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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-444636) DATE: 1/17/66

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-150520) Card filed Cards sent OO 2/8/66 OK for SI

SUBJECT: CLARENCE EDWARD SMITH aka
SM-NOI
(OO:NY)

Re NY Summary Report, dated and captioned as above.

[X] It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

[ ] The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

Name: CLARENCE EDWARD SMITH		
Aliases: Clarence Smith Jowars ~~Clarence Smith~~, Clarence 13X Smith, Clarence 13X, "Allah", "Puddin"		
[X] Native Born	[ ] Naturalized	[ ] Alien
[ ] Communist	[ ] Socialist Workers Party	[ ] Independent Socialist League
[X] Miscellaneous (specify) Nation of Islam (NOI)		
[ ] Tab for Detcom	Race: Negro	Sex: [X] Male [ ] Female
Date of Birth: 2/22/28	Place of Birth: Danville, Virginia	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address): Unemployed ~~(see residence)~~		
Key Facility Data: Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____ Interested Agencies _____		
Residence Address: ~~Presently confined c/o~~ New York State Department of Mental Hygiene.		

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Subject is being recommended for inclusion on the Security Index in view of his part affiliation with the NOI, his leadership of the Harlem Youth Gang known as "Five Percenters", his evidence of emotional instability, and his demonstrated propensity toward violence which resulted in his arrest and present confinement.

There are approximately 200 members of the "Five Percenters" & subject is their leader. He had extensive activity in NOI from 9/61 to 3/23/65. He left NOI to follow Malcolm X & formed MMI. He presently indoctrinates his followers in a distorted version of Muslim teachings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444732) DATE: 2/16/66

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-156139) (C)

SUBJECT:

PUDDIN, 6', 140 LBS.,
SLIM BUILD, GOATEE
SM - NOI
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Atlanta letter to NY, 1/25/66.

By referenced communication the Atlanta Office advised that [redacted] viewed a photograph of CLARENCE EDWARD SMITH aka Clarence Jowers, Clarence 13 X and both identified him as "Puddin". b7C

CLARENCE EDWARD SMITH aka Clarence Jowers, Clarence 13X is the subject of NYO file 100-150520, Bufile 100-444636. Captioned case has been consolidated in the NYO with 100-150520.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
February 17, 1966

CC
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. BUfile 100-444636
NYfile 100-150520

SUBJECT: CLARENCE EDWARD SMITH aka

REFERENCE: NEW YORK REPORT DATED 1-17-66

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: Matteawan State Hospital for Criminally Insane
Beacon, New York

Employment:

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-150520)

SUBJECT: CLARENCE EDWARD SMITH aka
SM-NOI
(OO: NEW YORK)

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☐ Miscellaneous (*specify*) _____		
☐ Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (*show name of employing concern and address*)		
Key Facility Data		
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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444636) DATE: 4/6/66

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-150520) (C)

SUBJECT: CLARENCE EDWARD SMITH aka
SM - NOI
(OO: NEW YORK)

ReNY Summary Report of SA [redacted] 1/17/66.

On 3/9/66, [redacted] Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminally Insane, Beacon, NY, made available the institution file relating to the captioned subject.

A review of this file by SA [redacted] reflected that the subject, under the name of ALLAH aka Clarence Smith, was committed from NY County on 11/16/65, and admitted to Matteawan State Hospital on 11/26/65. His crime was described as assault, second degree.

Subject has been assigned Matteawan State Hospital Number E12915 and the file reflects that there are four warrants on file against him.

The subject indicated that he has never worked productively and has described himself as a master gambler. He states also that he has been a student of MUHAMMED since 1960. At the time of the subject's arrest on 5/31/65, he was in the possession of marijuana.

The file reflects that the subject's original diagnosis was described as schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type. He expressed the dillusions of grandor of a religious nature and of persecution.

A stop was placed with [redacted] requesting that this office be notified when the subject is to be released.

