. N.

No investigation is being conducted by the New Haven Office.

cc: 1-New York (100-33742)  
1-Chicago

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (62-25889)

DATE: 5-10-56

FROM : SAC, New Haven (100-5943)

SUBJECT: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., ET AL  
IS-X  
OO: Chicago

MOROCCAN UNITED ORGANIZATIONS FEDERATION, INC. (MUOFTI)  
336 East Street  
New Haven, Connecticut

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Chicago are the following items:

(1) Photostatic copy of a letter to [redacted] Connecticut, dated April 4, 1956, from [redacted] EL

(1) Photostatic copy of the Agenda of the MOROCCAN EXECUTIVE CONGRESS to be held May 17, 1956 to May 20, 1956, at the MOROCCAN NATIONAL HOME in Norfolk, Connecticut.

The above literature was furnished to the New Haven Office by former Special Agent [redacted] who is employed by the [redacted] Connecticut. [redacted] that he obtained the original copies of the above-mentioned articles from [redacted] a resident of [redacted] Connecticut, who is employed by the [redacted]

[redacted] that [redacted] although invited to take part in the conference to be held May 17th through May 20th, does not plan to attend this affair and is concerned about the fact that [redacted] EL invited him to attend. [redacted] that [redacted] EL has access to many of the various offices in the State Building and State Capitol at Hartford, Connecticut, including the Governor's Office.

The files of this office reflect that [redacted] EL is affiliated with the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC. For that reason, copies

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Bufile 62-25889  
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May 10, 1956

of the above-described items have been transmitted to Chicago.

Information concerning the proposed conference of the MUOFI on May 17-20, 1956, is being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes. No investigation is being conducted by this office, UACB.

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MOROCCAN UNITED ORGANIZATIONS FEDERATION, INC.  
336 EAST STREET  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT  
Locast 2-2907

MOROCCAN UNITED ORGANIZATIONS FEDERATION, INC.

April 4, 1956.

MOROCCAN UNITED ORGANIZATIONS FEDERATION, INC.

MOROCCAN UNITED ORGANIZATIONS FEDERATION, INC.

My dear:

Pursuant to our recent conversations, it is pleasure to extend to you and your associates an official invitation to attend and address the Moroccan International and Inter-religious Conference to convene at the Moroccan National Home, Litchfield Road, Norfolk, Conn., telephone KIMball 2-5597, from May 17th to 20th, 1956, inclusive, of which Sunday, May 20th, will be the main day of the conference.

We ~~are~~ anticipate the participation of many distinguished celebrities and notables, including the missions of Ethiopia, Liberia, Egypt, India, the Phillipine Islands, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. I am sure you will enjoy the occasion since you are an individual that have always impressed me as a great humanitarian who believes in the human rights of all races, creeds and nationalities.

I herewith confer upon you the Degree of Honorary Membership in the Moroccan United Organizations Federation of the United Nations. You are further authorized to assist me in organizing this great conference, to invite all of your friends and associates in the State Office Building, including the Commissioner of the Motor Vehicle Department.

I am sending also an official invitation to the whom you introduced me to this afternoon. I think that he is an unusually fine character and I look forward to getting together during the conference and having a most enjoyable time among ourselves.

MOROCCAN UNITED ORGANIZATIONS FEDERATION, INC.

MOROCCAN UNITED ORGANIZATIONS FEDERATION, INC.

I herewith enclose an Executive Certificate of Recognition accrediting your authority within the realms of the Moroccan United Organizations Federation, Inc., which is dedicated to promote inter-racial, international and inter-religious brotherhood and understanding. I am sure you will agree if there was ever a time in human history that we need to cultivate human love and human kindness and benevolence, it is during this era when the world about us is so seriously charged with dissection, bigotry, prejudice and unrest.

In summary, permit me to extend to you and your family and associates every good wish for continued good health and prosperity. I beg to remain,

Yours for good friendship  
and human brotherhood.

-EL

MOROCCAN UNITED ORGANIZATIONS FEDERATION, INC.

**MOROCCAN UNITED ORGANIZATIONS RECONSTRUCTION, INC.**

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**NEW PAVEN, CONN. 07102**

**LOUSE 2-2308**

Please take notice that the Moroccan Executive Congress will be in session at the Moroccan National Home, Litchfield Road, Norfolk, Connecticut, telephone Kimball 2-5597, from May 17th to May 20th, inclusive, 1956.

