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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

DATE : 4/17/56

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-34329)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM DODD, WFO.
SL - NOI
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Relet from Chicago to Bureau dated 3/17/56.

[REDACTED] Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service, caused a check to be made of their records for file # of FRED DODD and WILLIAM DODD, and he advised [REDACTED] on 4/10/56 that they were unable to locate any record of an individual by name of WILLIAM DODD in their files.

[REDACTED] made available a transcript of the microfilm record for an individual by the name of FRED DODD, who may be identical with individual in this case. This FRED DODD was born 2/14/69 at Manchester, England. He arrived in the United States on 3/1/51 at the port of Niagara Falls, N. Y., by means of the SS from Toronto, Canada. He gave his wife's name as ELIZABETH DODD, born 5/1/11 in Pennsylvania (city not given). They had one daughter JANE DODD born 12/15/50, at Philadelphia, Pa. He received his certificate of naturalization no. 105-63642 on 10/17/55 at a term of the U. S. District Court, Baltimore, Maryland. He resided at that time at 3407 Liberty Heights Av., Baltimore, Maryland. A.C.

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1 - WFO

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

DATE: April 18, 1958

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DODD FORD
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ReBulet, 4/15/58.

The Bureau feels that continued expenditure of investigative time in this matter is not warranted.

The Detroit, Los Angeles, New York Divisions and the Washington Field Office should discontinue investigation.

This is to advise the Bureau that this case is being placed in a closed status in the Chicago Office, and no report will be submitted.

- (2) - Bureau (RM)
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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (80-469)

DATE: 3/3/60

SUBJECT: WALLACE DODD FORD
FBI No. 56062
COOPERATION WITH NEW YORK STATE POLICE

[REDACTED] requested identification
record of WALLACE DODD FORD, FBI No. 56062. Forward
attention Liaison Section.

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Via AIRTELAIR MAIL - REGISTERED

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-4805)
 RE: WALLACE D. FARD, aka
 SK - NOI
 ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, aka
 ES - NOI
 OO: CHICAGO

To San Diego Radiogram Bureau 7/17/61, attention Identification Division reflecting Sheriff's Office, Santa Ana, California, requested photos and Identification records of WALLACE D. FARD, aka and ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, aka.

Photographs and Identification records of each subject were furnished to [REDACTED] Burglary Detail, Orange County Sheriff's Office on 7/27/61.

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[REDACTED] advised the Sheriff's Office had apprehended a member of the NOI several weeks ago. This individual became obnoxious and unruly. In due course he was transferred from the jail to the county hospital and in turn to a mental institution. [REDACTED] said that because of this he had decided to do some research into the background of the NOI in order that he might have a better understanding of the problem. He said he directed inquiries to the Los Angeles Police Department concerning the NOI and received what background the Los Angeles Police would make available. He reviewed this material and based on the information developed from it directed his inquiry to the Identification Division for photos and Identification records.

[REDACTED] said he had no personal knowledge of either FARD or MUHAMMAD and no information as to the location of FARD.

No further action being taken with respect to the Orange County Sheriff's Office inquiry.

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-2604) (P)
RE: NATION OF ISLAM (NOI)
IS - NOI

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On 8/3/62, [REDACTED], HCUA, Los Angeles, orally advised he had received information that the Nation of Islam had been contacted by Congressman MENDAL RIVERS (ph.). He stated that Chairman FRANCIS WALTER advised the Congressman the HCUA had conducted an investigation of the NOI and planned to hold a hearing on the organization in the near future.

[REDACTED] stated he was subsequently contacted by the Committee in Washington to assist in the preparation of a press release. [REDACTED] observed that the likelihood exists that a hearing on the NOI will take place shortly after Congress adjourns; further, that the hearing will take place in Los Angeles, California.

[REDACTED] stated he presently contemplates building the hearing around WALLACE FARAD, aka Willie D. Ford, Wally Ford, (WALLACE DODD FORD--TN), who [REDACTED] claims was an ex-convict and a caucasian. [REDACTED] stated he is currently attempting to locate FARAD.

The records of the Los Angeles Division disclose considerable investigation has been conducted by the Bureau in an effort to locate FORD, but there has been no indictment of his

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whereabouts since 1935, at which time he was arrested by the
Chicago Police Department.

47C [REDACTED] stated he would continue to advise the Los Angeles Office of any developments in this matter as they occur.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635 - Sub B)

NATION OF ISLAM
IS - NOI

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Re Chicago letters to Bureau, dated 2/28/58 and
4/4/58; and Bureau letter to Chicago, dated 4/15/58, entitled
"WALLACE DODD FORD, SM - NOI". U

In connection with efforts to disrupt and curb
growth of the NOI, extensive research has been conducted
into various files maintained by this office. Among
the files reviewed was that of WALLACE DODD FORD. In
this review it was noted there was evidence indicating
FORD, or ALLAH as he is known to the NOI, was last
seen in September 1933 at which time he, or a person
believed to be him, was arrested by the Chicago Police
Department; that his former common-law wife stated she
had seen him in either the summer of 1932 or 1933, at
which time she said he told her he was going to return
to New Zealand adding he had always been factual in
keeping her advised of his whereabouts since his release
from San Quentin in 1929; that on the birth of FORD's son
by this woman his, FORD's, birth was listed as New Zealand.
It is also noted FORD also claims to have been born
on February 25, 1891 in Portland, Oregon, to ZARED and BEATRICE
FORD who were born in Hawaii. Investigative efforts to
verify this were negative. U

This review indicated all logical leads within
the United States were covered but that leads in New
Zealand were not covered. U

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Chicago, after much consideration, feels it would be appropriate and logical for the Bureau to conclude covering leads as set forth in referenced Chicago letters of February 28 and April 15, 1958. It is felt that if the whereabouts of ALLAH could be inconclusively determined, the impact on ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and his followers would be tremendous and could well serve to make MUHAMMAD appear ridiculous. u

Chicago realizes the leads were, to a degree, unrealistic; however, evidence strongly indicates FORD may have returned to New Zealand and could well be still among the living, as his birth is probably 1891 and not 1870 as the NOI claims. u

For information of the Bureau, WALLACE DODD FORD may have used the following names:

FRED DODD, WALLACE DON FORD, W. D. FARAD, WALLI FARRAD, WALLACE FARAD, W. D. FERAUD, VALIEI FORD, F. MOHAMMAD - ALI FARRAD MOHAMMAD, MOHAMMAD ALI, "ALLAH", "THE GREAT MARTYR". u

He was described as follows:

Birth	2/25/91, Portland, Oregon, or New Zealand
Race	White
Height	5'6 3/8" - 5'8"
Weight	130 to 140
Complexion	Dark, swarthy
Eyes	Maroon, black
Hair	Black
Build	Slender
Characteristics	Beautiful even teeth; straight nose

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SAC, Chicago (100-35625 - Bob B)

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ReCHlet 2/19/63 suggesting the Bureau endeavor to determine if Wallace Dodd Ford (generally known as W. F. Ford), was born in New Zealand or if he went to New Zealand when he disappeared in 1924. U

A review of Chicago letter 2/2/63 captioned "Wallace Dodd Ford, etc., IS - FBI" (Serial 100-63642, Chicago file 100-33483), indicates that one Fred Dodd and one Pearl Allen were married on 8/9/14 in Oregon. The date and place of birth of Dodd, who may be identical with Ford, are not indicated in this letter. The Bureau is not in possession of the further results of this phase of the investigation which was conducted by the Portland Office. You should furnish the Bureau with any birth data concerning this individual. Also summarize Portland's investigation in 1958 to locate the whereabouts of Dodd and Pearl Allen. U

The Bureau would also like to be advised of any action previously taken to locate Edward Donaldson, Polson Prison Number 15603, who was arrested with Ford in 1926 (see LA letter dated 4/9/58, Chicago file 100-33483) it appears that Donaldson was a business associate of Ford and could possibly furnish pertinent information if his present whereabouts could be determined. For your information, a search by name of the Bureau identification records on 2/4-5/63 failed to locate any arrest record identifiable with Edward Donaldson. In the event Donaldson's fingerprints are available, a copy should be furnished to the Bureau. U

In addition to furnishing the above information, you should not get any legal leads which should be covered at this time. The Bureau believes that we should make certain all legal leads are covered before submitting my request to New Zealand.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-390071) DATE: 5/2/65
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635 - Sub B)
SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
IS - NOI

Re Bureau letter dated 3/12/63 (copies not sent to Los Angeles or San Francisco). u

For information of Los Angeles and San Francisco, WALLACE DODD FORD is "Allah" in the Nation of Islam. He has utilized, or has been referred to, as follows: FRED DODD, WALLACE DON FORD, WALLIE D. FORD, W. D. FARD, WALLI FARRAD, WALLACE FARAD, W. D. FERAUD, WALEE FORD, F MOHAMMED, ALI, FARRAD MOHAMMAD, MOHAMMED ALI, "ALLAH", "The Great Mahdi." Offices should also be aware MOHAMMED is also spelled MUHAMMAD. Based on information available FORD is described as follows:

Birth

2/25/91 at Portland,
Oregon or New Zealand;
2/26/77, Mecca, according
to NOI teachings

Race

White

Height

5' 6 3/4" - 5' 8"

Weight

133 to 140 pounds

Complexion

Dark, swarthy

Eyes

Maroon, black

- 3 - Bureau (Encl 4)(RM)
(1 - 105-63642 WALLACE DODD FORD)
3 - Los Angeles (105-2604)(RM)
(1 - 105-4805 WALLACE DODD FORD)
3 - San Francisco (100-51473)(RM) REC-52
(1 - 100-43165 WALLACE DODD FORD)
2 - Chicago
(1 - 100-33683 WALLACE DODD FORD)

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Hair	Black
Build	Slender
Characteristics	Beautiful even teeth; straight nose

Referenced Bureau letter instructed the following investigation be conducted in an effort to locate FORD:

- 1) Furnish the Bureau with details of Portland's investigative efforts to locate background data regarding one FRED DODD who married one PEARL ALLEN in Oregon on May 19, 1914.
- 2) Attempt to locate EDWARD DONALDSON, Folsom Prison Number 15808, who was arrested with FORD in 1926 and who may have been a business associate of FORD and who may be able to furnish pertinent information regarding FORD; to furnish DONALDSON's fingerprints to the Bureau.
- 3) To set out other logical leads which should be covered.

As regards the first lead, Chicago is enclosing for the Bureau the following:

Portland letter to Chicago dated October 29, 1957, entitled "W. D. FARD; SM - NOI;"

Portland letter to Chicago dated December 31, 1957, entitled as above;

Portland letter to Chicago dated January 9, 1958, entitled as above;

Portland letter to Chicago dated March 6, 1958, entitled as above.

As is noted Portland verified the marriage of FRED DODD, a resident of Salem, Marion County, Oregon,

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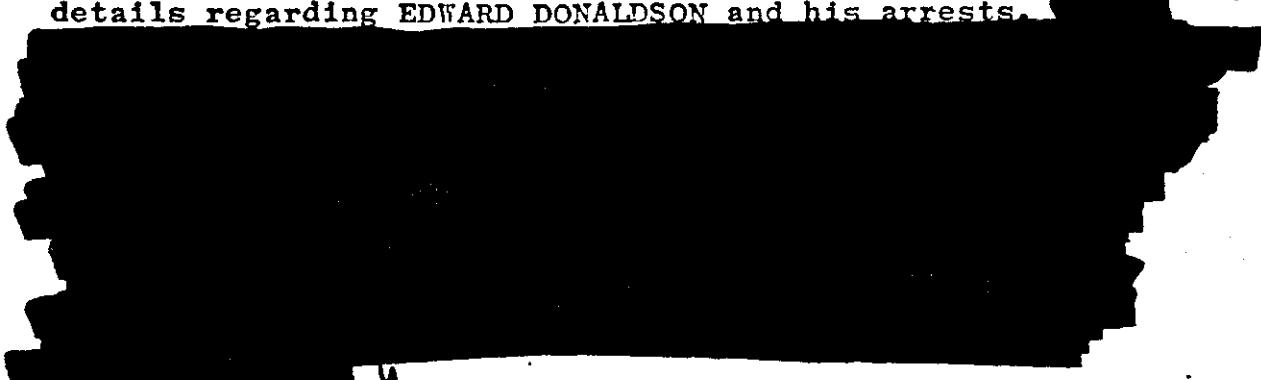
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age about 23, and PEARL ALLEN of Multnomah County, Oregon, on May 9, 1914. Subsequent investigation, which Chicago considers to have been extensive, failed to develop any further leads as regards FRED DODD. It is believed all logical leads were conducted by Portland. u

As regards EDWARD DONALDSON, San Francisco letter to the Director dated August 27, 1957, entitled "W. D. FARD, SM - NOI" set forth data regarding the incarceration of WALLIE D. FORD at San Quentin, California, and ascertained that San Quentin records noted "This defendant had in his possession drugs which his partner, Edward Donaldson, offered to sell to police officers for \$225.00." u

Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated April 9, 1958, entitled "WALLACE DODD FORD, Was, SM - NOI," a copy of which is in possession of San Francisco, set forth details regarding EDWARD DONALDSON and his arrests.

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In this connection the following leads are set forth: u

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. Will review records at the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office in an effort to obtain a fingerprint card. u

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for EDWARD DONALDSON and forward same to Bureau. Will also conduct appropriate investigation in an attempt to locate DONALDSON for the purpose of interviewing him as regards WALLACE FORD and his present whereabouts.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. Will review records of Folsom Prison and the San Francisco Police Department and Sheriff's Office in an effort to obtain a fingerprint card of DONALDSON and forward same to the Bureau. Will also conduct appropriate investigation in an attempt to locate DONALDSON for the purpose of interviewing him as regards WALLACE FORD and his present whereabouts.

As regards other logical leads, Chicago has completely reviewed the file on WALLACE DODD FORD. It is noted that outside of the above, the only other logical lead not covered is as follows:

On October 17, 1957, Mrs. CLIFFORD EVELSIZER, 4776 Hub Street, Los Angeles, California, who stated she was WALLACE FORD's common-law wife from 1919 to 1921 or 1922 in Los Angeles, advised she last saw WALLACE FORD in 1932, at which time he was driving a 1929 Model A Ford bearing California license plates. At this time Mrs. EVELSIZER stated FORD told her he was going back to New Zealand.

In this connection the following lead is set out:

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. Will review automobile registrations covering the years 1932 to 1935 in an effort to determine if WALLACE DODD FORD registered a car in California during those years. If located, logical leads should be set forth in an attempt to locate him.

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For information of Los Angeles and San Francisco, information indicates FORD was last seen in Chicago in 1933, at which time he, or a person believed to be him, was arrested on a minor charge by the Chicago Police Department. This person was not fingerprinted or photographed. It is noted that on January 17, 1958, Mrs. EVELSIZER was interviewed by Bureau agents in Key West, Florida. She stated she could not be sure whether she last saw FORD in 1932 or 1933.

Upon conclusion of the above leads, Chicago will again reconsider, in light of the results, setting forth a request for having appropriate authorities and records in New Zealand contacted as regards FORD.

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

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SAC, PORTLAND (105-544)

W. D. FARD

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Relet from Chicago to Bureau, 10/3/57.

[REDACTED] Bureau of Health, City of Portland, 305 City Hall, Portland, Oregon, on 8/7/57, advised SA [REDACTED] that a review of birth records pertaining to the months of January through April for the years 1890, 1891 and 1892, failed to reflect any records having been filed for the birth of WALLIE D. FORD. There was no birth recorded during the above periods checked for any child of ZARED and BEATRICE FORD. [REDACTED] advised that around the time of the alleged birth in question, records were very poorly kept, that in many instances the births took place in the homes. In a great many of such instances, there was never a record made of the birth. She stated however, that in some instances where a record of the birth was later desired, there was a "delayed filing" of such birth, the records of which are maintained at the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Office Building, Portland.

[REDACTED] State Registrar of the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, 979 State Office Building, Portland, on 10/1/57 advised that the number of "delayed filings" constituted but a small proportion of the actual number of births. He noted that in addition to delayed filings, there are also some records of births, which by state statute, may be filed on the basis of a court order.

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[REDACTED] Clerk, State Bureau of Vital Statistics, advised 10/7/57, that there is no record on file of the birth of anyone named WALLIE D. FORD. She stated that her search of records included both delayed filings and those recorded through court order. It is noted records of the State Bureau of Vital Statistics do not date back to 1891.

