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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535

Subject of Request: WALLACE D. FORD

FOIPA No. 351980 /190-

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(See Form 4-694a, enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions.)

Pursuant to your request, 473 page(s) were reviewed and 444 page(s) are being released.

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SAC (25-20607) 62

May 16, 1957

SA [REDACTED]

NATION OF ISLAM  
IS - NOI

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During the recent Chicago Office inspection conducted during the period April 23 through May 10, 1957, a suggestion memo was prepared relating to the case entitled "NATION OF ISLAM, IS - NOI." The inspector, after reviewing this file, made the following suggestions:

"From a review of instant file it does not appear that there has been a concerted effort to locate and fully identify W. D. FARD. Inasmuch as ELIJAH MUHAMMAD recognizes W. D. FARD as being ALLAH (God) and claims that FARD is the source of all of his teachings, it is suggested that an exhaustive effort be made to fully identify and locate W. D. FARD and/or members of his family. It appears that FARD may have been of Arabian descent, rather than an American Negro, and may have spent some time in Arabia or the Middle East. Passport and visa records might be productive in this regard.

"It is also suggested that all available information be obtained regarding ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's arrest on April 16, 1934, in Detroit for 'contributing to the delinquency of a minor.' Inasmuch as ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the spiritual leader of subject organization, it is believed that this information, together with identification records, police records and complete background data (including activities prior to 1930) on both ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and W. D. FARD would be of value to the office of origin and auxiliary offices in interviews with local members and efforts to develop informants. When this data has been fully developed, it is suggested it be incorporated in an organizational report for dissemination to all auxiliary offices.

"It is further suggested that a separate file be opened on W. D. FARD."

- 1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
- ① - 100-new (W. D. FARD)

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SA [REDACTED] will promptly conduct a thorough file review on W. D. FARD and will incorporate in a memorandum all pertinent information available concerning this individual. This memorandum will be utilized in determining logical investigative steps which should be initiated immediately. 67c

SA [REDACTED] will take immediate steps to determine full facts surrounding ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's arrest in Detroit on April 16, 1934.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* \* \* \* \* United States Government

TO : SAC (25-20607)

DATE: 6/10/57

FROM : SA [REDACTED] 67

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM  
IS-NOI

On May 13, 1957, [REDACTED] PSI  
who has furnished reliable information in the  
past, provided to SA [REDACTED] a 6  
page written report concerning a meeting of the  
Temple of Islam held on May 12, 1957, at  
Muhammad's Temple No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood  
Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This report is  
retained as A [REDACTED] 67c

The informant arrived at the meeting  
about two or three minutes after 2:00 P.M. and  
was asked his name, address, and the number of  
times he attended meetings. His hat and coat  
were checked. He was given a good seat on an  
outside aisle.

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100-33683 (W. D. FARD)  
[REDACTED] 67

100-33683-2  
FBI - CHICAGO  
[REDACTED] 67c  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (25-20607)

DATE: 7-1-57

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM 62  
IS - NOI

[REDACTED] PSI, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished to the writer in person on June 5, 1957, a two-page handwritten report concerning an NOI meeting held on June 2, 1957 at Muhammad's Temple #2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago. Informant also on June 2, 1957, furnished oral information concerning this same meeting in addition to his written report which, when reduced to writing, amounts to four pages. This four-page statement was read to the informant and he initialed each page and advised that this oral information provided by him was true and correct to the best of his knowledge. Informant's written report and oral report can be located in A [REDACTED] 674

Informant advised that he arrived at the Temple at about 3:15 where he went through the same routine concerning being searched. After being searched, he was led into the Temple where

- 1 - A) [REDACTED] 670
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]

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① - 100-33683 (W. D. FARD)  
[REDACTED] (10)

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SERIALIZED [REDACTED]  
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Indices Search Slip  
FD-160 (7-20-55)

TO: CHIEF CLERK Date 5/15/57  
 Subject WALLACE D. FORD  
 Aliases W. D. FORD  
 Address unknown Birth Date unknown Birthplace unknown

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File & Serial Number	Remarks	File & Serial Number	Remarks
<u>Wallace D Ford 3/43</u>	<u>submitted to Bureau</u>	<u>FD 25-70607</u>	<u>5-53</u>
<u>100-9128-138</u>	<u>- FD 25-70607</u>		
<u>" " "</u>	<u>- need page number otherwise lost to</u>		
<u>Wallace D Ford</u>			
<u>45-411-706</u>	<u>destroyed 4-5-57</u>		
<u>100-9129-163</u>			
<u>25-30607-2,3</u>		<u>5-53</u>	<u>wrong serial number</u>
<u>Wallace D Ford</u>			
<u>100-35609-31p2</u>			

Requested by [Redacted] Squad S#1 Extension 280 File No. 25-70607  
 Searched by [Redacted] 5-16-57  
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Date \_\_\_\_\_

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject \_\_\_\_\_


Aliases \_\_\_\_\_

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<i>Ford</i>			
<i>100-9129-63</i>	<i>The Prophet</i>		
	<i>W. D. Ford</i>		
	<i>100-6989 - need serial number</i>		
<i>100-9129-128</i>	<i>FD 54 sent to Ben 2/43</i>		
	<i>FTT need serial # sent later</i>		
<i>100-8458-18 p.6</i>	<i>6026 Vernon, Cyp 8/43</i>		
<i>" 6989 - 60 p.3</i>			
<i>" 9129-2 p.17</i>			
<i>A. Wallerford</i>			
<i>100-11514-31 p.24</i>			
<i>W. D. Ford</i>			
<i>100-29481-139 p.8</i>			

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Squad \_\_\_\_\_ Extension \_\_\_\_\_ File No. \_\_\_\_\_

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 NI - Not identical                U - Unavailable reference

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FD-160 (7-20-55)

TO: CHIEF CLERK 0 Date 5/15/57

Subject WALLACE D. FARD, W.F. MUHAMMAD OR MOHAMMED,

Aliases WALLACE FARD MUHAMMAD OR MOHAMMED

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace unknown

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<u>Wallace Fard</u>	<u>100-9129-138</u>	<u>FD 5910</u>	<u>2/4/5</u>
<u>100-6989</u>	<u>mail sent to</u>		<u>incomplete</u>
<u>100-8458-18p6</u>		<u>6026 Vernon Ave, Cgo</u>	<u>(8/4/5)</u>
<u>100-6989-60p3</u>			
<u>100-9129-2017</u>			
<u>W. Wallace Fard</u>			
<u>100-11506-531, 24</u>			<u>destroyed 4/15/57</u>
<u>W.F. Muhammad, 700</u>			<u>621</u>
<u>25-30607-1830p3</u>			
<u>Mohammed</u>			
<u>100-8458-78p5</u>			<u>increased in 1935</u>
<u>2-0-19930</u>	<u>853</u>		<u>sent anonymous con-</u>
<u>as psychopath</u>			<u>specific letter to Sec</u>
			<u>Honolulu, from</u>
			<u>Siemensville Ill postmarked Cgo</u>

Requested by 675 [REDACTED] Squad 571 Extension 280 File No. 25-70607

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject

Aliases

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Birth Date

Birthplace

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<i>Wallace Mohammed</i>			
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[REDACTED]	① 5/55	[REDACTED]	copy says
[REDACTED]	1/57	[REDACTED]	5-27-57
<i>Wallace Mohammed</i>			WS
[REDACTED]	(1942)	[REDACTED]	(a child) ①
<i>4 Mohammed-All</i>			
<i>100-9129-59</i>			
<i>Farrad Mohammed</i>			
<i>100-9129-163</i>			
<i>9129-60</i>			

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TO: CHIEF CLERK Date 5/15/57

Subject GREAT MAHDI

Aliases MAHDI

Address Southorn Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

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<u>100-9129-58</u>	<u>Ali, F. Mahmood</u>		
<u>100-9129-63</u>	<u>Ali, Mahmood F.</u>		
<u>100-13933-40 p. 10</u>	<u>Ali, Mahmood</u>		<u>no ident info (2/4/5)</u>
<u>100-9129-62</u>	<u>Faroud</u>		
<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>		
<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>		
<u>100-15624*</u>	<u>Wallace Blake Ford</u>		<u>no ident data</u>

Requested by [REDACTED] Squad 571 Extension 280 File No. 25-20607

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-33683)

DATE: 7-3-57

FROM : [REDACTED] Correlation Clerk

SUBJECT: W. D. FARD, Was. Wali, Farrad,  
Wallace Farad, Wallie D. Ford,  
Wallace Don Fard, Wali, Mohammed,  
Farrad Mohammed, F. Mohammed-Ali,  
Mohammed F. Ali  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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ATTENTION: SA [REDACTED]

This memo contains all identical and questionable security and criminal.

The agent should note that in file 25-5888, it is reported that the Detroit office is in possession of a photograph of subject W. D. FARD.

I. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

[REDACTED]

100-12624-1

This is a report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7-5-43 at Salt Lake City, subject: [REDACTED] was.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The writer is unable to determine if identical.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

Nation of Islam

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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100-6989-16 p.3

[REDACTED] Milwaukee, in a signed statement on 5-14-42 witnessed by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at Washington, D.C. advised that he accepted MY OWN, which is Islam, in 1931 at Detroit, Michigan at which time he met Allah, also known to him as W. D. FARD, "The Lord of the Worlds".

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WILLIE MOHAMMED, 9536 Cameron, Detroit, Michigan

25-5888-1

WILLIE MOHAMMED, 9536 Cameron, Detroit advised SA'S [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on 7-3-42 that he was born 8-5-91 near Sandersville, Ga.

It should be noted that the subject of this file is WILLIE MOHAMMED, WAS. WILLIE POOLE, WALI MOHAMMED.

WILLIE MOHAMMED advised that he met WALLACE D. FARAD in Detroit in 1931. WALLACE D. FARAD at that time was the leader and organizer of the Islam religion in Detroit. In 1933 or 1934, according to MOHAMMED, WALLACE D. FARAD was arrested by the Detroit PD and a short time thereafter left the community. None of the members of of the Islam Temple #1 at Detroit have heard from WALLACE D. FARAD (Allah) since he left Detroit and they have no idea where he is at the present time. WILLIE advised that he had been acting minister of the Temple of Islam in Detroit since 1937 and DIVARD FARD, the secretary, had been secretary since 1934.

A photograph of WALLACE D. FARAD taken by the Detroit PD in 1933 was exhibited to WILLIE MOHAMMED who immediately identified the picture as being "My Sweet Savior, My All Powerful Allah".

WILLIE admitted being a blood brother of PROPHET ELIJAH who was under arrest in Washington, D.C. under the name of GULAM HOGANS charged with violation of the Selective Service for counseling, aiding and abetting evasion of registration for service as required under the act. WILLIE refused to sign a statement which was prepared by the agents.

[REDACTED] (no address given)

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100-9129-2 p.17

[REDACTED] on 8-7-42 in a signed statement witnessed by SA [REDACTED] at Chicago advised that he joined the Moslem Temple in [REDACTED]. He stated that W. D. FARAD was the Supreme Being and head of the organization. At that time of the statement, [REDACTED] advised that FARAD was in the Holy City of Mecca and was

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last seen by [REDACTED] in 1932 or 1933. He stated that he was a veteran of the First World War but did not register for Selective Service because of the teachings of W. D. FARAD.

Unknown Source

100-8458-18 p.6,7 67r

This is a report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8-13-42 at Chicago. A review of the file 100-6989 reflects that the main chapter of the Moslem Temple of Islam is located at 104 E. 51st St., Chicago. Among the officers and most active in this chapter was listed as:

W. D. FARAD  
6026 Vernon Avenue  
Chicago

62 (This address was from a non-postmarked letter from [REDACTED] (no address) 3-16-42 requesting that his slave name be removed and his original name of "X" given)

W. F. MOHAMMED  
104 E. 51st St.  
Chicago

The writer is unable to determine if identical.

Credit Report

100-8458-137 67r

This is a memo of SA [REDACTED] dated 8-13-42 at Chicago re: FOREIGN INFLUENCE AMONG AMERICAN NEGROES.

In an attempt to obtain further information regarding organizations and their leaders who are suspected of subversive tendencies among the negroes, credit ratings were checked at Hill's Reports, Chicago. The name of WALLACE FARAD was checked with negative results.

The writer is unable to determine if identical.

OUSHA APPACCANIS (no address given)



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100-8458-78 p.5

OUSHA APPACCANIS on 9-9-42 advised SA'S [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at Detroit that he was National Executive Secretary of the Development of Our Own which he described as a "Mohammedan Organization". APPACCANIS stated that his organization has existed since about 1935 when he joined the ranks of the followers of the organization which was at that time under the leadership of MOHAMMED. Since the death of MOHAMMED in 1935, APPACCANIS stated that he had difficulty holding the membership of the organization together.

The writer is unable to determine if identical.

ONI

100-9129-63

This is an ONI Rating Report dated 10-13-42 as furnished to the Chicago Office. It contained the following information:

WALI FARRAD, Was.  
Mr. FARD, The Prophet,  
W. D. FARD, FARAUD (?),  
PROFESSOR FORD, FARRAD MOHAMMED,  
F. MOHAMMED-ALI

The subject was the founder of Nation of Islam, negro Mohammedan Cult of which Temple of Allah, pro-Japanese negro organization, is the outgrowth. He resided in Detroit during the same years as SATAKATA TAKAHASHI, negro organizer and agent of the Black Dragon Society of Japan. The exact origin of the subject's cult is uncertain. Reported as "the Prophet" and founder of the cult, the subject made his first appearance among the negroes of Detroit as a peddler. Like other Arab and Syrian peddlers, he went from house to house carrying his wares. He sold these and his hearers on his teachings; conducted small meetings of those interested; and finally "assumed the role of Prophet". He is quoted by early members as saying "My name is W. D. FARD and I come from the Holy City of Mecca. More about myself I will not tell you yet for the time has not yet come." The subject lived in Detroit from 7/4/30 to 6/30/34. His present whereabouts is not known. The alias of Faraud is doubtful.

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See description under  
100-9129-63 above for  
all these references.

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100-9129-163 p.1,2

This is a Topical Study Memo dated 5-17-43 by the U.S. Naval Intelligence Service, 9th Naval District, subject: ALLAH TEMPLE OF ISLAM.