The main topics of the agenda are as follows:

- a. Debate and discussions relative to setting up and coordinating a Commission to appropriate funds for the liberation and repatriation of all Afro-American citizens now suffering humiliation and economic oppression at Montgomery, Alabama and other Southern areas.
- b. Considerations and deliberations relative to the establishment of a special institution under the authority and charter of the Moroccan United Organizations and Federation, Inc. to assist all unfortunate victims who are now refugees from the South seeking freedom from agrarian and enslavement. The responsibility and duty of this institution will be to aid the Afro-American refugee migrating to Northern and Northwestern States to find decent adequate housing and security in employment.
- c. This special executive institution will further be empowered by the Congress of the Moroccan-American citizens to purchase land and acquire land through donations and contributions in order to resettle migrants from the South coming from rural, farming districts to exercise their agricultural abilities in order to make themselves useful, energetic citizens.

d. In order to successfully accomplish these objectives, ministers of all churches and religious associations, civic and fraternal organizations will be mobilized and asked to give their support.

It is the firm conviction and opinion of [redacted] b7c  
[redacted] that the Federal Government of the United States of America must protect and defend the human rights of all Afro-Americans now residing in the Southern area of the United States. There are only two alternatives. Either the Federal Government must protect our unfortunate peoples in the region of the South by definitely punishing the violators of the decrees of the recent adjudication of the Supreme Court relative to segregation in schools and other important matters on civil rights and human rights of all Afro-American citizens. It should be further concluded by all patriotic American citizens that defiance of the Supreme Court is treachery, just as vicious as Communism against the Government of the United States of America.

The second alternative is that under the auspices and authority of the Moroccan United Organizations Federation we must repatriate all Afro-Americans who are suffering as slaves under Southern tyrannical rule and convey to States and areas where civilization exists, loving the furms and plantations of Southern landlords grow up in weeds and swamps. Let the prejudice-minded Southerners do their own labor and eventually they will appreciate the services rendered by their Afro-American brothers.

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[redacted] will discuss every phrase dealing with civil rights as he confers in Washington with the Chief of the Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice in accordance with the special conference arranged by the Attorney General Brownell, Jr.  
P. Chief of the Civil Rights Section is Kenneth A. Caldwell.

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Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

May 21, 1956

Director, FBI

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE  
OF AMERICA, INC.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

MOROCCAN UNITED ORGANIZATIONS  
FEDERATION, INC.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

For your information there is enclosed herewith a Photostat of the agenda of the Moroccan Executive Congress scheduled to be held at the Moroccan National Home, Norfolk, Connecticut, from May 17 to May 20, 1956, under the sponsorship of the Moroccan United Organizations Federation, Inc.

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Your attention is directed to the last paragraph of the enclosure which states [redacted]-El will discuss every phrase dealing with civil rights as he confers in Washington with the Chief of the Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice in accordance with the special conference arranged by the Attorney General Brownell, Jr. The Chief of the Civil Rights Section is Honorable Arthur B. Caldwell."

The files of this Bureau reflect that [redacted] Army, in a letter to the Bureau dated September 1955, furnished the following information concerning the Moroccan United Organizations Federation, Inc.:

An informant of G-2 spent the weekend of July 29, 1950, with "Turner-El" of the Moroccan United Organizations Federation, Inc., which he described as "the holding outfit for the Moorish Science Temple and Devine and National Movement of North America headed by Turner-El." (100-7254-389)

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**Letter to Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins**

In regard to the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., you are referred to the numerous investigative reports concerning this organization which have previously been made available to the Department. Your attention is also directed to a memorandum from former Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark to the Bureau dated November 21, 1944, advising that the Criminal Division of the Department, after reviewing the file relating to the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., was of the opinion that the facts contained therein did not warrant prosecution under the Sedition statutes. (62-25889-297)

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In reference to [REDACTED] El, you are referred to the enclosure to my memorandum to former Assistant Attorney General Charles E. Murray dated October 21, 1952, captioned [REDACTED] El, Internal Security - X, which contains background and identifying information concerning this individual.