On 10/7/57, a check was made by SA [REDACTED] of the R. L. Polk and Company's Portland City Directories issued for the years of 1890, 1891 and 1892, on file at the Central Library, Portland Library Association, S. W. 10th and Taylor Streets. There was no record in any of the above directories of anyone named ZARED or BEATRICE FORD.

On 10/10/57, I. C. [REDACTED] ascertained from the persons listed at the agencies indicated, that there was no record on file for WALLIE D. FORD or either ZARED or BEATRICE FORD:

Officer [REDACTED] Records Bureau, Portland Police Department;

Detective [REDACTED] Security Detail, Portland Police Department;

Multnomah County Identification Bureau,
[REDACTED] Clerk;

Retail Credit Association of Portland, Inc.,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Identification Bureau, Portland PD, on 10/10/57, advised that there is on file a fingerprint card on WALLIE FORD, Los Angeles PD #16448, reflecting his arrest on 11/17/18, for Assault with a Deadly Weapon. No Disposition is shown. [REDACTED] stated there is no other record of WALLIE FORD in the files and there likewise was no record for either ZARED or BEATRICE FORD.

[REDACTED] Special Agent, School District #1, 631 N. E. Clackamas Street, Portland, on 10/22/57, advised

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that he had caused a check to be made of all school records for the City of Portland for the years 1897 to 1901, and no reference was located therein for WALLIE D. FORD. [REDACTED] pointed out that up to 1900 local laws did not require attendance of children at school until they had reached their 8th birthday.

On 10/22/57, [REDACTED] State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 979 State Office Building, Portland, advised that a search of marriage records for the years 1906 through 1916, failed to reflect any record of the marriage of anyone named FRED DODD.

On 10/22/57, a search of the Marriage Indices for Multnomah County, by SA [REDACTED] revealed a reference on page 224, of the Marriage Index for the Period July, 1910 - October, 1915, to the marriage of one FRED DODD to PEARL ALLEN.

Book 35, page 240 of Marriage Certificates, made available to SA [REDACTED] 10/22/57, by [REDACTED] Clerk, Marriage License Bureau, reflected that Marriage Certificate #28247, was filed May 9, 1914, for FRED DODD, Marion County, Oregon, and PEARL ALLEN of Multnomah County, Oregon, who were married by Circuit Judge, W.N. GATENS, Multnomah County. Witnesses were listed as F. D. HENNESSY and MARY E. MORENO. The certificate reflected that the application for marriage license was issued 4/14/14. [REDACTED] DODD

[REDACTED] made available Book 20, Marriage Affidavits, page 49, in which, under #28247, is set out an affidavit by "MARY E. MORENO, 313½ 1st", in which MARY MORENO states she knows PEARL ALLEN, 313½ 1st Street, that PEARL ALLEN is a resident of Multnomah County, over 18 years of age, to wit, about 18 years of age, and there is no legal impediment to the marriage of PEARL ALLEN to FRED DODD, resident of Salem, Marion County, Oregon, age about 23 years. The Affidavit was filed May 9, 1914, and contains a notation at the bottom, "Married by W. N. GATENS."

[REDACTED] advised that the above two documents are the only records which were required as of the time in question and there would be no other records relating to this marriage.

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On 10/22/57 a search was made of the Divorce Indices for Multnomah County by SA [redacted] for the period from 1/2/14 to 12/37. No record was located of any divorce action involving FRED and PEARL ALLEN DODD.

[redacted], Oregon State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 979 State Office Building, Portland, on 10/24/57 advised that no divorce records are maintained on file by that agency prior to the year 1925. [redacted] advised after a search of files that there is no record of a divorce of FRED and PEARL ALLEN DODD, between the years 1925 and 1930.

On 10/24/57 [redacted] also made a check of birth records for the period 1903 through 1920, and advised that there is no record of the birth of a child to FRED and PEARL ALLEN DODD during that period. [redacted] pointed out that records of births in Portland prior to 1915 are not maintained in the State Bureau of Vital Statistics.

On 10/24/57 [redacted] Bureau of Vital Statistics, City Board of Health, Portland City Hall, advised that a check of the birth records for the period from 1909 to 1915, failed to reflect any record of the birth of a child to FRED DODD and PEARL ALLEN DODD.

Concerning the witnesses to the marriage certificate of FRED DODD and PEARL ALLEN, namely F. D. HENNESSY and MARY E. MORENO, the following is noted. The 1913 Portland City Directory lists FRANK D. HENNESSY, lawyer, 701 Chamber of Commerce Bldg., residence 410 - 13th Street. The 1915 Portland City Directory lists FRANK D. HENNESSY, wife, THERESA, Clerk, Circuit Court, Department 5, 410 - 10th Street. The 1956 City Directory does not list either FRANK D. HENNESSY or THERESA HENNESSY. The 1913 and 1914 Portland City Directories do not list MARY E. MORENO. However, the 1915 Portland City Directory lists "Mrs. MARY E. MORENO, 360 Front". She is not listed in the 1916 or the 1956 City Directories.

Since divorce records are not maintained by the State Bureau of Vital Statistics prior to the year 1925, and since FRED DODD listed his address as Salem, Oregon, further check is being made of divorce records at Salem, for any record of divorce proceedings between FRED DODD and PEARL ALLEN DODD.

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

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SAC, PORTLAND (105-544)

WALLACE DON FORD, was.,
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On 12/6/57, [REDACTED] for
Marion County Clerk's Office, Salem, Oregon, advised SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that a check of the records of that office
failed to reflect any record of a divorce involving a person
by the name of W. D. FORD, FRED DODD, PEARL ALLEN, or PEARL
DODD.

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SAC, PORTLAND (105-544)

WALLACE DON FORD, was.
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DATE 10-5-79 BY SP-3 TEC/DO

Re Chicago letter dated 12/30/57.

On 1/8/58 it was again verified that Marion County maintains no birth records, and that all records for Oregon, other than Portland, since 1903, are at the State Board of Health (already checked).

On 1/8/58, a careful check was made of the following without locating any record of the subject or his family:

1909 Salem City Directory.
1909 Marion County Tax List.
1910 Salem City Directory.
1910 Marion County Tax List.
1911 Salem City Directory.
1911 Marion County Tax List.
1913 Salem City Directory.
1913 Marion County Tax List.

1915 and 1917 City Directories for Marion County, including following:

Salem, Woodburn, Stayton, Silverton, Turner, West Stayton, West Woodburn, Aumsville, Aurora, Brooks, Chemawa, Detroit, McDonald, Gates, Gervais, Hoover, Hubbard, Jefferson, Marion, Nehama, Mill City, Mt. Angel, Niagara, Pratum, St. Paul, Shaw, and Sublimity, as well as all rural routes out of these towns.

1915 and 1917 Marion County Tax lists.

No other directories were available for period 1918-20.

L7D On 1/8/57, ██████████ Credit Bureau, Inc., Salem, advised their records go back only to about 1931.

On 1/8/57, the following could locate no record:

██████████ Marion County Sheriff's Office, Salem.
██████████ Salem Police Department.
██████████ Salem Water Department.

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SAC, PORTLAND (105-544)

WALLACE DON FORD, was.
SM-NOI
OFFICE ORIGIN:CHICAGO

Relet from Chicago to Bureau dated 2/3/58, wherein certain additional leads are set forth for the Portland Office, seeking to develop additional background data concerning FRED DODD, who according to Marriage Certificate #86247, on file in Book 35, page 240, Marriage Records, Office Multnomah County Clerk, Portland, was married 4/20/14, at the Multnomah County Court House by Circuit Judge W. H. GATENS, in the presence of F. D. MENNESSY and MARRY E. MORENO.

[REDACTED] Oregon State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 979 State Office Building, on 2/19/58, advised that the records of births on file at this institution did not go back to the 1890's other than in those instances where there had been what is termed a "delayed filing" of record of birth. [REDACTED] advised after checking such records that there was no record on file of the birth in Oregon of anyone named FRED DODD. [REDACTED] noted that the Portland City Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, City Hall, maintains some records of births which occurred in Portland, prior to 1903.

On 2/19/58, [REDACTED] Bureau of Vital Statistics, City Board of Health, Portland City Hall, made a check of those births recorded in the period from June, 1884 to December 31, 1895. There was no record of birth of anyone named DODD. [REDACTED] pointed out that the birth records on file were limited in number inasmuch as during that period there was no requirement that same be done.

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With reference to F. D. HENNESSY, who was a witness to the marriage of FRED DODD and PEARL ALLEN, as it is noted in Portland letter to Chicago 10/29/57, the 1913 Portland City Directory lists FRANK D. HENNESSY, lawyer, 701 Chamber of Commerce Building, residence 410 - 13th Street, Portland. The 1915 and 1916 Portland City Directories list FRANK D. HENNESSY, (wife, THERESA B.) as clerk, District Court, Portland, he being shown as clerk of Department 5, Circuit Court, in 1915.

The 1920 Portland City Directory lists FRANK HENNESSY, wife, THERESA B., as an engineer, with residence same as in 1915, 410 - 13th Street. The 1950 Portland City Directory lists THERESA B. HENNESSY, widow of FRANK HENNESSY, residing at 627 N. W. 21st Avenue, Portland. Mrs. HENNESSY's name does not appear in subsequent Portland City Directories.

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On 2/19/58, ██████████, Multnomah County Clerk's Office, Multnomah County Court House, advised that he has been employed in the County Clerk's office in various capacities since 1921. ██████████ recalled that W. N. GATENS, Circuit Judge, (who married FRED and PEARL ALLEN), died a few months after Judge GATENS was defeated for re-election to office in about 1923. ██████████ recalled that while GATENS was a Circuit Judge he was assigned to Department #5. ██████████ stated that he was unable to recall F. D. HENNESSY or FRANK D. HENNESSY as having been either a Circuit Court Clerk, or a practicing attorney. ██████████ pointed out it was quite likely from the facts related that HENNESSY was a Circuit Court Clerk in Department 5, in which department W. N. GATENS was Judge in 1914.

██████████ further stated that it appears quite likely F. D. HENNESSY was called upon by the Judge to act as a witness to the marriage in question. ██████████ stated that this has been a common practice over the years. In the case at hand, he noted that MARY MORENO probably accompanied the couple being married, while HENNESSY was asked by the judge to serve as the second witness to the marriage. ██████████ stated that he himself has served in similar capacity under similar circumstances on a number of occasions, he having no knowledge of the persons being married other than when being introduced to them at the time of the ceremony.

FD 105-544

From the facts outlined above there is no reason to believe that any purpose would be served in attempting to locate any acquaintances of HENNESSY to ascertain whether they have any knowledge of FRED DODD. Further effort in this direction therefore, is not being made.

It is noted there is no indication in old city directories that FRANK D. HENNESSY ever served in a law office with other attorneys. It is also noted that the 1926 Portland City Directory, lists FRANK D. HENNESSY, wife, THERESA B., as an engineer, Bureau of Water Works, Portland,

Reference is made to the request that long time residents in the legal field in both Portland and Salem be contacted for any information they might possess concerning DODD and/or PEARL ALLEN. This request is based upon the alleged fact that WALLIE FORD had stated his Oregon marriage was followed by a bitter separation after which he was "unable to obtain a divorce", which might indicate some other form of legal action. Any consideration given to this lead would be based upon the assumption that DODD or ALLEN had instituted action under the name of DODD, since this was the name under which they were married. As was indicated in Portland letter dated 10/29/57, a complete search was made of the Divorce Indices for Multnomah County by SA [redacted] on 10/22/57, covering the period from 1/2/14 to December, 1937. There was no record whatever of any divorce action having ever been instituted by or against a FRED DODD. It is noted records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Oregon State Board of Health, reflect only actual divorces granted rather than the filing of complaints for divorce. It is pointed out in Portland letter to Chicago, 12/31/57, a check made of the records of Marion County Clerk's Office, Salem, Oregon, failed to reflect any record of a divorce involving W. D. FORD, FRED DODD, PEARL ALLEN or PEARL DODD. Since there is no item of record indicating any divorce complaint was ever filed against or by FRED DODD inquiry does not appear warranted among long time residents in the legal field concerning the "bitter separation" of DODD and PEARL ALLEN, which separation would have taken place some 35 to 40 years ago.

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Concerning the check of Salem City Directories and Marion County tax lists, reference to which is made in Portland letter dated 1/9/58, it is pointed out the check of records included the name FRED DODD.

It is recalled the records concerning the marriage of PEARL ALLEN to FRED DODD on 4/20/14, indicated that PEARL ALLEN of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, was then about eighteen years of age. It is assumed PEARL ALLEN was the maiden name of this woman although this is not specifically indicated. Examination of Portland City Directories issued during the years between 1912 and 1929, failed to reflect any woman was listed under the name of PEARL ALLEN. The directories were also checked for the years 1915 to 1929 for any record of PEARL DODD without any results. It is noted the Portland City Directories issued for the years 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, and 1957, likewise were checked for any record of either PEARL ALLEN or PEARL DODD but no such name was listed.

It is noted as to MARY E. MORENO, one of the witnesses to the marriage of FRED DODD and PEARL ALLEN, Portland City Directories issued between 1913 and 1957, contain only one possible reference to her, same being the 1915 City Directory as indicated previously in Portland letter dated 10/29/57.

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[REDACTED] Retail Credit Association of Portland, Inc., on 2/21/58, advised that the records of that agency contain no reference to MARY E. MORENO, [REDACTED] stated that the files of the credit agency are periodically checked and in the absence of any credit activity, files upon becoming 10 years old are destroyed.

In the absence of further logical leads, this case considered RUC.

Office Memorandum
United States Government

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971) DATE : 6/17/63

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-51473)

**RE : NATION OF ISLAM
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ReChicago letter to Bureau dated 5/2/63.

Relet instructed San Francisco to obtain a fingerprint card for EDWARD DONALDSON, former associate of WALLIE D. FARD in Los Angeles, and forward it to the Bureau. Additionally, San Francisco was directed to conduct appropriate investigation in an attempt to locate DONALDSON for interview.

On May 17, 1963, IC [REDACTED] obtained the arrest record for [REDACTED]

- 3 - Bureau (ENCLS. 2) (REG.)
 1 - 105-63642 - WALLACE DODD FORD
3 - Los Angeles (105-2604) (REG.)
 1 - 105-4805 - WALLACE DOD FOPD
3 - Chicago (100-35635 - Sub B) (REG.)
 1 - 100-33683 - WALLACE DODD FORD
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The following investigation, at Sacramento, California,
was conducted by SA [REDACTED]:

On May 20, 1963, [REDACTED] State Department of
Motor Vehicles, advised that she is unable to locate any auto-
mobile registered to WALLACE DODD FORD. She explained that auto
registration files are purged in the Department of Motor Vehicles
two years after the last registration of any particular automobile.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Muslim Founder

White Masquerader

BY ED MONTGOMERY

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Black Muslims by the thousands pay homage to Wallace Farad, their "Prophet from Mecca," in the mistaken belief that as founder of the black supremacy cult he is one of their own.

It was Farad who composed the tenets of the Black Muslim faith. He is the "holy man and divine person" who must be remembered in one or more of the Black Muslims' seven daily prayers.

Yet Wallace Farad is not a Negro. He is a white man masquerading as a Negro.

His true name is Wallace Dodd.

He was born in New Zealand Feb. 26, 1891.

His father was British—arriving in New Zealand via Australia on a sailing schooner. His mother was a Polynesian native.

MAN OF MANY ALIASES

Dodd's police "rap sheet" includes a conviction for bootlegging and a San Quentin prison term for the sale of narcotics.

To the FBI he is number 58762—and a man of many aliases. The California Bureau of Identification and Investigation lists him as Wallace Ford, number 1737924. At San Quentin Ford, he was number

42314. With the Michigan State Police he is Wallace Farad, number 98076.

Although the names and numbers vary, the fingerprints are

always the same, be it Los Angeles, San Quentin or Detroit, birthplace of the Black Muslim movement.

A huge doctored portrait of Dodi, alias Farah, adorns the wall behind the desk of Elijah Muhammad, present titular head of the Black Muslim cult.

"HE'S THE ONE" IS WORD

Elijah Muhammad (true name Elijah Poole, alias Gulian Bogans, 65-year-old native of Georgia), in referring to Farad as a holy man and a divine person, observes:

"He is God himself. He is the one we have been looking for for the past 2000 years to come. He is the one and his word bears witness to the fact that he is the one."

Asked if he personally knew Farad, Elijah Muhammad said that he did. He volunteered that, although Farad had gone back to Mecca, he was in constant touch with him spiritually, pending his return.