The founder of the cult who said his name was W. D. FARD is said to have come from the "East" and is referred to as Allah by members of the organization. A "peddler" who "came from the East" founded the Allah Temple of Islam in Detroit, Michigan sometime between 1930 and 1932. This individual stated his name was W. D. FARD but he was more commonly known as Mr. WALI FARRAD. Other names used by him included Professor FORD, Mr. FARRAD MOHAMMED and Mr. F. MOHAMMED ALI. FARD first presented his views from house to house gaining entry by means of the attractive wares he displayed.

Next, a group of people was invited to one of the houses visited by him so that all might hear the story in which there was so much interest. The "peddler" later assumed the role of prophet. During the early period of his ministry, he used the Bible as his textbook. It was the only religious book with which the majority of his hearers were familiar. With growing prestige over a consistently increasing group, the prophet became bolder in his denunciation of the Caucasians and began to attack the teachings of the Bible.

As the following of the prophet grew, a change to temple services and the development of subsidiary organizations became necessary. With the crystallization of the cult activities into a formal movement, FARD placed the entire organization under a Minister of Islam and a corps of assistant ministers, all of whom had been selected and trained by the prophet. Then suddenly he disappeared from Detroit on 6-30-34.

The prophet utilized to the fullest measure the environment of his followers, most of whom were recent migrants from the rural South. It was explained that recommended books and addresses were symbolic and could be understood only through the interpretation which FARD himself would give at the temple services. When, early in the organization's development, the Koran was introduced as the most authoritative source for the study of the new faith, the prophet used only the Arabic text which he translated and explained to the believers. Thus, he had sole access to their original Holy Book.

It is generally believed by members of the cult that FARD was educated in a college in England in preparation for a diplomatic career in the service of the Kingdom of Hejaz but that he abandoned everything to "bring freedom, justice and equality" to his "uncle" (the American negro), living in the "wilderness of North America, surrounded and robbed completely by the cave man". Official **08017**

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the cult estimate that FARD attracted a following of 8000 negroes.

Form FD-59

100-9129-128

This is a form FD-59 dated 2-9-43 re: ALLAH TEMPLE OF ISLAM, WA., ETAL, on WALLACE DON FARD, Was. W. D. Fard, Allah; FBI #56062.

Criminal Record

100-9129-142

This is a criminal record for WALLACE DON FARD, FBI #56062 in answer to Chicago letter dated 2-9-43. The record went back as far as 11/17/18 through 5/25/33. Following is a description from print #45158, Detroit PD:

Color	- White	Build	- Slim
Sex	- Male	Hair	- Black
Age	- 33 in 1933	Eyes	- Maroon
Weight	- 127#	Nationality	- Arabian
Height	- 5'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "		

Additional information appearing in the FBI files include:

Birthplace - Oregon  
Occupation - Cook  
Nationality - American  
Complexion - Dark  
Scars & Marks - Sm Scr bk left hand  
Blk Mole right side of stomach

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[REDACTED] on 10-12-53 advised SA'S [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that at a meeting of the Temple of Islam on 10-9-53, LUCIUS 2X (BROWN) described his days as a Baptist minister prior to his conversion to Islam under ELIJAH MOHAMMED. He stated that the truth about Christianity was brought to this country by the originator of Islam, W. D. FERRAUD, who then taught it to ELIJAH MOHAMMED who in turn risked his life to teach it to the other enslaved original people in North America.

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ALEXANDER T. McCONE, COLONEL, Fifth Army, Chicago

25-20607-21 p.2,3

ALEXANDER T. McCONE, Colonel, GSC, Headquarters Fifth Army, 1660 E. Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago on 12-13-50 furnished to the Chicago office a summary of information dated 12-12-50 on MOSLEMS HOLY TEMPLE OF ISLAM, DETROIT BRANCH.

In 1930 a man calling himself W. D. FARD took over a group of negroes that had been organized by another negro named NOBLE D. OLLIE as a Moslem Islamite group. This group practiced the Moslem religion.

W. D. FERAUD claimed that he was the originator of the Development of Our Own and the Moslem Temple of Islam Cult and cited as proof a book that had been copyrighted by him in the U.S. Library of Congress titled "5 Guiding Principals". He is possibly identical with the W. D. FARD of the police report quoted in the above paragraph. In 1934, W. D. FARD was given police notice to get out of Detroit. He left. However, there were reports that he continued to make trips into Detroit to keep in touch with the Moslem movement there.

In 1934, a member of the group was arrested for contributing to the delinquency of minors by not permitting children of the Islamites to attend public schools. The defense was that the children of the organization attended the University of Islam.

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67c 100-29481-139 p.8

[REDACTED] on 4-12-57 was interviewed by SA'S [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the vicinity of his employment, 2301 S. Paulina, Chicago. He stated that he joined the Temple of Islam (NOI) in Chicago sometime in [REDACTED] the exact date unrecalled. In 1933, he observed a poster on the west side of Chicago announcing a meeting and decided to see what it was about. He said that at that time and at subsequent meetings, he met Allah who at that time used the name of W. D. FARD, the founder of the Nation of Islam, and heard him speak and predict that he (Allah) would destroy America. [REDACTED] stated that sometime in 1934, Allah (W. D. FARD) disappeared and he does not know his present whereabouts. WEBB stated that he received his original name "KARRIEM ALLAH" in 1934 from Allah.

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67 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Chicago on 5-23-57 was interviewed by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

He stated that in about 1930, WALLACE D. FARD, Allah, the Living Supreme Being, went to Detroit from Mecca. While in Detroit, FARD instructed ELIJAH MUHAMMAD to be his prophet in the United States. FARD later moved to Chicago where he lived until about 1933, at which time he returned to Mecca.

67 [REDACTED] stated that Muslims believe that FARD, the Supreme Being, will return to the U.S. during their lifetime to lead all true Muslims to the promised land. When FARD returns to the U.S., the world will be engaged in the final conflict, the "War of Armegeddon" which will be the war with all the white races united fighting all the people of the dark skinned races. He stated that when FARD returns to the U.S., the white man will be the enemy of the Muslims and he [REDACTED] will follow instructions of FARD, even to harm the white man or the white man's government.

United Committee of South Slavic Americans

[REDACTED]

62, 670 100-13953-40 p.10

[REDACTED] on 4-13-44 advised an unknown agent that MEHMED ALI, a member of the American Hercegovinian Bosnian Musselman Club, had contributed to the United Committee of South Slavic Americans.

The writer is unable to determine if identical.

United Public Workers

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] on 5-31-50 furnished to SA'S [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] a list of members of Chicago Post Office Local #248, United Public Workers. This list was dated 5/49 and contained the name W. FORT.

The writer is unable to determine if identical.

The following file was not available for review:

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
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	✓	2/2/28	Dist. Pol. Act	5-26-33 disch by Supt on chg of inv (dis person)
	✓	3/10/28		

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.**

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Director.

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The following FBI record, NUMBER

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE *	DISPOSITION
	Walter Ford, #18249	Los Angeles, Calif., WA, sale		
	\$400. or 180 lbs.			
	Walter Ford, #18249	Los Angeles, Calif., WA, poss.		5/4/26.
	\$1. or 1 car 2/4/26.			

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 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: as Wallace Don Fard, w/as W. D. Fard, "Allah", for quest. See Section, Internal Security (J) SS, Notify BPD, Chicago, Ill, their file #100-9123, per inf rec herefrom 2-12-45. Div. 5 11-8-55.</p>			<p>NO LONGER WANTED per inf rec</p> <p align="right">00023 497</p>

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form may be submitted in legible hand-printing.
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6. Do not fill in block in lower-right corner.
7. Where available furnish Law Enforcement Identification Number and Military Service Number.

To: DIRECTOR, FBI Attention: Identification Division Date

Re WALLACE DON FARD

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name WALLACE DON FARD FBI No. 56062  
Other No. Detroit, Mich. PD #45158  
Aliases W. D. Farad, Wallace Farad

Sex	Race	Birth Date	Birthplace	Residence
Height	Weight	Build	Hair	Eyes
				Complexion
				Age

Fingerprint Classification

Scars, marks and tattoos

Also Furnish:

- Photo  
 Fingerprints  
 Handwriting Specimens

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Identification Division's Reply

- On basis of information furnished, unable to identify:
- Criminal Files  Noncriminal Files  All Files
- Record Attached  
 Photo Attached  
 Photo Not Available  
 Fingerprints Attached  
 Handwriting Specimen Attached

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SAC, DETROIT [REDACTED]

July 31, 1957

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

W.D. FARD  
SECURITY MATTER - NOI  
OO: Chicago

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DATE 1-9-95 BY SP12 [REDACTED]  
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As a result of a recent inspection of the Chicago Office, it was suggested that a concerted effort be made to determine the whereabouts of W.D. FARD, reportedly the founder of the Nation of Islam (NOI). According to speeches and writings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the National Leader of the NOI, "Allah" came to Detroit, Michigan from Mecca in 1930 in the person of one W.D. FARD and taught him for 3 years concerning Islam. According to MUHAMMAD, FARD was arrested by the Detroit Police Department in 1933, and shortly thereafter was asked to leave Detroit by the police department. MUHAMMAD claims that FARD continued to teach Islam in Chicago until 1934, at which time FARD disappeared and nothing about him has been heard since this time.

The files of the Chicago Office indicate that W.D. FARD, as WALLACE DON FARD, FBI # 56062, was arrested as WALLACE FARAD by the Detroit, Michigan Police Department on May 25, 1933, their number 45138, on a charge of INV. No disposition was given.

The Identification Record for FARD also indicates that he was arrested by the Los Angeles, California Police Department as WALLIE FORD, their number 16448, on November 17, 1918, on a charge of ADW. No disposition was given.

- 2-Detroit [REDACTED] (RM)
- 2-Los Angeles (RM)
- 2-San Francisco (RM)
- 2-Chicago (100-33683)

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adv. have copy of lead  
initiated by [REDACTED] 8-29-57*

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This record also indicates that FARD was received at the State Prison, San Quentin, California, as WALLIE D. FORD, their number 42314, on June 26, 1926 on a charge of VIOL. POIS Act. Disposition given 0 to 6 years, May 26, 1933, DISCH.

Other entries on the FBI Identification Record are WALLIE FORD #16448, Los Angeles, California, WA, sale, \$4.00 or 180 days; WALLIE FORD, #16448, Los Angeles, California, WA, POSS, March 4, 1926, \$1.00 or 1 day, March 4, 1926. Additional aliases listed are WALLACE FORD and W.D. FARAD.

The following is a description as furnished by the Detroit Police Department, their number 45138:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	33 years in 1933
Weight	127 pounds
Height	5'6 1/2"
Build	Slim
Hair	Black
Eyes	Hazelnut
Nationality	Arabian

According to the FBI Identification Record, additional information in the files of the Bureau indicate birth place as Oregon, occupation cook, nationality American, complexion dark, scars and marks, small scar back of left hand, black mole right side of stomach.

Detroit is requested to review the indices of their Office for any pertinent information concerning W.D. FARD or WALLACE DON FARD, WALLACE FARAD. Detroit is also requested to review records of the Detroit Police Department, their number 45138, and ascertain circumstances concerning FARD's arrest on May 25, 1933 and disposition thereof, and to furnish Chicago a photograph if available.

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Los Angeles is requested to review Los Angeles Police Department record number 16448, and advise Chicago of the circumstances surrounding the arrest of FARD for ADW and disposition thereof. It is also requested that a photograph if available, be furnished.

San Francisco is requested to contact officials at San Quentin Prison and review their file #42314, and advise Chicago circumstances surrounding the incarceration of FARD, and if available, furnish a photograph.

It is requested that all Offices receiving copies of this letter be furnished the requested information by letter.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-4805)

SUBJECT: W. D. FARD  
SM - NOI  
OO: Chicago

DATE: 8/26/57

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 2-9-95 BY SP1 [REDACTED]

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Re Chicago letter to Detroit, 7/31/57.

Records of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office and Los Angeles Police Department were caused to be searched by SE [REDACTED] on 8/12/57 and the following information was obtained from the Index Criminal Record Card:

<u>Date of Arrest</u>	<u>Agency and Number</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
11/17/18	Los Angeles PD #16448	Assault with Deadly Weapon	Released
1/20/26	Los Angeles PD #16488	Woolwine Act (California Prohibition Law) - Possession Woolwine Act - Sale	\$1.00 or 1 day, 3/4/26 \$400.00 or 180 days, 3/4/26
2/15/26	Los Angeles PD #16448	State Poison Act (Fel.)	To Los Angeles County 2/17/26
2/17/26	Los Angeles Co. SO #60469	Received from L.A.	1/2 - 6 years, San Quentin, 5/28/26
6/12/26	San Quentin #42314	State Poison Act from L.A. Co.	0 - 6 years. Disc. 5/27/29
5/25/33	Detroit PD #45138	Investigation	

The original records covering the details of the arrests of the subject by the Los Angeles Police Department in 1918 and 1926 have been destroyed. Before their destruction they were microfilmed, however a search of the records of the Los Angeles Police Department failed to locate the microfilm.

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The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office has no details concerning the arrests by the Police Department in 1918 or 1926.

The Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Sheriff's Office have no available photograph of subject.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

8/27/57

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-43165)

W. D. FARD  
SM - NOI  
OO: CHICAGO

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 6-21-95 BY SP12 [redacted]

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Re Chicago letter to Detroit dated July 31, 1957.

On August 15, 1957, [redacted] Records Section, San Quentin State Prison, San Quentin, California, made available to SA [redacted] information pertaining to WALLIE D. FORD, San Quentin number 42314.

These records reflect that under the name of WALLIE D. FORD, indicated as the true name of the Subject, he was received at San Quentin Penitentiary June 12, 1926, from Los Angeles County, California, where he had been convicted for a violation of the State Poisons Act. These records further indicated that FORD was born at Portland, Oregon, on February 25, 1891, his father being ZARED FORD, mother, BEATRICE FORD, both of whom were born in Hawaii. ZARED FORD's occupation was listed as operator of the Ford Bottling Works, Honolulu, Hawaii. The following description was noted relative to WALLIE D. FORD:

Race	White
Occupation	Cook
Height	5' 6 3/8"
Weight	133 pounds
Complexion	Dark
Eyes	Maroon
Hair	Black
Marital Status	Married
Children	One, age 5 - 1926.
Education	Public schools, Portland, Oregon.
Former address	4401 Mount Eagle Place, Los Angeles, California.