Enclosure

(105-19378-4)

cc - Assistant Attorney General (w/Enclosure)  
Warren Olney III

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August 14, 1956

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MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE  
THE DIVINE AND NATIONAL  
MOVEMENT OF NORTH AMERICA, INC.

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Reference is made to the request of Assistant Commissioner J. F. Winkle for a check of FBI files concerning thirty-nine organizations, including Moorish Science Temple The Divine And National Movement of North America, Inc., which have applied for tax-exempt status.

Transmitted herewith are copies of reports of investigation concerning the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., et al.

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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Note: See memorandum Roach to Belmont dated 6-20-56 captioned "Name Check Request On Tax-Exempt Organizations- Internal Revenue Service."

To [Redacted] IRS  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: December 14, 1957

FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (100-2273)

SUBJECT: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE  
SECURITY MATTER - MST

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On November 13, 1957, [redacted] United States Public Health Service Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky, stated that he had received a copy of a writ of habeas corpus from the United States District Court, Washington, D. C., addressed to the Honorable JAMES R. KIRKLAND, United States District Judge, which was a petition to set aside the judgement and sentence in United States District Court, Washington, D. C., on [redacted] 1954, at which time petitioner [redacted] - BEY was sentenced to two to seven years and a \$50.00 fine. The case number was listed as [redacted] KY.

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Accompanying this petition was a letter from Petitioner [redacted] BEY, inmate number [redacted] of the United States Public Health Service Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky, which contained an affidavit to the Institution asking for a correction of records. The petitioner who is being carried in the records as a Negro claimed to be of the Asiatic race and his nationality as American. He disclaimed being a Negro and states his nationality and identification cards are for the "Moorish Science Temple of America and Birthright for Moorish Americans." The letter which is difficult to understand and which does not make sense at all times indicates the names NOBLE DREW ALLI, prophet, and is followed by the names COL. C. KIRKMAN - BEY followed by the initials S. G. and A. M. There is a statement in the letter to the effect, "We honor all divine prophets, Jesus, Mohammed, Buddah and Confucius." Another part of the letter states, "I do hereby declare I am a Muslim under the divine laws of the Holy Quran of Mecca, Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice." Another place, it indicates, "I am a citizen of the United States of America."

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This matter is being furnished the Bureau, Chicago and Washington Field Office for information.

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# Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.

1837 STRAUSS STREET

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11212

TEL. 498-6555

May 27, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

*b7c*

I am [redacted] of the Crime Reduction Committee of the above organization. We work with the youth of our community to reduce, and hopefully prevent the high crime rate in this community.

I am writing to establish liaison with your office in the event that we will need your assistance in the future.

If there are any news releases or other informational data released from your office for public information, I would appreciate receiving a copy at this office.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration and hoping to hear from you in the future.

Very truly yours,

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Crime Reduction Committee

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[Redacted] Bey  
Crime Reduction Committee  
Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.  
1837 Strauss Street  
Brooklyn, New York 11212

Dear [Redacted] Bey:

Your letter of May 27th has been received.

In response to your request, although it is not possible to send you the type of information you desire on a continuing basis or to be of direct help to you in connection with your programs, it is a pleasure to enclose some material regarding youthful criminality and crime which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. [REDACTED]-Bey

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March 7, 1972

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Pennsylvania Avenue & 9th Streets, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I would like some information about the Moorish Science Temple of America. I would like to know its legitimacy and whether or not it could cause any problem for someone who becomes a member of the said temple that is employed by the federal government (specifically the Department of Defense).

Your assistance will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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[Redacted] Virginia [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

In response to your letter of March 7th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you in this instance. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the Moorish Science Temple of America.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Miller, E.S.
- Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Walters \_\_\_\_\_
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SUBJECT: ~~EXTREMIST MUSLIM GROUPS~~  
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offices shown designated copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM)  
relating to the Moorish Science Temple of America (MSTA).