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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444636) DATE: 1/12/67

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-150520) (C)

SUBJECT: CLARENCE EDWARD SMITH aka
SM-NOI
(OO: NEW YORK)

Rerep of SA [redacted] 1/17/66, at New York; and NYlet ,4/6/66. u

On 1/5/67, [redacted] Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminally Insane, Beacon, NY, advised SA [redacted] that subject continues to be confined to that hospital. u

As subject has been in continuous confinement since rerep, there has been no reportable activity on his part. u

In view of this, NY will not submit an annual report at this time. In the event subject is released from the hospital, this case will be reopened for appropriate investigation. u

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

United States Government
MEMORANDUM

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To: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date: MAR 16 1967

Jay From: Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

Security index card cancelled

Subject: INDEX REVIEW

Re: Clarence Edward Smith

File in FBI No. 100-444636
CC: 100-398030

Reports of investigation have been reviewed as requested

by you on _____.

It has been determined that indexing of this case for future

review should be

☐ continued ☑ discontinued

Commentary:

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Dept. 146-012-18-2

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SAC, New York (100-[illegible]) 3/23/67

Director, [illegible] SECRET 1 - Mr. Glascock
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CLARENCE EDWARD [illegible] 1 - Mr. Floyd
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Security index card cancelled 3/23/67

By letter dated 3/16/67 the Department advised that the subject's name should be removed from the Security Index. This action has been taken at the Bureau and you should take similar action with respect to the subject's Security Index cards maintained in your office.

In view of the subject's background and his current mental condition, the Bureau feels that upon release from his incarceration at the Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminally Insance, Beacon, New York, you should determine his whereabouts and ascertain whether he resumes his participation in Black Nationalist activities. Therefore, New York should place a stop with appropriate officials at the above hospital, in order that you will be promptly advised of any action indicating that the subject may be released from confinement. Furnish any pertinent information received to the Bureau promptly in a form suitable for dissemination.

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NOTE: Subject was active in NOI affairs from 1961 to 1965. No leadership. He was, however, a leader of a teen-age gang in New York City known as the "Five Percenters." He was arrested in New York City for felonious assault, resisting arrest, and other charges, and was remanded to custody of New York State Department of Mental Hygiene for indefinite confinement. Last report 1/17/66. Letter in lieu of report 1/12/67.

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NEW YORK	NEW YORK	MAY 16 1967	3/17/67 - 5/8/67

TITLE OF CASE

CLARENCE EDWARD SMITH aka

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] 67C

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] 1/17/66, and Bulet, 3/23/67.

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REASON-FCIM II, 1.2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 3-16-87
Reviewed 5-14-84

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A copy of this report has been furnished Secret Service, NYC, as the last information furnished reflects subject was in custody and his release might be of interest to Secret Service.

As subject does not meet any criteria for inclusion on the Security, he is not being recommended for inclusion therein. His activities can be followed by established informants and should his activities require he will be recommended for inclusion on the Security Index.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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NY 100-150520

This report is classified "Confidential" because of the information from [redacted] an informant of continuing value the unauthorized disclosure of which could compromise his future effectiveness and have an adverse effect on the national defense interests of the US.

INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source	File Where Located	Characterization
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 16, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bufile 100-444636
NYfile 100-150520

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

Re: Clarence Edward Smith

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

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4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

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   (a) ☒ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1 (RM)
U. S. Secret Service , NYC

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Copy to: 1 - Secret Service, NYC (RM)

Report of: [redacted] 67C

Date: MAY 16 1967

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #: 100-150520

Bureau File #: 100-444636

Title: CLARENCE EDWARD SMITH

DECLASSIFIED BY 6383 VRT/AG ON 6-2-81

Character: SECURITY MATTER - NATION OF ISLAM

Synopsis:

Subject unemployed and has no permanent residence, but can be located on 127th St., NYC. Subject released from Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminally Insane on 3/6/67. He received a 3 month suspended sentence on 5/4/67, Criminal Court, NYC, for unlawful assembly, possession of marijuana and disorderly conduct.