When interviewed by California State Parole Authorities concerning his past, the records indicate that FORD furnished information as follows:

- 2 - Bureau (REG)
- ① - Chicago (100-33683) (REG)
- 1 - Detroit (Info) (REG)
- 1 - Los Angeles (Info) (REG)
- 2 - San Francisco (100-43165) (1 - 25-29163)

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He was born in Portland, Oregon, in 1891, and lived in that city until 1913, at which time he moved to the Los Angeles area where he resided until the time of his arrest. He married HAZEL BARTON in Los Angeles and she was 26 years of age at that time. One child resulted from this union.

According to San Quentin records, District Attorney KEYES of Los Angeles County, prosecutor in the Subject's case, made the following statement concerning the crime, "This defendant had in his possession drugs which his partner EDWARD DONALDSON offered to sell to police officers for \$225. They became suspicious when they detected one of the officers' handcuffs and refused to go through with the deal. Officers found the drugs at FORD's place of business."

San Quentin records reflect that while in that institution, letters were received attesting to FORD's good character from the following individuals:

Mrs. HAZEL E. OSBORNE (former wife), who stated in substance that FORD did not drink, smoke, or gamble. He was morally a good man that because he was tempermental, their marriage resulted in divorce.

Mrs. MARY BROWN of Los Angeles, who stated that FORD had been "like one of our family for ten years."

Mrs. PEARL MORTON of Los Angeles, who wrote on May 23, 1927, "I have known him for 11 years; my mother and I have always been very fond of him...always treated him as one of the family..."

While incarcerated at San Quentin, the Subject was employed in the jute mill and as a road worker.

San Quentin records indicate that FORD was released from San Quentin May 27, 1929.

Information copies of this communication are furnished Detroit and Los Angeles for assistance in their investigation of instant case.

It is noted that the records of San Quentin Prison are currently being consolidated with other state

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records at Vacaville, California, and consequently no photograph of the Subject is available at the present time. Efforts will be made in the immediate future to obtain a photograph of FORD from the State Record's Office at Vacaville, California, when these records are filed and made available.

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SAN FRANCISCO:

AT VACAVILLE, CALIFORNIA

Will obtain a photograph of WALLIE D. FORD, San Quentin number 42314.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (100-33683)  
FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-26356)  
SUBJECT: W. D. FARD, wa. Wallace Farad  
SM - NOI

DATE: August 29, 1957

Reference is made to your letter of July 31, 1957, with respect to captioned Subject.

A review of Detroit Indices reflects that Chicago has received all intelligence available in the files of this Office.

Investigative Clerk [redacted] on August 9, 1957, ascertained from Patrolman [redacted] Detroit Police Department, that Subject as WALLACE FARAD, Detroit Police Department #45138, was arrested May 25, 1933, by that Department for Investigation at the Fraymore Hotel as chief of the Voodoos. FARAD was then described as age 33, 5' 8", 135 lbs., Arabian ancestry, minister. No disposition appeared and no other details were available from the Detroit Police Department files. A photograph of Subject obtained from the Detroit Police Department is being forwarded as an enclosure herewith.

Clerk [redacted] Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Detroit, Michigan, on August 9, 1957, advised Investigative Clerk [redacted] that the files of that department failed to reflect any record identifiable with instant Subject.

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- (2) - Chicago (Encl-1) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Detroit

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-33683)

DATE: 8/28/57

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: W. D. FARD  
SM-NOI

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DATE 6-21-95 BY SP1 [REDACTED]

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Set forth below are the results of investigation conducted in an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of captioned subject who is reportedly the founder of the NOI.

In speeches at Temple No. 2 by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, MUHAMMAD has stated that W.D. FARD came to Chicago in 1933 after having been asked to leave Detroit by the police department. MUHAMMAD states that in 1933 FARD was arrested by the Chicago Police Department.

On May 8, 1957, [REDACTED] Officer, Records and Communications Section, Chicago Police Department, advised that a search of the records of his agency contained no information indicating any arrest for W. D. FARD. [REDACTED] stated that his records do contain an arrest for one WALLACE FORD. [REDACTED] stated that FORD was arrested September 26, 1933, charged with disorderly conduct, and that either on September 26 or 29, 1933, he appeared before Judge DUNN, Branch 34, and was subsequently discharged. [REDACTED] stated that according to the records, FORD listed his address as Detroit, Michigan, sex male, race colored, age 40, weight 132, height 5'7", build slender, eyes brown.

[REDACTED] stated that his records contain no additional information.

On May 8, 1957, [REDACTED] Security Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised that a search of the records of his agency contained no information identifiable with captioned subject.

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On July 24, 1957, a search of the death records at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, 130 North Wells, was conducted. These records were searched from the years 1932 to 1936 for any information identifiable with the subject. The names searched were as follows:

FARD  
FARRAD  
FARAD  
FERRAD  
FERAD  
FORD  
MOHAMMED  
MUHAMMAD

A search of these records revealed no information identifiable with captioned subject.

On August 13, 1957, inquiry was made at the Chicago Public Library, Michigan and Randolph, in an effort to locate any information identifiable with captioned subject which might be contained in old city directories. It was ascertained that the last city directory was published in the year 1928.

On August 22, 1957, the records for Branch 34 were made available at the City of Chicago Warehouse, 3150 Sacramento Boulevard. These records reveal that quasi criminal complaint 3227492 dated September 26, 1933, was issued against WALLACE FORD of Detroit, Michigan. This complaint indicates that FORD was arrested at 3 p.m. on September 25, 1933, at 48th and Calumet on a charge of investigation as a con man. This complaint indicates that the defendant on September 26, 1933, waived a jury trial and a trial was held by the court finding the defendant not guilty and the defendant was subsequently discharged. This record indicates that WALLACE FORD was described as age 40, race Negro; occupation none, marital status single, complexion dark, build slender, height 5'7", weight 132, eyes brown, hair black, address Detroit, Michigan.

These records contained no additional information.

Investigation is continuing in an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of captioned subject.

SAC (25-20607)

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SA [REDACTED]

NATION OF ISLAM  
IS-NOI

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Information received from [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, has indicated that the feast which is scheduled to be held on September 24, 1957, by Muhammad's Temple No. 2 would be held at the Grand Ballroom, 6351 South Cottage Grove Avenue.

On September 16, 1957, [REDACTED]

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and [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated that within the past week or two, the exact date unrecalled, he was contacted by three unknown individuals desiring to rent the Grand Ballroom. He stated that these persons indicated they desired to rent the ballroom on September 24, 1957, and that they were associated with some type of a Moslem group. He stated that he had been informed that this group had cancelled out and had told the individual who operates the Grand Ballroom that the place was not large enough to accommodate individuals expected at this affair.

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[REDACTED] stated that during World War II, [REDACTED] and recalled that the draft board had had trouble with members of this Moslem group over Selective Service, and that members of this group had gone to jail. He stated that sometime during World War II an individual he described as the "top man" of this group died, and that the Atkins Funeral Home, 43rd and Indiana, had handled the funeral arrangements.

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Based on this last statement of [REDACTED] the writer and SA [REDACTED] proceeded to the Atkins Funeral Home on the chance that the "top man", described by [REDACTED] might possibly be W. D. FARD.

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[redacted] 4309 South Indiana Avenue,  
[redacted] of the Atkins Funeral Home, advised that his records indicate that the only individual he could associate with the statement of [redacted] was that he handled a funeral for an individual described as Prophet NOBLE DREW Reincarnated. He stated his records indicated this person died on October 22, 1945, and at the time of death resided at 447 East 40th Street. He stated that the death certificate number was 29803, and that this person was buried in Lincoln Cemetery, 123rd and Kedzie.

It is believed that this person is probably identical with NOBLE DREW ALI, who is head of a sect called the Moorish Americans or Ahmadyia.

It is noted that information has been received that NOBLE DREW ALI and ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, during the early 1930's in Detroit, were associated with W.D. PARD and the Nation of Islam, however, ALI broke with the NOI sometime in the 1930's and established his own group.

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On September 16, 1957, [redacted] Grand Ballroom, 6351 South Cottage Grove, advised that her records indicate that on September 3, 1957, HERBERT MUHAMMAD had signed a contract to rent the ballroom on September 24, 1957, for a banquet. MUHAMMAD had placed a \$25.00 deposit at this time, and that the cost for rental of the ballroom was \$100.00 for the evening. [redacted] stated that on either September 10 or 11, 1957, she received a telephone call from HERBERT MUHAMMAD cancelling the reservation for September 24, 1957, and was advised by MUHAMMAD that the Grand Ballroom was too small for the amount of people expected.

[redacted] stated that MUHAMMAD gave no indication as to any other arrangements they might have made to hold the banquet. She stated that the Grand Ballroom has the largest accommodations of any building of its type on the South Side of Chicago.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100- ) DATE: 10-3-57

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683) 67

SUBJECT : W. D. FARD  
SECURITY MATTER - NOI  
O.O.- Chicago

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 6-21-95 BY SP12 [REDACTED]  
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Reference San Francisco letter to Bureau 8/27/57.

For the information of the Honolulu, Portland, and Washington Field Offices, as a result of a recent inspection of the Chicago Office, it was suggested that a concerted effort be made to determine the whereabouts of W. D. FARD, reportedly the founder of the Nation of Islam (NOI).

According to speeches and writings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the National leader of the NOI, "ALLAH" came to Detroit, Michigan, from Mecca in 1930 in the person of one W. D. FARD, who taught him, MUHAMMAD, for three years concerning Islam. MUHAMMAD claims that FARD taught Islam in Detroit, Michigan, from 1930 to 1933, at which time he was asked to leave Detroit by the Detroit Police Department and subsequently came to Chicago, Illinois. FARD taught Islam until 1934, at which time he disappeared and nothing has been heard from him since that time. MUHAMMAD has also indicated that FARD returned to Mecca.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Detroit (100-26356) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Honolulu (AIR MAIL-REGISTERED)
- 2 - Los Angeles (105-4805) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Portland (REGISTERED)
- 2 - San Francisco (100-43165) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Washington Field Office (REGISTERED)
- ① - Chicago

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (100-33683)  
 FROM : SAC, Honolulu (100-6122)  
 SUBJECT: W. D. FARD  
 SM - NOI  
 OO Chicago

DATE: 10/10/57

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There is no listing of subject, WALLIE D. FORD, ZARED FORD, BEATRICE FORD or the Ford Bottling Company in Honolulu City Directories subsequent to 1947.

During the war Territorial law compelled the registration of all civilian residents of the Islands. A check of the files of the civilians who registered during the war was made 10/8/57 by SA [redacted] at the Office of Civil Identification, Attorney General, Territory of Hawaii. No record was found of W. D. FARD, WALLIE D. FORD or ZARED and BEATRICE FORD.

On 10/9/57 [redacted] Honolulu Police Department, and [redacted] Credit Bureau of Hawaii, advised SE [redacted] the files of their offices contained no information concerning above mentioned individuals. [redacted] also reported that the Credit Bureau had no record of a Ford Bottling Company.

The following individuals, contacted by SA [redacted] 10/10/57, reported they had never heard of the Ford Bottling Company:

TOKUICHI TSUJI, President of Sunrise Soda Water Works CO., Ltd., 967 Robello Lane, Honolulu, who has been in the bottling business since the 1920's.

SATORU TAKITANI, President of Tru-Ade Bottling Company of Honolulu, Ltd., 1398 Makaloa, Honolulu, who has been in the bottling business in Honolulu since 1931.

EDWIN H. BARRETT, Vice-President of Canada Dry Bottling Co. (Hawaii), 729 Kakaako, Honolulu.

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SA [REDACTED]

NATION OF ISLAM  
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The following information is a summary of information appearing in various files and was compiled by the writer from a review of the files in connection with the investigation of W. D. FARD. The information contained in this memo is relative to the founding of the organization known as the Nation of Islam. The Moorish Science Temple of America will be referred to hereafter as the MSTA.

At Newark, New Jersey, in 1913, an individual calling himself NOBLE DREW ALI or the Prophet NOBLE DREW ALI founded an organization known as the MSTA. The person calling himself NOBLE DREW ALI was a Negro male, TIMOTHY DREW, who was born January 8, 1886, in North Carolina. Little is known of NOBLE DREW ALI's history. He was reported to have been employed as an "expressman" in Newark in 1913, and was supposed to have been in Cuba, at one time.

There is little indication that NOBLE DREW ALI was successful in obtaining a large following at Newark, or that any large MSTA membership was formed on a national basis.

In 1925, NOBLE DREW ALI appeared at Chicago, Illinois, and preached in empty lots and on street corners on Chicago's South side.

DREW ALI is described as being a semi-literate person although he possessed an eloquent tongue, a persuasive manner and a native shrewdness which enabled him to sway the poor people who listened to him. DREW ALI always appeared wearing a flaming red fez similar to those worn by Turks.

- 4 - Chicago
- 2 - 25-20607
- 1 - 100-33683 (W. D. FARD)
- 1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
- 1 - 61-293 (MSTA)

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NOBLE DREW ALI was persistent in his preaching and slowly began to win *disciples* for his banner. DREW ALI was able to establish a permanent headquarters and by 1927 was able to hold a convention where it was decided to expand proselytizing activities to other cities.

The philosophy which NOBLE DREW ALI preached was a religion based on *rank* and opposing the Christian faith. He preached that people commonly known in America as Negroes are actually of Moorish descent and are asiatics, and that the Negroes should not refer to themselves as black, but as "olive-hued". The Negroes in America are descendants of the ancient Moabites who inhabited the Northwest and Southwest shores of Africa, but that they had been held in slavery in America from 1779 to 1865. The names used by the Negroes were not their real names, but "slave names" and the Moorish in America ~~were~~ required to carry a card bearing his "real" or asiatic name. The "slave" names were transformed to real ones by the addition of "El" or "Bey" after the name on the card bearing the person's "real name". The card had to be signed by DREW ALI who of course sold the cards to those to whom he gave their Asiatic names. DREW ALI also began to do a "profitable business in charms and nostrums, among them were Moorish healing oil, Moorish prifier bath compound and Moorish herbs." According to NOBLE DREW ALI, ALLAH, the Great God of the Universe had ordained NOBLE DREW ALI as his *Knophet* to redeem his people from their sinful ways and to proclaim their free racial name. DREW ALI wrote and published his "Koran" a small pamphlet consisting of a mixture of the Mohammedan Koran the Christian Bible and excerpts from the life of Christ bound together with DREW ALI's pronouncements and interpretations.