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sources utilized in the LHM. & u

As there is no apparent propensity for violence  
in the MSTA and there has been no known conflict between  
the MSTA and the Nation of Islam, Chicago is not taking  
any further action in this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE  
OF AMERICA

The Chicago Alphabetical Telephone Directory,  
July, 1972, reflects as follows:

Moorish Science Temple  
of America,  
957 East 75th Street,  
Chicago, Illinois  
Telephone 224-1300

Moorish Science Temple  
of America, Inc.,  
3810 South Wabash,  
Chicago, Illinois  
Telephone AT 5-3313

Moorish Divine and National  
Movement in North America, Inc.  
4233 South Calumet,  
Chicago, Illinois  
Telephone WA 4-2430

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EXTREMIST MUSLIM GROUPS  
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The Nation of Islam is an all-black nationwide organization headquartered at Muhammad's Temple 2, 7351 South Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, under the guidance of Elijah Muhammad, self-styled "Messenger of Allah" and only divinely appointed leader of the black race in the United States. Its purpose is separation of the black man from the "devil" (white race) through establishment of a black nation. Followers are instructed to obey the laws of the land if they do not conflict with NOI laws and not to carry weapons but are to defend NOI officials, their property, women and themselves if attacked at all costs and are to take weapons away from their attackers and use same on the attacker.

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On March 13, 1973, [redacted] E1, [redacted] Chicago, born [redacted] advised Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] as follows:

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He is [redacted] of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. (MSTA, Inc.) which is headquartered at 3810 South Wabash, Chicago, and incorporated in the State of Illinois. MSTA, Inc. has no foreign affiliation. It has an overall membership of three to five thousand people with about 300 followers in Chicago. Branches are located in the following cities:

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Chicago;  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;  
Newark, New Jersey;  
Williamstown, New Jersey;  
Camden, New Jersey;  
Brooklyn, New York;  
Richmond, Virginia;  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas;  
Augusta, Georgia;  
Baltimore, Maryland - was part of MSTA, Inc.  
Not recognized now as leader, [REDACTED] El  
calls himself a Prophet.  
Los Angeles, California - small group of  
individuals who hold meetings in private homes  
just "to keep Islam going".

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The Moorish Science Temple of Islam (MSTA) was founded in 1913 in Newark, New Jersey, by Noble Drew Ali who was born in North Carolina in 1886. Ali is Allah's Prophet. Followers of MSTA believe they are Moorish-Americans because they are descendants of Morrocans and born in America. The purpose of MSTA is the upliftment of fallen humanity. They religion of MSTA is Islamism. The MSTA flag is red with a five pointed green star in the center.

Followers of MSTA, Inc., believe in reincarnation. They believe that Buddha, Mohammed, Jesus, etc., were all Prophets of Allah and that Noble Drew Ali was the last Prophet. Noble Drew Ali "passed" in Chicago on July 20, 1929. Eighteen days later Ali was reincarnated into a member by the name of John Gibbon El who "passed" in Chicago in 1935.

Articles of The Divine Constitution and By-Laws of MSTA provides "This organization of the MSTA is not to cause any confusion or to overthrow the laws and constitution of the said government, but to obey hereby." This is read at every meeting and followers are to abide thereby.

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The MSTA believes only in peace and members are forbidden to carry weapons.

MSTA, Inc., about three months ago, started publishing a paper titled "The Moorish Crescent". It is published twice a month by members in Williamstown, New Jersey.

The MSTA, Inc., has had no problems with the followers of Elijah Muhammad.

There is a split-off of MSTA, Inc., going by the name of MSTA at 957 East 75th Street, Chicago. This group does not accept the fact that Noble Drew Ali was reincarnated into John Gibbon El. The MSTA, Inc., and the MSTA cooperate with each other. The MSTA is not known to permit followers to carry weapons and teaches followers to obey the laws of the land. [REDACTED]

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There is another small group operating under the name MSTA in the 1200 block on North Orleans, Chicago. This group split off from MSTA, Inc., again because it did not accept the reincarnation of Noble Drew Ali. This group follows the basic precepts and laws of MSTA, Inc. They are not known to allow members to carry weapons and follow the laws of the land.

El continued he has heard of the Moorish Divine and National Movement in North America, Inc. (MDNM) and has tried to make contact with leaders thereof at 4233 South Calumet, but to no avail. The MDNM is not affiliated with, or a split-off from the MSTA, Inc.

A review of the Haines 1972 Chicago City Address & Key Directory fails to reflect an MSTA in the 1200 block of North Orleans, Chicago.