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DATE OF REVIEW 2-16-87
Re Reviewed 5-14-81

DETAILS:

On June 1, 1965, [redacted] Bureau of Special Services (BSS), New York City Police Department (NYCPD), advised SA [redacted] that at 9:15 PM, May 31, 1965, six Negro males were blocking the sidewalk and interferring with street traffic in front of the Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York City. When told to move on by two police officers these six turned on the officers, called on bystanders to attack the officers, and shouted anti-white and anti-police invectives. All six were arrested, one of whom was subject who identified himself as "Allah". He was charged with felonious assault, conspiracy to commit same, resisting arrest, assault with a deadly weapon, disorderly conduct, possession of a marijuana.

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cigarette, and malicious mischief.

On November 16, 1965, [redacted] BSS, NYCPD, advised SA [redacted] that on November 16, 1965, subject appeared in New York Supreme Court, Part 30 (Felony), New York City, and was found "unable to understand the charges against him". On this date he was remanded to the custody of the New York State Department of Mental [redacted] (DMH) for an indefinite confinement. b7C

On March 9, 1966, [redacted] Matteawan State Hospital for the [redacted] Beacon, New York, made available to SA [redacted] the file for subject which reflected: b7C

Subject was committed from New York County, November 16, 1965, and was admitted to Matteawan on November 26, 1965. His crime was described as assault, second degree. Subject indicated that he had never worked productively and had described himself as a master gambler and that he had been a student of Mohammed since 1960.

His original diagnosis was described as schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type. He expressed dillusions of grandeur of a religious nature and of persecution.

On March 6, 1967, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that on that date, subject had been released from Matteawan and had been returned to the Manhattan House of Detention, 125 White Street, New York City, where he would stand trial on criminal charges against him. b7C

On April 12, 1967, [redacted] BSS, NYCPD, advised that subject stood trial in Part 2B, Criminal Court, New York City, on April 5, 1967. He pled guilty to unlawful assembly, possession of marijuana and disorderly conduct and received a three-month suspended sentence. b7C

On May 4, 1967, [redacted] advised that he has been familiar with subject's activities since his release from the hospital. He stated subject is unemployed and has no permanent residence, but can almost always be located on 127th Street off Seventh Avenue, New York City. b7C

[redacted] advised that since his release from the hospital, subject has not been in any difficulty with the police.

On March 28, 1967, [redacted] advised that on March 27, 1967, subject was in the Hotel Theresa Coffee Shop, 125th Street and Seventh Avenue, New York City. [redacted] b2 b7C

New York sources familiar with many phases of "Black Nationalist" activity have not reported any additional activity on subject's part.

Concerning the [redacted] mentioned above the following is noted: b7C

During February, 1967, [redacted] b2 b7C

During 1966, [redacted] furnished information reflecting that [redacted]

During 1966, [redacted] advised that on several occasions, [redacted]

Characterization of the MOI and OAAU will be found in the appendix.

APPENDIX

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NATION OF ISLAM

In January, 1957, a source advised that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On April 29, 1966, a second source advised that, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960, MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by ALLAH, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as 'white devils,' in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching 'War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised that MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government

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NATION OF ISLAM (CONT'D)

however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 2, 1966, a third source advised that MUHAMMAD had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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APPENDIX

1.

ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN UNITY, INCORPORATED (OAAU)

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On June 28, 1964, MALCOLM X LITTLE, founder and leader of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI), publicly announced the formation of a new, all Negro, militant civil rights action group to be known as the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU), with himself as Chairman. This announcement was made at a public rally held at the MMI in the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City.

A printed and published statement of basic OAAU aims read by MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that it shall include "all" people of African descent in the Western Hemisphere, as well as "our" brothers and sisters on the African continent. It is patterned after the "letter and spirit" of the Organization of African Unity established (by African heads of States) at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May, 1963.

