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Report Made At	Date When Made	Period for which made	Report Made By
BOSTON, MASS.	6/11/43	5/26, 28/43	[REDACTED] b7c

Title	Character of Case
MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., et al	INTERNAL SECURITY - J SELECTIVE SERVICE SEDITION

Synopsis of Facts:

[REDACTED]

No indication of violations of Selective Service Act.

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Reference:

Bureau letter dated April 2, 1943, Bureau File 62-25889.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Newark, New Jersey, dated March 26, 1943.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] New York City, dated April 14, 1943.

Details:

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Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer interviewed [REDACTED] Springfield, Mass., who has known [REDACTED] EL for many years. [REDACTED] has two sons and two daughters in the armed forces and is employed at the [REDACTED] and has had [REDACTED] EL working for her on various occasions in the plant. She also stated that she knew [REDACTED] EL when he was a boy as his mother was employed as a maid in their household.

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According to [REDACTED] was born in Boston, Mass., is approximately [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] that his present wife is to blame for all the odd actions of [REDACTED] EL. His wife is considerably older than [REDACTED] EL and according to [REDACTED] is very friendly with the minister that visits their home from Brooklyn, New York. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that she has heard that this minister sells cold cream on the side.

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It is to be noted that the maiden name of [REDACTED] EL's wife was [REDACTED]. A review of the reference Bureau memorandum states that [REDACTED] ELY [REDACTED] Now Haven, Connecticut, is Grand Deputy Counselor of the Eastern District. Possibly this might be a relative of [REDACTED] EL and would help to explain [REDACTED] EL'S participation in this organization.

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b7c Will recontact [REDACTED] and have her ascertain through [REDACTED] EL what relationship [REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED] New Haven, Connecticut, is to [REDACTED] EL.

AT BECKET, MASSACHUSETTS

Will make appropriate inquiry surrounding the purchase of the farm for Subject organization in that town.

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MOONISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC.
C. KINGMAN REY, was, et al
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 11, 1943, at Boston, Massachusetts, which relates to [redacted]

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It is requested that you determine if [redacted] at [redacted] concerning the Japanese was suggested to him by leaders of the Moonish Science Temple of America, Incorporated, and that further details be developed concerning Turner's assertion that he is connected with this Bureau.

cc Chicago
New York

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
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United States Department of Justice

New York, N. Y.

June 18, 1943

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Director, FBI

Re: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA;
INTERNAL SECURITY - J

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed are the original and one copy of the report of [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, dated [redacted] on the above captioned matter.

[Large redacted block of text]

Two copies of the above report are being retained in the files of the New York Office.

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Very truly yours,
E. E. Conroy

E. E. CONROY
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File No. 100-14711

Report Made at NEWARK, N. J.	Date Made 6-7-43	Period 3-2, 4-43 4-9, 15, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26-43	Report Made By [REDACTED]
Title MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED, et al		Character of Case INTERNAL SECURITY - J SELECTIVE SERVICE SEDITION	

Synopsis of facts: Temple 48, Trenton, N. J. has 43 members, located in four-story building, 239 North Clinton Street. State TEMPLE governor and Trenton leader is [REDACTED] BEY. Heads Col: KIRKMAN BEY's branches of M.S.T. in New Jersey. Temple 28, Glassboro, N. J. alleged to have 75 members, no permanent quarters. Leader is [REDACTED] TEL. [REDACTED]

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SLIP(S) OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Selective Service registrations M.S.T. members at Newark checked, compliance indicated. M.S.T. incorporated New Jersey 6-26-42, granted charter 5-18-34 permitting parent corporation from Illinois to do business in New Jersey.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 62-25889.
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 5-23-43 at Newark, N. J.

DETAILS: The section of this investigation report immediately following was performed by Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Newark Field Division.

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b7c On March 2, 1943 [redacted] of the Trenton, N. J. Police Department was contacted for information on negro organizations. He referred the matter to [redacted] whom he considered his best authority on negroes in the city. [redacted] there were no active negro organizations in Trenton and that he had never heard of the Moorish Science Temple of America, which group was suggested to him by the agent. He offered to take the agent to the address of 259 North Clinton Street in Trenton, saying that he felt sure that he felt sure there was no church or meeting hall in that vicinity.

b7c Upon arrival at the address, it was ascertained to be a restaurant the windows of which were decorated with a quarter moon in red with one star. The person in charge said her name was [redacted] BEY and her husband was not at home. She was questioned briefly under a suitable pretext and it was learned that the meeting hall of the local Temple, number 48, was on the second floor above the restaurant. [redacted] BEY said her husband was a leader of the Temple in Trenton and had something to do with the rest of the Temples in the state.

b7c On March 4, 1943 [redacted] and [redacted] of the Trenton Police Department accompanied Special Agent [redacted] to the same address when [redacted] BEY himself was located. Again the questioning was carried on under suitable pretext and it was learned that [redacted] had been born [redacted] His current residence was given as 259 North Clinton, the same address as the restaurant and TEMPLE. He said he had formerly lived at [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa. but that he had been in Trenton frequently in recent years organizing the TEMPLE. This TEMPLE 48 had been located at 100 Union Street, Trenton and 610 South Warren Street, Trenton, prior to moving to its present location August 27, 1942. It had been operating in Trenton for about three years.

b7c [redacted] BEY claimed to be New Jersey governor for the Moorish SCIENCE TEMPLE of AMERICA with the duty of supervising "the industrial work of all the Temples of the state." He said that Col. C. KIRKMAN BEY had been in Trenton last fall.

b7c TEMPLE 10 he said is located in Newark with no permanent meeting place. Brother [redacted] Newark, is the Grand Shiek of this Temple and assistant to the state governor.

b7c TEMPLE 28 was described as being located at Glassboro, N. J. and the acting Grand Shiek was said to be [redacted] EL. He said there had not been an election there to determine who the regular Grand Shiek would be. Chairman of that TEMPLE is [redacted] BEY. The exact addresses of these persons could not be obtained. However, the Glassboro Temple,

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number 28, was said to have been active since 1932 and its present membership is estimated at 75 persons.

b7c Grand Shiek of TEMPLE 48 was said to be one [REDACTED] BEY, a licensed minister of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA who had been granted papers by Colonel C. KIRKMAN BEY, Assistant Grand Shiek is one [REDACTED] BEY who also has ministerial papers from Colonel KIRKMAN BEY; Chairman of the TEMPLE is one [REDACTED] BEY; Treasurer is Sister [REDACTED] BEY; and Secretary is Sister [REDACTED] BEY. It was learned that there are 43 active members in TEMPLE 48.

b7c [REDACTED] BEY related that meetings are held every Friday and Sunday evenings and are open to the public. He referred to the fact that the TEMPLE is a religious organization duly incorporated in the state of New Jersey.

b7c Agent [REDACTED] noted that the TEMPLE room, as shown to him, had a seating capacity for about one hundred persons. At the front of the room there was a chair decorated with crepe paper of various colors. [REDACTED] BEY said that this is the vacant chair for the Prophet upon his return. This prophet is NOBEL DREW ALI who, according to the Koran, will return to the earth. This vacant chair is in the middle of the group of four or five chairs set up for the grand shiek and other officers. On one side of the table, in front of the chairs, is a red silk flag. The top of the pole carrying this flag is surmounted by a moon and star. On the wall of the room are pictures of NOBEL DREW ALI and copies of the constitution of the organization.

b7c [REDACTED] BEY explained that his duties as Director of Industrial Activities include management of properties acquired by the organization in the State. He said TEMPLE 48 was presently purchasing the building in which it is located. The first floor of the building houses the restaurant referred to and behind this is the general meeting room and lounge for the roomers who are tenants of living quarters on the third and part of the second floors. Most of the second floor is given over to the TEMPLE.

b7c TEMPLES 48 and 10, according to [REDACTED] BEY, are presently purchasing a farm near Moorestown, N. J.

According to [REDACTED] BEY, the organization does not pay any money in salaries, money collected being used for the upkeep of the TEMPLE. [REDACTED] BEY stated that his own living was made through the restaurant. [REDACTED] BEY further related that the teachings of the organization are based upon the Koran. He said that they teach that the negroes are not

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black but are orientals. He offered the statement that no teachings are made to the effect that the Japanese are any closer to the negro than any other Oriental.

b7c All members are duly registered for Selective Service and many members were alleged to be presently serving. BEY stated that their work was aimed at bettering the conditions for the negro generally. He exhibited his own Selective Service card which showed he was presently classified in 3-A. He stated he was born in [redacted] and received an eight-grade education. He was formerly employed [redacted] at Philadelphia, main offices at [redacted]. He was a general laborer for the [redacted] when he was working there. It was learned that his Social Security number is [redacted]. He said he had received his papers from NOBEL BREW ALI about 1929.

b7c According to Agent [redacted] BEY was cooperative and appeared to be intelligent. At times he would not answer a question directly but would argue as to its meaning and the way it was put.

b7c [redacted] BEY made available the books and records of the TEMPLE 48 and subsequent list of the active male members disclosed them to be duly registered for Selective Service.

b7c [redacted] BEY at one point in the conversation referred to Sister [redacted] EL, formerly of [redacted] national organizer of the sisters auxiliary of the organization. He said she may be presently at the Moorish Home, R.F.D. #2, Prince George, Virginia.

b7c The following portion of this investigation was conducted at Trenton, N. J. by Special Agent (A) [redacted]

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On Monday, April 19, 1943 [REDACTED] BEY, referred to above in this report, phoned the Trenton resident agency. He said he wanted to make a complaint concerning one [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] to whom he had given authority to operate a branch TEMPLE at 100 Union Street, South Trenton, provided she turned over all dues collected. This she had not done and he advised that recently he had been refused permission by her to inspect her books and told to leave the place. He wanted to know if it was possible for the F.B.I. to obtain the records of the disobedient TEMPLE to check over the receipts to report them to the national body. Unsuccessful in this, [REDACTED] BEY stated he would try to handle his difficulties through administrative pressure because he did not desire any publicity that might result from a court action.

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The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

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A charter was issued by the state of New Jersey on May 18, 1934 authorizing the Illinois corporation "THE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA" to do business in the state of New Jersey. The principal place of business in New Jersey being 141 Garside Street, Newark, New Jersey. The president was listed as C. KIRKMAN BEY and the secretary as [REDACTED] BEY.