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A review of The Chicago Alphabetical Telephone Directory, July, 1972, fails to reflect a telephone listing for an MSTA in the 1200 block of North Orleans, Chicago.

On March 14, 1973 [redacted] Bey, [redacted] Chicago, telephone [redacted] telephonically advised SA [redacted] as follows:

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[redacted] of the Moorish Divine and National Movement in North America, Inc., 4233 South Calumet, Chicago. They follow the teachings of Noble Drew Ali, but do not have any association with the MSTA, Inc., or the MSTA. His God is Allah and their religion is Islam based on the Holy Koran. They were, at one time, in the MSTA, but pulled out. They believe in truth, peace, freedom, justice, nationality and citizenship. They obey the laws of the land and do not permit followers to carry weapons. They have had no trouble with followers of Elijah Muhammad.

They have not had meetings in over a year. The group is local in nature.

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The indices of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) were reviewed regarding MDNY in February, 1973. No identifiable references were located.

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On March 14, 1973 [redacted] Bey, [redacted] of MSTA, 957 East 75th Street, Chicago, advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] as follows:



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MSTA follows the precepts of Noble Drew Ali who is a Prophet of Allah. Allah is their God and Islam is their religion. They follow the precepts of the Holy Koran. The MSTA is incorporated in the State of Illinois. The beliefs and laws of MSTA, Inc. are exactly the same. The MSTA, Inc. split with MSTA as followers of MSTA, Inc. believe in a reincarnated Noble Drew Ali whereas followers of MSTA do not.

b7c MSTA is headquartered at 957 East 75th Street, Chicago. The [redacted] Bey who lives in Baltimore, Maryland. The MSTA has Temples in the following cities:

Baltimore;  
Washington, D. C.;  
Detroit, Michigan;  
Newark, New Jersey;  
New York City, New York;  
Cleveland, Ohio

The MSTA in Chicago has 40 to 50 followers.

The MSTA forbids followers to carry weapons and is peaceful in nature. The MSTA has had no problems with followers of Elijah Muhammad.

Bey continued:

b7c There was another MSTA group located in the 1000 or 1200 block on North Orleans in Chicago. It broke with the MSTA in the 1930s, but followed the teachings of Noble Drew Ali and was peaceful in nature. The break was caused by a dispute over leadership. The group is not united with the MSTA at present. It is believed the followers of this group are now meeting in homes of members if they meet at all. [redacted] El, [redacted] Michigan. He is the [redacted]. The group is believed to have a Temple in Cleveland.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/5/73

*W. J. [unclear]*  
FROM

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-8299) (C)

SUBJECT:

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA  
(MSTA)  
EM

On 7/6/73, CURTIS J. EL and four brother muslims and also members of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., (MSTA) filed a civil suit action in the U.S. District Court, Philadelphia, Pa., under civil action #73-1519. These five stated in the suit that they represented MSTA and that the suit, which was against the U.S. of America, the President of the United States, the State of Pennsylvania, the Governor of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia County District Attorney, alleged that MSTA was their victim and as such MSTA suffered numerous grievances, infirmities and violations as a result of being in this country. The suit asked for \$43,000,000 reparations and other things.

Because of the Chicago FBI Office's liaison with MSTA there, [redacted] of MSTA advised of the suit being filed in Philadelphia as outlined above, furnishing the court docket number and party names to the suit. This liaison resulted in the MSTA [redacted] in Chicago setting up an interview by the Philadelphia FBI Office of [redacted] BEY who is [redacted] of Philadelphia MSTA.

BEY subsequently advised that the suit nor the plaintiffs represent nor are they backed by MSTA. BEY even tried to get the plaintiffs to retract the suit without success.

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The results of these interviews were furnished the USA's Office, Philadelphia, immediately. The AUSA

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advised that such matters involving minority groups are very sensitive matters which require special handling. From this point on special agents maintained a close contact with the USA's Office in order to receive and handle all investigative requests immediately. Six different meetings were had with the USA at which time information was furnished and discussions were had.

On 8/22/73, the AUSA requested that the plaintiffs be identified and their arrest records obtained. On 9/5/73, all information from the Philadelphia FBI files, arrest records and the full identification of the plaintiffs was furnished to the AUSA.