A recording of the remarks of MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that the aim of the OAAU is to eliminate differences between Negroes so they can work together for "human rights," while the initial objective is to "internationalize" the American civil rights movement by taking it to the United Nations. LITTLE condemned the non-violent civil rights movement and claims that Negroes should be taught to protect themselves, when and if necessary. The OAAU will sponsor a program for Negroes of Education, politics, culture, economics, and social reform.

MALCOLM X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, New York City.

On February 28, 1966, a confidential source advised that the president and head of the OAAU is ELLA COLLINS, a half-sister of the late MALCOLM X, who resides in Boston, Massachusetts.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
May 16, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. Bufile 100-444636
NYfile 100-150520

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Title Clarence Edward Smith

Character Security Matter - Nation of Islam

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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NEW YORK	NEW YORK	MAY 16 1967	3/17/67 - 5/8/67

TITLE OF CASE

CLARENCE EDWARD SMITH aka

REPORT MADE BY

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REFERENCE:

Report of [redacted], 1/17/66, and Bulet, 3/23/67. b7c

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

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As subject does not meet any criteria for inclusion on the Security, he is not being recommended for inclusion therein. His activities can be followed by established informants and should his activities require he will be recommended for inclusion on the Security Index

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6/13/69

Attached relates that a member of the Nation of Islam (NOI) was fatally shot in New York City on 6/13/69. He is a leader of a Negro youth group and a recent aide to New York Mayor John Lindsay. It is not known if there is any connection between this shooting and a previous slaying by gunshot of another member of the NOI recently.

Copy of attached sent Inter-Division Information Unit of Department, and pertinent portions of attached will be included in a teletype summary to White House and other interested agencies.

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ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK

KILLING OF CLARENCE THIRTEEN X SMITH, NYC,
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NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

ON SIX THIRTEEN SIXTYNINE, REPRESENTATIVE OF NYCPD ADVISED THAT AT THREE THIRTY AM THIS DATE THREE UNKNOWN MALE NEGROES SHOT AND KILLED CLARENCE THIRTEEN X SMITH, FORMER MEMBER OF THE NATION OF ISLAM (NOI). LEADER OF THE FIVE PERCENTERS, A NEGRO YOUTH GROUP AND RECENT AIDE TO MAYOR JOHN LINDSAY. SMITH WAS KILLED IN THE DOORWAY OF HIS RESIDENCE AT TWENTY ONE WEST ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH STREET, NYC.

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HIS ASSAILANTS FLED IN A WHITE CHEVROLET AUTOMOBILE WHICH WAS PARKED A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY AT ONE EAST ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH STREET, NYC.

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SMITH WAS DEAD ON ARRIVAL AND HIS BODY IS AT THE NYC MORGUE.

THE IDENTITIES OF ASSAILANTS AND THE MOTIVE BEHIND HIS MURDER ARE UNKNOWN.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

REPRESENTATIVE OF NYCPD IS [redacted] 67C SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION. u

LIAISON TWENTYEIGHT SQUAD NYCPD DETERMINED PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION ELICITED DATA SMITH WAS EN ROUTE TO WIFE'S APARTMENT AFTER WINNING AT A CRAP GAME AS IT WAS HIS HABIT [redacted] WHEN HE WAS A WINNER. SEARCH OF BODY FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY MONEY IN WALLET BUT CONTAINED RECEIPTS WHICH INDICATE SMITH WAS ON PAYROLL OF CITY (TENSION REDUCTION FUND). EVEN THOUGH SMITH'S WALLET DID NOT CONTAIN MONEY, BODY DID NOT GIVE APPEARANCE OF HAVING BEEN "ROLLED." u

SELECTED INFORMANTS GIVEN SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY EXISTS AND WHETHER. OTHER REPERCUSSIONS WILL BE FORTHCOMING. u

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Harlem Moderate Is Murdered

NEW YORK, June 13 (UPI)— Gunmen ambushed and killed Clarence 37X Smith today in Harlem, a week after another black leader, Mau Mau chief Charles 37X Kenyatta, was critically wounded in a similar attack.