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The writer obtained a feature story from a recent issue of the publication "THE PEOPLE'S VOICE" which reads as follows:

PEOPLE GET GOVERNMENT BACKING TO HELP
RELIEVE FOOD PROBLEM

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"Sooner or later you may be chewing on a horse, or some other unusual source of meat such as muskrats or groundhogs, and be glad to get it. But, I'll bet 9 to 10 that the Moors will not be so harassed. You see, long before World War II, the Moors had been thinking of and doing something about a food for freedom program. Right now the food problem is probably the most pressing problem facing the nation, and the Government is mighty glad of these thrifty people -- because they are enabling more of us to get "three squares" a day.

Last month a delegation of Moors, headed by their representative and diplomatic spokesman, Grand Sheik Saad E. D. Turner-El, were cordially received by federal officials in L.I. and secured a FHA grant to purchase live stock and general equipments for their 500 acre farm in Berkshire, Conn., and other places in New England and Long Island. This was not the first U.S. loan for the Moors. A few years back they received one to build up their chicken farm on Jordan Heights, L.I.

Members of the Moorish Science Temple are said to be 2,000,000 strong, with chapters or units throughout the nation. New England (Hartford in particular) is their stronghold.

"..... The Grand Sheik was born plain T. Frederick Douglas-Turner in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1910, the son of a Islamic missionary couple. But by adding the "El" making TURNER-EL he changes from a Negro into a Moor."

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This article is being retained in the Newark Field Division file.

No actual leads are being set forth for offices receiving copies of this report, inasmuch as the facts contained in this report pertaining to investigation within their respective territories will be left to their discretion.

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FILE NO. **95-247 72**

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 5-21-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-11, 21-43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE [REDACTED]		CHARACTER OF CASE SECTATION	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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[REDACTED] in signed statement admitted placing hardened soars on 4 occasions, on top of unhardened soars in trays at sander or under nose-cutter. Claims he thought operator would detect these unhardened soars, but admitted he knew unhardened pieces would ruin cutter when it struck it. [REDACTED] admitted membership in Georish Science Temple of Divine and National Lovement of America. Expressed unwillingness to go into Army because of segregation of colored race. Wants U. S. to win war only on condition lynching and segregation abolished. Stated whole basis of war is discrimination between white and colored races. Feels his race would be better off if Japan wins. Professes to have arrived at views from own thinking. U. S. A. Boston has case under advisement. Description of Subject set forth.

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References: report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 5-13-43 at Boston, Mass.
 Telegram to Bureau from Boston, dated 5-21-43

Details: The title of this case is being changed to add the name of [REDACTED] as subject, whereas the title was formerly carried as "unknown subject".

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A review of Boston file 100-10,995, "SCOTISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC." reflected that a branch of this organization

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is purportedly located at Springfield, Mass. This strengthened the likelihood of subject's membership according to the information set forth in reference report.

b7c On May 11, 1943 [redacted] of the WALT MANUFACTURING CO., disclosed that there had been no additional occurrences of hardened gears appearing in trays of unhardened gears in process of operation and that there had been no developments indicating the party or parties involved in the prior occurrences.

b7c On May 21, 1943 Special Agent [redacted] and the writer received similar information from [redacted] Walt Manufacturing Co.

These Special Agents questioned Subject [redacted] at the Walt Manufacturing Co., at which time Subject made the following signed statement:

b7c [redacted] "Springfield, Mass.
5/21/43

"I [redacted] hereby make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No promises or threats were used to induce me to make this statement and I realize it may be used in any legal proceedings.

b7c "I was born [redacted] at Boston, Mass. I am a Moorish American and should have the title of "EL" after my name [redacted]

[redacted] I am a member of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE of the DIVINE AND NATIONAL MOVEMENT of NORTH AMERICA, affiliated with the Moorish Science Temple No. 1 of Hartford, Conn., 229 Village St.—

b7c "I am employed at [redacted] Springfield, Mass. as a janitor and operator of the "tumbling" machines. I have worked at [redacted] for over a year, in fact since 3/3/42—

"In my duties as janitor I sweep up around the various machines including the "sander" and "under nose cutter" on the SEAR assembly line—There are usually various scraps lying on the floor around these and other nearby machines when I sweep up—it is really the duty of the operators of those machines to pick them up and not to put so much of the responsibility on me because I have lots of jobs to do and things to think about—Occasionally case-hardened gears fall on the floor around these machines

from nearby machines and are kicked around somewhat. When I find any pieces on the floor I pick them up and put them on one of the nearby machines, or in trays of sears in operation at the machines or in a box of discarded sears. Three or four weeks ago during a rushed period, on four times that I know of, I picked hardened sears off the floor which pieces probably came from the nearby grinding machine, and put these hardened pieces or sears on top of soft or unhardened pieces at the sander or under nose cutter in trays which were in process of operation. I figured that the operator of the machines would find them, though I realized that the hardened pieces would ruin the cutter if they reached it. I had no intention of slowing up production nor did I want to get even with any of the operators.

"I am a loyal American citizen but do not want to go into the Army because of the segregation of the colored people in the Army. We are really not colored people but are descended from Cavallo. We are discriminated against in our work as well as in the Army. For instance, we weren't given jobs during the depression while after good times we are the first to be fired when things slack off. I resent this segregation and discrimination.

"I want the United States to win the war but only on condition that lynching and segregation are done away with and my people are given an equal status. I don't think the United States is a true democracy as long as lynching goes on. The whole basis of the war is the discrimination between the white and colored races. The Bureaucrats in Washington should know about it. It would be better for our people for Japan to win though I don't say Japan will win. By our people I mean the people of my race. I have arrived at these views from my own thinking. My way of further explanation I wish to add that I respect the U.S. flag but don't like the way things are done.

(S) [REDACTED] 1"

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(S) [REDACTED] F.B.I.: Boston, Mass. 5/1/43
() [REDACTED] "Special Agent FBI"

Subject expressed his resentment at being questioned and referred to the interviewing Agents as "pale faces". He also gave the following information in addition to his statement: He knew of the occurrences of hardened sears ruining the cutters of the under nose cutter machine, but attempted to absolve himself by saying the operators of the machines should have discovered it. He was evasive in answering questions as to the exact time of the 4 instances admitted in his statement and in answering questions calculated to more directly relate his actions in the resulting occurrences. He emphasized that he had not placed any hardened pieces during the past week. It was thought that he referred to the period of a week as the time following the previous interrogation.


mentioned that the attorney of the Earth Science Temple in New York would represent him in anything that developed.

This case was presented to honorable EDWARD D. HANSEN, Assistant United States Attorney, Boston, Mass., who has the matter under advisement. He expressed his desire to present the case to the Department relative to prosecution.

The following description of the subject was obtained from interview and observation:

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Will recontact the United States Attorney relative to prosecutive action.

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Mr. Wendell Berge
Assistant Attorney General

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA -
C. KIRKMAN BEY, was, et al
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There was forwarded to the Division of Records on June 3, 1943, the
investigative report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 26, 1943,
at Boston, Massachusetts, in the case entitled [redacted]

It is thought that the contents of this report may be of interest
to you in considering the captioned case.

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This case originated at CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Report made at PHILADELPHIA, PA.	Date when made 6-18-43	Period 1-11, 18, 25; 2-1, 8, 15, 22; 3-2-19, '3-43	Report made by [REDACTED]
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Title MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC.; ET AL	Character of case INTERNAL SECURITY (J) SEDITION
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Synopsis of facts: Temple #11, 18th and Christian Streets, Phila., is led by [REDACTED] BEY, Grand Shiek, and was established in 1928 by [REDACTED] EL under authority from the Noble Prophet, DREW ALI. A subsequent split in the membership in 1931 resulted in three other Temples being established, namely #11, #33 and #40, which are not connected in any way with subject Temple and which are under the leadership of C. KIRKIAN BEY. Subject Temple #11 has no affiliation with C. KIRKIAN BEY in Chicago but is led nationally by [REDACTED] EL, the reincarnation of the Noble Prophet DREW ALI who has offices at 3140 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Ill. [REDACTED]

Other investigation, as well as a scrutiny of the books, personal literature of the organization and private papers of the members, fails to reflect any un-American activities. Copies of the Koran Moorish Questionnaire and membership lists obtained.

REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 11/12/42 at Detroit.
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 12/26/42 at Detroit.

Approved and Forwarded *J. F. Sears* SAC

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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
dated 2-6-43 at Atlanta.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
dated 3/6/43 at Louisville.

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DETAILS:

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

At Philadelphia, Pa.

According to information extracted from the Holy Koran of the
Moorish Holy Temple of Science as prepared by the Noble Prophet DREW ALLI, the
history of the organization is as follows:

The Moors are purportedly descendants of the ancient Moabites who were the
founders of the Holy City of Mecca. However, the Egyptians, who were the
Hamathites and direct descendants of the Mizrians, the Arabians, who were the
seed of Hagar, the Japanese and Chinese, as well as the Hindus of India, who
were related to the ancient Canaanites, the Hamathites and Moabites of the
Asiatic nations and countries in North, South and Central America, are all
Moslems. The inhabitants of Africa are descendants of the ancient Canaanites.
The migration was started by one CUSH and his families who were the first in-
habitants of Africa and who came from Cana. His father, HAM, and his family
followed CUSH, and it was after they had settled there that the word Ethiopia,
which means the demarcation line of the Dominion of Amexom, and the first true
and divine name of Africa, came into being. CUSH and his father divided Africa
between them and ruled there jointly until many years later they were joined
by their brethren from Asia and the Holy Lands. The Moabites, whom it was
formerly pointed out, were the forefathers of the Moors, had received permission
from the Pharaohs of Egypt to settle and inhabit Northwest Africa, and these
people, along with the Canaanites, the Hamathites and Amorites, joined CUSH and
his father in Africa and founded the present Moroccan Empire. Their dominion
and inhabitation purportedly extended from Africa across the Great Atlantic to
the present North, South and Central Americas. Subsequent to this inhabitation,
a great earthquake came and caused the Atlantic Ocean and, therefore, separated
the land of CUSH and his father from the American continents where the Moslem
settlers had migrated. As a consequence, the Moors were the aborigines of the
Americas. The explanation of why these people are no longer called Moors is
indicated as being that through sin and disobedience to the creeds and principles
of their forefathers, the nationality of the Moors and their names were taken
from them in 1774 and the words negro, black and colored were given to them,
the true Asiatics of America.