On 9/7/73, the AUSA, armed with the information furnished him as mentioned, filed a motion for dismissal of the suit. In just about three week period from the time it was learned that the suit had been filed, the USA's Office was able to use the information furnished him by the FBI to file his motion of dismissal.

On 10/3/73, the U.S. District Court granted the USA's motion. A mere less than three months lapsed from the date the suit was filed, to the date it was successfully defended, with no loss to the Federal Government. The AUSA looked on the matter as a complete victory and expressed his great appreciation for the investigation done by the FBI which enable him to bring about a successful defense.

In view of all of the above, a tremendous savings was brought about by the team work among the Chicago and Philadelphia FBI Offices and the AUSA. The expeditious handling of the matter, before the minority matter may have been played up by the news media and giving rise to the origination of other similar suits, resulted in a savings of \$43,000,000. There is also an unknown amount of similar suits that might have been filed had the subject suit not have been so resolved.

Philadelphia is claiming a savings of \$21,500,000 and requests that Chicago be credited with the same amount.

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FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-8299)

SUBJECT: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE  
 OF AMERICA  
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Re Philadelphia letter to the Bureau, 12/5/73.

The following are the details for the Government's motion to dismiss this suit obtained from the U.S. Attorney's Office:

1. Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure (FRCP) 8(a)1, plaintiffs have failed to set forth a short and plain statement on the grounds upon which the court's jurisdiction depends.

2. FRCP 8(8) 2. Plaintiffs have failed to set forth a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader was entitled to relief.

3. FRCP 12 (B) 1. Court has no jurisdiction of the subject matter of this action.

4. FRCP 12(B) 2. Court has no jurisdiction over the Federal defendants of complaint.

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5. FRCP 12(B) 6. Plaintiffs failed to state claim upon which relief can be claimed.

The following are the court's reasons for dismissal of the suit:

1. Petitioners complaint fails to set a claim upon which relief can be granted.

2. Haines vs. Kerner, 404 U.S. 519, 5/20-21 (1972), such grants will be dismissed if it appears that plaintiff would be entitled to no relief under any set of facts which could be provided in support of his claim.

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See also Gray vs. Creamer, 465 F. 2D179 (Third Circuit 1972), 2A Moore, Federal Practice Section 12.08 at 2271-74 (Second Edition 1968).

See generally U.S. Ex Rel. Mayo vs. Satan and his Staff 54 F.R.D. 282 (W.D. Pennsylvania 1971).

3. Plaintiffs' complaint does not allege that respondents have violated their first amendment, Right of Religious Liberty. It avers only that respondents have in some way kept members of the black race in ignorance of their true religious and cultural heritage. Such an allegation does not state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

4. Plaintiffs' complaint is replete with vague conclusionary statements. Indeed, reference to the "religious creed and principles of their forefathers," and to their national flag, are not allegations at all, but proclamations of religious identity. Moreover, there is no nexus between the allegations of the complainant and named respondents or between the relief sought and the alleged constitutional deprivations. Furthermore, we note that a command to the Government to financially support plaintiffs' religious organization would violate the first amendment.

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AUSA ALAN M. LIEBERMAN, EDPA, was unavailable to determine specifically what assistance the information provided by the Bureau was in preparing the motion for dismissal. He noted, however, that when this information first came to the attention of the Philadelphia Office in an airtel from the Chicago Office, agents immediately discussed the matter with AUSA SULLIVAN CISTONE, who had the case assigned to him, however, had done nothing on it. CISTONE advised that the FBI could assist him by identifying the person involved in the suit and checking any criminal records that they may have. By the FBI contacting the U.S. Attorney's Office, the matter was handled more promptly.

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Enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of a Letterhead Memorandum which was supplied to the USA's Office setting forth interview with [REDACTED] of the Moorish Science Temple of America, who provided information regarding the background of the complainant, which information would not have been otherwise available to the USA's Office.

Philadelphia feels definitely that the information provided assisted the U.S. Attorney in establishing that the suit was not a proper suit against the Government.