Authorities said they were investigating the possibility that the two crimes were linked.

Neighbors in Smith's Harlem apartment building heard shots at 4:15 a.m. EDT and called police, who found Smith's body sprawled in the building elevator. He had a number of gunshot wounds in his face and hands.

Smith's son told police he was not too surprised that his father was murdered in view of his recent activities to ease racial unrest and avoid a "long, hot summer."

Smith, 42, headed the Harlem "Five Percenters," a group of ghetto residents who claimed 95 per cent of the blacks did not care about improving their community but 5 per cent did. The Five Percenters were militant when they were organized about five years ago but have become increasingly moderate and willing to cooperate with City Hall in various ghetto projects.

Smith became a friend of Barry Gottehrer, an assistant to Mayor John V. Lindsay and head of the Mayor's urban task force. When disorders broke out in Harlem after the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination in April, 1968, Smith worked to help calm the ghetto.

Since then, Smith has been active in the Urban League Street Academy program, which searches out school dropouts and persuades them to return to special classes in a Harlem storefront.

Kenyatta, who was critically wounded by three Negroes in a moving car in the Bronx last Saturday, was a friend of Smith but the two did not work together, Gottehrer's office said. Kenyatta, a former bodyguard to assassinated Black Muslim leader Malcolm X, also had worked with Lindsay's aides.

State Assemblyman Charles B. Rangel said after Kenyatta was wounded that he thought the narcotics syndicate in Harlem tried to eliminate Kenyatta because he had turned in narcotics pushers to the police.

Kenyatta was first treated in Fordham Hospital but was taken to Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan earlier this week because it could provide him with better security. He was reported in fair condition today.

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Kenyatta's Pal Killed, Cops See Muslim War

By FRANK FASO

In the second such attack in a week, Clarence Smith Jowars, 41, an associate of Harlem Mau Mau leader Charles 67X Kenyatta, was shot and killed yesterday in the elevator of a Harlem apartment house.

Last Saturday Kenyatta was shot and critically wounded as he sat in a car on Bronx street. He is recovering in Bellevue Hospital.

Police investigating both shootings believe the attacks are opening shots in an all-out war in the black community between the militant Black Muslims and dissidents like Kenyatta and Jowars who left the organization to form their own power bases.

"Want to Eliminate Them"

"We believe the Black Muslims have had enough of these splinter groups and want to do away with them for once and for all" said a police spokesman.

Jowars, described as the organizer and leader of the Five Percenters, a radical group of young blacks reputedly indoctrinated to hate both whites and Black Muslims, was shot about 4 a.m. as he walked into an elevator on the first floor of the Martin Luther King Towers, a housing project at 21 W. 118th St.

Jowars' wife, Dara, lives in an apartment on the fifth floor of the building, police said, and Jowars apparently was on his way to her flat. Jowars' address was listed as 240 W. 116th St.

7 Shots at Close Range

Police said 2 "persons or persons" stepped up behind Jowars and fired seven shots into him at close range, hitting him first in the head and then the back, chest, and legs. He fell dead to the elevator floor as his assailants fled.

Jowars had been attacked once before. In 1965, two years after he was expelled from the Black Muslims, he was gunned down on a Harlem street and left for dead. But he survived, and reportedly told his young followers that God "brought me back to life to show you the way." From then on he was known among the Five Percenters as Allah, investigators said, and boasted, "I cannot be killed."

According to the police, Jowars has had as many as 500 young black followers ranging in age from 15 through their early 30s, in training at one time, teaching them black militant philosophy and the tactics of street crime directed against whites. Jowars himself has a record of a dozen arrests, police said, on assault, weapons, drug, and other charges.

One police source said 75 undercover policemen, all of them black, are "saturating" the city's black communities in an attempt to prevent further assassinations.