Indeed Elijah knows Farad. He first met him on a street corner in Detroit in 1931. At that time Dodd, under the alias Ford (the names Fard and Farad came later), was a turban-wearing door-to-door silk salesman.

ABANDONED FAMILY

Dodd arrived in the United States from New Zealand in 1913 and settled in Portland, Ore. He married but soon abandoned his wife and infant son.

He lingered in the Seattle area under the name of Fred Dodd for a few months before going to Los Angeles. There he opened a restaurant at 803 W. 3rd St. under the name of Wallace D. Ford.

At 27, Dodd took as his common-law wife a 25-year-old waitress employee who on Sept. 1, 1920, bore him a son, Wallace Dodd Ford.

On the son's birth certificate, Dodd listed himself as "white" and a native of New Zealand.

(In 1940 the boy's mother, aware of Dodd's identity and his role as founder of the Black Muslims, had her son's name changed legally from Wallace Dodd Ford to Wallace Muhammad.)

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Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tel. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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city and state.)

BOSTON GLOBE
Boston, Mass.

BOSTON HERALD
Boston, Mass.

BOSTON TRAVELER
Boston, Mass.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
MONITOR, Boston,
Mass.

RECORD AMERICAN
Boston, Mass.

Date: 7-29-63
Edition: COMPLETE
Author: ED MONTGOMERY
Editor: EDWARD HOLLAND
Title: "ATION OF ISLAM"

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Ford. Two years later the youth drowned while in the service of the United States Coast Guard.)

Under the alias Wallace D. Ford, Dodd was arrested for bootlegging in January, 1926. Once more he identified himself for the record as a member of the white race. He drew a brief jail sentence.

NARCOTICS RAP

On June 12, 1926, Dodd, under the alias of Ford, was sentenced to San Quentin Prison for the sale of narcotics over his restaurant counter. He drew a term of from six months to six years.

Released from San Quentin on May 27, 1929, he paused briefly in Los Angeles before walking out on his common-law wife and son. Dodd made his way to Chicago and then to Detroit to become a Bible-toting itinerant peddler of aliks.

Dodd posed as a Negro and prided himself as something of a Biblical authority and mathematician. He had a tremendous gift for gab and soon attracted a depression following of Negroes.

Dodd had no difficulty in convincing his followers they were descendants of the original man, that their forebears were of Islam and that they were Allah's chosen people.

A GOOD THING

Realizing he had a good thing going, Dodd began emphasizing Islam and black supremacy. Gradually he turned away from the Bible, eventually denouncing it outright through interpretations twisted to suit his purpose. He adopted the Koran as his cult's official religious text. He established a temple and conducted classes.

During this period he met Elijah Poole, whom he eventually "ordained" as minister of the Black Muslim faith under the name Elijah Muhammad, "Apostle of Allah."

By now Dodd was passing himself off as the saviour born in the holy city of Mecca. He claimed to have arrived in America July 4, 1930.

To excite interest among his followers and gain new adherents, Dodd published a crudely printed tract, the preface of which reads:

"This book teaches the lost found nation of Islam. A thorough knowledge of our mis-

able state of condition in a mathematical way, when we were found by our Saviour, W. D. Fard."

CASH FOR SOLUTIONS

The fly leaf reads: "By Prophet W. D. Fard."

The book poses such problems as these:

"A sheep contains fourteen square feet. One-tenth of a square inch contains ten thousand hairs. How many will the fourteen square feet contain? \$15.50 for the person who works this problem. (Qualified members only.)"

Through contributions and expanding commercial endeavors, including the sale of "official" note paper, Dodd had what constituted a tidy financial income.

But the potential dangerousness and the primitive instincts of some of his colleagues became evident on Nov. 21, 1932, with an act of human sacrifice which rocked the populace of Detroit.

Cult member Robert Harris induced member John J. Smith to present himself as a human sacrifice so that he might become "the saviour of the world." Harris plunged a knife into Smith's heart as he lay prone on an improvised altar.

TWO MORE ON LIST

To their dismay, police learned that two additional members were slated as volunteer victims of sacrifice. That marked the beginning of the end for Dodd.

He was arrested by Detroit police on May 25, 1933, under the name of Wallace Don Fard, Alias W. D. Fard, Prophet W. D. Fard, W. D. Foard, Wallace Farrad, Wall Farrad, Professor Ford, Farrad Mohammed and F. Mohammed Ali, Founder of the Nation of Islam.

The official report cites Dodd as being "the leader of a voodoo cult with the following of several thousand Negro men and women."

Dodd was ordered out of Detroit.

IN WHITE ROBES

According to his former common-law wife, Dodd went from there to Chicago and became a traveling suit salesman for a mail order tailor.

Working his way through the midwest, Dodd arrived in Los Angeles in the spring of 1934. He was driving a new car and

garbed in flowing white robes.

Dodd's attempt at a reconciliation with his wife failed. He remained for two weeks, visiting daily with his son, to whom he had been sending sizable sums of money from time to time.

Finally he sold his car and boarded a ship for New Zealand with the announcement he was going back to visit his relatives, including an uncle who had paid the fare for his trip

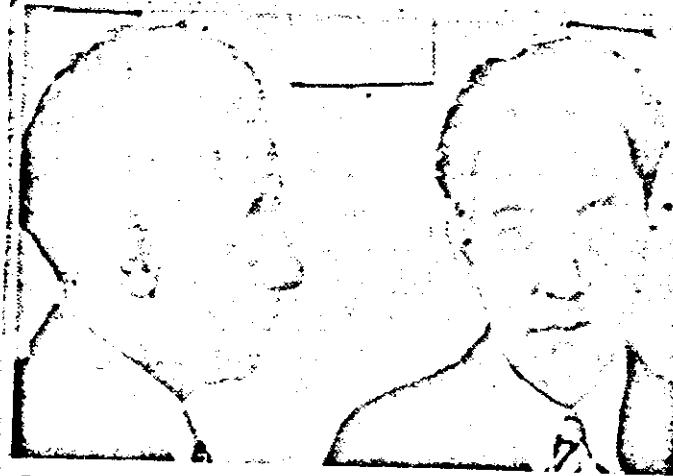
to America in 1913.

Thus the man to whom Black Muslims pray and whose Feb. 26th birthday marks the opening of each annual convention of the black supremacy cult, returned to the land of his birth—as close to Mecca as he has ever been.

Says Elijah Muhammad of Farrad's prophesized return from Mecca:

"He is just waiting for his proper time to deliver speeches."

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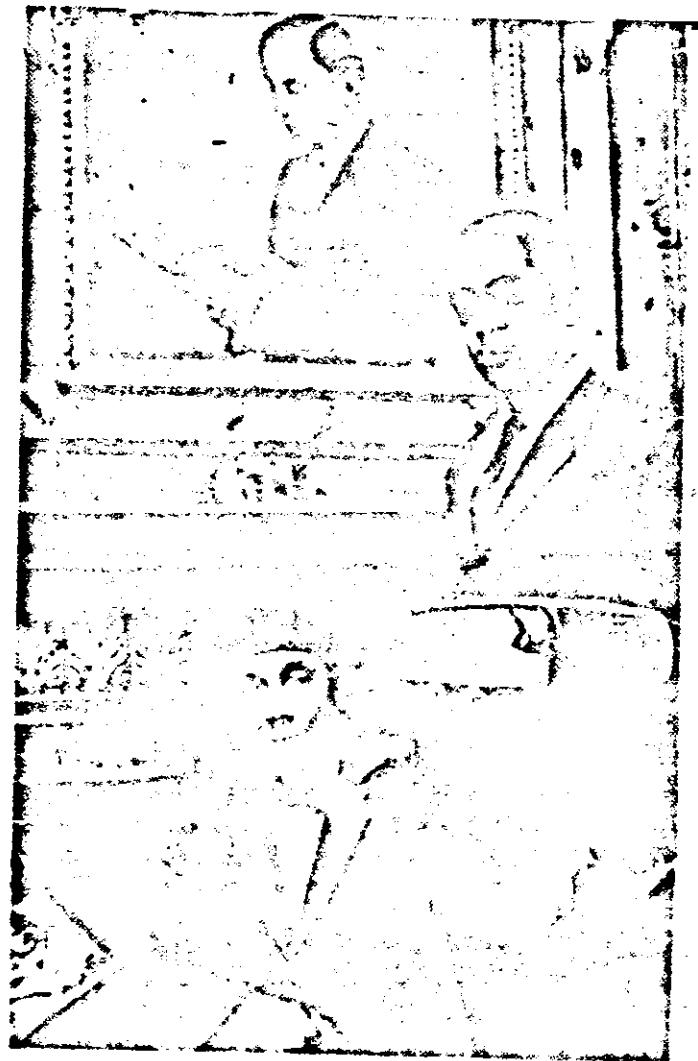


PROFILE FEATURES of British father and dark eyes and complexion of Polynesian mother are evident in these Los Angeles police shots of Wallace Dodd, alias Farad. Pictures were taken just prior to his confinement in San Quentin for sale of narcotics.

Los Angeles		California State Board of Health	Date Index No.
Los Angeles		DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	
Los Angeles		STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	Local Registered No. 7850
		McDonald Sanitarium, _____, Calif.	
NAME OF CHILD		Wallace Dodd Ford	
MATERIAL AND PHYSICAL PARTICULARS			
Male	Female	Date	Sept 3 1930
Wallace Ford		Mother	Marie Burton
Elmer Lee Angeles, Cal.		Father	None
White		Color	White
New Zealand		Sex	Male
Keeps Restaurants		Weight	None
Does he speak English?		Yes	
Does he speak other language?		No	
Is he born alive?		Yes	
Name of Hospital		HARLEY S. MACDONALD	
Date of Birth		Sept 3, 1930	
Age		Physician	
Address		1521 S. Hope St., Los Angeles	
Date		Sep 3, 1930	

WHITE NATIVE of New Zealand is the way Wallace Dodd Ford, alias Wallace Farad, founder of the Black Muslim cult, identified himself in this official birth certificate.

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HUGE PORTRAIT of Wallace Dodd hangs on wall behind desk of Elijah Muhammed (seated), present titular head of the Black Muslims. Standing with copy of Koran in hand is Elijah's son, Wallace X, heir apparent to the cult reina.

Date 7/30/68

Transmit the following in _____

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority or Method of Translating)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)
SUBJECT: WALLACE DODD FORD, aka.
SM - NOI

Re Chicago letter to Bureau & 2nd page, reamed "NOI, IS - NOI", setting forth a lead for Los Angeles to review records of the Los Angeles PD and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office regarding an EDWARD DONALDSON.

On 7/29/68 [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past provided the following information of interest in the matter of WALLACE DODD FORD the "AHLAH of the Nation of Islam (NOI)".

An unidentified sister from Los Angeles and ELIJAH MOHAMMED discussed an article which appeared in a Los Angeles daily paper, name and date not mentioned concerning the "FAKRAT" (phonetic). MOHAMMED referred to the article as a false report which had been published foolishly by the Los Angeles paper. He added that the FBI knows "FAKRAT" is not in Los Angeles or they would have given the information themselves. He felt no one in a Federal prison being involved and felt that the article referred to a movement other than the Muslims.

- 4 - Bureau - RHM
 1 - 25-330973 (NOI) REC-35
- 3 - Los Angeles 1100-4803
 1 - 305-2604 (NOI)
- 3 - Chicago 100-33683
 1 - 100-35635 Sub B
 1 - 100-6930 (ELIJAH MOHAMMED)

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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

Signed:

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Subsequently on the same date a female by the name of RA--- SIMMONS of the "California Eagle" and ELIJAH MOHAMMED discussed a story which had appeared in the Hearst Newspapers regarding the founder of the Muslims. Their conversation is set forth verbatim as follows:

"E. It is not the picture of Mr. Farard Mohammed.

R. It is not.

E. It is not, I know the other person well, and it is not his age.

R. Not his age. How old is he?

E. It is not Farard Mohammed. He is 86 years old and he was born in the city of Mecca and he is an Arab. This is not an Arab and he speaks 16 different languages.

R. Then the whole story is false.

E. It is completely false.

R. Speaks how many languages.

E. 16 and writes 10.

R. Speaks 16 and writes 10 and you say the story is entirely false.

E. Completely false. We didn't mention of its label when we give \$100,000 to prove them a liar. To put such a false statement in this paper they can not do it. We will give them a \$100,000 to prove it.

R. To prove it.

E. To prove this man is Mr. Farard Mohammed. Farard Mohammed is an Arab.

R. Do you have a picture of him.

E. I certainly do. I have lots of them.

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R. Could I get one from Minister John.

E. Ah, I could send him one if he does not have one.

R. Think that he has one. If he has one, I could get it from him and you would release it.

E. Yes madam. And I also was with Mr. Farard Mohammed for three years, ... and was with him when he was arrested in Detroit, Michigan, there.

R. Good.

E. Not for no such thing as no murder, they arrested him there because he was teaching us. By the teachings and not for no murder or nothing like that.

R. Was he ever in Los Angeles.

E. Pardon me.

R. Was he ever in Los Angeles?

E. I don't know.

R. The story says that he was here and had a son, do you know.

E. He was not married.

R. Was not married.

E. No, he was not married.

R. Has he ever communicated with you since the early days in the thirties.

E. Since the early days in the thirties.

R. Has he communicated with you since then.

E. Yes.

R. How often.

E. How often. Oh I-I-I don't know, well--

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R. Has he appeared in person.

E. No, no.

R. How does he communicate with you?

E. Well, he communicates with me just like I am talking with you. I hear him in my ears, just like I am listening to you.

R. I see.

E. I know him perfectly well and we have pictures of him and if they want to prove this why don't they write and get his picture from the Detroit police Court there or send for it from Washington. And also ask him if that was the man, that they have in their paper today. I don't see why the Federal Government would not have told us time again. We are telling them almost daily who he is. They don't throw h stuff as that in our face. This is all just propaganda to try to prevent the so-called American Negro from accepting Islam. That is all it is for as far as I can see.

R. Uh huh. Are you going to sue them.

E. Well, I am not saying.

R. Uh huh. Did Mr. Mohammed ever go to New Zealand or come from New Zealand.

E. Never heard nothing about that. He was an Arab and he came from Mecca. I think the California University, I do remember him saying, well that was about forty years ago I guess now, that he went to the California University out there.

R. Uh huh. That was forty years ago.

E. Forty years ago now, I think or more.

R. Do you know where he is now.

E. Well ah-I would not say if I actually knew.

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R. You have not seen him since the thirties have you?

E. Ah the-not since the thirties, not since thirty four, personal.

R. When did you hear from him last?

E. Such times a-a-maybe about-a-a-a few days ago.

R. A few days ago. Did he give you advise.

E. I have communication, like I told you.

R. Uh huh. Did he give you advise on the present struggle in this country?

E. Well-a-ah-a well a-that is well no.

R. Does he give you guidance?

E. He has certainly done that and continue to do so.

R. Does he come to you when you are asleep.

E. No.

R. No, while you are awake.

E. That is right.

R. Did you say that you are offering \$100,000.

E. To prove that -- that this New Zealand ---

R. If they can prove this man is Mr. Mohammed.

E. Mr. Farard Mohammed, that we are following.

R. I see. Okay.

E. I would like to have them to ask do we know anything about D. This is all a lot of propaganda and it is not worth our time to even fool with it. Because I think that the Federal Government would certainly like to know it themselves, if that were the man.

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R. Okay, thank you very much.

E. You are perfectly welcome, goodbye.

R. Goodbye. Thank you."

Los Angeles is requested if not already done so to provide the Bureau and Chicago with newspaper clippings of the original articles appearing in the Hearst Newspapers in this matter. Los Angeles should also alert NOI informants for any pertinent information regarding these articles which might have been discussed at the NOI Temple or by individual members.

FBI

Date: 7/31/63

Transmit the following in _____

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33689)
 SUBJECT: WALLACE DODD FORD, aka.
 SM - NOI

Re Chicago airtel dated 7/30/63.

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 On 7/30/63 [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided the following additional information regarding an article appearing in a Los Angeles paper concerning the subject:

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, in a discussion with Dr. Martin Secretary (JOHN ALI), refers to a call from a Los Angeles paper and instructed the Secretary to see about getting a good lawyer who is "one hundred per cent for us" to sue the paper and prove their story. The discussion between the Secretary and MUHAMMAD indicated that ALI was quite riled up about the story and its implications which he stated had the purpose of stripping the black man from believing in Islam.

The above is furnished as additional information for Los Angeles and the Bureau supplemental to the information contained in referenced airtel.

