Stating the Obvious

“I have always been a Communist,” Malcolm Little. It is 1953, America is six years into the Cold War; tension is high. A communist is the last thing you want to be. The FBI is constantly gathering information on suspected Communists. Little is a serious person of interest. Little is openly communist and has expressed his affiliation with the Muslim Cult of Islam on many occasions. Malcom Little’s open admission of Communist beliefs and his record of criminal charges lead the U.S. to have valid reasons to suspect Little of being a threat.

McCarthyism was running rampant during the time of Little’s suspected behavior. Senator Joe McCarthy accused hundreds of Americans of being communists or communist sympathizers producing investigations of these individuals. The information gathered by the FBI on Malcolm Little include: religious affiliation, political views, criminal background, as well as a personal description. The information they sought out tells the reader the greatest fear and focus of America was disloyalty. Malcolm Little showed his disloyalty to the United States by admitting his Communist views and ties with the Muslim Cult of Islam. The Muslim Cult of Islam is inherently against U.S. law according to FBI intelligence stating, “The members disavow their allegiance to the United States and pledge their allegiance only to Allah…” This cult believes that they must destroy all non-Muslims and Christianity in a “…war of ‘Armageddon’…” Therefore, the FBI deems them a threat to America. Given the FBI’s fears at this time, his Muslim Cult beliefs and his criminal background information gathered on Malcolm Little would be quite useful in assessing a potential threat to the American way of life.

The FBI judged Malcolm as being dangerous to America and was entirely justified in doing so. Malcolm explicitly stated his alignment with the Communist Party. He similarly indicated his membership in the Muslim Cult of Islam; therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that he was a possible dangerous threat. In fact, the point of the intelligence report is to persuade and give plausible evidence that Malcolm Little is precarious in nature. The question must be raised as to whether the FBI report includes sound evidence to imply that Malcolm’s beliefs are threatening. Therefore, the FBI was acting in accordance with their explicit duties as an intelligence company for the United States.

The question of prejudice was not an issue during the examination of Malcom Little. Although the era was one where racial tensions were high, so was the threat of Communism. Through the admission of Communist beliefs in his “profile” statement, the United States receives valid and concrete answers in relation to apprehending a suspect. Through the legible pieces of evidence on the profile, the readers are able to be fully persuaded by the suggestion that Little fits the description of a possible threat.