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Charles 37X Kenyatta—still in hospital.

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Police Seek Aid to Solve Killing of Clarence 13X

NEW YORK (AP)—Police yesterday asked for help from the public in the investigation of the slaying of Clarence 13X Smith Jowars, the second black militant leader to be shot in a week.

Jowars, an associate of Man Mau leader Charles 37X Kenyatta, was shot to death early Friday. He was struck by seven of eight bullets fired at him in a Harlem apartment building.

Kenyatta was shot and critically wounded June 7 while getting out of his car in the Bronx. He is still hospitalized.

Led Black Group

Detectives asked anyone with information on the latest shooting to call special police numbers.

Jowars, 41, once was a member of the Black Muslims but was ousted by the late Malcolm X. Malcolm broke with the Muslims before he was shot to death in 1965.

Jowars, known more recently by the name Allah, was a leader of a group calld the "Five Percenters," whose members said 85 percent of black people acted like cattle, 10 percent were "Uncle Toms" and only 5 percent were warriors.

A Black Muslim leader said yesterday his group was outraged by "white insinuations" that Muslims were involved in Jowars' killing.

Quote Warns of War

Louis Farrakhan, minister-in-charge of New York City for the Muslims, said he was referring to a published report quoting an unnamed police spokesman as saying the two shootings marked the beginning of an "all-out war" between Muslims and dissidents.

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HARLEM MILITANTS OFFER PEACE VOW

Percenters Tell Lindsay They Will Stay in School Despite Smith Slaying

By WILLIAM E. FARRELL

Mayor Lindsay went to Harlem yesterday and received the pledge of a group of young blacks—mourning the murder of their leader on Friday — that they would avoid violence and continue their efforts to get an education.

The youths were members of the Five Per Centers, who are enrolled in a storefront street academy that was operated by [illegible].

Mr. Smith—who was known to his followers as Allah—was killed early Friday when a fusillade of bullets was fired into the lobby of a Harlem apartment building. Seven bullets struck him.

As the Mayor sat in shirt sleeves in a sweltering storefront, his eyes sometimes downcast, one youth after another assured him that the group would continue to seek an education.

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"[illegible] going to change — education is the greatest [illegible] and we [illegible]," [illegible] said.

"He's [illegible]," he said of Mr. Smith, [illegible]."

[illegible] around [illegible] the youth [illegible] crowded entrance [illegible] Center, [illegible] civilization [illegible]

Mr. Lindsay left Gracie Mansion to attend the 2:30 P.M. meeting [illegible]

As he entered [illegible]

[illegible] room next to [illegible] himself, Mr. Lindsay said:

"Brothers, first I hope you know the sadness in my heart at Allah's death. His contribution was an important one these last few years — most especially in the world of education."

Mr. Lindsay pointed out that six youths present in the room were scheduled to go to college next term as a result of their involvement in the "street academy," which is one of a series set up by the Urban League with the help of the Mayor's urban task force.

Ability to Communicate

Praising Mr. Smith, a black militant who was ousted from the Black Muslims some years ago by the late Malcolm X, Mr. Lindsay said he had a "natural ability to communicate."

"I hope," the Mayor told the saddened gathering, "that the tragic and senseless and brutal demise of Allah — that the act that will come is a recommitment on your part, a pressing on to the business of living and education."

One after another the youths — some wearing dashikis — praised Mr. Smith and pledged to continue their studies.

Pointing to a baby, one youth said: "When his time comes he's going to have something I never had."

John Kennedy, who is known as Azreal in the group and who said he was the only white enrolee, said he had first met Mr. Smith during his confinement at the Mattewan State Hospital for the Criminal Insane.

"He gave me the knowledge of myself," Mr. Kennedy said, adding that Mr. Smith never preached hatred of whites.

"Allah loved everybody," he said to assenting nods from the gathering.

'Not Lookin' for War'

Mrs. Bernice [illegible], a sister of Mr. Smith, tearfully said: "My brother didn't have any meanness in him."