- 4 - Bulkai (RM)
 1 - 25-330971 (NOI)
 3 - Los Angeles (RM) (100-4805)
 1 - 100-2644 (NCF) REC 7
 5 - Chicago
 1 - 100-4289 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)

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 1 - 100-35635 (NCF)
 1 - 100-35635 (SUB E)

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C.G. Wick

Approved:

[Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent: 8:00 AM

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (25-330971-26)

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YOU SHOULD ANSWER THE LETTER FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES,

AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE YOUR RECENT LETTER, WITH ENCLOSURES, HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

QUOTE ALTHOUGH, I WOULD LIKE TO BE OF SERVICE TO YOU, INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI MUST BE MAINTAINED AS CONFIDENTIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND IS AVAILABLE FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY. UNQUOTE

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By reairtel Los Angeles advised it had received a letter from [REDACTED] Los Angeles, inquiring if an attached article from the "Harold-Examiner," a Los Angeles daily newspaper, regarding the Nation of Islam (NOI) was true. The article alleges that Wallace Dodd, the founder of the Black Muslim movement is a white man masquerading as a Negro. Los Angeles states UACB it will advise the correspondent our files are confidential.

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Radiogram to Los Angeles
RE: NATION OF ISLAM
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Bufiles contain no positive identifiable information concerning correspondent. However, she may be identical with [redacted], reportedly a member of the NOI. Dodd is known to us as Wallace Dodd Ford, also known as W. D. Fard. We have previously received this article. Our investigation of the NOI and Ford failed to establish his birth date or his birth place. He has been variously described as "white" and "colored." He was last heard from in 1934. In view of the background of the correspondent and the nature of her inquiry, the above reply is considered advisable. Radiogram necessary as Los Angeles is holding in abeyance reply to correspondence. In the event next radio contact is missed, this communication should be converted to a plain text routine teletype.

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August 2, 1963

Mr. G. W. Jackson
1601 East 1st Street
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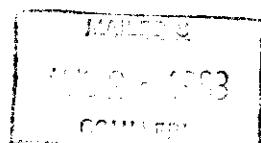
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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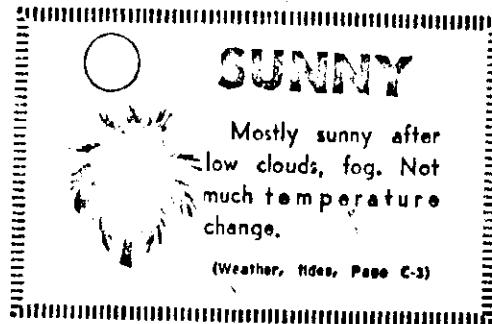
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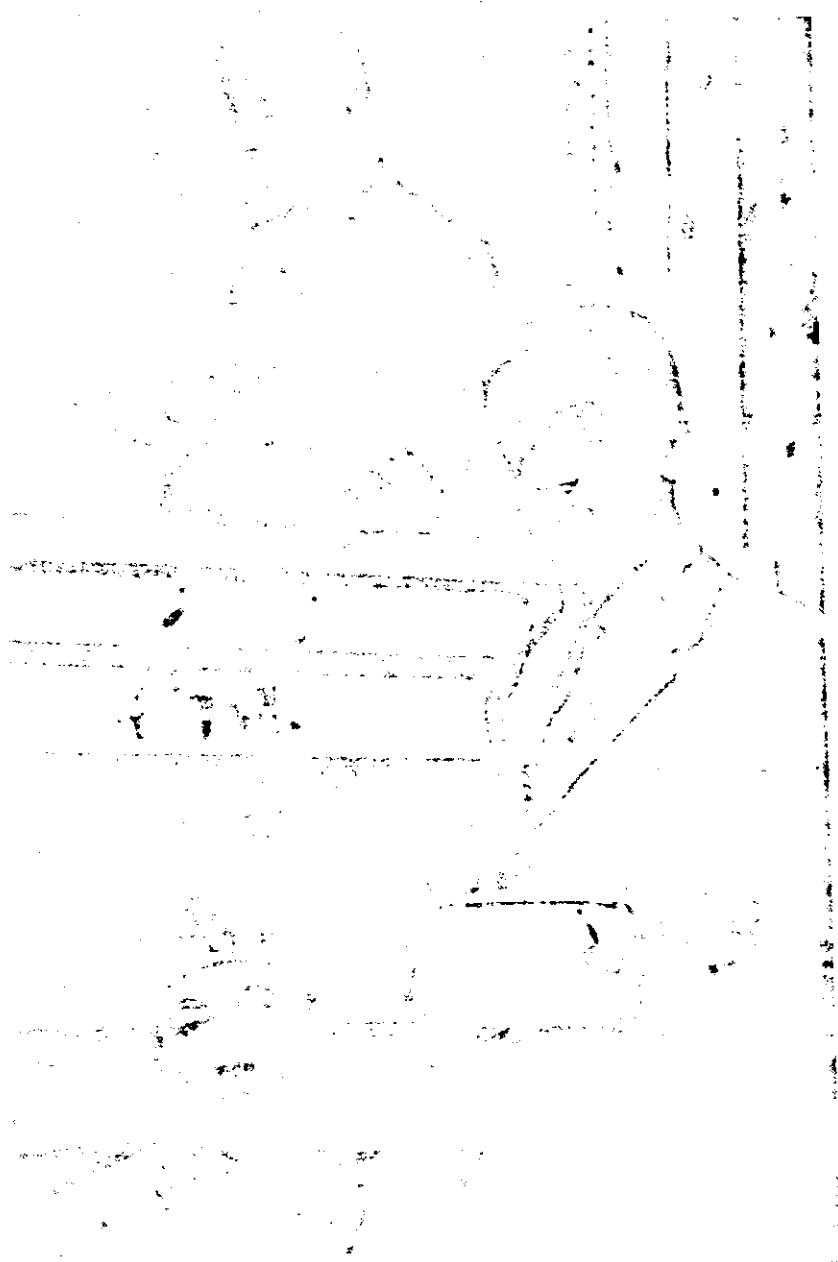
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But the potential dangerousness and the primitive instincts of some of his followers became evident on Nov. 21, 1932, with an act of human sacrifice which rocked the populace of Detroit.

Cult member Robert Harris induced member John J. Smith to present himself as a human sacrifice so that he might become "The Saviour of the World." Harris plunged a knife into Smith's heart as he lay prone on an improvised altar.

To their dismay, police learned that two additional members were slated as volunteer victims of sacrifice. That marked the beginning of the end for Dodd.

He was arrested by Detroit police on May 22, 1933, under the name of Wallace Don Fard, alias W. D. Fard, Prophet W. D. Fard, W. D. Ford, Wallace Farad, Wall Farrad, Professor Ford, Farrakhan Mohammed and F. Mohammed Ali, founder of the Nation of Islam.

The official report cites Dodd as being "the leader of a Voo-Doo cult with the following of several thousand Negro men and women."

It states that Dodd admitted his teaching "were strictly a racket" and that he was "gettin' all the money out of it he could."

Dodd was ordered out of Detroit.

According to his former common-law wife Dodd went from state to Chicago and became traveling salesman for a mail order tailor.

Working his way through the Midwest, Dodd arrived in Los Angeles in the spring of 1934.

White Robes

He was driving a new car and was garbed in flowing white robes.

Dodd's attempt at a reconciliation with his wife failed. He remained for two weeks visiting daily with his son, to whom he had been sending sizable sums of money from time to time.

Finally he sold his car and boarded a ship for New Zealand with the announcement he was going back to visit his relatives, including an uncle who had paid the fare for his trip to America in 1933.

Thus the revered holy man to whom Black Muslims pray and whose Feb. 26 birthday marks the opening of each annual convention of the NOI's supremacy cult, returned to the land of "Mecca"—as close to Mecca as he has ever been.

Says Elijah Mohammed of Fard's purchased return from Mecca:

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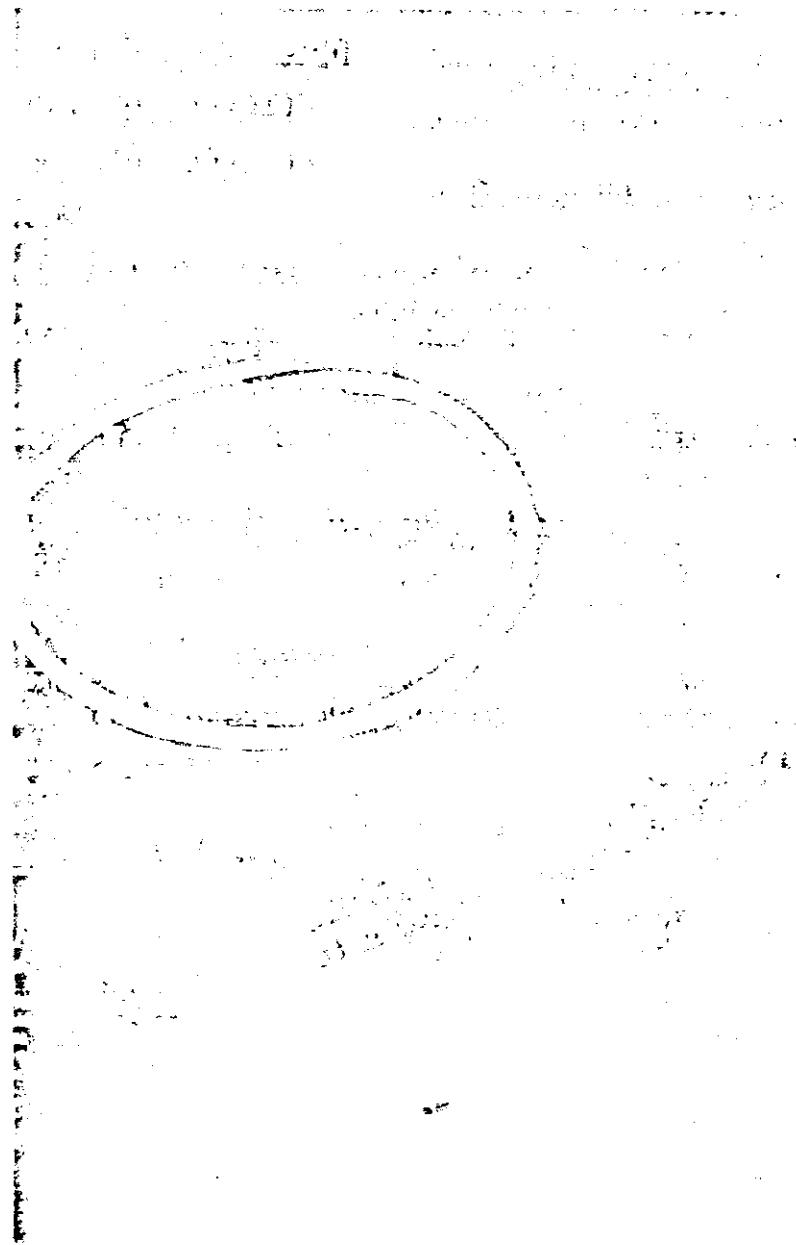
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August 7, 1963

105-63642-34
Miss Loretta R. Dewberry
1720 West 45th Street
Los Angeles 62, California

Dear Miss Dewberry:

Your communication of July 31st, with enclosure, has been received.

I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sorry I am unable to be of service in this instance and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have the data you are seeking in our files.

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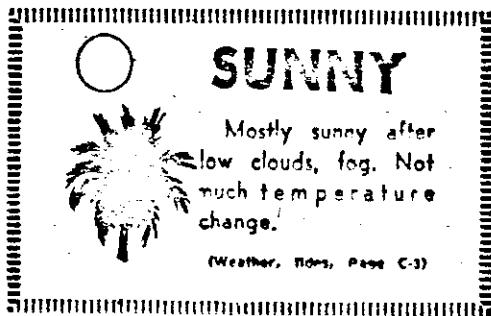
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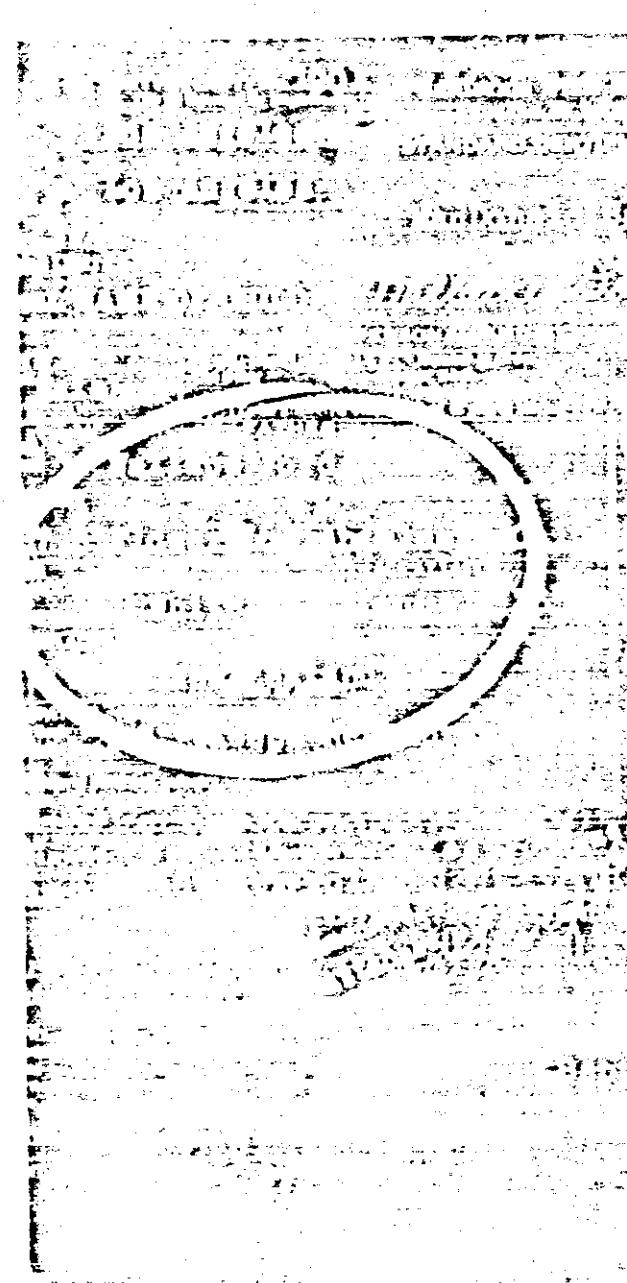
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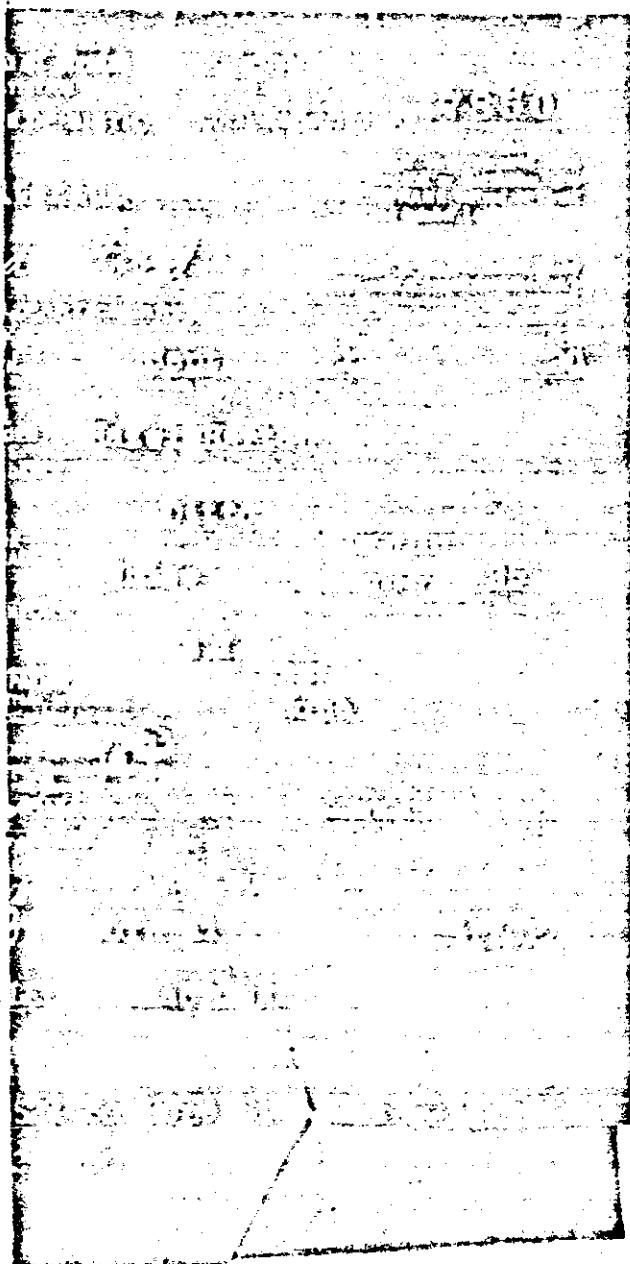
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But the potential dangerousness and the primitive instincts of some of his followers became evident on Nov. 21, 1932, with an act of human sacrifice which rocked the populace of Detroit.