January 8, DREW ALI's birthday was considered a special occasion for the Moorish regalia was sworn in in all temples and there was *partying* and *distribution* of *spices* in a celebration similar to Christmas. DREW ALI considered MARCUS GARVEY his forerunner in a relationship *analogous* to that of John the Baptist and JESUS,

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and paid tribute to GARVEY in his Koran and sermons. It should be noted that MARCUS GARVEY was a Jamaican Negro who organized a movement in 1918 known as the Universal Negro Improvement Association which advocated a back to Africa movement which reached its peak in membership in 1921, claiming about 4,000,000 Negroes. After that the movement steadily declined.

By 1929 a leadership quarrel had developed within the MSTIA between DREW ALI and CLAUDE GREEN, a Negro politician and former partner to the philanthropist JULIUS ROSENWALD. GREEN was an opportunist who saw in the MSTIA a quick source of revenue. Upon arrival at his office one day in the spring of 1929, DREW ALI found that GREEN had moved all his furniture outside and had declared himself Grand Sheik. With this ~~declaration~~ <sup>enlistment</sup> enlisted support in Chicago, as well as in temples in other cities.

On March 15, 1929, GREEN was stabbed to death. The following day DREW ALI was arrested, but subsequently released on bond.

On July 20, 1929, DREW ALI was beaten to death in a bloody fight between warring MSTIA factions, near MSTIA temple 3603 South Indiana, Chicago. A few days later another bloody MSTIA riot occurred, during the course of which two Chicago policemen were killed, one MSTIA member was killed and numerous members were arrested.

After DREW ALI's death the MSTIA definitely split into two factions, one headed by a CHARLES KERMAN BEY and the other by JOHN GIVENS EL, wa., the Prophet NOBLE DREW ALI re-incarnated. Several others aspiring to leadership also developed and all of them, including CHARLES KERKMAN BEY claimed that NOBLE DREW ALI had re-incarnated himself in his body.

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Beginning in the 1930s CHARLES KIRKMAN BEY was the recognized leader of the predominant section of the MSTA which continued to attract membership, teaching the philosophy of NOBLE DREW ALI. The organization attracted membership throughout the United States and did not begin to decline until after World War II.

(The above information is a summary of information appearing in various files. The bibliography for the above information is 61-293-162,233,253 and 100-8458-329.) In the course of the Bureau's investigation of the MSTA, SA [redacted] interviewed [redacted]

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[redacted] on January 6, 1943. At that time [redacted] advised that he was [redacted] of the MSTA Temple at Pontiac, Michigan. According to [redacted] several years previously an individual by the name of FARD (phonetic), whom he believed to be Algerian, was instrumental in having many members leave the MSTA and affiliate themselves with a group which he referred to as the "Moo-lem". [redacted] was careful to pronounce the names as it was spelled so as to distinguish it from the word Moslem, (61-293-106, page 4.)

In this connection it should be noted that W. D. FARD, was., WALLY FARRAD, FARRAD MOHAMMED, ~~FARRAD~~ F. MOHAMMED ALI, living in Detroit, Michigan, from July, 1930, to June, 1934, during which time he was instrumental in the founding of the Nation of Islam (25-20607-1B6 (10).

A G-2 report, dated December 30, 1950, reflects that in 1930, a man calling himself W. D. FARD took over a group of Negroes which had been organized by another Negro named NOBLE D. OLLIE. W. D. FARD is reported to be the organizer of both the NOI and an organization known as the "Development of Our Own". (25-20607-21).

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An OMI report, dated October 13, 1942, lists one ABDUL MOHAMMED a "First Officer" of the NOI in Detroit, as having been the host of one SATAKATA TAKAHASHI, founder of the Japanese "Black Dragon Society".

Apparantly TAKAHASHI lived with ABDUL MOHAMMED for two weeks in Detroit in the early 1930s (100-9129-64).

NASA NAKANE, wa., SATAKATA TAKAHASHI, was a Jap who was instrumental in the formation of an organization known as the "Development of Our Own" a Negro organization through which Japanese propoganda was disbursed prior to World War II. (61-257).

On June 29, 1939, ~~Takahashi~~ was arrested for illegal entry and attempted bribery of a United States Immigration Inspector. Upon interview by a Bureau Agent following his conviction for Bribery, ~~Takahashi~~ stated that in 1930, in Tacoma, Washington, he became acquainted with a Negro Minister JOHN WHITE. Upon going to Detroit, from Tacoma, in the early 1930s, ~~Takahashi~~ contacted one ABDUL MOHAMMED because MOHAMMED had written WHITE requesting that the Japanese work among the Negroes in Detroit. ~~Takahashi~~ resided with MOHAMMED, but left because he considered him a ~~foe~~. (61-257-1, page 58).

ABDUL MOHAMMED is deceased having died in an insane asylum. (61-257-1, page 60).

On September 9, 1942, one OUSHA APPACANIS was interviewed at Detroit by SAs  and  at which time he stated that he was National Executive Secretary of the "Development of Our Own". APPACANIS joined the organization in about 1935, when it was under leadership of one MOHAMMED who died in about 1935. APPACANIS stated that MOHAMMED's wife after his death had told him that MOHAMMED had taken one SATAKATA TAKAHASHI into his home when TAKAHASHI was . TAKAHASHI learned the principals of MOHAMMED's organization and when he  approached MOHAMMED with the thought in mind that the two of them could utilize the organization to make a great deal of money. MOHAMMED's wife related that MOHAMMED refused this approach. (100-8458-78, page 5).

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

*Lead* Suggest from the above information concerning the identity of ~~WILLIAM~~ D. FARD and the founding of the Nation of Islam will be set forth separately under the W D Fard caption.

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-4805)

RE: CHANGED: ~~W. D. FORD~~, was  
~~Wallace Ford, Wallei Ford,~~  
W. D. Ford, Fred Dodd  
SM - NOI  
(OO: CHICAGO)

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Re Chicago letter to Bureau 10/3/57.

The title of this case is being marked "Changed" and the aliases WALLACE FORD, W. D. FORD and FRED DODD, as furnished by his former common-law wife, and the name of WALLEI FORD, as obtained from Los Angeles Police Department records, are being added to the title.

67c Records of the Los Angeles County Birth Index were caused to be searched by SE [redacted] on 10/15/57 for the period from 1911 through 1927, and the following birth record was located:

Records 1920, Volume 173, page 7850: Birth of one WALLACE DODD FORD, male child, born on 9/1/20 at the MacDonald Sanitarium; father - WALLACE FORD, 347 South Flower Street,

- 3 - Bureau (AM - REGISTERED)
- 2 - Chicago (100-33683)(AM - REGISTERED)
- 1 - Detroit (100-26356)(Info.)(REGISTERED)
- 1 - Honolulu (Info.)(REGISTERED)
- 2 - Portland (AM - REGISTERED)
- 2 - Richmond (Encl.1)(AM - REGISTERED)
- 1 - San Francisco (100-43165)(Info.)(REGISTERED)
- 2 - Washington Field (AM - REGISTERED)
- 2 - Los Angeles (1 - 105-4805)
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Los Angeles; race white, age 26, born in New Zealand, occupation restaurant keeper; mother - maiden name HAZEL BARTON, 347 South Flower Street, race white, age 25, born state of New York, occupation - none. The birth was certified on 9/2/20 by HARLEY E. MacDONALD, physician, with offices at 1521 South Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Attached to the above birth certificate was an amendment to the certificate dated 7/10/40, filed by HAZEL FORD EVELSIZER of 4776 Hub Street, Los Angeles, mother of WALLACE DODD FORD, who was born in the city of Los Angeles on the first day of September, 1920, as stated in the certificate of birth filed by HARLEY E. MacDONALD on 9/2/20. The amended birth certificate changed the original certificate to read: Full name of child, WALLACE MAX FORD; occupation of mother changed to read housewife. Affiant of the above amended birth certificate was HAZEL FORD EVELSIZER of 4776 Hub Street. It was sworn to on 7/1/40. CLIFFORD EVELSIZER of 4776 Hub Street also subscribed to the above information on 7/1/40 before notary public in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

SE [REDACTED] caused a check to be made on 10/15/57 of the Los Angeles County Marriage Records for the period 1/1/12 through 12/31/26, and of the Los Angeles County Superior Court Divorce Records for 1/1/14 to 12/31/30, and no record of marriage or divorce was found between FARD or FORD and HAZEL BARTON, HAZEL FORD or HAZEL OSBORNE.

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Mrs. CLIFFORD EVELSIZER, who stated that her full name was HAZEL BARTON FORD OSBORNE EVELSIZER, was interviewed at her residence, 4776 Hub Street, Los Angeles, by SA [REDACTED] on October 17, 1957, at which time she furnished the following information:

Her maiden name was HAZEL BARTON. In 1919 in Los Angeles she met WALLACE FORD who was operating a cafe at 347 South Flower Street, Los Angeles. HAZEL began living with him and their residence was an apartment above the cafe. A male child was born on 9/1/20 in Los Angeles and was named WALLACE DODD FORD. In 1921 or 1922 she moved out on FORD and took the child with her. She continued to live in Los Angeles. Her second "husband" was OSBORNE who lived six months and died, and then she met her third "husband," CLIFFORD EVELSIZER, with whom she is still living. CLIFFORD EVELSIZER is a retired employee of the city of Los Angeles.

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The child of FORD, WALLACE DODD FORD, later known as WALLACE MAX FORD, was in the U. S. Coast Guard during World War II and was killed at Linhaven Roads, Virginia, on 8/3/42. HAZEL has documentary proof of death of child as set out above.

Information re subject's criminal record under Los Angeles Police Department No. 16447 is set out in Los Angeles letter to Chicago dated 8/26/57. WALLEI FORD was arrested by the LAPD on 11/17/18 for assault with a deadly weapon and was released. He was again arrested on 1/20/26 for violation of the Woolwine Act (California prohibition law), possession and sale. On 3/4/26 he was sentenced to a one dollar fine or one day in jail on count 1 and to a four hundred dollar fine or 180 days in jail on count 2. On 2/15/26 he was arrested for the third time by the LAPD for violation of the State Poison Act - a felony. He was sentenced on 5/28/26 to a term of from six months to six years and was received at San Quentin State Penitentiary on 6/12/26. He was released from San Quentin on 5/27/29.

HAZEL described FORD as male, white, New Zealander, exact age unknown, 5'8", 140 pounds, slender build, black curly hair, black eyes, beautiful even teeth, straight nose, Caucasian features, no visible scars, extremely swarthy complexion, had the appearance of a very dark complected Mexican.

HAZEL advised that FORD had come to Los Angeles from Oregon at least four or five years before she met him in 1919 and had been operating his cafe at 347 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, during that period. FORD never told her anything about his background. He never mentioned his date or place of birth, education, parents, brothers or sisters. On one occasion she found an old letter addressed to him under the name of FRED DODD in Salem, Oregon. By reading the letter she knew without question in her mind that FRED DODD and WALLACE FORD were identical; however, he always used the name WALLACE FORD while she knew him in Los Angeles.

HAZEL recalled that a girl, name unknown, told her in about 1919 or 1920 that she, the girl, had helped FORD write letters to his parents in New Zealand because FORD had very little education and had trouble with his correspondence. According to HAZEL this unknown girl had been a waitress in FORD's cafe and had lived with FORD before HAZEL came along. From this and from the birth certificate on the child HAZEL assumed that FORD came from New Zealand.

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HAZEL recalled that in 1919 when she first moved in with FORD he mentioned that he had been married, possibly in Oregon; that there had been a bitter separation and FORD had been unable to obtain a divorce, and that was one of the reasons she and FORD were never married. FORD had a boy of this marriage. HAZEL thinks the boy was born sometime prior to 1914 or 1915, possibly in Oregon.

In 1926 FORD, while operating his cafe, was associated with a man who was half Chinese, and the two of them sold narcotics for which they were arrested and both sent to prison. The other person was paroled, but FORD told HAZEL that he would serve out his time and did not want a parole as he wanted to be a free man when he was released.

After his release from San Quentin on 5/27/29 FORD went to Chicago and was in Chicago and Detroit from then until 1932 when FORD visited HAZEL, her present husband and the child in Los Angeles. FORD was driving a 1929 Model A Ford coupe with California license plates. FORD had white sheets over the seats of the car. He left the sheets with HAZEL, saying that he would not need them any more as he was going back to New Zealand. FORD gave no explanation as to why he used white sheets. On this singular visit FORD advised HAZEL and her family that he was only eating one meal a day and that this was his new way of life. HAZEL advised that FORD was wearing his hair long and full in the back. Previously he had always had a short conventional haircut.

FORD said that since his release from San Quentin he had been selling doctors' supplies. During this visit in 1932 FORD gave HAZEL a small box containing self-threading needles. This box was postmarked 4/28/30 from the Marcellene Chemical Company, 1900 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, and was addressed to W. D. FORD, General Delivery, Chicago, Illinois. HAZEL gave the box to the interviewing agent and the same is being retained in the Los Angeles file in instant case.

HAZEL advised she corresponded with FORD from 1929 to 1932. All of her letters were addressed to him care of General Delivery, in either Chicago, Illinois or Detroit, Michigan. She corresponded with FORD on an average of once or twice a year. She tried to get FORD to send money for the support of the child. HAZEL recalls that when FORD did write he said he had no money to send.

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HAZEL advised that FORD never had any unusual political, economic, social or religious beliefs, and that he had never indicated any interest in such things.

Mr. and Mrs. EVELSIZER are leaving Los Angeles on 10/21/57 for a winter vacation in trailer parks in Florida. They will return to Los Angeles on 4/15/58. In the interim they can be contacted through P.O. Box 42-554, York Station, Los Angeles 42, California.

Enclosed with this airtel to Richmond is a copy of relea.

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Copies of this airtel are being furnished to Detroit, Honolulu and San Francisco for their information in view of the pending investigation in those offices.

PORTLAND OFFICE

Will check marriage records in an effort to locate a marriage for FORD sometime prior to 1914 or 1915. ✓

RICHMOND OFFICE

Will contact the Marcellene Chemical Company, 1900 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, and obtain any background information they may have concerning the subject, noting that they were in contact with him on 4/28/30 and that he was allegedly selling doctors' supplies during that period.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

Will check INS records for any information concerning the subject, noting that he allegedly came from New Zealand.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

10/14/57

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-4165)

W.D. FORD  
SM-NOI  
(OO Chicago)

Re San Francisco letter to Bureau 8/27/57, and Chicago letter to Bureau, 10/3/57.