*CURTIS ROSEMAN* *Edwin Samuel Baker Jr.*  
*ROBERT AIKENS* *b7c*  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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**BROTHER CURTIS J. EL, ETAL** *CURTIS EL*  
**VERSUS UNITED STATES OF**  
**AMERICA, ETAL, CA 73-1519**  
*CURTIS ARVIS EL*

On July 6, 1973 Brother Curtis J. El, 5659 Litchfield Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and four other individuals filed suit against the United States of America, civil action 73-1519. In the text of the petition, plaintiffs claim to be Muslims and members of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. (MSTA, Inc.).

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On August 14, 1973 [redacted] El, [redacted] Chicago, [redacted] of the MSTA, Inc., was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] Chicago, Office of the FBI. El stated that the five petitioners in the captioned civil action had attended meetings of the MSTA, Inc., three or four years ago, but had not attended meetings since then. He further advised that the five individuals did not represent the MSTA, Inc.

According to [redacted] El, the MSTA, Inc. is headquartered at 3810 South Wabash, Chicago, and incorporated in the State of Illinois. MSTA, Inc. has no foreign affiliations. It has an overall membership of 3-5,000 people with about 300 followers in Chicago. A branch is located in Philadelphia, Pa. The MSTA was founded in 1913 in Newark, N.J., by Noble Drew Ali, who was born in North Carolina in 1886, Allah's prophet. Followers of the MSTA believe they are Moorish-Americans because they are descendants of Morrocans and born in America. Followers of MSTA, Inc., believe in reincarnation. They believe that Buddah, Muhammed, Jesus, et cetera are all prophets of Allah and that Noble Drew Ali was the last prophet. Noble Drew Ali "passed" in Chicago on July 30, 1929. Eighteen days later he was reincarnated into a member by the name of John Gibbon El who "passed" in Chicago in 1935. Articles of the Divine Constitution and bylaws of MSTA provides "This organization of the MSTA is not to cause any confusion or to overthrow the laws and constitution of the said government, but to abide thereby."

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BROTHER CURTIS J. EL, ETAL  
VERSUS UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA, ETAL, CA 73-1519

b7c On August 16, 1973 [REDACTED] Bey [REDACTED]  
of the MSTIA, Inc, Philadelphia, Pa., was interviewed  
by Special Agents of the Philadelphia Office of the  
FBI.

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November 20, 1974

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1 - Mr. Mintz

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[Redacted] El  
Washington, D. C. [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted] El:

Your letter of October 31, 1974, addressed to the Department of Justice has been referred to this Bureau and was received on November 8th.

I regret to inform you that the information you requested is contained in an investigatory file compiled for law enforcement purposes and is thereby exempt from public disclosure pursuant to the provisions of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 (b) (7).

You may appeal my decision in this matter by writing to the Attorney General, Attention: Office of Legal Counsel, Washington, D. C. 20530. Additionally, judicial review is thereafter available either in the district in which you reside or have a place of business or in the District of Columbia, the location of the records to which you seek access.

Sincerely yours,

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FBI

C. M. Kelley  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure
- 1 - Bufile 62-115530 (FOI-REPLIES)

NOTE: Correspondent requested data for the period 1965 to present pertaining to the Moorish Science Temple. Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., which is believed to be

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ms (7) [Redacted] 1/28/75  
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identical to subject of correspondent's request, is the subject of Bufile 62-25889. The last investigative report on this organization is dated 10-13-45, however, this file contains correspondences concerning this organization as well as information furnished by the field in letterhead memorandum ~~form~~ as recently as 1973.

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In The Most Holy Name of Allah - The  
Omnipotent - The Omnipresent - The Omnipotent  
Father-Mother God of The Universe

October 31, 1974

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[Redacted] -ch  
[Redacted]  
Washington, D.C. [Redacted]

We greet thee of Peace  
in  
Paradise

Islam

The United States Department of Justice  
To whom it may concern:

o yellow  
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Dear Sir:

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[Redacted] -ch, am

writing in reference to Moorish Science  
Temple in which you have records  
in your file. REC-60 2-25889-330

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Sir we respectfully request  
all data in reference to the above  
mentioned Temple, especially pertain-  
ing to the bearing of firearms.

The data we request is  
dated from 1965 until 1974 in reference  
to any charter, authorization or  
other pertaining to Moorish  
Organization.

LEGAL COUNSEL  
CORRESPONDENCE

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11-20-74

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Thankfully yours  
[Redacted] -ch

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