Cult member Robert Harris induced member John J. Smith to present himself as a human sacrifice so that he might become "The Saviour of the World." Harris plunged a knife into Smith's heart as he lay prone on an improvised altar.

To their dismay, police learned that two additional members were slated as volunteer victims of sacrifice. That marked the beginning of the end for Dodd.

He was arrested by Detroit police on May 25, 1933, under the name of Wallace Don Fard, alias W. D. Fard, Prophet W. D. Fard, W. D. Foard, Wallace Farad, Wali Farrad, Professor Ford, Farrad Mohammed and F. Mohammed Ali, founder of the Nation of Islam.

The official report cites Dodd as being "the leader of a Voo-Doo cult with the following of several thousand Negro men and women."

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White Robes

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Thus the revered holy man to whom Black Muslims pray and whose Feb. 26 birthday marks the opening of each annual convention of the black supremacy cult, returned to the land of his birth —as close to Mecca as he has ever been.

Says Elijah Muhammad of Fard's prophesied return from Mecca:

"He is just waiting for his proper time to deliver speeches."

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August 7, 1963

Mrs. Barbara Jean Perkins
713 West Poplar
Compton, California 90220

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Dear Mrs. Perkins:

Your letter dated July 20th, with enclosure, has been received.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Lufiles. Wallace Dodd, also known as Wallace Farad, is known in Bufiles as the founder of the Black Muslim movement and his whereabouts are unknown since 1934 when he dropped out of sight. Enclosed was a copy of the "Los Angeles Herald Examiner" dated 7-23-63 reporting the disclosure that Farad, reportedly a Negro, was in reality a white man masquerading as a Negro. The article sets out data indicating "To the FBI he is No. 56062." (105-63642) (109-6562) Farad has been reported to be both Negro and white; however, fingerprint cards and Identification Division records at time of arrests show his color was white and of Arabian descent. The Domestic Intelligence Division advises the Director has already been apprised of this article. 1153 AM 7/7/63

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713 W. Poplar
Compton, California 90220
July 29, 1963

Justice Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention. J. E. Hoover or/ Bobby Kennedy
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a article from the Los Angeles Herald Examiner, Dated July 28, 1963, concerning the Black Muslim. Did your Department release the information stated in the article, If so whom did you talk to in order to receive this information; and did you talk to this Mr. Wallace Dodd.

Is this Article True?

Will be awaiting your Reply soon.

Sincerely

/s/Mrs. Barbara Jean Perkins

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Sincerely
Mrs Barbara Jean Richter

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A Dope Peddler, Dodd Served Time in Quentin

By Ed Montgomery

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Black Muslims by the thousands pay homage to Wallace Farad, their "Prophet from Mecca," in the mistaken belief that as founder of the black supremacy cult he is one of their own.

It was Farad who composed the tenets of the Black Muslim faith. He is the "holy man and divine person" who must be remembered in one or more of the Black Muslims' seven daily prayers.

Yet Wallace Farad is, admittedly, an enterprising, racketeering fake.

He is not a Negro. He is a white man masquerading as a Negro.

His true name is Wallace Dodd.

He was born in New Zealand, on Feb. 26, 1891.

His father was British — arriving in New Zealand via Australia on a sailing schooner. His mother was a Polynesian native.

Dodd's police "rap sheet" includes a conviction for bootlegging and a San Quentin Prison term for the sale of narcotics.

To the FBI he is No. 56062 — and a man of many aliases. The California Bureau of Identification and Investigation lists him as Wallace Ford, No. 1797924. At San Quentin, as Ford, he was No. 42314. With the Michigan State Police he is Wallace Farad, No. 98078.

Although the names and numbers vary, the fingerprints are always the same, be it Los Angeles, San Quentin or Detroit, birthplace of the Black Muslim movement.

A huge doctored portrait of Dodd, alias Farad, adorns the wall behind the desk of Elijah Muhammad, present titular head of the Black Muslim cult.

Elijah Muhammad (true name Elijah Poole,

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)



WALLACE DODD

Muslim Founder

Dodd Once Jailed For Selling Dope

(Continued from Page 1)

Elijah Gulian Bogans, 65-year-old native of Georgia, in referring to Farad as a holy man and a divine person, observes:

"He is God himself. He is the one we have been looking for for the past 2000 years to come. He is the one and his word bears witness to the fact that he is the one."

Asked if he personally knew Farad, Elijah Muhammad said that he did. He volunteered that, although Farad had gone back to Mecca, he was in constant touch with him spiritually, pending his return.

Indeed Elijah knows Farad. He first met him on a street corner in Detroit in 1931.

At that time Dodd, under the alias Ford (the names Fard and Farad came later), was a turban-wearing door-to-door silk salesman.

Abandons Family

Dodd arrived in the United States from New Zealand in 1913 and settled in Portland, Ore. He married, but soon abandoned his wife and infant son.

He lingered in the Seattle area, under the name of Fred Dodd, for a few months before going to Los Angeles. There he opened a restaurant at 803 West Third St. under the name of Wallace D. Ford.

At 26, Dodd took as his common-law wife a 23-year-old waitress employee who on Sept. 1, 1920, bore him a son, Wallace Dodd Ford.

On the son's birth certificate, Dodd listed himself as "white" and a native of New Zealand.

In 1940 the boy's mother, aware of Dodd's identity and his role as founder of the Black Muslims, had her son's name changed legally from Wallace Dodd Ford to Wallace Max Ford. Two years later the youth drowned while in the service of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Under the alias Wallace D. Ford, Dodd was arrested for bootlegging in January, 1928. Once more he identified himself for the record as a member of the white race. He drew a brief jail sentence.

On June 13, 1928, Dodd, under the alias of Ford, was sentenced to San Quentin Prison for the sale of narcotics over his restaurant counter. He drew a term of from six months to six years.

Released from San Quentin on May 21, 1929, he paused briefly in Los Angeles before walking out to his common-law wife and son. Dodd made his way to Chicago and then to Detroit to become a Bible-touting itinerant peddler of silk.

Dodd posed as a Negro and prided himself as something of a Biblical authority and mathematician. He had a tremendous gift for gab and soon attracted a depression-following of Negroes.

Dodd had no difficulty in convincing his fol-



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Black Muslim founder listed New Zealand as

parents they were descendants of the that their forebears were of Islam and were Allah's chosen people.

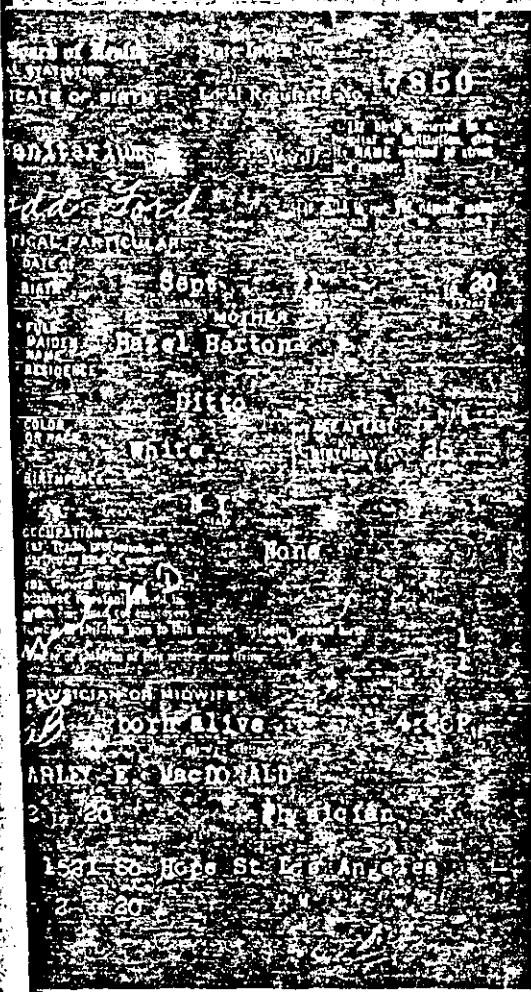
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Realizing he had a good thing began emphasizing Islam and black. Gradually he turned away from the finally denouncing it outright through twisted to suit his purpose. He Koran as his cult's official religious established a temple and conducted classes.

During this period he met Elijah Muhammad and eventually ordained as minister of Muslim faith under the name Elijah "Apostle of Allah."

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TIFFS DODD AS A WHITE MAN [CIRCLE]

Though he has also claimed to have been born in Oregon

By now Dodd was passing himself off as The Saviour, born in the Holy City of Mecca. He claimed to have arrived in America on July 4, 1930.

To excite interest among his followers and gain new adherents, Dodd published a crudely printed tract, the preface of which reads:

"This book teaches the Lost Found Nation of Islam. A thorough knowledge of our miserable state of condition in a mathematical way, when we were found by our Saviour, W. D. Fard."

The fly leaf reads: "By Prophet W. D. Fard."

The book poses such problems as these:

"A sheep contains 14 square feet. One-tenth of a square inch contains 10,000 hairs. How many

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Mr. V. C. Sullivan

July 30, 1963

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With reference to the article "Black Muslim Founder Imposed as a White" which appeared in the 7/23/63 issue of the Los Angeles "World Telegram," the Director noted: "Did we check out the name of the 'black muslim' or is the attacked article near to us?" The article alleges that Wallace Ford, the founder of the "Black Muslim" (Nation of Islam-NOI), is a white man masquerading as a Negro.

The information in the article is not new to us. All of the information set forth in the news story is contained in our files. We prepared two monographs, one dated June, 1956, and the other circa October, 1960, which contained information concerning the origin of the NOI and its founders. The information contained in these monographs concerning the historical origin of the NOI is in much greater detail than that set forth in the newspaper.

Our files indicate that the founder of the NOI was known as Wallace Ford who has been known by many aliases, including Wallace Ford. His birth date has been variously listed as 1906; February 10, 1907; January 10, 1908; and 1910. His birth place has been reported as being Portland, Oregon; Saudi Arabia; Mecca; and New Zealand. We have not been able to verify his birth date or birth place nor identify his parents. W. I. Ford has not been seen at home since 1956.

Although the fingerprint cards received at the time of Ford's arrests showed him to be white, the NOI has been successful in contributing to the mystery of Ford's origin by claiming that his father was a "full" (white man) while his mother was one half "original" (either black such as Negro, Colored or Indian). During the course of our investigation he was described as being a Negro or some unknown race or a man of possible Arabian descent. Although, it was not until about the time (1960) he started

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: ORIGIN OF ISLAM
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teaching his own interpretation of the Islamic religion that he identified himself as being other than white. It is obvious that he had no desire to make known his origin. One individual who claims to have heard him first addresses after the interview said: "My name is V. R. Isid and I come from the Holy City of Mecca. More about myself I will not tell you yet, for the time has not come."

ACTION:

For information in response to the Director's inquiry.

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Mr. Lawrence Daniels
308 South Artisan Street
Santa Ana, California

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Dear Mr. Daniels:

Your letter of August 1, 1963, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information in FBI files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sorry I cannot be of service to you at this time and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files concerning the individual you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Director

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Santa Ana, California

August 1, 1963

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Sir In regard to a artical appearing in the Herald Examiner newspaper here in California! Title Black Muslim Founder Exposed as a White. How true is this?

Sincerely

/s/ Lawrence Daniels

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San Ana, California
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Mrs. Frances Morales
1218 East 73rd Street
Los Angeles 1, California

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Dear Mrs. Morales:

Your letter postmarked July 20th
has been received in Mr. Hoover's absence from
Washington.

In response to your inquiry regarding Wallace Dodd, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only, due to regulations of the Department of Justice. Your enclosure is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent enclosed a copy of a feature story appearing in the 7/28/61 edition of the Los Angeles "Herald Examiner" showing the picture of Wallace Dog and the story is captioned "Black Muslim Founder Exposed As A White." No copy of this clipping is necessary for retention in Bufiles since we already

Tolson _____ possess copies of it. The individual to whom this story refers is also known as Belmont _____ Wallace Dodi Ford, subject of Bufile 105-63642 and FBI # 56062. Ford is the Mohr _____ Casper _____ founder of the Nation of Islam and has not been seen since 1934. Callahan _____

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1219 East 73rd Street
Los Angeles 1, California
July 19, 1963

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Mr. J. E. Hoover
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Could you give me a return answer on this article I am enclosing. It upsets me immensely.

Is this article true in any form, shape, or fashion.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Frances Morales

Communication was postmarked July 29, 1963.

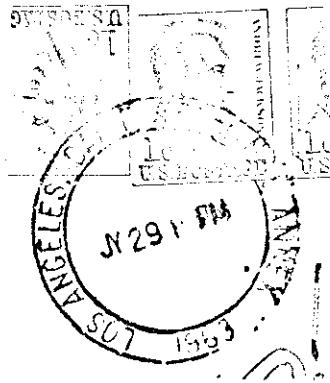
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1219 East 3rd Street
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July 19, 1963



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R. L. G. Dated: Oct 16, 1963

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1310 South Kenmore Avenue
Los Angeles 6, California
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Mr. Edgar G. Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Sincerely yours,
George Bonds, Jr.

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August 12, 1963

Mr. George Bonds, Jr.
1810 South Highland Avenue
Los Angeles 6, California

Dale A.

Dear Mr. Bonds:

Your letter of August 3rd, with enclosure, has been received.

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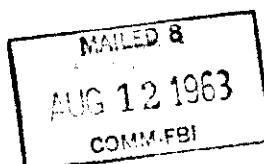
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/s/ George Bonds, Jr. AUG 13 1963

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Wallace's Black Kingdom

'Prophet' of LA Leader of Negroes in L.A.

Wallace Dodd, alias Wallace Farad, worshipped by thousands of Black Muslims as their divinely anointed "prophet from Mecca" possesses a lengthy Los Angeles police record as a white man who often lived outside the law.

It is as a Negro that Dodd, also known on various police blotters as Wallace Ford, is revered by members of the black supremacy cult as a holy man and divine person to be remembered in one or more of seven daily prayers.

The facts of Dodd's birth in New Zealand to a white father and Polynesian mother in 1891 were revealed exclusively in yesterday's Sunday Herald Examiner.

Microfilmed records of the Los Angeles Police Department reveal a record of law-breaking dating back to 1918, five years after he first stepped foot on American soil.

As a Caucasian, Dodd operated a cafe at 233 W. 3rd St., Los Angeles, known as Walley's Restaurant. At this period, he used the name Willie D. Ford, recorded by the Police Department under file No. 16448F.

Less than one week after a grateful nation observed the Armistice, ending World War I, two men entered Walley's and ordered steaks, police records show. They were R. W. Gilabrand of Santa Susana and his brother-in-law, R. A. Banker of 236 S. Flower St. The time was 2 a.m. on Nov. 17, 1918.

Dodd told the two men they each would have to post a \$2 deposit before he would put the steaks on the grill, according to the police record.

STRUCK AGAIN

An argument started. Dodd pulled a gun from beneath the counter but later put it away, came from behind the counter and swung at Gilabrand, missing him. Gilabrand backed out of the cafe and stood at the curb, wheeled to Dodd's term at San Quentin, under the name of Wallace Ford, prisoner No.

Gilabrand struck a hand Wallace Ford, prisoner No. 46214. Sentenced on June 12, 1919, Dodd jumped on the 1926 Dodd alias Ford drew a fifteen-year and three-quarter sentence of from six months to a year against the charge of auto theft.

crete while holding him by the throat, records show.

Rystanders summoned police. Dodd ran from the scene and later was captured at 212 S. Bunker Hill. He was described at 25 years old, 5' 6" and 133 pounds. He was booked on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and fingerprints were taken.

These were to follow Dodd wherever he went. Although he changed his name as the occasion demanded, his fingerprints remained without change, proving his true identity at all times.