On 10/4/57 [redacted] Identification Officer, Guidance and Reception Center, California Medical Facility, Vacaville, California made available to SA [redacted] a photograph of WALLY D. FORD, SO#42314, which photo he stated was taken in June 1926 when the Subject was received at the reception center.

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[redacted] stated that his records indicate that the Subject was arrested in Detroit, Michigan, their number 45138 on 5/25/37 on a charge of investigation. [redacted] suggested that New York authorities might have a more recent photograph of the Subject. The aforementioned photograph is enclosed for the Chicago office.

On 10/9/57, Mr. [redacted] Records Section, San Quentin Prison advised that the prison records contain no Los Angeles addresses for MARY BROWN or PEARL MORTON. The only address contained in the San Quentin file for HAZEL OSBORNE, nee BARTON, was listed as 4401 Mount Eagle Place, Los Angeles, California.

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DETROIT OFFICE

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Will attempt to locate through the files of the Detroit PD under PD #45138 a more recent photograph of the Subject.

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- 1 - Chicago (Encl. 1)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)  
SUBJECT: "CHANGED"

DATE: 10/30/57

WALLACE DON FORD, was.,  
W. D. Fard, "Allah",  
Mohammad Ali, Fred Dodd,  
Wali Farrad, Wallace Farad,  
W. D. Feraud, Wallei Ford,  
Wali Mohammad, F. Mohammad-Ali,  
Farrad Mohammad  
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OO - Chicago

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Re Chicago letter to Director dated October 3, 1957, Los Angeles airtel to Director dated October 18, 1957.

The title of this case is being marked "Changed" to list the subject's true name as WALLACE DON FORD and to include all aliases by which he has been known. This name and list of aliases was obtained from a review of the Chicago files, however, documentation for each of the above aliases is not being included in this letter.

The subject shall be referred to hereafter in this letter as W. D. FARD.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Baltimore (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Detroit (100-26356) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Portland (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Richmond (Info) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Washington Field (REGISTERED)
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For the information of Baltimore, the following information concerning the Nation of Islam is being supplied:

According to the speeches and writings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the National leader of the NOI, "Allah" came to Detroit, Michigan, from Mecca in 1930, in the person of one W. D. FARD, and taught MUHAMMAD for three years concerning Islam. MUHAMMAD claims that FARD taught Islam in Detroit, Michigan from 1930 until 1933, at which time he was asked to leave Detroit by the Detroit Police Department. He subsequently came to Chicago, Illinois, where he taught Islam until 1934, at which time he disappeared and nothing has been heard from him since. MUHAMMAD has indicated that FARD returned to Mecca. In the current philosophy of the NOI, W. D. FARD is referred to as the founder of the NOI and the Savior of the "so-called" Negro.

The following information was obtained from a review of Chicago files:

The Moorish Science Temple of America (MSTA) flourished in Chicago in the late 1920's under the leadership of a Negro calling himself NOBLE DREW ALI. During World War II the Bureau conducted extensive investigation of the MSTA because of the possibilities of Japanese influence in that organization.

The attention of the Detroit Division is drawn to the report of SA [REDACTED] dated March 16, 1943, at Detroit entitled [REDACTED] was., ET AL; INTERNAL SECURITY - J; CUSTODIAL DETENTION; SEDITION; OVERTHROW OR DESTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT", Detroit file 100-6603. Page 4 of this report reflects that SA [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] Detroit, Michigan, on January 6, 1943. At that time, [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] of the MSTA Temple at [REDACTED]

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Pontiac, Michigan. According to [REDACTED] several years previously an individual by the name of FARD (phonetic), whom he believed to be an Algerian, was instrumental in having many members leave the MSTA and affiliate themselves with a group which he referred to as "Mooselems".

Also the Chicago Office is in possession of a G-2 report dated December 30, 1950, at Detroit, Michigan, which reflects that in 1930 a man calling himself W. D. FARD took over a group of Negroes which had been organized by another Negro named NOBLE D. OLLIE. W. D. FARD is reported to be the organizer of both the NOI and an organization known as the "Development of Our Own."

The Chicago Division is also in possession of an ONI report dated October 13, 1942, which lists one ABDUL MUHAMMAD, a "first officer" of the NOI in Detroit, as having been the host of one SATAKATA TAKAHASHI, founder of the Japanese "Black Dragon Society". Apparently, TAKAHASHI and ABDUL MUHAMMAD resided together in Detroit in the early 1930's. In this connection, the attention of the Detroit Division is directed to their file 62-709 on an individual named NAKA NAKANE, wa., Satakata Takahashi. Detroit should further refer to the report of SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] dated March 30, 1940, at Detroit in this case which report reflects that NAKANE was instrumental in the formation of an organization known as the "Development of Our Own". Page 58 in this report reflects that on June 29, 1939, TAKAHASHI was arrested for illegal entry and attempted bribery of United States Immigration inspector. Upon interview by a Bureau Agent following his conviction for bribery, TAKAHASHI stated that in 1930 in Tacoma, Washington, he became acquainted with a Negro Minister, JOHN WHITE. Upon going to Detroit from Tacoma, in the early 1930's, TAKAHASHI contacted one ABDUL MUHAMMAD because MUHAMMAD had written WHITE requesting that a Japanese work among



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the Negroes in Detroit. TAKAHASHI resided with MUHAMMAD but left because he considered him a fraud. Page 60 of this report reflects that ABDUL MUHAMMAD is deceased, having died in an insane asylum. No source is shown for this information.

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The attention of the Detroit Division is further directed to Detroit file number 100-6781 and to the report of SA [REDACTED] dated October 27, 1942, at Detroit entitled "FOREIGN INSPIRED AGITATION AMONG THE AMERICAN NEGROES IN THE DETROIT DIVISION". Page 5 of this report reflects that on September 9, 1942, one OUSHA APPACANIS was interviewed at Detroit by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at which time he stated that he was National Executive Secretary of the organization known as the "Development of Our Own". APPACANIS joined the organization in about 1935, when it was under the leadership of one MUHAMMAD, who died in about 1935. APPACANIS stated that MUHAMMAD's wife, after his death, had told him that MUHAMMAD had taken one SATAKATA TAKAHASHI into his home when TAKAHASHI was ill at which time TAKAHASHI learned the principles of MUHAMMAD's organization and when he was well, approached MUHAMMAD, with the thought in mind that the two of them could utilize the organization to make a great deal of money. MUHAMMAD's wife related that MUHAMMAD refused this approach.

A copy of this letter is being directed to the Richmond Division for information inasmuch as investigation is presently pending in that Division.

Request of Bureau

The Bureau is requested to review their indices and furnish Chicago with all information appearing concerning the subject under the known aliases listed in the title of this letter. In view of the implications furnished in this letter that W. D. FARD may possibly have been instrumental

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in the founding of the organization known as the "Development of Our Own", the Bureau is requested to consider having our Attache at Tokyo determine if NAKANE, who was reported deported from the United States to Japan, is still alive and if so to interview him for any information he might possess concerning W. D. FARD.

Undeveloped Leads

The Baltimore Division

Will check the files of G-2 for all information appearing concerning W. D. FARD and especially for any information appearing concerning his founding of the NOI and the "Development of Our Own". If the source of the information appearing in the G-2 report dated December 30, 1950 at Detroit, mentioned above, is shown, should determine if that source is available and be contacted by the Bureau.

The Detroit Division

Will attempt to locate and interview [REDACTED] who was reported in 1943 to have been [REDACTED] of the MSTA Temple at Pontiac, Michigan. If [REDACTED] is located, he should be thoroughly interviewed for all information he possesses concerning the fact that one FARD led a schism from the MSTA. He should be shown a photograph of W. D. FARD, Detroit Police Department Number 45138, to determine if this is the person that led the schism from the MSTA. WS

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The Detroit Division should thoroughly review their file on SATAKATA TAKAHASHI to determine if the ABDUL MUHAMMAD mentioned in that file could be identical with W. D. FARD and attempt to identify further this ABDUL MUHAMMAD and to locate the source of the information indicating that ABDUL MUHAMMAD died in an insane asylum.

The Detroit Division is requested to attempt to locate the OUSHA APPACANIS mentioned in this letter, and, if they are able to locate him, he should be interviewed for all information he possesses concerning MUHAMMAD. He should be shown a photograph of W. D. FARD to determine if W. D. FARD is identical with MUHAMMAD. In this connection it is noted that the Detroit Office was formerly office of origin in the investigation of the organization known as the "Development of Our Own". Detroit Office should review this file to determine if W. D. FARD was actually instrumental in the founding of this organization as was reported in the above mentioned G-2 report.

#### The Portland Division

Reference is made to the lead set forth to the Portland Division in referenced Los Angeles airtel. The Portland Division is requested to attempt to locate a marriage for W. D. FARD sometime prior to 1914, and to locate a birth of a male child born to FARD sometime prior to 1914. In this connection, it should be noted that referenced airtel reflects that W. D. FARD may have used the name FRED DODD and may have lived at Salem, Oregon. If any information concerning W. D. FARD's marriage or the birth of his child is located, Portland should conduct logical investigation to locate the former wife and the child and then should interview them for any information they may possess concerning W. D. FARD.

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The Washington Field Division

Will check the records of ONI for any information they may possess concerning W. D. FARD and for any information that might be shown concerning his founding of the NOI and any indication that W. D. FARD might be identical with the ABDUL MUHAMMAD mentioned in the above mentioned ONI report as being a "first officer" with the NOI. The sources of ONI's information should be determined if possible and should be determined if they are available to be contacted by the Bureau.

Director, FBI

October 22, 1957

SAC, Detroit (100-26356)

W. D. FARAD, was.  
SM - NOI  
OO: CHICAGO

Re San Francisco letter to Bureau instant caption  
10/14/57 and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau instant caption  
10/18/57.

Referenced San Francisco letter sets out a lead  
for the Detroit Office to locate a file at the Detroit  
Police Department on captioned individual under Detroit  
PD No. 45138 in an attempt to obtain a recent photograph  
of the Subject.

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For the information of the Bureau and San Francisco,  
on August 9, 1957, IC [redacted] ascertained from Patrolman  
[redacted] Detroit Police Department, that Subject as  
WALLACE FARAD, Detroit PD No. 45138, was arrested May 25,  
1933, by that department for investigation at the Fraymore  
Hotel as Chief of the Voodoos. FARAD was then described  
as age 33, 5'8", 135 lbs., Arabian ancestry, occupation  
listed as minister. No disposition appeared and no  
other details were available from the police department  
files. A photograph of the Subject was obtained from the  
Detroit Police Department and was forwarded to the Chicago  
Office, it being noted that the photograph was one taken  
of the Subject in 1933.

Therefore, the lead set out in referenced San  
Francisco letter to locate the above-mentioned file will  
not be done as it has previously been handled.

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- ① - Chicago (100-33683)(REGISTERED)
- 1 - Los Angeles (105-4805)(REGISTERED)
- 1 - San Francisco (100-43165)(REGISTERED)
- 1 - Detroit

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Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. Boardman  
 Mr. Nichols  
 Mr. Belmont  
 Mr. Ladd  
 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Glavin  
 Mr. Harbo  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Tracy  
 Mr. Egan  
 Mr. Gurnea  
 Mr. Hendon  
 Mr. Pennington  
 Mr. Quinn  
 Mr. Nease  
 Miss Gandy

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

DATE: 10/29/57

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (105-544)

SUBJECT: W. D. FORD  
SECURITY MATTER - NOI

OO: CHICAGO

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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, Port-  
 land, on 10/7/57 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. <sup>Q</sup>

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]

<sup>62</sup> [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.

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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, 1935, 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] 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.

67c [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.

DIRECTOR, FBI

11/4/57

SAC, WFO (100-34329)

W. D. FARD, was.  
SN - WKX  
(OO: Chicago)

Re Chicago letter to the Director dated 10/3/57 which requested that inquiry be made at the Passport Office for any record identifiable with W. D. FARD, W. D. FARAD, or W. FARD MARIANED or MARIANED.

67c On 10/18/57 SA [redacted] ascertained that the above names did not have any identification records in the Passport Office, Department of State, files.

On 10/18/57 the Los Angeles Office airtel requested that INS records be checked concerning the subject. The results of this record check have not become available, and they will be reported as soon as they become available. P.

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- ① - Chicago (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (105-1805) (RM) (Info.)
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TO : SAC, Chicago (100-33683)

DATE: November 15, 1957

FROM : Director, FBI (105-63642)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DON FORD  
SECURITY MATTER - NOI

Reurlet 10-30-57.

A summary of information appearing in Bufiles concerning subject and his known aliases is presently being prepared. You will be furnished with a copy of this summary upon its completion.

A review of Bufiles reflects that in 1942, Naka Nakane was 70 years of age, almost blind, and had been hospitalized during the past three years because of stomach ulcers. Therefore, the Bureau does not feel that efforts should be expended at this time to determine if Nakane is still alive and to interview him for any possible information he may have concerning the subject.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (100-33683)

DATE: 11/18/57

FROM : SAC, Richmond (105-2000)

SUBJECT: W. D. FARD, was.  
SM - NOI

Re Los Angeles airtel 10/18/57 to the Director.

A search of the 1938 Richmond city directory lists the Marcellene Chemical Company, Inc., in Room 209, 1900 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, with THOMAS D. STEEL listed as president. No directory subsequent to 1940 listed this company.

On October 25, 1957, Mr. W. A. RANDLETT of the C. F. ~~Maner Company, 1900 West Broad Street~~, was interviewed by SA ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ and he informed that his company owns and rents space in the building at 1900 West Broad Street. He related that the Marcellene Chemical Company is now out of existence and that its former president, THOMAS D. STEEL, now operates the Thomas D. Steel Advertising Service, at 13 East Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. T. D. STEEL, 13 East Franklin Street, Richmond, related to SA ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ on October 25, 1957, that he formerly operated the Marcellene Chemical Company. He stated that he hired no salesmen but sold his products outright to door-to-door peddlers, who in turn sold them to consumers. Mr. STEEL advised he has no records of any of these door-to-door peddlers and that he could not remember the name of the subject or any of his aliases. Mr. STEEL related that he would not be able to supply any information whatsoever concerning the subject as he had no personal contact with these door-to-door peddlers; they were not employees of his; and he maintained no records of them. RUC.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, WFO (100-34329)

WALLACE DON FORD, was.  
SM - NOI  
(OO:CO)

Re Los Angeles letter with lead for WFO to review  
INS records re subject.