[REDACTED] BEY, a member of subject Temple #11, was contacted and interviewed relative to the principles of his Temple and, at the time of the interview, gave his understanding of the history of the Moorish Americans as set out above. [REDACTED] BEY stated that the Moors believed that Allah, God of the Universe, created a government of the world and that Allah gave his laws to Mohammed, which laws were meant for the entire human family. In order to put these laws into effect, Mohammed founded the Nation of Islam. [REDACTED] BEY then advised that all the prophets of God brought their books on earth for the human race, and, according to the belief of the Moors, Jesus Christ, one of these prophets, brought the Bible which was the Holy Writ and contained laws for the entire human family. He stated, however, the Bible was changed through the years and changed so drastically that the Holy Writ was, in fact, done away with inasmuch as these changes were made to meet the peoples' need instead of the people changing to meet the conditions of the Holy Writ. The Bible today no longer represents the Holy Writ because it has been so changed by generation after generation to meet their needs that the people have slipped back into the idolatry that they had lived in before the coming of the Holy Writ. As a result of this, Allah, therefore, sent another prophet of the modern age, Noble Prophet DREW ALI, who brought a new book, another Holy Writ, the Koran, upon which he was to set up a new government and bring the people back from their evil ways into a life of love, truth, peace, freedom and justice. According to [REDACTED] BEY, DREW ALI was to accomplish this task by uniting the people and bringing them back to their true religion, Islam. He stated that in ancient times, the Moabites, descendants of MOAB, were given permission by the Pharaoh of Egypt, who, he stated, was then living in America, to settle Northwest Africa, the modern Africa of today. In consequence, about 10,000 years ago, these Moabites migrated to Africa and set up a government there.

b7c [REDACTED] BEY further stated that America was originally the real Africa, the land of CUSH and his father, HAM, and still is. However, when the whites arrived on the shores of North America about 600 years ago, Columbus was the first man here, and when he found the negroes, who were the true Moors and dark in skin, Columbus, believing he had sailed to India, called them Indians, when, in fact, [REDACTED] BEY stated, these people were descendants of the ancient Moabites and were even then practicing the religion of Islam. [REDACTED] BEY stated that the colored people are called negroes today because the white man named them after the Niger River which can be found today in Africa and from which region numerous white expeditions brought the Moors to this country in slavery. He then said that the whites went to war with the Moabites, the Indians, and took the land from them and these too were captured and sold into slavery and, although they were Moors with names of their nationality, they were eventually given the names of their masters. [REDACTED] BEY then advised that, according to their belief, that is the reason why the colored people of today do not use the Moorish names, and because of the fact that the white man forced his Bible, the Holy Writ brought to earth by the prophet Jesus, upon them, the Moors do not realize their true nationality. [REDACTED] BEY stated that although the negroes were set free eighty years ago, it was but a shackled freedom because these men still have the white

men's names and, as yet, no one has given them back their true names; therefore, they are still subjects of the white conquerors.

During the interview, [REDACTED] BEY remarked that if the President of the United States does not give the colored people more freedom than they presently have, he is as wrong as the others, meaning Hitler and Tojo whose names were used in connection with the questioning. [REDACTED] BEY further stated that all individuals should be equal and that no one group should have rights in the government that are denied to others. He said that the colored people are not being treated fairly today and that the majority of negroes are not getting the same opportunities as the whites, particularly in jobs.

As far as Selective Service matters are concerned [REDACTED] BEY stated that the Moabites had control of the government here in America when the whites came and, inasmuch as this was their country, they are willing to protect it against all evils but are not willing to fight across the sea because they do not live there and do not get their existence there. He said that the belief of their religion is that the Moors have to go to war because they are part of this country and must protect this land even though they are not given the rights of citizens and even though this means fighting in foreign lands. He said that although the negro is not considered a citizen by the whites today, the whites will have to recognize this fact in the future. He advised that this will come about through the fact that although the Moors do not believe in enforcing their rights on government, they must live, and by living a good life, the whites will take an example from them and grant them the privileges which are their own. [REDACTED] BEY stated that until that day there will be no peace in the world, and that there will be no peace until love, truth, freedom, justice and peace are universally taught and then, and only then, when the leaders realize that these virtues are necessary will peace come to the world.

[REDACTED] BEY, Grand Shick of subject Temple #11, was interviewed, at which time he gave a history of his Temple in Philadelphia which was verified through investigation. He stated that the Moorish Science Temple was organized in 1928 at 817 S. Broad Street by [REDACTED] EL, who was the representative of the Noble Prophet DREW ALI, and who established the Temple on the authority of that Prophet. He stated that after the Temple was organized, he was made Grand Shick and was acting as Grand Shick in 1929 at which time the Temple was closed because of several misunderstandings with the police. These misunderstandings, it was determined, arose over local violations, principally number selling. He stated that the Temple was reopened again in 1931 at 17th and South Streets and that subsequent to that the Temple was moved in 1932 and again in 1940 to its present location at 18th and Christian Streets. [REDACTED] BEY stated that there are three other Temples in Philadelphia which claim to be Moorish Holy Temples of Science and which claim #11 because #11 was the original number given by the Noble Prophet DREW ALI to his, [REDACTED] BEY's Temple, when it was first established in 1928. It should be noted that the Temples referred to by [REDACTED] BEY are Temples #11, #33 and #40, which are under the leadership of

b7c C. KIRKMAN BEY in Chicago. [redacted] that when his original Temple #11 was disbanded in 1929, numerous members drifted away after the trouble with the police and established their own Temples. The names of the leaders of these other Temples were familiar to [redacted] BEY as being the names of those who had drifted away from his Temple. He stated, however, that Temple #11 at 18th and Christian Streets is the only one in Philadelphia which is under the leadership of the Noble Prophet DREW ALI and that all other Temples are under the leadership of C. KIRKMAN BEY.

b7c [redacted] BEY stated that [redacted] EL, who has offices at [redacted] Chicago, Ill., is now leader of the group of Moorish Science Temples of which he is a member. He said that [redacted] EL is the reincarnation of the Noble Prophet DREW ALI and that, as a consequence, they look to him for leadership.

b7c [redacted] BEY advised that his Temple has no connection with the Moorish National Home in Virginia or the Moorish Farms in New Haven and Hartford, Conn. He said that at the present time his Temple has no Moorish industrial group although at one time it did exist with [redacted] EL as the leader. [redacted] EL still has his original store at 1926 South Street, and there has engraved on the windows thereof "M.I.G." which stands for the Moorish Industrial Group.

b7c [redacted] BEY further advised that although there are a number of stores operated by Moors in this city, they are not operated as a cooperative venture but are owned and operated by members and all profits as a result of business transactions go to the individual members only. He stated that these stores are patronized by the Moors and by people who have no connection with the Moorish Temple and stated that it would be financially impossible for these stores to continue in operation without the patronage of peoples other than Moors.

b7c There are seven stores in all in Philadelphia which are operated by the group which consist of a fish market at 1926 South Street owned and operated by [redacted] EL, which was mentioned above; a grocery store at 1919 South Street [redacted] EL; a grocery store at 2006 South Street [redacted] BEY; a restaurant at 2004 South Street [redacted] BEY; a women's dress shop at 1913 South Street; a tailor shop at 1735 Webster Street; and a bakery on 21st Street near South. There is another tailor shop which was originally located at 26th and Annin Streets but has recently moved to 2901 Alter Street and, from all appearances, it is preparing to go out of business. This shop is owned and operated by [redacted] BEY.

b7c [redacted] BEY further advised that members of his groups are forbidden to shave. They must wear a red fez, are not permitted to indulge in intoxicants or tobacco, do not use powder or rouge, straighten their hair or wear short dresses, do not eat meat, are not permitted to frequent taprooms or motion pictures and, in general, do not amalgamate with the outside world.

From the above, it is apparent that the practices of the Temples under the leadership of C. KIRKMAN BEY are not indulged in by the members of subject Temple.

The information set out above has all been verified through investigation.

The books of Temple #11, as well as considerable literature concerning its operations, and personal papers were thoroughly scrutinized and nothing of an un-American nature was discovered. Their books of account were examined and it was determined that the majority of members are behind in their dues and that the amounts actually brought in barely cover the rental of the Temple premises, sick benefits and other expenses.

b7c The membership list of subject Temple has been obtained and is found to total 375 of which several are presently in the armed forces. Those connected with the armed forces were determined to be:

[REDACTED]

These two men it was determined have been placed in positions contributing to the war effort, the exact locations of which are not known.

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At the time of the writing of this report [REDACTED] is home on a ten day furlough.