Charges against Dodd in the restaurant beating eventually were dropped. Eight years passed before Dodd again ran afoul of the law in Los Angeles; this time for violation of the Wright Act—possession and sale of bootleg alcohol.

The date was Jan. 20, 1926; the scene, Walley's Restaurant. The future patron saint of the Black Muslims committed the error of selling a pint of illegal booze to a police officer.

That scrape cost him a \$101 fine. Between the time of Dodd's arrest for bootlegging and his court appearance, he was nabbed for violation of the State Poison Act at 3rd Street and Vermont Avenue. He gave addresses of 722 W. 3rd St. and 247 S. Flower St.

At that time, arrests for the sale of narcotics came under the Prison Act. He then gave his birthplace as Oregon, later changing his story to the effect that he was of Hawaiian ancestry.

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Los Angeles letter to Director, 8/22/63. u

Salter requested San Francisco to contact the Intelligence Unit, San Francisco Police Department, for results of their interview with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], concerning his knowledge of WALLACE D. FORD, aka., founder of the NOI, and also to consider an interview with [REDACTED] by this office. u

It is apparent that the records of CSEA 3184-S are in error, inasmuch as inquiry at the Intelligence Unit, San Francisco Police Department, on 8/6/63 reflects this agency has never interviewed [REDACTED] supra. u

On 9/6/63, [REDACTED] advised that the Intelligence Unit, Oakland Police Department, at the request of the Los Angeles Police Department, Intelligence Unit, made inquiry of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], in late 1962 relative to any knowledge of WALTER D. FORD, aka. at Wellington, New Zealand. Questioning of [REDACTED] was limited, due to illness and advanced age, and met with negative results. u

The source reported that the Intelligence Unit, Oakland Police Department, recontacted [REDACTED] on 9/6/63 and interviewed him extensively regarding FORD. A photograph of FORD was displayed to [REDACTED] who advised that he is unable to furnish any information of value to this investigation. He was unable to identify the person in the photograph and stated the only FORD family ever known to him is u

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- 1 - 100-63642 (W.D. FORD)
- 1 - Chicago (100-36626) (REC.)
- 1 - 100-23663 (W.D. FORD)
- 2 - Los Angeles (100-2694) (INFO) (REC.)
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67c New Zealand was comprised of two cousins of his, TAU FORD, who died in 1918, and his sister, LENNIE FORD, who is also deceased. As far as [redacted] remembers, TAU FORD never married and had children and although LENNIE FORD married, he cannot recall her married name. [redacted] advised that he is not able to offer any suggestions relative to tracing FORD's presence and activity in New Zealand.

67c 67 [redacted] reported that the results of the re-contact with [redacted] will be furnished to the proper officials at the Los Angeles Police Department.

67c In view of the above, San Francisco feels that an interview with [redacted] would develop no new information regarding FORD and, therefore, will not approach him.

No further action is being taken in this regard at San Francisco.

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"Subject is the PAED MURAD who allegedly appeared to MELJAH FOOL (Mahamed), the leader of the Nation of Islam in 1939. MELJAH FOOL has been quoted as saying that PAED MURAD came directly from Allah to teach him (Mlijah). MELJAH further states that PAED has returned to Mecca.

"Information from Los Angeles City Health Dept., Bureau of Vital Statistics:

"Name of child - WALLACE DODD FORD, born September 1, 1920 in the City and County of Los Angeles, Calif. at McDonald Mortuaries, 1521 So. Folk St., Los Angeles. Local Registrar's # 7850. Father - WALLACE FORD, 247 So. Flower St. in Los Angeles, white, age 26, born in New Zealand, occupation house restaurant. Mother - HAZEL BARTON, 247 So. Flower St., Los Angeles, white, age 25, born in New York, occupation, none.

"On July 1, 1940, HAZEL FORD EVELAINE petitioned to the Department of Public Health to change the name of her son, WALLACE DODD FORD, to WALLACE MAX FORD, and also changed the occupation from none to housewife. This affidavit was also signed by CLIFFORD EVELAINE of 4776 Hub St., Los Angeles.

"Information from Los Angeles Police Dept., Criminal Records:

"WALLY D. FORD, LA # 16448, CII # 179794, FBI # 56062, San Quentin Prison # 40314.

"Subject was first arrested on November 17, 1916 for assault with a deadly weapon. Subject was alleged to have assaulted P. V. GILLIGAN of Santa Monica, Calif., with a pistol and then struck him with his fists. This took place in a restaurant at 899 N. 3rd St., Los Angeles, which was owned and operated by MR. FORD.

"Note: There is a P.W. Gilliland in the Ventura County telephone directory who resides at 751 White Del Rincon in Ventura, Calif. Phone Number, Miller 29565. For further information, see arrest reports of subject.

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"On January 20, 1926, subject was arrested for Wright Act possession. (Possession of an alcoholic beverage under the Volstead Act).

"On February 15, 1926, subject was arrested for the State Poison Act, a felony. Location of arrest was 3rd St. and Freeman Place in Los Angeles. At the time of his arrest subject gave his residence address as 722 W. 3rd St., Los Angeles. At this time of arrest, subject stated that his race was Hawaiian and that he was born in Portland, Oregon. Subject was convicted of this offense and sentenced to 0-5 years at San Quentin. Subject served approximately 2 years prior to his release.

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"Information from [REDACTED] (It is requested that this information remain CONFIDENTIAL):

"The name WALLACE D. FORD and his various aliases were checked with the Michigan Police Headquarters and Identification Bureau. It was noted that he was arrested on 5/25/33 by the Detroit P.D. and charged with investigation of disorderly person. FORD at that time gave his age as 33 and his color as white. The name on the arrest report is WALLACE D. PARHAM. He gave his address as the TRAYNOR HOTEL, Detroit, Michigan. On May 26, 1933, he was discharged by the superintendent of police at the request of Lieutenant Hoffman of the detective bureau.

"Information from Los Angeles County, Files of the Superior Courts:

"File #27328 and 27329

"Defendants WALLY D. FORD and EDWARD BORLIDSON charged with violation of the State Poison Act (three counts). Count 1 - defendant had in his possession a preparation of morphine containing more than one quarter grain of morphine to the avoirdupois ounce. Count 2 - on or about the 14th of February, 1926, he had in his possession a preparation of heroin containing more than one eighth grain of heroin to the avoirdupois ounce. Count 3 - on or about the 14th of

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February, 1926, defendant had in his possession a preparation of cocaine containing more than one quarter grain of cocaine to the avoirdupois ounce. ~~SC~~ u

*On the hearing of this act, the following facts appeared in evidence:

"A man by the name of DONALDSON (co-defendant) negotiated with a police officer (without the knowledge of the latter's official position) for the sale to him of certain narcotics. At that time, DONALDSON stated to the police officer that the narcotics which he proposed to sell, were in the possession of FORD. Thereafter, DONALDSON and FORD met the police officer for the purpose of concluding the proposed sale, at which time, after the arrangements for the sale had been fully discussed between the parties, FORD discovered that his prospective customer was a police officer who subsequently arrested both FORD and DONALDSON.

"About three hours later, the police officer and two others visited a certain restaurant owned and operated by FORD. In the rear of the restaurant, a package rolled in a newspaper which contained numerous bottles and vials of narcotics, was found. Before the package was opened, FORD stated that it was 'a bundle of old laundry'. Afterward he admitted to the officers that it was the stuff that he wished to sell. ~~SC~~ u

"Subject was found guilty by a jury on May 14, 1926 and was sentenced to San Quentin as prescribed by law. He was received at San Quentin on June 12, 1926. The sentence was set at four years by the State Board of Prison Directors. Subject was released from custody on May 27, 1929. ~~SC~~ u

*Interview with MRS. HAZEL EVELSIZER, conducted on February 7, 1933 at approximately 10:00 A.M.: ~~SC~~ u

"MRS. EVELSIZER stated that she and FORD met in Los Angeles, Calif. in the early 1920's. She stated that they

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Lived together for approximately 3 years but were never married. She said that he was very definitely a Canadian. She first met him at his restaurant which was located at 803 W. 3rd St. She said that during the time they were living together she had occasion to read correspondence which was sent to him in the name of FRED DODD at 803 W. 3rd St. In this correspondence there was a mention of a marriage in Portland, Oregon and of a son which was the result of this marriage. When DODD was arrested, Mrs. EVELAUM met KARL OSBORNE and later married him in Santa Ana, California. Mr. OSBORNE died six months later. Mrs. EVELAUM met CLIFFORD EVELAUM in Los Angeles in the late 1920's when they were both working for the same company. She later went with him to New York and married him on September 18, 1930 in Erie, Pennsylvania.

*Information from Portland, Oregon Police Dept., dated September 11, 1962:

"Portland Oregon Police Department was unable to locate any public records concerning WALLACE D. DODD although they were able to locate the record of marriage between FRED DODD and PEAK ALLAN on May 5, 1914. The witnesses to this marriage were J. D. HEDGESKY and MARY E. MORING. The department states that a thorough investigation was conducted and no further information was found on subject, his wife, births of any children or a record of any witnesses to this marriage.

*Information from Source [REDACTED] 62 63 5

"CLIFFORD O. EVELAUM and RACHEL A. EVELAUM, 4776 1/2 1st St., Los Angeles. News item - Funeral services for Mr. CLIFFORD O. EVELAUM, age 70, at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, in the Little Chapel of the Flowers - - - born in Bloomington, Illinois, Mr. EVELAUM was playground director for the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department for 14 years. He was a veteran of World War I and had resided in the city for 45 years. He died Sunday at Novetille Veterans Hospital."

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"4/12/36, CLIFFORD EVLISTER, no # 328-34-5760, born Nov., receiving government pension of \$78.75 a month, receives city pension of \$83 a month, received a Social Security pension of \$13 a month, owns a 1950 Buick, clear.

"Information from Los Angeles City Civil Service Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation:

"CLIFFORD O. EVLISTER, born in Bloomington, Ill., on 6/20/1890, was hired by the Department on 8/8/38 as a gardener and caretaker, maintenance budget # 88. On 12/31/52, he received a disability pension of 75%. His death certificate shows his name as CLIFFORD OLIVER EVLISTER, deceased 2/19/62 at 4:10 A.M. from lung cancer.

"Information from Police Headquarters, Wellington, New Zealand:

"An investigation was conducted by the above source and a search was conducted for WALLACE FORD giving the above aliases. In a letter received December 28, 1962 from that Department, they state that there are very few Maoris in New Zealand using the name of FORD. An inquiry was made of these families and no one of the above name or description was found. The above source could furnish no further information on the subject.

"Information from magazine article, THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY, Vol. XLIII, No. 6, May, 1938, pp 894-907, 'The Welfare Quilt Among Negro Migrants in Detroit' by MARGARET BOALS MCKEEAN

"Page 895, "The Prophet (name, Wallace D.)...the prophet lived in Detroit from July 4, 1930 until June 30, 1934.... His very name is uncertain. He was known usually as Mr. WALLACE DAWD or MR. W. D. DAWD, although he used the following names: PAKKADH DAWD, MR. PAKKAD KHATANAH, MR. P. KHAJANAH ALL. One of the few survivors who heard his first address stated that he himself said, 'My name is W. D. DAWD and I come from the holy city of Mecca.'"

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"(Page 895), 'The Prophet and founder of the cult made his first appearance among the Negroes of Detroit as a peddler. He first came to our houses selling raincoats and then afterwards milks. This way he could get into the people's houses for every woman was eager to see the nice things the peddlers had for sale. ...we asked him to tell us about our own country. If we ask him to eat with us he would eat whatever we had on the table but after the meal he began to talk: 'Now don't eat this food. It's poison for you. The people in your own country do not eat it. Since they eat the right kind of foods they have the best of health at all time. If you would live just like the people in your home country, you would never be sick any more.'" X u

CSLA 3184-S also made available arrest reports on 8/23/63, for the three LAPD arrests recited in his above report. The report for the 11/17/63 arrest for assault states that witnesses R. A. EENKERT and GILLIBRAND went into the restaurant at 803 West 3rd Street and ordered a steak and the cook (MR. FORD) (booked as WALLIE FORD) told them they would have to put up a \$2.00 deposit before he would put the steak on. This started an argument and FORD pulled a gun on them. He finally put the gun away and came out from behind the counter and made a swing at GILLIBRAND. He dodged the blow and backed out on the sidewalk and just as he got to the curb FORD struck at him again; this time GILLIBRAND slipped off the curb and struck his head on the curb. FORD jumped astride him and grabbed him by the throat and beat his head on the street. Officers went to the restaurant to locate FORD but he had gone and they could not locate his home address. WALLIE FORD was subsequently arrested at 212 South Bunkerhill Street, Los Angeles, and released because the complaining witness would not prosecute. X u

The report of the 1/20/63 arrest shows he was arrested at 803 West 3rd Street, Los Angeles. An officer went to that address as he had received information that bootlegging was going on in a restaurant there. He told WALLIE D. FORD he wanted to buy some liquor and FORD telephoned an order of 8 pints. FORD was arrested following a sale. The identification sheet dated 1/20/63, contains the following information: X u

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Pewore of Phony Claims

By Elijah Muhammad

I, Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, told the Los Angeles "Herald-Examiner" Office on Monday, July 29, 1963, that my followers and I will pay the Los Angeles "Herald - Examiner" Newspaper \$100,000.00 (one hundred thousand dollars) to prove the headline charge ("BLACK MUSLIM FOUNDER EXPOSED AS A WHITE") made against us; that we are following the Wallace Dodd with many aliases including the name, Fard; that he is the man that I am representing to my people as being Master Fard Muhammad (Allah in Person) who appeared among us in Detroit, Michigan, in 1931 and is the same person (Wallace Dodd).

The Los Angeles "Herald-Examiner" also printed his prison history in San Quentin Federal Penitentiary on a charge of peddling dope, and that he admitted he was teaching us.

If he (Dodd) was teaching for money in those panic days in Detroit, he did not get it from us. Mr. Dodd, undoubtedly, must have been teaching the white people if he received any money at all, because we did not have any.

WE DID NOT pay Mr. Fard any money to teach us and there are many who will verify this statement who are yet alive. We could hardly pay the rent of a hall in those days.

Sometimes they (the Be-

lievers) would give Him (Master Fard Muhammad) gifts such as topcoats, overcoats, ties, shirts, or a few packages of handkerchiefs—but money was so scarce in those days that we just did not have any. Just about everyone who believes was on the "Relief" in Detroit including myself.

I would like the Los Angeles "Herald - Examiner" to prove that this man (Dodd) was my teacher by bringing him to this country at our expense.

Mr. Wallace Fard Muhammad, Whom Praises are due forever, the Finder and Life-Giver to we, the Lost Found Members of that great Asiatic Black Nation from the Tribe of Shabazz, speaks 16 different languages. Can Mr. Wallace Dodd speak 16 different languages?

MR. WALLACE Fard Muhammad also writes 10 of the languages He speaks fluently. His native language is Arabic (does Mr. Dodd speak Arabic?) of which we have in His handwriting and it is the best writing or penmanship in the Arab world.

Let Mr. Dodd prove that lowers are from him, and to prevent them from enjoying a permanent salvation he was among us; prove that where were they given to me that Allah, (God) under the name of Master Fard Muhammad to Whom all Praises are due, has offered us.

Let Mr. Dodd prove who was his secretary and where were the identification cards printed, of which we have with us today and did he write the Arabic on them himself?

If Mr. Dodd was The Mr. Wallace Fard Muhammad, why did not the F.B.I. arrest him for this teaching of such truth? Let this paper prove these things before it headlines us as liars and worshippers of white devils.

I would like to ask the Herald Examiner to give us a minute closeup of this fake (Mr. Dodd) who they would like to make the public believe is our Saviour. Even the description of this man's height and weight does not correspond to Master Fard Muhammad's, (to Whom Praises are due forever) measurements. I know His height, His weight, the size of clothes, and shoes.

WHEN MASTER Fard Muhammad left us, it was in 1934. Again, let Mr. Dodd prove that he and I were together and that the Lessons that I am teaching to my fol-

There are many questions that I could ask this Mr. Dodd about, that would prove to the world that this man is a fake that the Los Angeles Herald - Examiner has published. We believe this by the reasoning of such unfounded truth.

Let the Herald-Examiner Newspaper put us in contact with this Mr. Wallace Dodd. We will show the world that the entire statement is false; that this Mr. Wallace Dodd is not Master Fard Muhammad, To Whom Praises are due forever.