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The following information was obtained from INS  
files by *67c* [redacted] on 11/8/57: One WALLACE FORD,  
born 2/12/08 at Bolton, England, entered the United States  
at San Pedro, California 7/25/37, having last resided in  
London, England. He files Naturalization petition No. 97124  
on 3/23/42 and was naturalized in USDC, Los Angeles on  
5/8/42. He has Naturalization Certificate Number 5501229.  
This person is an actor and resided at Cornell, California  
with his wife [redacted] and daughter [redacted] both born in  
Ohio. *67c*

It would appear the above individual is the  
former prominent movie actor.

ONI files are still being searched re the subject.  
The results will be furnished when available. P.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, DETROIT (100-26356)

W. D. FARD  
SM - NOI  
(OO: CHICAGO)

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Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated October 3, 1957, captioned as above.

Investigation through appropriate sources at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, failed to produce any record of an ERDMANN DOANE BENYON.

A review of University of Michigan Faculty and Staff Directories produced the name of an ERDMANN D. BEYNON, who in 1934 was employed as a teaching fellow in Sociology for the University of Michigan and whose home address at that time was listed as 8475 Dearborn Street, Detroit, Michigan.

67c [REDACTED] Alumni Catalog Office, University of Michigan, on November 20, 1957, produced an alumni record for ERDMANN D. BEYNON who attended the University of Michigan from 1931 through 1933, obtaining a PhD Degree in the latter year. He was born August 17, 1892, at Thornton, Ontario, Canada. During his enrollment he listed as acquaintances who would be aware of his address the following:

J. L. PANGLE  
Room 414  
Federal Building  
Detroit, Michigan

O. J. MOORE  
Same address as above.

The alumni records also carried a 1932 address for these two named individuals as Room 425 Lafayette Building, Detroit, Michigan.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- ① - Chicago (INFORMATION) (REGISTERED) (100-33683)
- 2 - Detroit

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The University of Michigan alumni records carry as the last known address for BEYNON, 212 Chandler Street, Flint 3, Michigan, which address, according to alumni records, was valid as of March, 1956.

↳ [REDACTED] provided a current Flint, Michigan, Telephone Directory, noting that it failed to carry a listing for ERDMANN D. BEYNON; however, it did contain a listing for a Mrs. ERDMANN D. BEYNON of 212 Chandler Street, Flint, Michigan.

Investigation is continuing in this Division at the Flint and Detroit addresses noted in an attempt to locate and interview BEYNON in accordance with referenced letter.



# Mr. Muhammad Speaks

## THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN — THE INFIDELS (ANTI-CHRISTS) ARE ANGRY

Who is His father if God is not His father? God is His father, but the Father is also a man. You have heard of old that God prepared a body, or the expected Son of Man; Jesus is a special prepared man to do a work of redeeming the lost sheep (the so-called Negroes). He had to have a body that would be part of each side (black and white), half and half. Therefore, being born or made from both people, He is able to go among both black and white without being discovered or recognized. This He has done in the person of Master W. F. Muhammad, the man who was made by His Father to go and search for the lost members of the Tribe of Shabazz (though you find them among the infidels, return them to their own). Master W. F. Muhammad is that Son of Man that the world has been looking for to come for 2,000 years, seeking to save that which was

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lost. There are no historical records that there was ever a people lost from each other for 400 years other than we, the so-called Negroes. We have been so long separated from each other that we have lost the knowledge of each other. Even today the white American slavemasters are ever on the watch to keep out any Asiatic influence that might come among the so-called Negroes to teach them the truth. They are our real open enemies. This is no secret. The Son of Man is after the so-called Negroes to sit them in Heaven and His enemies in Hell. After His conquest of the black nation's enemies, the world will know and recognize Him (Allah) to be God alone. There is no prob-

lem to solve as the problem of uniting the American so-called Negroes. They are like a dead man totally without life. They have lost all love of self and kind and have gone all out in loving their enemies (the devils). They do not seem to want any God to do anything like blessing them unless that God blesses their enemies, too. FEAR of their enemies is the real cause. The time is now ripe that they should have no fear, only the fear of Allah, who is in person among them to save them from their enemies. By all means, they must be separated from the white race (the devils), in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. "For I will take you from among the heathen and gather you out of all countries and will bring you into your own land" (Ezekiel 36:24).

The so-called Negroes have no home (country) that they can call their own. They have helped the white race (the devils) to own a free country, but they have nothing for themselves. This is the purpose of His coming: to give everyone that which is rightfully theirs. The Son of Man (the Great Mahdi, God in person) has power over all things. You cannot find a defense against Him in a war. Your weapons mean nothing. The powers of Heaven and earth today will be ordered to fight on the side of the Mahdi (Son of Man) against His enemies. He is the friend of the so-called Negroes

and not of white people. His purpose is to take the so-called Negroes and kill their enemies, although many of us will suffer from persecution and hunger. The good end is for those of you who will hold fast to Allah and His religion, Islam. The devils (the devils) are now playing many tricks to keep the Negroes here with them to suffer the fire of hell which the devils cannot escape. Fly Allah! Come, follow me. Although I may look insignificant to you, you will find salvation with us. The white race is excited and cannot think for themselves. The Negroes, Muslim, amidst are a shelter do they know it.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, WFO (100-34329)

WALLACE DON FORD, was.  
SM - NOI  
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago letter, 10/30/57, with lead for WFO  
to check ONI re subject.

On 12/4/57 SE [redacted] was advised by ONI  
personnel that no record of the subject was found in ONI  
files. RUC.

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- ② - Chicago (100-33683)(RM)
- 1 - WFO

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SAC, BALTIMORE (100-20656)

WALLACE DON FORD, was.  
SM - NOI  
(OO: CHICAGO)

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Re Chicago letter to Bureau dated 10/30/57.

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The files of G-2, Central Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland, were checked through the Commanding Officer, Colonel GERALD H. DUIN, on 11/22/57 through 12/2/57 by IC [redacted] without locating any record of the subject. However, CRF Indices reflect information concerning the following individuals, all not identified, located in the Intelligence Records Section, DA, The Pentagon, under the following:

Re: [redacted]

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- ⑤ Chicago (100-33683) REGISTERED MAIL  
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- 1 - Baltimore

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Re: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CRF Indices also reflects information concerning [REDACTED] not further identified, is located in the Intelligence Document Library, ACSI, DA, The Pentagon, under the following file numbers:

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WFO is requested to review the above cross-references at ACSI, DA, The Pentagon, and if they are determined to be identical with the subject, to report the pertinent information.

WFO is also requested to consider making appropriate inquiry at the Intelligence Records Section concerning G-2 "Organizational Files" concerning the NOI and the "Development of Our Own" for any information re the subject. RUC.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

WALLACE DON FORD, Was.  
W. D. Fard, "Allah",  
Mohammad Ali, Fred Dodd,  
Wali Farrad, Wallace Farad,  
W. D. Feraud, Wallei Ford,  
Wali Mohammad, F. ~~MOHAMMAD~~-ALI  
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Re Chicago letter to Director dated 10/30/57;  
Portland letter to Chicago dated 10/29/57 and Bulet to  
Chicago dated 11/15/57.

It is noted that Portland has located a marriage  
between a FRED DODD and a PEARL ALLEN at Multnomah County,  
Oregon, on 5/9/14. It is further noted that the subject's  
former common law wife, HAZEL EVELSIZER, when interviewed  
on 10/17/57 at Los Angeles advised that she and FORD had  
never married because FORD had previously been married in  
Oregon and that there had been a bitter separation after  
which FORD had been unable to obtain a divorce.

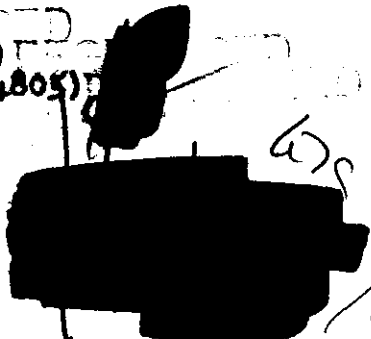
Portland should conduct all logical investigation  
to identify FRED DODD who was married on 5/9/14 in Oregon.  
Portland, while conducting investigation, should bear in  
mind the fact that the subject's true name may have been  
FRED DODD and that he changed his name to FORD when moving  
to Los Angeles because of former marital difficulties.

In this connection, it is noted that the child  
born to FORD and EVELSIZER on 9/1/20 at Los Angeles was named  
WALLACE DODD FORD.

Los Angeles should determine the present location  
of HAZEL EVELSIZER and set out a lead to have her <sup>interviewed</sup> determine  
the origin of the name WALLACE DODD FORD given the child of

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Portland (105-544)
- 2 - Los Angeles (105-4805)
- ① - Chicago

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the subject. Los Angeles should determine if the child was possibly named after some relative of the subject.

It is noted that the last known appearance of the subject was an arrest in 9/33 by the Chicago Police Department. In this connection, Los Angeles should determine as nearly as possible the exact date of the subject's last visit to his former common law wife at which time he made the statement he intended to go to New Zealand.

For the information of Portland, Chicago possesses photographs of subject taken in June, 1926 and July, 1933. If these photographs are necessary to conduct investigation in Oregon, Portland should request Chicago to forward copies for their use.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

DATE: 12/31/57

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (105-544)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DON FORD, was.,  
SM - NOI

OO: Chicago

Remylet to Butte dated 10/29/57.

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On 12/6/57, [redacted] for Marion County Clerk's Office, Salem, Oregon, advised SA [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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2 Chicago (RM)  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

DATE: 1/9/58

FROM : *MAS* SAC, PORTLAND (105-544)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DON FORD, was.  
SM-NOI

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Re Chicago letter dated 12/30/57.

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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, Donald, Gates, Gervais, Hoover, Hubbard, Jefferson, Marion, Mehama, 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.

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

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

- Deputy [redacted] Marion County Sheriff's Office, Salem.
- [redacted] Salem Police Department.
- [redacted] Salem Water Department.

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2-Chicago  
1-Portland

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SAC, DETROIT (100-5549)

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SAC, CHICAGO (25-20607)

NATION OF ISLAM  
IS - NOI

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is in close contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the National Leader of the NOI, on January 4, 1958, furnished the following information:

Informant advised that on January 4, 1958, an individual who identified himself as [redacted] from Detroit, Michigan, contacted CLARA MUHAMMAD (wife of ELIJAH). He stated that he is an artist and the person who drew the picture "with the jewels and of Brother ELIJAH about ten years ago". He stated, "I am a good Muslim and I have had a whole lot of torment the last few days and something is trying to kill me to keep me from helping him (possibly ELIJAH), and told me that I was supposed to help the temple raise him up because I am a good Muslim and I get messages from W. D. MOHAMMED (ph) (W. D. FARD).

Detroit is requested to furnish identifying information concerning [redacted]

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Although it appears that [redacted] may be a psychopath, Detroit is requested to conduct investigation to determine if there is any basis for his statement that he is receiving messages from W. D. MOHAMMED (W. D. FARD).

Detroit reply should be directed to Chicago file 100-33683 (W. D. FARD)

- 4 - Detroit (RM)
- 2 - 100-5549 (NOI)
- 1 - 100- [redacted] (W. D. FARD)
- 1 - 100- [redacted]
- 3 - Chicago
- 1 - 25-20607
- 1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
- 1 - 100-33683 (W. D. FARD)

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DATE 6-21-95 BY SP1 [redacted]

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**AIR MAIL - REGISTERED**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)**

**FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-4805)**

**RE: WALLACE DON FORD, Was.**  
**SM - NOI**  
**OO: Chicago**

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 DATE 2-9-95 BY SP12

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67c Re Chicago letter to Bureau, dated 12/30/57.

[REDACTED] Postmaster's Office, Los Angeles, advised on 1/13/58 that Mr. and Mrs. EVELSIZER advised Los Angeles Post Office on 1/13/58 that effective 1/11/58 that their address would temporarily be Sun Crest Court, Lot 7, Stock Island, Key West, Florida.

To aid Miami in conducting interview, there is enclosed to Miami Chicago's letters to Bureau 10/3/57 and 12/30/57, Portland letter to Chicago, 10/29/57, Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 10/18/57.

Miami should expedite interview of HAZEL EVELSIZER before she moves. - RUC -

- 3 - Bureau
  - ① - Chicago (100-33683)
  - 2 - Miami (Encls. 4)
  - 1 - Los Angeles
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DIRECTOR, FBI

January 17, 1958

SAC, DETROIT (100-26356)

W. D. FARD, was.  
SM - NOI  
OO: Chicago

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DATE 2-21-95 BY SP12  
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ReCGlet to Bureau 10/30/57 in captioned matter.

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This is to advise that the Detroit files and references have been carefully reviewed by Correlation Clerk [Redacted] and a Correlation Memorandum prepared. An autostatic copy of same is being transmitted herewith for the information of Chicago.

Investigation is continuing in Detroit to cover the remaining leads set forth in relet.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Chicago (Enc. 1) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - 100-33683
- 1 - 25-20607
- 1 - Detroit, (100-26356)

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**Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

**TO :** SAC, DETROIT (100-26356\*)

**DATE:** December 11, 1957

**FROM :** [REDACTED] *62*

**SUBJECT:** WALLACE DON FORD, was.  
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DATE 6-21-95 BY SP12 [REDACTED]

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Re Chicago letter to the Bureau, October 30, 1957.

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Photo of WALLACE D. FORD, in 1933, contained in 1-A

Serial 9 *62*

Report of SA [REDACTED] June 1, 1942, at Washington, cc Chicago, re WILLIE MOHAMMED, was. WILLIE MOHAMMED stated he was born near Sandersville, Ga., on August 5, 1891 and his slave name was WILLIE POOLE. WILLIE MOHAMMED advised he met "ALLAH" or W. D. FORD in Detroit in 1931.

Serial 10 *62*

Report of SA [REDACTED] at Chicago, June 13, 1942, re GULAN BOGANS, was. This report states that a teletype was received from WFO on May 11, 1942 stating that GULAN BOGANS had been apprehended. The Chicago Temple of the moslems was located at 104 East 51st Street. This organization (not further described) was founded in 1931 at Detroit, Michigan, by W. D. FORD. FORD was reported to have been arrested on three occasions in Detroit for teaching Islam.