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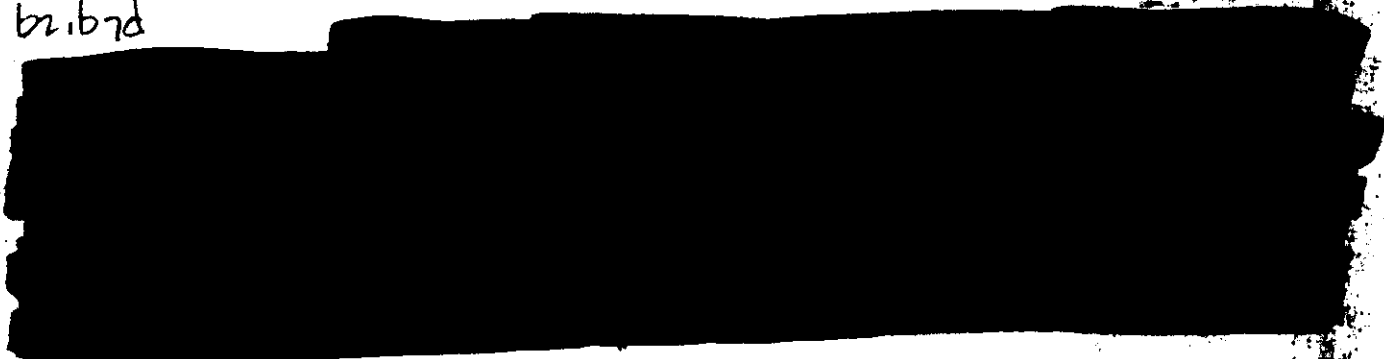
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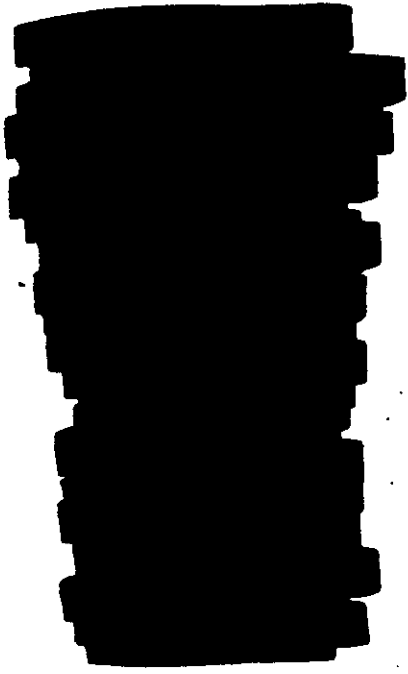
Personal contact was had with the draft boards where the members of subject Temple are registered which advised that they have had no trouble whatsoever from the Moors and have not received any pleas for conscientious objection.

The following is a list of the members of subject Temple:

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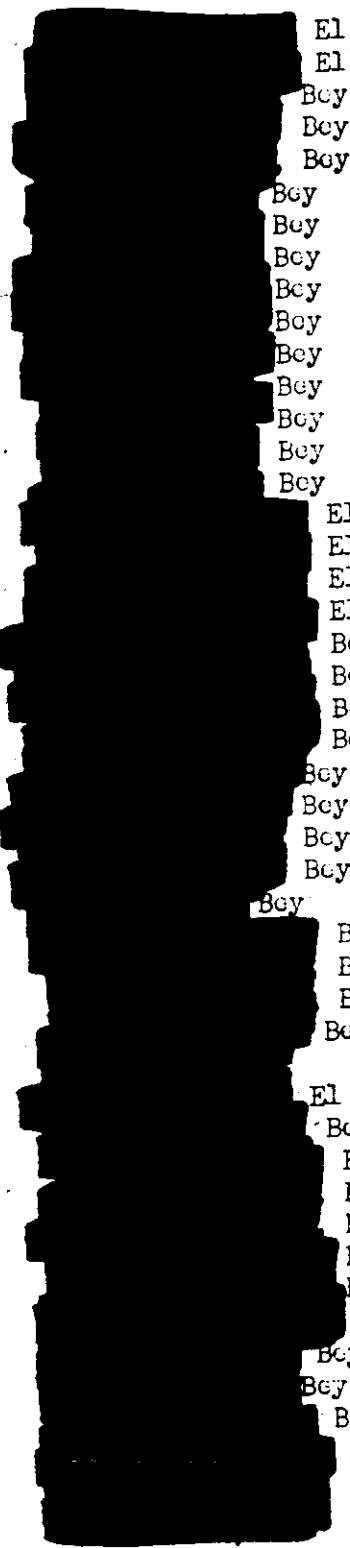


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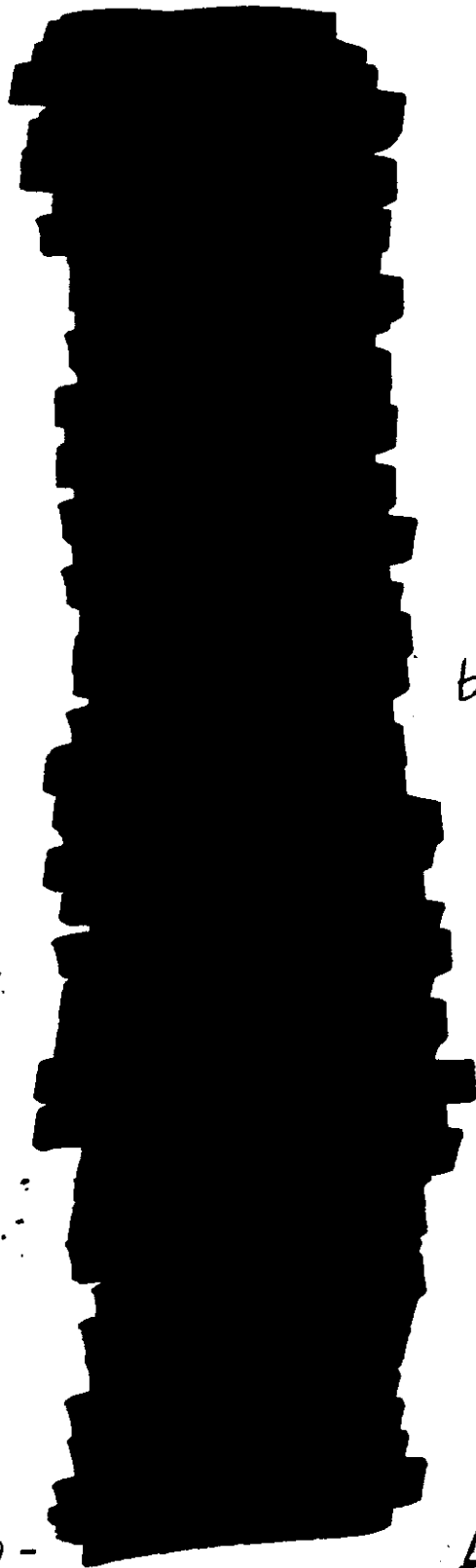


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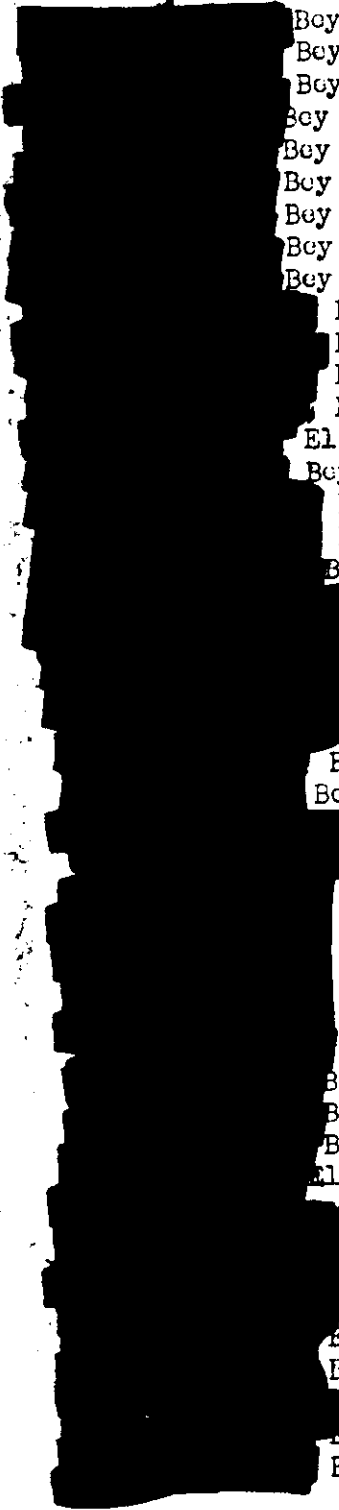
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ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU:

- (1) Photostatic copy of the Divine Constitution and By-Laws.
- (2) Photostatic copy of the Holy Koran of the Moorish Holy Temple of Science.
- (3) Photostatic copy of Koran questions for Moorish Americans.

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THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION:

At Philadelphia, Pa.

Will continue to conduct appropriate investigation in respect to Temples #11, #33 and #40 which are affiliated with C. KIRKLAN BEY of Chicago.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 10, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: Colonel C. KIRKMAN ^①SEY, w.a.s., ETAL:
① IROISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA
INTERNAL SECURITY (J)
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 11, 1943
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Very truly yours,

H. T. O'Connor

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Please refer to your letter of June 10, 1943, stating that a thorough search of your Office failed to locate a roll of film which you state, in your letter dated March 5, 1943, was transmitted to the Bureau.

The Bureau and the office of origin are in possession of copies of the "Holy Koran", "Koran Questions for Moorish Americans" and certain advertising of the Moorish Manufacturing Company. The per capita tax cards, membership cards and dues cards are also available. Therefore, it will not be necessary to transmit photographs of this material to the Bureau or the office of origin. However, it is suggested that photographs be made of the material described as numbers 6 and 7 in your letter of March 5, 1943, if these letters are still available.

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- Mr. Coffey _____
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Director, FBI

Re: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA
INTERNAL SECURITY - J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is original and one copy of a report dated [redacted] as furnished by [redacted] whose identity is [redacted] the Bureau.

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Director, FBI

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

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith the original and one copy of the report of [REDACTED]

Two copies of the informant's report are being retained in the appropriate files in the New York Office.

Very truly yours,

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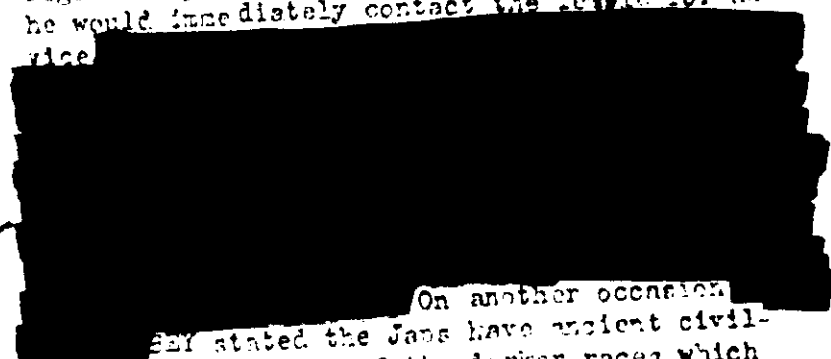
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Title: MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC.
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 Swarden Grand Advisor and Moderator, et al

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - J
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 SELECTIVE SERVICE

Synopsis: Moorish Science Temple # 7, Cleveland, maintains a temple and holds regular weekly meetings. List of officers set out. Several members of Temple # 7 have filed conscientious objector forms, one of whom has stated that in regard to possible Selective Service induction, he would immediately contact the Temple for advice.