I HAVE warned you against allowing the devils to trick you into believing their false propaganda which they are spreading all over the world. And especially among the so-called Negroes who have been the perfect model-slaves for 400 years and yet do not have freedom, justice, and equality from the slave masters.

And now these smart, scientific tricksters are trying

We who believe in him are a living proof of this offer that we are now being blessed with, even though we are afflicted with persecution and death.

You have those whom the Prophets prophesied of in Washington and in Rome (the Catholics) to deceive the whole world and especially the so-called Negroes. Look in your poison book, the Bible: Revelation 12:9-13:4, 8, 14-14:11-20:10 and 21:8.

To be continued next issue.

HURRY AND JOIN UNTO YOUR OWN KIND. THE TIME OF THIS WORLD IS NOW AT HAND.

WRITE TO:

MUHAMMAD'S MOSQUE
NO. 2
5335 South Greenwood
Chicago 15, Illinois
Elijah Muhammad
Messenger of Allah

Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: September 9 1963

Attention: Identification Division



J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM

I am interested in obtaining a copy of the criminal record on one Wallace Farad, alias Wallace D. Ford and Wallie Ford, FBI #36002. This FBI number was taken from a criminal record of the Detroit Police Department #45318 of May 26, 1933, when Farad was arrested on a charge of "Inv.; Diso. Person." The record further indicated that Farad was the leader of the "Voodoo Cult" in the city of Detroit. It is my understanding that this organization later became the Nation of Islam.

An Assistant Attorney General of the State of New York, Mr. William D. Bresinhan, has tried and won several prison cases involving members of the Nation of Islam and has several additional trials coming up early in October. I have discussed mutual problems involving the Nation of Islam with him and I am endeavoring to exchange some information with him. He has asked for an authenticated copy of Farad's criminal record so that he may use it in one of his October trials. If you can provide such a document I would be glad to forward it to Mr. Bresinhan in Albany.

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

September 13, 1968

Director, FBI

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I am pleased to forward, in accordance with your request of September 9, 1963, a certified copy of the Identification Record of Wallie Ford, also known as Wallace Farad, FBI number 50-002, for transmittal to Mr. William D. Brechinhan, an Assistant Attorney General of the State of New York.

You will note from this Identification Record that the fingerprint card reflecting subject's arrest on May 25, 1933, by the Police Department, Detroit, Michigan, shows registry number 45126.

Enclosures (2) - 1 = copy of Ident Rec
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Re Chicago letter to Director 2/19/63; Relet to Chicago 3/12/63; Chicago letter to Director 5/2/63, copies to Los Angeles and San Francisco; Los Angeles letter to the Director 8/29/63, copies to San Francisco and Chicago; San Francisco letters to Director 6/17/63 and 9/10/63, copies to Los Angeles and Chicago. u

For the information of the San Diego Office, the following resume of this matter is being set forth. u

Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated 2/19/63 pointed out to the Bureau that WALLACE DODD FORD, or ALLAH, as he is known in the NOI, was last seen in about September of 1933; that FORD's common-law wife, upon interview by Bureau Agents, stated she had last seen him in the summer of 1932 or 1933, at which time he told her he was going to return to New Zealand. Chicago pointed out that all logical leads within the United States had been covered but that leads attempting to locate FORD in New Zealand had not been covered. u

Re Bureau letter to Chicago dated 3/12/63 suggested action be taken to locate EDWARD DONALDSON, Folsom Prison Number 15808, who was arrested with FORD in 1926. The Bureau pointed out that DONALDSON was a business associate of FORD. The Bureau suggested any other logical leads should be set out. u

Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated 5/2/63 set out leads for Los Angeles to review records at the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office in an effort to obtain a fingerprint card for DONALDSON and to also attempt to locate him for an interview in an effort to locate FORD. Relet also requested San Francisco to review the Folsom u

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- 3 - San Diego (Encl. 2) (REGISTERED)
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Prison and the San Francisco Police Department records for the same reason as regards DONALDSON and to also review automobile registrations to determine if FORD registered a car in California during the years 1932-1935, it being noted FORD was driving a car in California in either 1932 or 1933.

Re San Francisco letter to the Director of 6/17/63, a copy of which is being enclosed herewith for San Diego, sets forth information regarding arrests of EDWARD DONALDSON. The letter noted that the Folsom Prison file revealed DONALDSON was born and lived his entire life at San Diego, California; that he was discharged from Folsom Prison on 9/7/34. San Francisco also advised that California Motor Vehicle registrations were negative as regards FORD. The letter also enclosed finger-print cards on DONALDSON to the Bureau.

Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 8/29/63, a copy of which is being forwarded to San Diego, also set forth arrest and background data re DONALDSON, aka EDWARD DONALDSON, EDWARD MANN, EDWARD MNAN. This letter also reflects that the Los Angeles Police Department caused an investigation on FORD to be conducted in New Zealand and nothing of pertinence was gained. Set forth below is descriptive data re WALLACE DODD FORD:

He has utilized, or has been referred to, by the following names: FRED DODD, WALLACE DON FORD, WALLIE D. FORD, W. D. FARD, WALI FARRAD, WALLACE FARAD, W. D. FERAUD, WALKI FORD, F. MOHAMMED-ALI, FARRAD MOHAMMAD, MOHAMMED ALI, "ALLAH," "The Great Mahdi." Offices should also be aware MOHAMMED is also spelled MUHAMMAD. Based on information available, FORD is described as follows:

Birth	2/25/91 at Portland, Oregon, or New Zealand; 2/26/77, Mecca, according to NOI teachings
Race	White
Height	5'6 3/8" - 5' 8"
Weight	133 to 140 lbs.
Complexion	Dark, swarthy
Eyes	Maroon, black
Hair	Black
Build	Slender
Characteristics	Beautiful even teeth; straight nose

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The San Diego Office is requested to review indices, credit, criminal and other appropriate records in an effort to locate EDWARD DONALDSON, aka EDWARD DONALSON, EDWARD MANN, EDWARD MNAN. It is noted he was last heard of in September, 1934, and prior to that time had resided all his life in San Diego.

San Diego is also requested to interview DONALDSON, if located, regarding the location of WALLIE D. FORD, his co-defendant on 2/15/26 in Los Angeles, California (See page three of Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 8/29/63). It is noted WALLIE D. FORD and his partner, EDWARD DONALDSON, were arrested in Los Angeles on 2/15/26 on charges of violation of the State Poison Act. Apparently the two men operated a cafe in Los Angeles at that time.

San Diego is further requested to search its indices regarding WALLACE DODD FORD and aliases used by him as set forth above. It is also requested appropriate credit and criminal checks be made.

This is being requested as FORD was last seen in 1932 or 1933 and DONALDSON was released from prison in September, 1934. The possibility exists DONALDSON returned to San Diego and the possibility also exists that FORD may have gone to San Diego in 1932 or 1933 or at a later date.

The Bureau's attention is directed to the fact that Chicago originally intended to set out a lead for New Zealand authorities in an effort to locate ALLAH. It is noted that referenced Los Angeles letter of 8/29/63 reflected the Los Angeles Police Department had already conducted this lead with the New Zealand authorities.

As noted above, all leads outstanding in this matter, other than the ones being set forth for San Diego, have been covered. There appears to be no need to set out further leads for the New Zealand authorities. It appears now that the only logical leads are ones to attempt to locate and interview DONALDSON. Upon the results of the San Diego investigation, Chicago will, if the results offer no logical leads, recommend no further investigative activity in this matter.

DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

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Re Chicago letter, copy to San Diego,
10/18/63, and San Diego letter to Chicago 11/13/63.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two Xerox copies of referenced San Diego letter.

Referenced Chicago letter which concerns itself with efforts to locate WALLACE DODD FORD the Allah or God of the NOI, pointed out that the only logical lead left in this endeavor was to have San Diego cover leads in an effort to locate EDWARD DONALDSON, who was arrested with FORD in 1926. Chicago pointed out that if investigation in San Diego was negative, this phase of the investigation would be closed.

As can be noted in referenced San Diego letter all investigative leads covered by that office met with negative results.

Accordingly, Chicago is recommending no further investigation be conducted at this time regarding VILLAGE BOBBY FORD. UACB, the case on FORD is being closed.

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To: SAC, Chicago (Enclosures - 2)
From: Director, FBI

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(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)

Enclosed is one copy each of a self-explanatory undated letter written by captioned individual and an envelope postmarked 9/16/68 at North Chicago, Illinois.

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175 Chicago should promptly contact [REDACTED] at the orally acknowledge receipt of his letter and inform him that it contains no information of a violation over which this Bureau has jurisdiction. Determine during your contact with him whether he is identical with the Wallace Fard Muhammad, (Chicago file 100-3383), who is the alleged founder of the Nation of Islam. Advise the Bureau.

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NOTE:

The letter is concerned with what Muhammad calls his account (presumably bank account) which he claims has been fraudulently managed. He also states that his GI insurance has been continued although he requested it be stopped and that his religious freedom (no specifics set forth) is being restricted by the Veterans' Hospital and by the Veterans' Administration Regional Office. The whereabouts of the alleged founder of the NOI has not been known since the early 1930's and in view of the similarity in names, it is believed we should determine whether identical.

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56 West 87th Street, Apt. 2
New York, N.Y. 10024
January 4, 1974

Mr. Clarence Kelly, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelly,

I am writing to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to the F.B.I. file on Wallace D. Farad, also known as Wallie Ford. Farad's F.B.I. number, as it appears on his Detroit Police Department arrest record, is 56-062.

I am writing a Ph.D. on the Black Muslims, founded by Farad in Detroit in 1930. My dissertation is being written under the auspices of the Faculty of Arts and Letters of the University of Strasbourg, France. The information I am requesting is crucial to the completion of my research.

While beginning my research last year, I served as graduate assistant to Dr. C. Eric Lincoln at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. If there is any question regarding my credentials, they may be verified through :

Dr. C. Eric Lincoln, Chairman
Dept. of Religion and Philosophy
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

Since my visa is due to expire shortly, I would be most grateful if this request could be handled as expeditiously as possible.

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Sincerely yours,

Yseult Cleirens

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January 18, 1974

Miss Hazel Cleirens
Apartment 2
50 West 27th Street
New York, New York 10024

P.M.

Dear Miss Cleirens:

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In response to your letter dated January 4th requesting information in our files concerning Wallace D. Farad, Attorney General Order 328-73 (Part 50/Statements of Policy), specifies that access to certain FBI files will be accorded to "Persons outside the Executive Branch engaged in historical research projects..." To date, the question as to who comes within this category has not been resolved, and guidelines are being established as individual requests are received. Consequently, please furnish us with any additional information which in your opinion entitles you to access to FBI documents relating to the subject of your request. Upon receipt of your information, a determination will be made and if feasible we will initiate processing of your request.

Pursuant to Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 16.9, we are authorized to charge a prescribed fee for, among other things, time spent searching for and producing information and furnishing copies of information. Based on a preliminary estimate, we anticipate the cost to process your request to be \$12,000. A 25 percent deposit or \$3,000 payable by check or money order to the Treasury of the United States, will be required to initiate processing; however, payment of deposit should not be interpreted as a guarantee that you will be furnished all of the material you have requested. As an alternative you may confer with this Bureau in an attempt to reformatte your request in a manner which will reduce the fees and meet your needs.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

1 - Office of The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure
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Kiss Yseult Cleirens

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Wallace D. Farad is known in Bufiles as the founder of the Black Muslim movement and his whereabouts have been unknown since 1934 when he dropped out of sight. Our files contain approximately 48,000 pages of information which pertain to Farad, his aliases or Nation of Islam, the organization which he founded (105-63642; 100-6582; 105-24822; 25-330971).

56 West 87th Street, Apt. 2
New York, N.Y. 10024
February 4th, 1974

Mr. Clarence K. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley,

Thank you for your letter of January 18, 1974, informing me of the problems involved in obtaining access to the F.B.I. file of Wallace D. Farad.

In reference to my status as one who is "engaged in a historical project", I have asked Dean Jones of Union Theological Seminary in New York City to send you an attestation. I am also joining to this letter a photocopy of my student card of the University of Strasbourg, France, for which I am writing my Ph.D. I began my research last year under the directorship of Dr. C. Eric Lincoln at Union Theological Seminary. The subject of my thesis is the Black Muslims, and my study includes a historical analysis of this group.

The evidence I have obtained so far from different sources leaves several gaps as to the real identity of the founder of the movement, Farad. Perhaps you can help me fill these gaps. Here is what I would need to know :

- 1) When and where was Farad born ? Who were his parents ?
- 2) What was his nationality and citizenship ?
- 3) Did he have any family ?
- 4) Where did he live in the United States and when ?
- 5) Under what aliases was he known ?
- 6) Where and when was he arrested and why ?
- 7) Was he black or white ?
- 8) When did he die or leave this country ?

The answers to these questions are crucial to my research, and after eighteen months of digging you are my last resort. I have no need for copies of the relevant section of your files. Hopefully, that will simplify matters (and reduce the fee).

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I must tell you I thought there had been a typographical error when I received the response to my inquiry. Any figure followed by three zero's (or two for that matter) is simply beyond my means. There is an old proverb which says "The love of money and the love of learning seldom meet"; I suppose if I could spare \$12,000, I would not be inclined to spend three years writing a Ph.D. thesis.

I do hope something can be worked out on the basis of the above list of questions.

I anxiously await your response.

Yours sincerely,



Yseult Cleirens (Miss)

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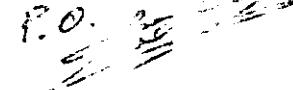
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Miss Nuccit Cleirons
Apartment 2
56 West 57th Street
New York, New York 10020

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Pear Miss Cleirons:

Your letter of February 4th, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your reformulated request, enclosed is a roundup containing information which will answer the questions you raised and I hope this data will be helpful in the preparation of your P.D. thesis. If you have additional questions, please feel free to correspond with us again.

Although there is no current listing for locating this material, additional research for you would require a deposit and that deposit would depend on the nature of further requests from you.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Kelley

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Director

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1 - Bufile 62-115530 (FOI-REPLIES)

NOTE: Bufiles contain one prior incoming dated 1/4/74, requesting information on Black Muslims and their founder, Wallace D. Faraf. Miss Cleirons was advised on 1/12/74, regarding AGO 526-73 (Part 3/Statements of Policy) and regarding Title 20, Code of Regulations, Section 16.9 pertaining to charros. She wrote again on 2/1/74, with a list of 8 questions and advised, "the love of money and the love of learning science most," and if she could

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NOTE CONTINUED: spare \$12,000 (estimated charge for researching and producing the information she requested) she would not be inclined to spend three years writing a Ph.D. thesis. Enclosure was a copy of her ID card. Attestation letter requested from Dean Lawrence N. Jones has been received and was acknowledged on 2/10/74. Wallace D. Farad is known in Bufiles as the founder of the Black Muslim movement and his whereabouts have been unknown since 1934 when he dropped out of sight. Our files contain approximately 40,000 pages of information which pertain to Farad, his aliases or Nation of Islam, the organization which he founded (105-63642; 100-6582; 105-24822; 25-338971). Clipping from 105-63642-40.

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56 W. 87th Street, Apt. 2
New York, N.Y. 10024
June 3rd, 1974

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley,

As I told you in my letter of March 14th, I have been trying to verify the information about Wallace Ford, alias Farad, contained in the newspaper clipping you so graciously sent me (Los Angeles Herald Examiner, July 28, 1963, article by Ed Montgomery). However extensive research has failed to turn up any evidence to corroborate Mr. Montgomery's story. In fact, information provided by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington and in San Francisco, and by the New Zealand Registrar-General tends to disprove Mr. Montgomery's findings.

My research tends to indicate that :

- 1) Wallace B. Ford was born in Oregon in 1891.
- 2) He was a black man and a U.S. citizen.
- 3) He fathered a son on September 2, 1920.
- 4) He served three years in San Quentin State Prison from 1926 to 1929 for violation of the State Poison Act.
- 5) He died in Detroit in 1934.

As I stated in my earlier correspondence, I have no need for your files per se, and in any case, could not afford the fees involved. What I do need (and it is vital to my research) is authoritative confirmation or denial of the above points. Can you simply tell me whether my facts are accurate?

I realize of course that the Bureau has before it many matters which are more pressing and important than mine ; and I certainly am grateful for the time and effort already expended on my behalf. But the assistance for which I ask is absolutely crucial to my research efforts. I will be infinitely grateful for any light you can shed on this mysterious man Farad.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,

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Miss Yseult Cleirens
Apartment 2
56 West 87th Street
New York, New York 10024

Dear Miss Cleirens:

Your letter of June 3rd has been received.