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[illegible] to the slaying of Mr. Smith. The second violent attack on a black militant within a week. Last Saturday Charles 37X Kenyatta, the leader of the Mau Mau, was shot in the jaw in the Bronx. He is recovering in Bellevue Hospital.

Both Mr. Smith, who had a record of arrests, and Mr. Kenyatta had helped the Mayor's office to keep Harlem "cool" after the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. last year.

Mr. Lindsay declined to comment on whether militants opposed to any cooperation for keeping racial peace behind the shootings.

The police asked yesterday that any information on the slaying of Mr. Smith be submitted to Manhattan Homicide Detectives North at one of these numbers: 886-6204, 886-3305 or EN 9-6816. The police said any information would be held confidential.

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF MEMBERS OF FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE, 145 E. 149TH ST., NYC, IN SHOOTINGS OF CHARLES 37X KENYATTA AND CLARENCE 13X SMITH
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The 6/24/69 issue of the New York "Daily News" carried an article which reported that NYCPD Chief of Detectives FREDERICK M. LUSSEN announced that CHARLES 37X KENYATTA and several other Negro leaders, recent shooting victims, may have been shot by a small group of extortionists who are "shaking down" businessmen in the NYC ghetto areas and "leaning" on anyone who opposes them. LUSSEN announced a 24 man investigative squad to investigate the group of extortionists who comprise 10 members and whom LUSSEN declined to identify.

On 6/24/69, [redacted] Special Services Division, NYCPD (conceal per request) advised that the NYCPD was conducting investigation into shooting of CHARLES 37X KENYATTA, American Mau Mau leader, 6/7/69, and into the fatal shooting of CLARENCE 13X SMITH on 6/13/69, and into the fatal shooting of ANTHONY REED, Jr., on 6/19/69, to determine if there was any connection between the three shootings.

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Police investigation ascertained that REED was close associate of [redacted] and that [redacted] could be contacted through Fair Play Committee, 145 East 149th St., NYC.

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Subsequent investigation determined that Fair Play Committee is also known as Vanguard Communications, Pride Magazine and Vital Press Information, all of which occupy space in converted brownstone building at above address.

Active in Fair Play Committee are [redacted]

These account for 10 names referred to by Chief LUSSEN in his statement to the press.

On 6/22/69, [redacted]

[redacted] stated shooting of [redacted] was result of misidentity since [redacted] before shooting [redacted] asked "Are you [redacted]" NYCPD ascertained [redacted] an ex-convict lives within a block of shooting scene and possibly intended victim of [redacted]

NYCPD conjecture is that [redacted] and/or other members of Fair Play Committee hired REED to assassinate KENYATTA and SMITH and that REED called on [redacted] to assist him. Committee wanted SMITH and KENYATTA "out of picture" because these two were either working for Mayor LINDSAY or "cutting into territory" of Committee in extorting money from local businessmen in Harlem area. Further conjecture is that REED was killed because he knew too much and [redacted] escaped shooting through misidentification.

[redacted] further advised that NYCPD conducted inquiry at Apollo Theatre, NYC, famous house for presentation of Negro artists in entertainment field. [redacted] three Negro males who told him he had not done enough for the black community and that if he did not cooperate with them he might not leave the building alive. Two of the three Negro males subsequently

identified as [redacted] and [redacted] Unidentified person informed [redacted] he should cooperate with them as they had "offed" CHARLES KENYATTA and CLARENCE 13X SMITH. u

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[redacted] further advised that [redacted] radio station WLIB in NYC, which is located in Harlem, NYC. u

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was formerly associated with the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) in NYC and the old Black Panther Party which is now defunct. u

[redacted] requested that none of the above be disseminated outside the Bureau inasmuch as the NYCPD investigation into this matter is still pending and much of the information is to date unsubstantiated. u

NYO will keep the Bureau advised of any further developments in captioned matter. u