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On another occasion [REDACTED] stated the Japs have ancient civilization and science of the darker races which have never been surpassed and the white man will have a hard time to beat them. Investigation in Youngstown, Fostoria and Akron indicate Temples in existence there in 1939 have disbanded. Temple #18 at Toledo was reported

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to hold occasional meetings at members' homes.

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REFERENCE:

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Bureau letter dated April 2, 1943;
Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 3-16-43 at Detroit, Michigan;

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DETAILS:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO:

On January 23, 1941, the Cleveland Field Division was advised by FREDERICK W. FREY, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Cuyahoga County, that a colored secret society met in the vicinity of 31st Street and Woodland Avenue and that [redacted] was a member and had secured a membership card from his roommate, who also was a member. The place of meeting was reported to be a regular arsenal. However [redacted] did not want his name mentioned for fear of his life.

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Investigation in this matter was referred to the Cleveland Police Department and in the report of [redacted] the following information was set forth:

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A membership card of [REDACTED] BEY secured from [REDACTED] is being retained in the files of the Cleveland Field Division. The following is noted on the card: In the upper left hand corner is a crescent with a star. Underneath is printed "Islam." In the upper right hand corner is a circle of four segments around the numeral seven, under which is printed "Allah." In the top center of the card is portrayed two hands clasping. The card has the date of 1930 and [REDACTED] BEY's age is listed as 32.

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This card has the following additional printing: "This is your nationality and identification card for the Moorish Science Temple of America and birth rights for the Moorish Americans, etc. We honor all the divine prophets--Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha and Confucius. May the blessings of the God our Father, Allah, be upon you that carry this card. I do hereby declare that you are a Moslem under the divine laws of the Holy Koran of Mecca. Love, truth, peace, freedom and justice. I am a citizen of the United States of America.

Nobl. Drev. Ali, the Prophet,
930 Townsend Street,
Chicago, Illinois"

[REDACTED] was re-interviewed by the writer and advised that [REDACTED] BEY presently is employed as a bellhop at the Hotel Cleveland. He stated that about a year ago due to conflicts between himself and [REDACTED] BEY over BEY's rights to hang the Islam flag and distribute literature throughout [REDACTED] house, the friendship between the two parted and he put [REDACTED] BEY out of his home. He added that he has had no direct contact with the organization and his in-

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Information was received through [redacted] BEY and the literature that [redacted] BEY had in his possession. He advised that [redacted] BEY had informed him that all the members of the Moorish Science Temple would register as Asiatics, not as Negroes. He stated that BEY had remarked to him that the white man came to America and found Asiatics here and took the land from them and that America really belongs to the Asiatics.

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He advised that [redacted] BEY always carries a red cap in his pocket and says, "When they come, I will put this on and they (the invaders) will know me from the others."

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It is noted that [redacted] represented that he was friendly with [redacted] BEY, the leader of the Moorish Science Temple, and that he would re-contact him to ascertain [redacted] BEY's present attitude in regard to the war. However, subsequent interviews with [redacted] produced negative results except to, establish that he misrepresented facts and was not reliable.

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[redacted] at Local Board No. 13, 2547 East 20th Street, produced her records which reflected the following:

On February 15, 1942, [redacted] BEY residing at [redacted] registered at Local Board 13, receiving Serial [redacted] and [redacted]. He is employed at the [redacted] and listed the person who will always know his address as [redacted] BEY (brother) [redacted]. In his questionnaire dated May 18, 1942, he listed his address as [redacted] and Social Security number as [redacted]. His education extended to the third grade of elementary school and he is employed as [redacted].

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[redacted] he was born [redacted] at Washington, D. C. His race is Moorish American and he claimed to be a citizen of the United States. [redacted] BEY filed the Conscientious Objector form No. 47 which was incomplete. [redacted] BEY in this form stated that he was a Moslem and received the training and acquired the beliefs as a basis of his claim by Divine Providence. Individual upon whom he relies for religious guidance was listed as [redacted] BEY, Divine Minister, 3843 Woodland Avenue.

He did not make any entry under the question "Under what circumstances do you believe in the use of force?" and he described his actions demonstrating the depths of his religious convictions as "adhering to the message of the divine prophet, Noble Drew Ali." He stated that he has been a member of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., #7 since 1930.

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b7c at Brother [REDACTED] BEY is the pastor and described the creed or official statements of said religious sect or organization in relation to participation in war as "Islamic creed and principles."

b7c It is noted that the writer contacted the following individuals to ascertain information concerning the activities of the Moorish Science Temple with negative results: [REDACTED]

b7c The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

b7c The 1942 Cleveland City Directory listed the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA ([REDACTED] - Pastor), 3843 Woodland Avenue. The directory listed [REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED] as an employee of [REDACTED] Excavating Contractors, 843 East 93rd Street, Cleveland.

b7c The December, 1942 Cleveland Telephone Directory listed [REDACTED] BEY, 3643 Woodland Avenue. [REDACTED]

b7c It was ascertained that the operation of the premises at 3843 Woodland Avenue was handled by [REDACTED] Cuyahoga Estate Company, 700 Hicker Building. Upon interview, [REDACTED] revealed the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA occupied a hall on the west side of the second floor of the premises at 3841-49 Woodland Avenue on a month to month basis. He said the Temple has occupied the space since September 12, 1935 and presently pays fifteen dollars monthly rental.

b7c, b7d [REDACTED] the custodian of the building is one [REDACTED] Social Security Number [REDACTED]. This individual has been custodian since October, 1939, and rental slips disclosed he was obtained as a custodian through the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. [REDACTED] displayed a letter dated April 3, 1941, which bore the letterhead MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. It revealed meetings of the organization were held every Friday and Sunday from 7:30 to 10:00 P.M. while Sunday School was conducted every Saturday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. The letter was signed MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA No. 7, [REDACTED] BEY, Minister, and [REDACTED] BEY, Secretary.

b7c [REDACTED] possessed no information of value concerning the organization other than to say the monthly rental was paid promptly.

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The Agent accompanied [redacted] on a visit to the premises at 3843 Woodland Avenue. [redacted] the wife of the custodian, accompanied the Agent and [redacted] on the inspection tour. She possessed the various keys necessary to obtain entrance to the halls and rooms in the building. An inspection of the hall of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA revealed there were about twenty-five to thirty chairs arranged in a semi-circular position. The chairs faced the east wall of the room. On this wall the flag of the United States was arranged on the left-hand side and a red flag with a star was on the right.

[redacted] she and her husband were members of the Temple and revealed the pastor was one [redacted] BEY, [redacted]. [redacted] She said the organization meets in the hall on Friday and Sunday evenings at 7:30 and on Sunday afternoon at about 1:30 P.M. On the latter day classes are held in the study of the Koran. She said about twenty-five people usually attend the meetings.

A visit to the apartment of [redacted] revealed numerous pictures and other framed documents on the wall which appeared to be typical of those possessed by members of this organization. While [redacted] [redacted] are supposed to occupy premises in the building, it was noted that a letter addressed to [redacted] BEY was on a desk. A Certificate of Marriage was noted on the wall, revealing the marriage of [redacted] BEY and [redacted].

[redacted] were all interviewed and stated they had never heard of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA or possessed no information of pertinent value concerning it.

[redacted] stated [redacted] BEY is Minister or Pastor of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE located at Woodland Avenue, East 39 Street. [redacted] He saw BEY almost daily up until three or four months ago and believes he is custodian of the building. He said BEY referred to a woman at that address as his wife. About two years ago [redacted] said BEY endeavored to have

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him join the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. He said he knows the mem-
bers of such organization claimed to be Mohammedan and not negroes. He
said there are about twelve families on his mail route who are members of
the organization.

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b7d [REDACTED] said he had heard of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA and
[REDACTED] but was not acquainted with the background or operation of the
organization. He recalled that on April 15, 1939, he took charge of the
burial of ALBERTA SUBER, whose parents were believed to be members of the
organization.

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The records of Local Board 13, Woodland Avenue and East 20 Street, revealed [REDACTED] was a registrant under Serial Number [REDACTED]. His wife's name was listed as [REDACTED] BEY, whose place of employment was given as the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA.

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The following description of BEY was taken from his Selective Service record:

Name-	[REDACTED] BEY
Race-	Moorish-American
Age-	[REDACTED]
Height-	[REDACTED]
Weight-	[REDACTED]
Eyes-	[REDACTED]
Hair-	[REDACTED]
Complexion-	[REDACTED]
Social Security-	[REDACTED]

The records of Local Board No. 17 reflect that [REDACTED] BEY [REDACTED] is a registrant with that Board and has Order [REDACTED] and is classified 4-F as physically unfit because of bad eyesight. The landlord of [REDACTED] BEY is listed as [REDACTED] BEY, same address.

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The record indicates that [REDACTED] BEY was [REDACTED] and in a citizen of the United States. Subject requested Class 4 in his questioning, stating, "I am a Moslem." He listed his occupation as [REDACTED] where he is self-employed. He also stated that he was a Divine Minister, teaching from the Holy Koran since April 10, 1928.

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In his conscientious objector form, he stated that his be-

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belief is based on the Holy Koran and he received instructions as the basis of his claim from the prophet NOBLE DREW ALI in January, 1928, founder of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA. The individual upon whom he relies most for religious guidance is Brother C. KIRKMAN BEY, 930N Hudson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He listed his religious convictions as honesty and obedience to the Islamic principles.

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He listed [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] as a relative. He stated he joined the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE in January, 1928 at Cleveland, Ohio and that [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] is the Grand Sheik. He listed the following persons who could supply information as to his religious convictions: Brother C. KIRKMAN BEY, Grand Ruler, 930 N Hudson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; C. LOVETT BEY, Governor, Chicago, Illinois; [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED]

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At a hearing conducted by the Local Draft Board subject because of his religious beliefs stated he would not swear, but he would tell the truth. He stated that he is a minister and has the title of Sheik and teaches at Temple #7. He advised he is a citizen of the United States and was born in Georgia, stating that the [REDACTED] His father's name was [REDACTED] and mother's name was [REDACTED]

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He stated that he embraced the faith in 1928 and did not believe he should take part in war. However, in extreme circumstances he would protect himself. He objects to all military tactics including non-combatant. He advised that the organization consists of 200 members and forty to fifty attend regularly at meetings Friday and Sunday. He advised that there are three other ministers that go out into the field to teach and he is Secretary of the Temple.