Milwaukee teletype on May 19, 1942, reflect that the records at the Temple in Milwaukee reflect that W. D. FORD was reported to be the "ALLAH" of Islam and in all probability could be located at 6026 Vernon Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Report of SA [REDACTED] at Detroit, July 10, 1942,  
re WILLIE MOHAMMED.

This report reflects that WILLIE MOHAMMED was born August 5, 1891 as WILLIE POOLE. WILLIE MOHAMMED was under indictment on two counts because he refused to register for the draft. WILLIE MOHAMMED advised he met WALLACE D. FARAD in Detroit in 1931 and FARAD at that time was the leader and organizer of the Islam religion in Detroit. He advised that FARAD left Detroit in 1933 or 1934 and had no idea where he could be located at the present time.

25-17462-3

Fifth Army Report dated November 28, 1950, re the "Moslem Holy Temple of Islam - Detroit Branch.

This report states the "DEVELOPMENT OF OUR OWN" and the Islam Temple cults came in for some intensive investigation by the Detroit Police Department in 1933-35 and the following information was obtained from the Police Department records:

① In 1930, a man calling himself W. D. FARAD, took over a group of negroes that had been organized by another Negro named Noble D. Oille, as a Moslem Islamite group. This group practiced the Moslem religion. Meetings were held at the homes of various members of the group. This group claimed to have been originally set up in 1913. At some time in the year 1932 or 1933 a Major TAKAHASHI became active in the group.

According to a "Handbook of the Detroit Negro", published by the Minority Study Associates, editor ULYSSES BOYKIN, an organization which called itself the "DEVELOPMENT OF OUR OWN" was started by a negro named GEORGE GRIMES, a city worker, as a legitimate political organization in 1930. A Japanese named Major TAKAHASHI took over the organization.

W. D. FARAD claimed that he was the originator of the "DEVELOPMENT OF OUR OWN" and the Moslem Temple of Islam Cult and cited as proof a book that had been copyrighted by him in the U.S. Library of Congress titled "5 Guiding Principals". In 1934 W.D. FARAD was given police notice to get out of Detroit and he left.

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In Detroit between 1931 to 1934 there were approximately 700 members of an organization called "The Nation of Islam," a pseudo-religious order in which the members of the above organization purported to be allied with the Mohammedan religion. This organization was established by W. D. FORD.

25-4433-1-3

675 Report of SA [REDACTED] August 8, 1942, at Chicago, re [REDACTED] was.

[REDACTED] a negro was apprehended by the Chicago PD and admitted he refused to register under the Selective Service Act. [REDACTED] advised he was "Muslim" and his religion forbid registration for any purpose.

When questioned as the officials of the organization [REDACTED] advised the prophet and original leader was W. D. FORD but the local leader in Chicago was ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

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RE: NAKA NAKANE, was.

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Report of SA [REDACTED] March 20, 1940, at Detroit,  
re NAKA NAKANE.

NAKANE, a Japanese, emigrated to Canada in approximately 1900 where he married ANNIE CRADDOCK. In 1921, NAKANE emigrated to Tacoma, Washington, with his wife and family, remaining there until 1926, when he disappeared in financial disgrace. In 1933 he appeared in Detroit, Michigan, using the name of TAKAHASHI where he became active in promoting the negro organization "Development of Our Own." NAKANE married Mrs. PEARL T. SHERROD, negress, (DE File 100-15357) on February 24, 1934, who was active in above organization. NAKANE was deported to Japan April 20, 1934 by INS without funds. On August 29, 1934, NAKANE arrived at Vancouver, B.C., Canada, in possession of \$2,000., subsequently residing at Vancouver, B.C., Windsor and Toronto, Ontario, Canada, from which points he directed policies of D000 through his wife. In September, 1938, a marital rift caused NAKANE to appoint CA L. C. BATES, negro, as executive.

Strife within the D000 caused NAKANE to illegally re - enter the U.S. at Buffalo, N.Y., on January 11, 1939 using the name of KUBO and after coming to Detroit, reorganized his loyal followers into the "Onward Movement of America." On June 27, 1939 NAKANE was arrested for illegal entry and attempted bribery of U.S. Immigration Inspector. On September 28, 1939 NAKANE was convicted for attempted bribery in Federal Court at Detroit, Michigan, sentenced to three years' imprisonment and \$4500. fine.

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NAKA NAKANE stated that when he first came to Detroit at the insistence of Reverend JOHN WHITE of Tacoma, Washington, he resided with ABDUL MOHAMMED for approximately two weeks. NAKANE stated he left the residence of ABDUL MOHAMMED because he considered MOHAMMED a fraud. Following this he attended several colored churches and frequented the YMCA's in this city and at the insistence of the colored people whom he met was instrumental in organizing the D000, which was incorporated in the State of Michigan. He alleges this organization was started in 1930 although throughout the investigation no one could remember its existence before the latter part of 1932 or the early part of 1933. He stated the D000 had become inactive after his deportation to Japan in 1934.

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"The speech, 'Japan's Divine Mission' was admittedly written by NAKANE but he states that he did not give this at any of the meetings of either organization sponsored by him. The speech 'The Sinking Ship and the Life Boat', was written by Mrs. CHEAPER MC INTYRE and was read at several of the meetings but according to NAKANE was too complicated for the people to understand. ABDUL MOHAMMED mentioned hereinbefore is alleged to be deceased at the present time, having died in an insane hospital."

The foregoing paragraph was set out in the report between two paragraphs setting out information furnished by NAKANE during an interview. It is not known whether or not NAKANE furnished the information re the death of ABDUL MOHAMMED.

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On August 9, 1957, [REDACTED] City of Detroit Housing Commission, 3115 Hastings, Detroit, advised that [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] Detroit, and has resided there since April 27, 1953. He related that her husband NAKA NAKANE, who was a Japanese, has been deceased since March 2, 1953. [REDACTED] further advised that in his opinion [REDACTED]

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RE: [REDACTED] \* 100-3703\*

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Report of SA [REDACTED], December 10, 1942, at  
Detroit, re [REDACTED] was., IS-J; CUSTODIAL DETENTION.

Information was received that [REDACTED] wrote a letter to the Governor of Michigan stating Negro soldiers were mistreated at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. [REDACTED] stated to his Local Board he would never take the oath to defend the United States.

On September 9, 1942, [REDACTED] was contacted in his home at [REDACTED] and requested to come to the Detroit Field Office for interview.

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On September 10, 1942, [REDACTED] came to the Detroit Office and was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised he came to Detroit when very young and met a man by the name of ABDUL MOHAMMED, who was very dark and was also a Moslem. [REDACTED] stated that this MOHAMMED founded the Development of Our Own and that he joined it in about 1930. He stated he was [REDACTED] to MOHAMMED and that MOHAMMED died in either 1936 or 1937 and the organization went out of business. He stated the ABDUL MOHAMMED had lived at 1921 Hindle. [REDACTED] advised he had heard a man by the name of TAKAHASHI had taken over the DOOO and that MOHAMMED had told him the following story before ABDUL died:

MOHAMMED advised [REDACTED] that TAKAHASHI met him, MOHAMMED, around 1933 or 1934 and MOHAMMED had met TAKAHASHI as he, MOHAMMED, was always interested in Orientals who came to this country, and TAKAHASHI, for some reason, knew about MOHAMMED and looked him up upon arrival in the United States. MOHAMMED advised that TAKAHASHI was sick and that he, ABDUL MOHAMMED, and his wife nursed TAKAHASHI back to health. TAKAHASHI told MOHAMMED that MOHAMMED would never make any money on the DOOO and that he should follow TAKAHASHI's ways and they would both make money. MOHAMMED then allegedly told TAKAHASHI that he would not rob the Negro people, as the organization was founded to help the Negroes and that the majority of Negroes were very ignorant. MOHAMMED advised Subject that TAKAHASHI then got quite angry with him and left and that he told MOHAMMED that he would start his own organization. [REDACTED] advised that MOHAMMED told the police department that anyone having one of the DOOO cards with TAKAHASHI's name on it was an outlaw because they were using his, MOHAMMED's, creation, the DOOO.

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The 1957 Phone Directory lists the following and it is not known if this is identical with the [redacted] in whom you are interested.

RE: ABDUL MOHAMMED

100-5549-29

This serial is date stamped October 21, 1942.

"MOHAMMED, Abdul (deceased)  
Detroit, Michigan

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CONFIDENTIAL

Ref: (a) 9ND card, FARRAD, Wali, Mr. (with aliases),  
dated 10/13/42;  
(b) 9ND card, Nation of Islam, dated 9/23/42.

Rating "B" report: Subject, negro, a "first officer" of Detroit "Temple" of Nation of Islam, negro-mohammedan cult, was host of Satakata Takahashi, agent of Black Dragon Society of Japan, at time of latter's arrival in Detroit in early 1930s. In 1939 TAKAHASHI advised FBI that he came to Detroit at instance of Rev. John WHITE, colored minister in Tacoma, Washington, who had received communications from Subject, encouraging "some Japanese in that territory to proceed to Detroit to work among the colored people." TAKAHASHI said that he left Subject's home after two week stay because he thought him a "fraud." Thereafter, according to TAKAHASHI, he founded an organization really for the best interest of negroes, called Development of Our Own. Meanwhile it is reported that Subject is opposition to the doctrine of the National of Islam (ref. b) that Negro-Mohammedans did not belong to America and that they were citizens of the Holy City of Mecca, with allegiance only to the Moslem flag, seceded and "organized a small Moslem group of his own in which the cardinal principle was loyalty to the Constitution of the United States and to its flag." Subject died prior to 1939, allegedly in an insane hospital.

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RE: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS residing at [REDACTED] Detroit, in January, 1943, when he was interviewed. No current address could be located for him.

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WALLACE DON FORD  
(CARBON)

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**CORRELATION SUMMARY**

Main File No: 105-83642  
See Also - 100-6582 (not recorded serial,  
dated 8/7/42, filed  
above serial 37)  
85-330971(serial 1565, p. 19)

Date: 1-15-58  
Date Searched: 11/14/57

Subject: Wallace Don Ford

Found As: See Page # 2

Also Searched As: See Page # 2

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DATE 12-95 BY SP12 BTJ/SJC 351980~~

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. No attempt has been made to exhaust all possibilities as to the names and aliases by which the subject may have been known. All references under the above names containing data identical or possibly identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed. The term "SI" preceding a serial number shown in the block indicates that the serial so designated contains the same information as the foregoing serial. However, it should be realized that the information in these serials may differ somewhat in detail although the facts are basically the same.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. Except where stated otherwise the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

**Found As:**

Wallace Don Ford, Wallei Ford, Wallie D. Ford, Wally D. Ford, W. D. Ford, Wallace Farad, W. D. Ferand, Fred Dadd, One Allah, W. D. Fard, Wallace Ford, Wallie Ford, Wallace D. Fard, Wallace Don Ford, One Fard, A. Wallace Fard, Allah Fard, W. D. Farad, Wallace Don Farad, W. D. Farrad, W. D. Mohammed, W. D. F. Mohammed, W. D. Fard Mohammed, W. D. Farrow, Mohammed, W. D. Ferrad Muhammad, Wallace Fard Muhammad, W. F. Muhammad, W. D. Farard, W. D. Farrard, W. D. Farrow, W. D. Ferrard, One Mahedtah, One Mohammed, Fard Muhammad, F.D. F. Mukmuk, Ali Mohammed, Mohammed Ali, Fali Ferrad, Fali Mohammed, Mohammed Fali, F. Mohammed Ali, F. Ali Mohammed, Farrad Mohammed, Mohammed Farrad.

**Also Searched As:**

Allah, Wally Ford, Walker Ford, F. Ford, Mehamat Ali, Mohamid Ali, Mohameud Ali, Mohamed Alli, Ali Mohammed, Fali Mohammed, Falley Mohammed, Fali Mohammed, Mohammed Fali, Wallace Muhammad, Wallace D. Muhammad, Fard Mohammed, Mohammed Fard, Muhammad Fard, W. F. Muckmuck.

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This summary pertains to Wallace Don Ferd, the alleged founder of the Nation of Islam (NOI), who was known to the members of that organization as Allah, the Supreme Being.

Due to the factual nature of the information disclosed, the following is being set forth to aid the reader.

This summary was prepared on the assumption that Wallace Don Ferd was identical with the subject of FBI No. 56062.

The Biographical Data on Ferd very obviously contains discrepancies; however all information, regardless of the validity, reportedly pertaining to the subject, has been included to benefit the reader.

The name W. F. Mohammed was not searched during the preparation of this summary. This name was reflected in numerous references pertaining to the subject of this summary; however, it could not be determined whether the W. F. Mohammed mentioned referred to Ferd or Elijah Mohammed, Ferd's prophet in the NOI, who was also known as W.F. Mohammed. The information, therefore, was not incorporated into the summary.

Also excluded from this summary were fern letters appearing in various references which were directed to the Temple in Chicago by members of the dark race for the purpose of obtaining their original names since the dark people allegedly possessed only slave names. Ferd's main file indicated that these letters were filed awaiting his return, and that pending his return, those whose letters had been approved were allowed to use their first names followed by the letter "X."

The majority of the references found identical with Ferd contained the name Allah, who was also identical with Ferd. In these instances the information on Ferd was incorporated in this summary, but the information reflecting the name Allah when used as a deified personage and as such setting forth his teachings and powers was not included herein. However, a list of such references may be found on pages 47, 48 and 49 of this summary.

**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**Name:**

Wallace Don Ford, was, Wallei Ford,  
Wallie D. Ford, Wally D. Ford, W. D.  
Ford, Wallace Farad, W. D. Farad,  
Fred Dadd, One Allah, W. D. Fard,  
Wallace Ford, Wallie Ford, Wallace  
D. Fard, Wallace Don Fard, One Fard,  
A. Wallace Fard, Allah Fard, W. D.  
Farad, Wallace Don Farad, W. D. Farrad  
W. D. Mohammed, Ali Mohammad,  
Mohammad Ali, Wali Farrad, W. D. Farau  
Wali Mohammad, Mohammad Wali, F.  
Mohammad Ali, F. Ali Mohammad, Farrad  
Mohammad, Mohammad Farrad, W. D. F.  
Mohammed, W. D. Fard Mohammed, W. D.  
Farrow Mohammed, W. D. Ferrad Muhammad  
Wallace Fard Muhammad, T. F. Muhammad,  
W. D. Farard, W. D. Farrard, W. D.  
Farrow, W. D. Ferrard, One Mahadiah,  
One Mohammad, Fard Muhammad, W. D. F.  
Mukruk, Mahdi\*, W. F. Muck Muck\*,  
W. F. Muhammad\*, Muck Muck\*, A.  
Wallace Fard Mohammed\*, A. Wallace  
Mohammed\*, W. Farr Muhammad\*, W. F.  
Muhammad\*, W. F. Mohammed\*.