Although I can understand your problem in seeking verification of the five points you listed pertaining to Wallace Ford, alias Farad, this Bureau cannot be of any further assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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

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NOTE: Bufiles contain prior correspondence from Miss Cleirens in connection with her request for information on Black Muslims and their founder, Wallace D. Farad. Miss Cleirens has been furnished AGO 528-73 and advised of the cost involved in processing her request. By letter dated 2/20/74 she was furnished a newsclipping containing information which answered questions she had posed in her letter of January 18th. Her current letter now seeks verification of the answers to her previous questions. Wallace D. Farad is known in Bufiles as the founder of the Black Muslim movement and his whereabouts have been unknown since 1934 when he dropped out of sight. Our files contain approximately 48,000 pages of information which pertain to Farad, his aliases or Nation of Islam, the organization which he founded.

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KENT STATE
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KENT, OHIO 44242

DEPARTMENT OF
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• (216) 672-2882

February 14, 1974

Mr. James C. Farrington
External Affairs Division
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

cc: copy to [unclear]

Dear Mr. Farrington:

I am a candidate for the doctoral degree in history at Kent State University. It is my understanding that you are the agent in charge of processing requests for materials which might be of interest to historians.

In the 1940's there were a number of cases in which black pro-Japanese sympathizers were brought to trial on charges of sedition. I am very much interested in acquiring whatever files available regarding these organizations and their possible affiliation with such ultranationalistic Japanese groups as the Kokuryukai (Black Dragon Society).

I am particularly interested in such organizations as the Ethiopian Pacific Movement, Inc., the Pacific Movement of the Eastern World Among Negroes, the Temple of Islam, the Washington Park Forum, and the Brotherhood of Liberty for the Black People of America. Some of the people convicted who are of especial interest are: Robert Jordan and Joseph Hilton Smythe, formerly editor of the Living Age, in New York; Fauline Bahar, secretary of the Temple of Islam, in Chicago; and General Lee Butler, president of the Pacific Movement of the Eastern World, Inc., in East St. Louis, Illinois.

Whatever materials you have would be greatly appreciated. Please forward me a cost estimate for the necessary photocopying and clerical work.

Sincerely, ✓ MAR 6 1974

Reginald Kearney

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March 4, 1974

Mr. Reginald Kearney
Department of History
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio 44242

Dear Mr. Kearney:

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This is to acknowledge your letter of February 14th, wherein you requested information on various individuals and organizations which you identified as "black pro-Japanese sympathizers" during the 1960's. Attorney General Order 526-73, Part 50/Statements of Policy, specifies that access to certain FBI files will be accorded to "Persons outside the Executive Branch engaged in historical research projects...." To date, the question as to who comes within this category has not been resolved. Guidelines are being established as individual requests are being received. Therefore, it would be necessary for you to furnish us with additional information which in your opinion entitles you to access to FBI documents relating to the material you requested. Upon receipt of this information, a determination will be made and if possible we will initiate processing of your request.

Pursuant to Title 26, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 16.5, we are authorized to charge a prescribed fee for, among other things, time spent searching for and producing information and furnishing copies of information. Based on a preliminary estimate, we anticipate the cost to process your request to be \$10,047. A 25 percent deposit, or \$3,262, payable by check or money order to the Treasury of the United States, will be required to initiate processing; however, payment of deposit should not be interpreted as a guarantee that you will be furnished all of the material you have requested. As an alternative you may confer with this Bureau in an attempt to reformulate your request in a manner which will reduce the fees and meet your needs.

Sincerely yours,

J. M. Kelley
FBI

J. M. Kelley
Director

1 - Office of the Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure
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Main Bldg. 1000 - 10th & Indiana Street, Washington, D.C. 20535

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-5375)

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM (NOI)
EM-NOI

DATE: 8/10/74

Re Legal Manilla letter to Director dated 7/1/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM captioned and titled as above.

A review of Chicago files indicate that the newspaper article enclosed in referenced letter is based on July 28, 1963 newspaper article in the Los Angeles, California Herald-Examiner. That newspaper article is set out in the enclosed LHM. Also set out is ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's answer to that newspaper article.

As the Bureau is aware, efforts were made in 1963 to verify the birth and identity of WALLACE FARAD or WALLACE DODD, these attempts met with negative results.

As it appears that the enclosed article in the Manilla letter is based on these newspaper articles, UACB, Chicago conducting no further investigation in this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois 60604
August 12, 1974

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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The July 28, 1963, issue of the Los Angeles, California Herald-Examiner, a daily newspaper published in Los Angeles, California, contained the following newspaper articles:

"Black Muslim Founder Exposed
As A White"

"Dodd served time in Quentin as dope peddler."

"Black Muslims by the thousands pay homage to Wallace Farad, their "Prophet from Mecca," in the mistaken belief that as founder of the black supremacy cult he is one of their own."

"It was Farad who composed the tenets of the Black Muslim faith. He is the "holy man and divine person" who must be remembered in one or more of the Black Muslims' seven daily prayers."

"Yet Wallace Farad is, admittedly, an enterprising, racketeering fake."

"He is not a Negro. He is a white man masquerading as a Negro."

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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"His true name is Wallace Dodd.

"He was born in New Zealand, on February 26, 1891.

"His father was British - arriving in New Zealand via Australia on a sailing schooner. His mother was a Polynesian native.

"Dodd's police "rap sheet" includes a conviction for bootlegging and a San Quentin Prison term for the sale of narcotics.

"To the FBI he is No. 56062 - and a man of many aliases. The California Bureau of Identification and Investigation lists him as Wallace Ford, No. 1797924. At San Quentin, as Ford, he was No. 42314. With the Michigan State Police he is Wallace Farad, No. 98076.

"Although the names and numbers vary, the fingerprints are always the same, be it Los Angeles, San Quentin, or Detroit, birthplace of the Black Muslim movement.

"A huge doctored portrait of Dodd, alias Farad, adorns the wall behind the desk of Elijah Muhammad, present titular head of the Black Muslim cult.

"Elijah Muhammad, (true name Elijah Poole, alias Gulam Bogans, 65-year old native of Georgia) in referring to Farad as a holy man and a divine person, observes:

"He is God himself. He is the one we have been looking forth for the past 2000 years to come. He is the one and his word bears witness to the fact that he is the one."

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"Asked if he personally knew Farad, Elijah Muhammad said that he did. He volunteered that, although Farad had gone back to Mecca, he was in constant touch with him spiritually, pending his return.

"Indeed Elijah knows Farad. He first met him on a street corner in Detroit in 1931.

"At that time Dodd, under the alias Ford (the names Fard and Farad came later), was a turban-wearing, door-to-door silk salesman).

"Abandons Family

"Dodd arrived in the United States from New Zealand in 1913 and settled in Portland, Oregon. He married, but soon abandoned his wife and infant son.

"He lingered in the Seattle area, under the name of Fred Dodd, for a few months before going to Los Angeles. There he opened a restaurant at 803 West Third St. under the name of Wallace D. Ford.

"At 26, Dodd took as his common-law wife a 25-year-old waitress employe who on September 1, 1920, bore him a son, Wallace Dodd Ford.

"On the son's birth certificate, Dodd listed himself as "white" and a native of New Zealand.

"(In 1940 the boy's mother, aware of Dodd's identity and his role as founder of the Black Muslims, had her son's name changed legally from Wallace Dodd Ford to Wallace Max Ford. Two years later the youth drowned while in the service of the U.S. Coast Guard).

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"Muslim Founder Admits:
'I'm a Fake'

"Under the alias Wallace D. Ford, Dodd was arrested for bootlegging in January, 1926. Once more he identified himself for the record as a member of the white race. He drew a brief jail sentence.

"On June 12, 1926, Dodd, under the alias of Ford, was sentenced to San Quentin Prison for the sale of narcotics over his restaurant counter. He drew a term of from six months to six years.

"Released from San Quentin on May 27, 1929, he paused briefly in Los Angeles before walking out on his common-law wife and son. Dodd made his way to Chicago and then to Detroit to become a Bible-toting itinerant peddler of silks.

"Dodd posed as a Negro and prided himself as something of a Biblical authority and mathematician. He had a tremendous gift for gab and soon attracted a depression-following of Negroes.

"Dodd had no difficulty in convincing his followers they were descendants of the original man, that their forebears were of Islam and that they were Allah's chosen people.

"A Good Racket

"Realizing he had a good thing going, Dodd began emphasizing Islam and black supremacy. Gradually he turned away from the Bible, eventually denouncing it outright through interpretations twisted to suit his

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purpose. He adopted the Koran as his cult's official religion text. He established a temple and conducted classes.

"During this period he met Elijah Poole, whom he eventually ordained as minister of the Black Muslim faith under the name of Elijah Muhammad, "Apostle of Allah."

"By now Dodd was passing himself off as The Savior, born in the Holy City of Mecca. He claimed to have arrived in America on July 4, 1930.

"To excite interest among his followers and gain new adherents, Dodd published a crudely printed tract, the preface of which reads:

"This book teaches the Lost Found Nation of Islam. A thorough knowledge of our miserable state of condition in a mathematical way, when we were found by our Savior, W. D. Fard."

"The fly leaf reads: "By Prophet W. D. Fard."

"The book poses such problems as these:

'A sheep contains 14 square feet. One-tenth of a square inch contains 10,000 hairs. How many will the 14 square feet contain? \$15.50 for the person who works this problem. (Qualified Members Only).

"Through contributions and expanding commercial endeavors, including the sale of "official" note paper, Dodd had what constituted a tidy financial racket.

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"Detroit Ousted Him
For Human Sacrifice

"A-Sacrifice

"But the potential dangerousness and the primitive instincts of some of his followers became evident on November 21, 1932, with an act of human sacrifice which rocked the populace of Detroit.

"Cult member Robert Harris induced member John J. Smith to present himself as a human sacrifice so that he might become "The Saviour of the World" Harris plunged a knife into Smith's heart as he lay prone on an improvised altar.

"To their dismay, police learned that two additional members were slated as volunteer victims of sacrifice. That marked the beginning of the end for Dodd.

"He was arrested by Detroit police on May 25, 1933, under the name of Wallace Don Fard, alias W. D. Fard, Prophet W. D. Fard, W. D. Foard, Wallace Farad, Wali Farrad, Professor Ford, Farrad Mohammed and F. Mohammed Ali, founder of the Nation of Islam.

"The official report cites Dodd as being "the leader of a Voo-Doo cult with the following of several thousand Negro men and women."

"It states that Dodd admitted his teachings "were strictly a racket" and that he was "getting all the money out of it he could".

"Dodd was ordered out of Detroit.

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"According to his former common-law wife, Dodd went from there to Chicago and became a traveling salesman for a mail order tailor.

"Working his way through the Midwest, Dodd arrived in Los Angeles in the spring of 1934.

"White Robes

"He was driving a new car and was garbed in flowing white robes.

"Dodd's attempt at a reconciliation with his wife failed. He remained for two weeks, visiting daily with his son, to whom he had been sending sizable sums of money from time to time.

"Finally he sold his car and boarded a ship for New Zealand with the announcement he was going back to visit his relatives, including an uncle who had paid the fare for his trip to America in 1913.

"Thus the revered holy man to whom Black Muslims pray and whose February 26 birthday marks the opening of each annual convention of the black supremacy cult, returned to the land of his birth - as close to Mecca as he has ever been.

"Says Elijah Muhammad of Farad's prophesied return from Mecca:

"He is just waiting for his proper time to deliver speeches."

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In response to the above newspaper article, the August 16, 1953 issue of Muhammad Speaks, a newspaper published by the NOI contained the following newspaper article written by Elijah Muhammad, leader of the NOI.

"Beware of Phony Claims

"I, Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, told the Los Angeles "Herald-Examiner" Office on Monday, July 29, 1963, that my followers and I will pay the Los Angeles "Herald-Examiner" Newspaper \$100,000.00 (one hundred thousand dollars) to prove the headline charge ("Black Muslim Founder Exposed As A White") made against us; that we are following one Wallace Dodd with many aliases including the name, Fard; that he is the man that I am representing to my people as being Master Fard Muhammad (Allah in Person) who appeared among us in Detroit, Michigan, in 1931 and is the same person (Wallace Dodd).

"The Los Angeles "Herald-Examiner" also printed his prison history in San Quentin Federal Penitentiary on a charge of peddling dope, and that he admitted he was teaching us.

"If he (Dodd) was teaching for money in those panic days in Detroit, he did not get it from us. Mr. Dodd, undoubtedly, must have been teaching the white people if he received any money at all, because we did not have any.

"We did not pay Mr. Fard any money to teach us and there are many who will verify this statement who are yet alive. We could hardly pay the rent of a hall in those days.

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"Sometimes they (the Believers) would give Him (Master Fard Muhammad) gifts such as topcoats, over-coats, ties, shirts, or a few packages of hankerchiefs - but money was so scarce in those days that we just did not have any. Just about everyone who believes was on the "Relief" in Detroit including myself.

"Muhammad, Followers Will Pay \$100,000 -
If Paper Can Prove Charge!

"I would like the Los Angeles "Herald-Examiner" to prove that this man (Dodd) was my teacher by bringing him to this country at our expense.

"Mr. Wallace Fard Muhammad, Whom Praises are due forever, the Finder and Life-Giver to we, the Lost Found Members of that Great Asiatic Black Nation from the Tribe of Shabazz, speaks 16 different languages. Can Mr. Wallace Dodd speak 16 different languages?

"Mr. Wallace Fard Muhammad also writes 10 of the languages He speaks fluently. His native language is Arabic (Does Mr. Dodd speak Arabic?) of which we have in His handwriting and it is the best writing or penmanship in the Arab world.

"Let Mr. Dodd prove that he was among us; prove that he gave us our names. Let Mr. Dodd prove who was his secretary and where were the identification cards printed, of which we have with us today and did he write the Arabic on them himself?

"If Mr. Dodd was The Mr. Wallace Fard Muhammad, why did not the F.B.I. arrest him for this teaching of truth? Let this paper prove these things before it headlines us as liars and worshippers of white devils.

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"I would like to ask the Herald-Examiner to give us a minute closeup of this fake (Mr. Dodd) who they would like to make the public believe is our Saviour. Even the description of this man's height and weight does not correspond to Master Fard Muhammad's, (to Whom Praises are due forever) measurements. I know His height, His weight, the size of clothes and shoes.

"When Master Fard Muhammad left us, it was in 1934. Again, let Mr. Dodd prove that he and I were together and that the Lessons that I am teaching to my followers are from him, and where were they given to me and did he ever examine me on what he gave me, and where?

"There are many questions that I could ask this Mr. Dodd about, that would prove to the world that this man is a fake that the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner has published. We believe this by the reasoning of such unfounded truth.

"Let the Herald-Examiner Newspaper put us in contact with this Mr. Wallace Dodd. We will show the world that the entire statement is false; that this Mr. Wallace Dodd is not Master Fard Muhammad, To Whom Praises are due forever.

"I have warned you against allowing the devils to trick you into believing their false propaganda which they are spreading all over the world. And especially among the so-called Negroes who have been the perfect model-slaves for 400 years and yet do not have freedom, justice, and equality from the slave masters.

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"And now these smart, scientific tricksters are trying to prevent them from enjoying a permanent salvation that Allah, (God) under the name of Master Fard Muhammad to Whom all Praises are due, has offered us.

"We who believe in him are a living proof of this officer that we are now being blessed with, even though we are afflicted with persecution and death.

"You have those whom the Prophets prophesied of in Washington and in Rome (the Catholics) to deceive the whole world and especially the so-called Negroes. Look in your poison book, the Bible: Revelation 12:9- 13:4, 8, 14- 14:11-20:10- and 21:8.

The Nation of Islam (NOI) is a black nationwide organization headquartered at Muhammad's Temple #2, 7351 South Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, under the guidance of Elijah Muhammad, self-styled "Messenger of Allah," and alleged divinely appointed leader of the black race in America. The NOI seeks a separate black nation, considers all whites to be "devils," and preaches a distorted version of the traditional Islamic religion. NOI internal dissidence and difficulties with rival Muslim groups, and other adversaries, have produced considerable violence in recent years. NOI official policy instructs members to obey United States laws that do not conflict with NOI laws; to defend NOI officials, property, women, and themselves at all costs, if attacked; and to disarm any attacker and use the attacker's weapon against him. Male NOI members regularly receive judo and karate training. NOI activity is widespread among black inmates in many prisons in the United States.