He advised that they maintain their services on Friday evenings. The organization is incorporated under the laws of Illinois. He further stated that he was not opposed to work that would help in the national defense.

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] and believes he is employed with the Cleveland Transit Company as a motorman. He previously had been employed at the American Wire and Steel Company at Harvard Avenue. He advised that [REDACTED] goes to church at 56th and Woodland Avenue every Sunday at about 1:00 P.M. and believes he is some type of a Moslem, but is not certain. He stated that he has had several conversations [REDACTED] but has never noticed anything un-American about him. He informed that in regard to the draft, [REDACTED] that when his turn comes, he will go and never seemed to object to it particularly.

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[REDACTED] as contacted in regard to [REDACTED] SEY, but could not give any information.

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[REDACTED] of Local Board No. 9, 2319 East 55 Street, produced her records which reflected the following information:

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[REDACTED] residing at [REDACTED] registered and received [REDACTED] it is noted that the registration of [REDACTED] was on October 16, 1940, at which time he stated he was a citizen of the United States, born at [REDACTED] and was employed by the WPA, was married and his wife's name was [REDACTED] His registration card had the following description:

Age-
Height-
Weight-
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Complexion-
Race-
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Service Status-

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It is noted that there was no alteration on the classification of [REDACTED] as a Negro and further, that the registration card was signed with the name of [REDACTED]

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On January 29, 1941, a questionnaire was submitted by [REDACTED] under the name of [REDACTED] and was signed by him as [REDACTED]. This questionnaire reflected that he had six years elementary school and two years high school education; that he had a back injury; that he was married [REDACTED] at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and his wife's name is [REDACTED] and he has one child [REDACTED]. Subject in his questionnaire did not state he was a conscientious objector. He stated he was not a minister of religion and that his race was Negro. He was a citizen of the United States.

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Prior to June 13, 1942, [REDACTED] partially completed a conscientious form No. 47. This form bore the notation "To be returned on or before June 13, 1943." Under claim for exemption, [REDACTED] first signed his name as willing to participate in non-combatant service under the direction of military authorities; however, this signature was erased and he signed Part B which states that he is conscientiously opposed to participation in any service under the direction of military authorities. The signature there was [REDACTED]. Underneath appeared [REDACTED] BEY.

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The nature of his beliefs as the basis of his claim was listed as divine creed of Islam. He acquired these beliefs from Prophet Noble Ali, founder of the NOCRISH National and Divine Movement of North America. The person whom he relies upon for religious guidance was listed as [REDACTED] BEY, 3843 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland.

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His education was listed as follows: [REDACTED]

His employment was listed as laborer, [REDACTED] 1927-1929 and laborer, WPA, District #4, 1935-1940.

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b7c He listed his parents as [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] father, who is living. He stated he was a member of a religious organization known as MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC., home office 1104 Sedwick Street, Chicago, Illinois and that he became a member of said organization in August, 1940. The location of the church, MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA No. 7, was 3943 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland, and the leader of the church was listed as [REDACTED] BEY, 3943 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

b7c The creed and statements of the religion in relation to participation in war are Islamic creed and principles. It was noted that the registrant's affidavit was signed in pencil [REDACTED] BEY, but was not fully executed by any officer administering the oath. It is noted that the balance of the form for conscientious objectors was written in ink. It is noted that in the occupational questionnaire of [REDACTED] the name was changed to [REDACTED] BEY and the race was changed to Moorish American.

b7c The writer and Special Agent [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] BEY at [REDACTED] under the pretext that they were desiring further information in order to establish his claim as a conscientious objector for his Local Board. At that time [REDACTED] BEY advised that he was married and has one child, was born in Tennessee, and his former name was [REDACTED]

He stated that he did not become a citizen of the United States until he was nationalized in 1941 when he joined the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE. Now he is a Moorish American and not a Negro. He stated he did not know that Japan had attacked the United States although he knows that we are at war from reading the papers. He stated that he did not know why we are fighting and advised that Pearl Harbor was in Asia and he knew that Japan had attacked Pearl Harbor, but he did not know who started the war.

He informed that he filed his conscientious objector form because he is against war, but admitted that he would fight to defend his shirt if it were forcibly taken from him, but under no circumstances would he shoot a man. He stated his religion teaches him not to fight and that he got the facts about war from MOORISH DREW ALI, who has passed away, but in [REDACTED] manner can contact him [REDACTED] of the other waves. He stated that when MOORISH DREW ALI died, he appointed C. KIRKLAND BEY to represent his people, just as any nation has a representative.

He advised that his wife is now a member as she joined the

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year ago [REDACTED] BEY produced a book purported to contain extracts pertaining to the Holy Koran and an instruction manual similar to a catechism but said that it was against his religion to allow these books to go out of his house or out of his sight. He referred the writer to [REDACTED] BEY and said that he could give more information.

[REDACTED] BEY stated that in the event he were to receive notice to report for induction, he would advise C. KIRKMAN BEY, who would take the necessary action. He stated that he was instructed to contact KIRKMAN BEY and his Temple by NOBLE DREW ALL, who informed him of this through the ether waves.

He maintained that he was not a citizen of the United States until he was nationalized by joining the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE. He added that that act gave him his birth rights as before that he had no vote and he was just like other Moorish Americans who had never been nationalized. He stated he was not a Negro and objected to Negro in the Selective Service forms, saying that there is only one race and that is the human race.

He informed that he is now a Moorish American similar to the German Americans and the Irish Americans only that his people are the Moors. He advised that he was not colored as colored is either painted, dyed or varnished and he is not any of that.

He stated that there were 200 to 300 members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE No. 7 although only about sixty were active. He advised that the following persons were the leaders of the group:

- [REDACTED] BEY,
- The late G. BIR BEY, Grand Sheik, 2433 East [REDACTED] Street (Died about April 4, 1943)
- [REDACTED] BEY,
- [REDACTED] BEY,
- [REDACTED] BEY,
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[REDACTED] BEY produced his membership card indicating that he was a member from August, 1941 to July, 1942 and from August, 1942 to

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b7c [REDACTED] BEY was again interviewed by the writer at the Cleveland Field Division. It was noted on this occasion that he was wearing a small metal button, blue in color, upon which was a crescent with a white dot and under it the word "Allah." At that time he stated that he became a member of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE in August, 1941 and although he had gone to the Temple three or four months before joining it, he admitted he was not a member when he registered for the Selective Service in October, 1940.

b7c He stated that he had seen NOBLE DREW ALI when he was in Cleveland in 1928 and advised that in January, 1941, he started going to the Temple regularly. [REDACTED] BEY advised that prior to association with the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE, he had attended a Moorish Church in the vicinity of 75th and Woodland. However, he did not like that organization as they wanted him to use an ancient Moslem name. He stated that the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE was the religion he wanted. He advised that upon reading the Koran, he became fully "conscious." He advised that the Moorish Americans who are not members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE are not conscious and are mentally dead.

b7c, b7d He stated that if he received an induction notice, he would advise [REDACTED] BEY. He added that he had discussed with [REDACTED] BEY the filing of a conscientious objector form, at which time [REDACTED] BEY remarked that [REDACTED] BEY was a bright student to declare himself such and was "very conscious." He advised he secured the form and with the assistance of [REDACTED] BEY filled it out. He stated that [REDACTED] BEY told him who was the one whom [REDACTED] BEY relied on for religious guidance and where the home office of the organization was located. [REDACTED] BEY advised that the conscientious objector form was in error where it stated that he was a member since August, 1940 as he did not become a member until 1941.

b7c It is noted that during the interview with [REDACTED] BEY, reference was made to the above-mentioned letter that he had written to [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED] BEY advised that all of the books and literature upon which he depended for instruction were those which were presented to the writer at this interview, namely, a copy of the Holy Koran and the question and answer instruction book. [REDACTED] BEY stated that he was opposed to submitting in regard to the Army and described submitting as putting one in a position where one did not think for himself--in other words, that you would be ordered and told what to do. He said he was against the principles

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of fighting with a gun in any Army and as this was submitting, he was not in favor of submitting.

b7c It was noted that the Holy Koran of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, a copy of which was possessed by [REDACTED] BEY, was printed in 1927 and the instruction book was entitled, "Koran Questions for Moorish Americans," price 25¢. NOBLE DREW ALI, founder, MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, 1104 Sedgwick Street, Chicago, Illinois.

b7c It was noted that [REDACTED] BEY did not state that [REDACTED] leader of Temple #7, advised him to file a conscientious objector form and he was reluctant to admit that [REDACTED] BEY in any way counseled him in regard to his draft status, although he did state he had joined the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE after he had registered in October, 1940 under the Selective Service Act.

b7c [REDACTED] of Local Board No. 18, 2319 East 55th Street, produced her records which reflected that [REDACTED] EL, residing at [REDACTED] had registered for Selective Service.

He listed the person who will always know his address as the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, 3843 Woodland Avenue. He listed his race as Moorish American and was described as:

Height-
Weight-
Eyes-
Hair-
Complexion-

[REDACTED]

He was employed as night manager in a lunch room at 4109 Central Avenue, [REDACTED] proprietor.

b7c, b7d [REDACTED] Warner-Swasey Company, advised that [REDACTED] EL, residing at [REDACTED] is employed as a chip puller in the turret lathe department and is registered at Local Board No. 19, Cleveland, as 3-B. He was born in [REDACTED] His Social Security number was [REDACTED] His race is Moorish American. He was described as:

Height-
Weight-
Eyes-

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His father-in-law's address is listed as [redacted] and he listed the following other relatives:

[redacted] EL, [redacted] United States Army [redacted] Other [redacted] wife [redacted] EL; child [redacted] EL.

[redacted] EL had served in the United States Army from [redacted] He received honorable discharge No. [redacted] from [redacted] From 1932 to 1936 he was in a G.O.C. camp and was employed at [redacted] from February 3, 1943. He had been employed from 1936 to 1943 in the [redacted]

He listed membership in the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, 3843 Woodland Avenue, as a religious organization.

[redacted] EL gave the following references at his place of employment:

[redacted] BEY [redacted] EL [redacted]

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[redacted] Local Board No. 19, 8414 Cedar Avenue, produced her records which reflected that [redacted] registered on February 15, 1942, receiving Serial No. [redacted] and listing his residence as [redacted] The person who will always know his address was listed as [redacted] and his employment was listed as [redacted]

He was born [redacted] It was noted that the description of [redacted] was:

Height-
Weight-
Eyes--
Hair-
Race-

[redacted]

This registration card was signed [redacted] and was dated February 15, 1942. The Selective Service questionnaire filed by the subject dated September 14, 1942 lists the name as [redacted] and also [redacted] EL. He listed as a physical defect blood [redacted]

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disease. It was noted that the conscientious objector form was not signed by [REDACTED] EL. A criminal record in the questionnaire indicated [REDACTED] EL was arrested in August, 1929 for shooting and robbery and was sentenced fifteen to twenty-five years and was paroled in 1932. He desired a 4-F classification and gave as his reason that he is taking treatments for stomach ulcers and blood disease. The questionnaire was signed [REDACTED] EL".

It was noted that an occupational questionnaire had been filled out by [REDACTED] and was postmarked April 29, 1942. It was noted that the race Negro was checked without objection and that the name signed to the occupational questionnaire was [REDACTED]

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A conscientious objector form was filed by [REDACTED] EL dated November 10, 1942. This form stated that [REDACTED] EL claimed exemption and was opposed to participation in war in any form which was under the direction of military authorities. The nature of his belief which is the basis of his claim is filled out as "instructions from the Holy Koran." The source from which he received training and acquired the belief is stated as "from the prophet NOBLE DREW ALI, founder of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., September, 1942." The name of the individual upon whom he relied for religious guidance was listed as Brother C. KIRKMAN BEY, 1104 Sedgwick Street, Chicago, Illinois (Supreme Grand Advisor and Moderator).

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[REDACTED] EL stated he did not believe in the use of any force. He listed his education as elementary school in [REDACTED] and listed employments as previously stated. His conscientious objector form reflects that he stated he had service in the United States Army from 1920 to 1923 and gave as his reason "adventure".

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He listed himself as a member of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, INC. He stated he became a member of the Temple in September, 1942 at 3843 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland, and his reason for joining was "quest for knowledge." The pastor of the church was listed as [REDACTED] BEY. In regard to the creed and official statements of the organization, there was written on the form, "Divine creed of Islam. For official statements see official."

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For references, [REDACTED] EL listed Brother C. KIRKMAN BEY, 1104 E Sedgwick Street, Chicago, Illinois, Supreme Grand Advisor and Moderator; [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] Grand Mufti; [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] Grand Sheik. The form was signed [REDACTED] EL and the word "swear" was crossed out on the

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form and "affirm" remained. [redacted] was classified 3-B by the Local Board.

b7c b7d [redacted] advised that [redacted] He was also employed at the [redacted] company and he resided at [redacted] He was described as age [redacted]

[redacted] He has been employed with the company since January 1, 1943 in the shipping room. His Local Board is listed as Local Board No. 12.

His employments were as follows:

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AT AKRON, OHIO:

The following investigation was conducted to ascertain the location and present activities of Temple #14, Akron, Ohio, [REDACTED] BEY, as set out in reference report which mentions that the list was secured from the files of the Twelfth Annual Convention at Chicago, Illinois in September, 1939.

[REDACTED] of the Akron Police Department advised that he had no knowledge of the existence of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE in Akron.

[REDACTED] advised that he had no knowledge of the existence of a MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE in that vicinity.

The Ohio Bell Telephone Directory for the City of Akron

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failed to reflect any record of a MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE or any record of [REDACTED] EL. It was noted that the City Directory listed [REDACTED]

b7c b7d [REDACTED] Local Board No. 3, United [REDACTED] Building, produced her records, which reflected [REDACTED] classified 3-A, colored, was presently residing [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. The records indicated that he was a Negro and [REDACTED] He was employed by [REDACTED] the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company as a janitor, Department 77, Check No. [REDACTED] 5253.

b7c b7d [REDACTED] was contacted by the writer and advised that [REDACTED] is the name of the colored man who lives in the adjoining house. She stated that she had no knowledge that he was a Moslem and advised that she had never seen him wearing a fez or a turban and that in so far as her knowledge was concerned, he never talked about membership in any Moslem organization or claimed that he was anything except a Negro.

b7c [REDACTED] was contacted by the writer under suitable pretext and advised that her husband was never a member of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE and that she has no knowledge of the existence of any MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE in the City of Akron and further stated that she has no information in regard to [REDACTED] EL, who is listed as the Grand Sheik of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE at Akron.

AT FOSTERIA, OHIO:

The following investigation was conducted to ascertain the existence and activities of Temple #18 reported in the files of the Chicago Convention in September, 1939 to be existing in Fostoria, Ohio with [REDACTED] EL as Grand Sheik.

Chief of Police [REDACTED] Fostoria, Ohio advised the writer that there was no police record indicating that [REDACTED] EL resided at Fostoria. He further stated that he had no knowledge of the existence of any Negro organization known as the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE in that area and he checked the 1938, 1939, 1941 and 1942 City Directories with negative results.

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AT YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO:

The following investigation was conducted to ascertain the location of Temple #12 under the leadership of [REDACTED] EL at Youngstown, Ohio, which Temple was set out in a list dated September, 1939 at the Twelfth Annual Convention of the organization in Chicago.

[REDACTED] of the Retail Merchants Credit Association advised that her records reflect that [REDACTED] resided at [REDACTED] and had been employed by the WPA in 1939. No additional information was available in regard to his present location.

[REDACTED] Local Board No. 3, Charlotte and Bruce Streets, which Board covers the area in which [REDACTED] is located, informed that she had no registration in the name of [REDACTED] EL.

The writer contacted all Local Boards from Nos. 1 to 11 inclusive covering the entire territory of Youngstown and the suburbs of Campbell and Girard, in order to ascertain any registrations of [REDACTED] EL with negative results. The writer noted, however, that [REDACTED] of Local Board No. 1 advised that [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] l-A-H, was registered at that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] reflected that he was born [REDACTED] and married--wife's name [REDACTED] BEY, and has a daughter [REDACTED]. The record indicated that BEY was a Moorish [REDACTED] man and a United States citizen and had signed his name stating he was a conscientious objector, but did not fill out Form 47 as a conscientious objector. He was employed at the [REDACTED].

The writer contacted [REDACTED] BEY, [REDACTED] under suitable pretext. It was noted that a picture of NOBLE DREW ALI and a picture of [REDACTED] Negro Communist leader, were on the living room dresser. [REDACTED] BEY advised that her husband was a member of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE back in 1929 when NOBLE DREW ALI was alive, but he does not now belong to the organization. However, when he

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started using the name BEY at that time, it had stayed with him and every-
body now calls him Mr. BEY. She stated that [redacted] EL and some others tried
to revive the organization after NOBLE DREW ALI had died, but they were
not successful. She stated that about four or five years ago [redacted] EL had
a place near Campbell, a neighboring suburb near Youngstown, but that this
died out in a short while.

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She said that she and her husband are in fact members of
the Church of the Living God, although they do not attend any church. She
stated her husband attends all types of meetings and he at one time was a
Communist, which accounted for the presence of the picture of [redacted] on the
dresser. She advised that [redacted] EL is no longer around Youngstown and she
has not heard of him for several years.

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[redacted] of the Youngstown Police Department
Subversive Squad was contacted for information on the MOORISH SCIENCE TEM-
PLE with negative results.

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[redacted] Youngstown Police De-
partment, advised that he had no knowledge of the existence of a MOORISH
SCIENCE TEMPLE in that area. [redacted] checked the 1939 City Dir-
ectory, which listed [redacted]. The 1940 City
Directory had no listing of any residence at [redacted].

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The writer conducted a neighborhood investigation in the
vicinity of [redacted] with negative results. [redacted] all that
been torn down in 1939.

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent
[redacted]

An examination of the City Directory for the city of Toledo
revealed the following people who use the name BEY:

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[redacted]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the Identification Division of the Toledo Police Department advised the writer that an examination of his records failed to reveal any information concerning the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA, nor any information concerning a club who might be meeting on January 7, 1943.

[REDACTED] that he recalls having heard about a colored organization in the city of Toledo who believe that they are Mohammedans and who used the word "BEY" as a suffix to their name and whose leaders were held in scorn by the other Negroes of the city of Toledo; however, he had no specific information relative to their activities and he referred the writer to [REDACTED] of the Toledo Police Department.

[REDACTED] of the Toledo Police Department stated that he recalls going to a home in the East side of Toledo in the vicinity of [REDACTED] in 1938, where he was answering a report that a Negro had been dead for some time and the people had refused to bury him and that this had turned out to be one JOSHUA BEY who resided at 1227 Ironwood and who was the leader of a cult of Negroes who believed they were Mohammedans. When their leader died, the followers refused to

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bury him because they thought he might come back to life since he was the prophet of their religion.

b7c [REDACTED] that arrangements had been made to bury JOSHUA BEY and that other than that, he had not conducted other investigation nor had he paid much attention to the organization since then.

b7d [REDACTED]

b7d [REDACTED]

In an effort to determine what the present activities of this organization are at the present time in Toledo, Special Agent [REDACTED] accompanied [REDACTED] through the various places in the East side of Toledo in the colored district, as well as through numerous homes and establishments in the colored section on the West side of Toledo without revealing his identity and without asking any questions which would in any way embarrass [REDACTED] among the colored people.

It was determined at this time that there is an organization of colored people in Toledo, Ohio who use the name "BEY" as a suffix to their name and who meet occasionally in the homes of the individual members. They no longer have a public meeting hall or temple and the former public meeting hall or temple at the corner of Division and Indiana Streets, Toledo, is closed down and locked and is no longer used for any purpose whatsoever.

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It was impossible to determine from the people interviewed the exact name of the organization since most of the colored people referred to them simply as the Moslem group.

b7c [redacted] Deputy at the Lucas County Sheriff's office stated [redacted]

[redacted] that he knew that an organization of colored people existed in Toledo, the followers of which believed that they were descendants of some Asiatic tribe and who used the suffix of "BEY" along with their regular name. However, he did not have any information of pertinent value relative to their present activities or meeting place or their sympathies toward the present war.

He further stated that he understood that this group of colored people more or less insulted and looked down on the rest of the colored people in an attempt to draw a distinction between Negroes and the Asiatics and that, therefore, very little information was available outside the immediate group who followed this particular tribe of Asiatics.

b7c, b7d [redacted] probation officer for the Common Pleas Court of Lucas County, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he had been personally associated with a [redacted] BEY who resided at [redacted]

[redacted] He advised that she had tried to influence him to become a member of this tribe in Toledo who use the suffix "BEY" and that he had not paid a whole lot of attention to her talks and discussions since he thought it was more or less silly and that the people who were associated with this group were rather childish.

However, he did recall that one of the arguments used by [redacted] BEY in trying to influence him to join up with this particular organization was the fact that the Nazis and Japanese would win the present war, and that when the Japanese would take over the United States, all Negroes who were identified with this particular Asiatic movement would be given some sort of preference, whereas all Negroes who lined up with the United States Government against the Japanese would be destroyed by the Japanese. She also stated that when the Japanese took over this country that the Negroes were going to be given all the rights which they should have been given a long time ago.

b7c Special Agent [redacted] accompanied by [redacted] visited numerous Negro homes and establishments under pretext in an effort

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to determine where the meetings of this particular group were being held. The information obtained was of a general character inasmuch as no specific questions could be asked and it was ascertained that most colored people were of the impression that no particular meeting place or public hall was set aside to hold meetings for this group; that they merely went to someone's home where a meeting was held.

[redacted] BEY of [redacted] was supposed to be one of the principal leaders and [redacted] KL, who resided at [redacted] was supposed to be one of the principal leaders in the group and movement.

[redacted] that he understood that these colored people believed that they were direct descendants of the Arabs and were not Negroes and they had selected three tribes--the tribe of BEY, the tribe of KL, and the tribe of ALL, and that all of these Negroes adopted as a suffix to their names the name of one of the tribes.

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[redacted] the District Nursing Association, Toledo, stated that she had most of the colored people in the Eastern district of Toledo assigned to her. She stated that she visited in their homes and that she knew most of the people who used the name "BEY" since at one time or another they had all been visited by her or received some medical care from her association. She knew that they had some sort of organization, the followers of which believed that they were Arabs and not Negroes. However, she had never been able to ascertain just what activities they were conducting or what were their sympathies in the present war; neither was she able to ascertain where they held their meetings.

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[redacted] of Mails, Toledo, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he had never heard of the MOORISH SOLEIGN TEMPLE OF AMERICA and that to his knowledge, no mail had been received by this organization. However, he suggested that contact be had with [redacted]

[redacted] who had been carrying mail in the neighborhood where most of the people who use the name "BEY" lived.

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[redacted] were contacted, but were unable to furnish any specific information and were only able to furnish the general information which had been set out above. However, each stated that to his knowledge no mail had been received of any member by any of the members of the MOORISH TEMPLE, nor was any address known to them where the MOORISH TEMPLE might be located or where the followers of this particular group might hold their meetings.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (EL) (EL)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (EL) (BEY?)

It is noted that the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated March 6, 1943 at Louisville, Kentucky set forth a summary of the February, 1943 issue of "Moorish Voice," reflecting the following officers of Temple #13, Toledo, Ohio:

MEMBERS:

[REDACTED] (EL) (EL) (EL)

OFFICIAL STAFF:

[REDACTED] (BEY) (EL) (EL) (EL) (EL) (EL) (EL) (EL) (EL)

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[REDACTED] that she has had several funerals at her undertaker's parlor of members of the Moslem group, at which time [REDACTED] BEY reads out of the Koran during the services. She stated that the BEY organization has been in existence in Toledo for about ten years and that she has handled about thirty funerals during that period. She stated that she has never heard any un-

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American statements made by members of the sect during the conduct of the funeral services. She added that the odd things about the service were that they praise Allah as their God and there is no sorrow or weeping at the funerals.

She advised that several years ago they were a strong unit in Toledo, but they have fallen away considerably and lately only about thirty members will attend a funeral. She stated that she has never noticed the appearance of any uniform guard or anything of a military nature at the funerals, but that they dress with a fez and wear pantaloons.

She advised that she believed the organization has a charter because they usually have it framed in back of the casket; but that she could not recall distinctly what was written on it. She stated that JOSHUA BEY, who was a leader of a BEY cult and died about 1939, was not affiliated with the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE, but rather with an independent Moslem group. [redacted] that she could not advise if the members of the two groups were not affiliated under the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE, but she informed that she knows that the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE still continues actively in the Toledo area.

[redacted] relief investigator for the City of Toledo, advised that she has come in contact during 1938 and 1939 with the Moslem group, but does not distinctly recall any pro-Japanese attitude. She stated that the organization was primarily religious and appeared to her to be fanatical in some respects. She advised that a member of it named [redacted] BEY would preach on the streets in a robe and always set up a flag. This usually occurred at Indiana and Division Streets on Sunday nights during the summer time. She advised that she does not call if this occurred during the previous summer and could not remember anything that [redacted] BEY had stated of an un-American or pro-Japanese nature.

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b7c [redacted] Local Board No. 7, Edison Building, [redacted] produced her records, which reflected that [redacted] EL, born [redacted] Moorish-American race and residing at [redacted] was classified in 1-A. A subsequent change of address was noted as [redacted]. Relatives of [redacted] EL were listed as [redacted] EL, father, age 50, and [redacted] EL, mother, age 42. His place of employment was listed as [redacted].

b7c The Selective Service record of [redacted] EL, [redacted] reflects that he was born [redacted] and is of the Moorish-American race. He is unemployed and is described as:

Height-	6'
Weight-	170
Eyes-	Brown
Hair-	Black
Complexion-	Black
Scars or Marks-	None

The Local Board records further reflected that [redacted] EL, residing at [redacted] was a brother to [redacted] EL. [redacted] EL is married and listed his wife [redacted] EL, as the person who will always know his address.

b7c The Selective Service records further reflected that [redacted] EL, [redacted] and lists himself as a minister self-employed at Elizabeth and Avon- [redacted] streets. He listed the person who will always know his address as [redacted] BEY, [redacted]. He is described as a Moorish American, 6' 9", 170 pounds, brown eyes, black hair and olive complexion.

b7c [redacted] Local Board No. 6, Guardian Building, produced her records which reflected that [redacted] BEY, classified [redacted] 4-I [redacted]

[redacted] and in Selective Service questionnaire dated May 9, 1941 stated he was an Asiatic. He further stated that he was a member and a student pro-

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paring for the ministry of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE at 669 Avondale Avenue. It is noted that the writer went to 669 Avondale Avenue and using a suitable pretext determined that the premises there were used for living quarters only and not as a Temple.

b7c [redacted] Local Board No. 8, 801 Belmont Avenue produced her records which reflected that [redacted] BEY, [redacted] was classified as [redacted]

[redacted] was employed as an asphalt worker at the [redacted] at a salary of \$27.00 a week. [redacted] BEY and has nine children varying in age from eighteen to one and one half years.

b7c The records reflect that he stated he was a minister of the religion of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE since 1928 and was ordained on June 18, 1929 at Chicago by C. KIRKMAN BEY. [redacted]

[redacted] claims to be a citizen of the United States and of the Moorish race.

b7c The records further reflect that [redacted] BEY, [redacted] was inducted into the United States Army on February 25, 1943, [redacted] He is a son of [redacted] BEY and lists his race as Asiatic, Moorish American, citizen of the United States.

b7c [redacted] that she was a relief investigator in Toledo from 1932 to 1934 and in that work had contact with many of the members of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE. She stated that during that period she had never noticed any pro-Japanese attitude. She further stated that about twenty-four registrants named BEY have registered at Local Board No. 8, 801 Belmont Avenue, and that none of them have filed conscientious objector forms. She stated there has never been any trouble with them so far as Selective Service regulations are concerned and the only difficulty they have encountered with them is the fact that they insist that they are Moors and not Negroes and object to the term colored on the Selective Service forms.

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GRAND RAPIDS FIELD DIVISION

At Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan:

76 Will contact officials in charge of [redacted] and determine if [redacted] BEY has communicated with [redacted] subsequent to January 17, 1943 and endeavor to secure copies of any communications forwarded to [redacted]

CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

At Cleveland, Ohio:

Will maintain contact with [redacted] and report additional information concerning the activities and meetings of the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE #7.

Will endeavor to secure the names of members of MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE #7 within the 20- to 40-year age group and check their Selective Service status to ascertain if the leaders of this organization have counseled its members to file conscientious objector forms or have acted in any way to hinder the operation of the Selective Service laws.

Will consider the re-interview of [redacted] BEY [redacted] to ascertain if he has been advised by Temple #7 in regard to his Selective Service status, in the filing of conscientious objector forms, or has otherwise been counseled in regard to the Selective Service Act.

Will also consider re-interviewing [redacted] BEY specifically in regard to the communication dated January 17, 1943 written by him to [redacted] at Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan.

Will consider interviewing [redacted] EL, [redacted] employed at the Warner-Swasey Company, in regard to any advice or assistance received from the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE #7 in regard to the filing of con-

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scientific objector forms.

Will check Local Board records to verify the registration of [REDACTED] EL at Local Board #12.

Will check the employment record of [REDACTED] BEY at the Hotel Cleveland.

At Toledo, Ohio:

Will re-contact [REDACTED] Probation Officer, for further information in regard to the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE.

Will maintain contact with Confidential Informants T-2 and T-3 to ascertain where the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE #18 is holding meetings and to obtain any pertinent information which would reflect any pro-Japanese or subversive statements made by members of this Temple.

Will contact [REDACTED] for information in regard to the MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE #18. It is noted that he had been previously contacted and stated that he would endeavor to secure information regarding this organization.

Copies of this report have been designated for the [REDACTED] and New York Field Divisions [REDACTED]

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