**Birth:**

2/25/91, Portland, Ore.

**Reported Birthdates  
and Birthplaces:**

1873  
1900  
2/26/77, Mecca  
1894, New Zealand

**Description:**

**Race:**

White, Negro

**Nationality:**

American, Arabian, New Zealand

**Height:**

5'8 3/8," 5'8"

**Weight:**

139 lbs., 135 lbs.

**Complexion:**

Dark

**Eyes:**

Hareem, Black



**Hair:** Black; in 1932, reportedly wore hair long and full in back

**Parents:** Zared Ford and Beatrice Ford, both born in Hawaii

**Marital Status:** Hazel Barton (around 1920 to 1926; no record of marriage or divorce)

**Child:** Wallace Dodd Ford, changed to Wallace Max Ford (b. 9/1/20 in Los Angeles; in US Coast Guard during World War II; killed at Linhaven Roads, Va., on 8/3/42)

Ford was reported to have been married prior to the above time, which marriage ended in a bitter separation, and Ford was unable to obtain a divorce. It was further reported that a son resulted from this marriage sometime prior to 1914 or 1915, possibly in Oregon. (Names not given)

**Education:** Public schools, Portland, Ore.

**Criminal Record:**

Los Angeles PD  
No.:

16447, 16448

11/17/18:

Arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and released.

1/20/26:

Violation of the Woolwine Act (California prohibition law), possession and sale

3/4/26:

Sentenced to a \$1.00 fine or 1 day in jail on count 1 and \$400.00 fine or 180 days in jail on count 2

2/15/26:

Arrested for violation of the State Poison Act.

San Quentin No:

42314

6/12/26-  
5/27/29:

San Quentin Penitentiary for violation of the Calif. State Poison Act.

**Criminal Record (Con't):**

**Detroit PD No: 45136**

**5/26/33: Arrested on charge of investigation at the Frayne Hotel as Chief of the Voodoos.**

**Ford was reported to have been arrested 3 times in Detroit prior to 5/26/33 for teaching Islam. (No detailed account set out)**

**Residences:**

**1891-1913: Portland, Ore.**  
**1913-1926: Los Angeles, Calif.**  
**1920: 347 S. Flower St., Los Angeles**  
**No Date: 4401 Mt. Eagle Pl., Los Angeles**  
**1930-May, 1933: Detroit, Mich. (probably Nation of Islam Temple)**  
**May, 1933-1934: Chicago, Ill. (probably Nation of Islam Temple)**  
**1934: Whereabouts unknown**

**Reported Residences:**

**7/4/30: Arrived in North America from Mecca, Arabia**  
**Prior to 1933: Chicago**  
**1933: Returned to Mecca**  
**1934: Detroit**  
**Subsequent to 1934: Mecca**  
**No Date: 6026 S. Vernon Ave., Chicago (possibly address of Nation of Islam Temple)**  
**August, 1942: Mecca**

**Reported Residences (con't)**

October, 1950: US  
1951: Muslim Cult of Islam Temple,  
115th St., NYC  
August, 1953: Mecca  
1955: Alive; whereabouts unknown

**Occupations:**

About 1913 to  
about 1926: Proprietor of cafe at 347 S. Flower St.,  
Los Angeles  
Prior to 1926: Cook (no locality)  
1930-May, 1933: Teacher of Islam at the Nation of Islam  
Temple in Detroit  
May, 1933-1934: Teacher of Islam at the Nation of Islam  
Temple in Chicago.

**Reported Occupations:**

Around 1930: Door-to-door peddler in Detroit  
1931-1934: Teacher of Islam at the Nation of Islam  
Temple in Detroit.  
July, 1942: Head of the Japanese Army

**Organizational Affiliations:**

Development of Our Own, reportedly Organizer  
Nation of Islam, reportedly Founder and their  
Allah

Wallace Dea Ford is not on the Security Index.

**ABBREVIATIONS**

**MCI.....Muslim Cult of Islam**

**NOI.....Nation of Islam**

**It should be noted that the Muslim Cult of Islam was also known as the Nation of Islam and the Allah Temple of Islam.**

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On 2/17/54, T-1, of unknown reliability, a former member of MCI Temple ██████████ NYC, and a ██████████ in the Fruit of Islam, advised that the NOI was founded about 1930 in Detroit by one W. D. Farrad. Informant advised that W. D. Farrad was known in the NOI as Allah. He continued that the Prophet, Elijah Mohammed, and the former minister of the NY and Washington Temples, Sultan Mohammed, were personally taught by Allah in Detroit. (T-1: ██████████  
US Army)

On 9/27/54, ██████████ was interviewed at which time he advised that the members of the NOI believed in the divine nature of Allah, who was known as W. D. Farrad, and in the divine powers of Elijah Mohammed.

On 7/27/54, during an interview with ██████████ member of NY Temple ██████████ was identified a ██████████ of the MCI in NYC.

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NY rpt., 10/28/54 (CG 25-20607)  
Re: MCI, aka; IS-MCI  
25-390971-417, pp. 2, 28  
(8) (38)  
SI par 1 above  
100-135-15-5, p. 3 (Detroit files)  
(5)

On 11/5/52, a meeting of the MCI of Detroit was held (place not given) at which time Lloyd X, the Assistant Minister, was the main speaker. During this meeting, Lloyd X gave a brief history of W. D. Mohammed, and talked a great deal about slavery and the "white devils" prejudices. Following this, Lloyd X had people from the audience testify as to what Allah had done for them. The first individual to testify was an elderly man (not identified), who stated that he had believed in Christianity until W. D. Farrad (ph) came to Detroit and advised them about the Islam religion. This individual continued by stating that he had seen the light and had dined with Se. In addition, he stated that Christ was born at 3408 Hastings St., Detroit, and related how Mary was looking for a place to have her child. (No further date set out). ██████████  
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\* It was not definitely determined whether this individual was identical with the subject of this summary

It was noted that W. D. Farrad was believed to be identical with W. D. Feraud or Fard, who, according to G-2, assumed the leadership of the MCI in Detroit in 1930.

CG Investigative Summary rpt.  
4/8/53 (CG 25-20607)  
Re: Elijah Mohammed, was;  
MCI, aka;  
Selective Service Act of 1948;  
Conspiracy;  
IS-C  
25-330971-183, p. 14  
(6) (15) (25) (31)

T-2, of unknown reliability, advised that he was present at the annual convention of the MCI held on 2/26/52 in Chicago.\* The convention was called to order by one Sultan Mohammed, the leader of the Temple in Washington, D. C. He explained that the celebration was being held on 2/26/52 because that date marked the arrival of Allah \*\* in person to the shores of North America and also marked the date on which Allah chose Elijah Mohammed to be His apostle in North America. The informant advised that Sultan Mohammed was then followed by Jamil Diab, whom the informant described as the teacher of Arabic in the Number 2 Temple of Islam\*\*\*, who spoke on discrimination in this country. The informant continued that following Diab, the Prophet\*\*\*\* addressed the group. His talk consisted of a description of the arrival of Allah \*\*\*\*\* under the name of  
(con't on next page)

\* Exact address not clearly indicated

\*\* Year of arrival not given

\*\*\* Located in Chicago

\*\*\*\* This apparently refers to Elijah Mohammed

\*\*\*\*\* No date set out

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W. D. Farrad, in North America and with subsequent discussion of the teaching of Mohammed after designating him as the prophet of Allah in this country. During this talk, the informant stated that Mohammed pointed to a blackboard on the stage on which was a drawing of the flag of the US. With this gesture, Mohammed stated to the assembly "We do not register with this man, nor do we serve him. The devils probably have a recorder taking down all of this. I don't care. I was given the truth to speak and that I will do." 67c

T-3: [REDACTED] Potential  
Criminal Informant  
CG Investigative Summary rpt.  
5/16/52 (CG 25-20807)  
Re: Elijah Mohammed, was;  
MCI, aka; et al;  
Selective Service Act of 1948;  
Conspiracy  
25-330971-119, p. 22  
(25)

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On 4/19/54, [REDACTED] advised that at an MCI meeting in Philadelphia on 4/14/54, Brother Malcolm I (Little), Minister of the Philadelphia MCI Temple, stated that Elijah Mohammed had been raised up by Allah to teach who the enemy was. He stated that the Messenger (Elijah Mohammed) had been chosen by Allah who was no "speck" but a flesh and blood man who came to the wilderness of North America\* to raise the 17,000,000 (Negroes) from the dead and put them in their rightful place on top of civilization.

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PH Summary rpt., 10/14/54  
Re: [REDACTED] was;  
SM-MCI  
105-32517-2, p. 7, 11, 16  
(18)

\* Date not given

On 10/26/43, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Detroit, was interviewed in the Detroit Field Office. [REDACTED] advised that he had been a member of the Temple of Islam since [REDACTED] and still attended meetings at irregular intervals. According to [REDACTED] W. D. Fard was in charge of the Temple in 1932 and was known as the Prophet and also as Allah. He advised that Fard predicted the present war, stating that Germany and the dark races of the world would be fighting against all of the white races some time at a future date. As to the outcome of the war, he predicted that the white races would be beaten down and that a dark race would take complete control. According to [REDACTED] Fard also stated that the members of the Temple of Islam would be better off if the darker races won the war. [REDACTED] stated that Fard predicted that in the war to come all persons in the US would be called upon to register in order that they might fight for the US. Fard told the people that inasmuch as they were not citizens of the US but citizens of Islam, there would be nothing that would require them to register, that each individual would have to make his own decision. [REDACTED] also advised that Fard told the people to line up with the darker races when the war came. [REDACTED] further stated that he had not heard the Japanese people mentioned in the Temple since approximately 1933 when W. D. Fard left the Temple.

DE rpt. 10/29/43

Re: Allah Temple of Islam, aka;  
Elijah Mohammed, was;  
IS-J; Sedition; Selective Service  
100-8582-137, p. 3  
(17)

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On 2/21/57, [REDACTED] made available a copy of a 56 page booklet entitled "The Supreme Wisdom:..." by Mr. Elijah Muhammad. This booklet contained portions of the message being taught the so-called Negroes by Elijah Muhammad. The following was one of the teachings:



**"The Coming of Allah"**

'Allah came to us from the Holy City of Mecca, Arabia, in 1930.

'He used the name of Wallace D. Fard, often signing it W. D. Fard. In the third year (1933) He signed His name 'W. F. Muhammad' which stands for Wallace Fard Muhammad.

'He came alone.'

CG rpt., 7/8/57 (CG 100-6989)  
Re: Elijah Poole, was Elijah Muhammad, Elijah Mohammed, Gulam Begane, The Messenger of Allah, Elijah Muck Muck, The Prophet, Mohammed Rassoull; IS-NOI  
105-24822-24, p. 19  
(Not Indexed)

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On 7/6/54, [REDACTED] advised that on 7/2/54 a meeting was held at the Youngstown, Ohio, MCI Temple on Elks St. At that time, those in attendance were taught that Allah came 9,000 miles to the help of North America in the name of W. D. Fardard to teach the so-called Negro his religion and that Elijah Mohammed was trained for 3½ years to teach the people.

On 7/20/54 and 7/27/54, [REDACTED] advised that a meeting was held on 7/18/54 and 7/25/54, respectively, at the Youngstown Temple during which time Theodore X stated basically the same above information, indicating that Allah arrived in 1930. Informant identified Theodore X as the owner of the Mercury Shoe Cleaning and Dyeing Store, Youngstown.

The Youngstown Directory reflected the owner of this store was Ted E. Boat.

CV rpt. (CG 25-20607)  
Re: The MCI, aka;  
IS-MCI  
25-330971-394, pp. 2, 4, 5  
(38)

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On 2/20/52, the Detroit PD telephonically advised that [redacted] had been arrested for investigation of armed robbery. [redacted] was subsequently interviewed at the PD during which time he advised that he was self-employed as an artist and that his real name was [redacted]. He indicated that he had received this name from W. D. Fard who left it for him in Detroit in 1933. [redacted] further stated that he believed in the Moslem religion but that he belonged to no organized group practicing the Moslem religion.

DE rpt. 3/11/52 (CG 25-20607)  
Re: Elijah Mohammed, was;  
et al; MCI;  
Selective Service Act, 1948;  
Conspiracy; Sedition  
25-330971-99, p. 7  
(14)

This reference set out interviews with members or former members of the NOI in Detroit. These interviews as a whole reflected that the individuals were registered with W. D. Fard during 1930-1933; that Fard was Allah, the Supreme Being; that NOI members owed allegiance only to the NOI; that Fard left Detroit in 1933; and that at meetings subsequent to Fard's departure, discussions were held regarding literature left behind by Fard. The following were the individuals interviewed:

Alleged Date of Interview

Name

Alias

Not given

[redacted]

[redacted]

Not given

[redacted]

[redacted]

Not given

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[redacted]

None

Not given

[redacted]

[redacted]

Not given

Not given

[redacted]

Alleged Date  
of Interview

Name

Alias

5/15/42

[REDACTED]

None

12/26/42

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2/10/43

WTC

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2/12/43

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2/20/43

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

5/19/43

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

9/4/43

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This reference further set out a dissertation on "The Nation of Islam," source unknown, which reflected Fard's leadership in the organization in the early 1930's.

DE rpt., 1/12/44  
Re: William Poole, was;  
Selective Service;  
Sedition  
25-90417-22, pp. 1, 2, 4-28  
(14)

This reference was a NY airtel, dated 5/28/57, captioned NOI. Enclosed with this airtel were copies of a blank memo which contained a brief history of the NOI. This material, which revealed no source of information, was to be furnished the NYO, PD, as requested by them, pending Bureau approval.

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According to the blank memo, the NOI was started in Detroit around 1930 by an individual known as W. D. Fard. Fard was a door-to-door peddler who in his contacts with Negroes in the Detroit vicinity convinced them of his ministerial ability and eventually began holding house meetings. Fard first used the Bible as a guide in his meetings but as his following grew larger he began attacking the Bible and the white race in his speeches. When the number of followers became so large that houses were not large enough to accommodate them, Fard began preaching in a Detroit "temple," which temple was currently known as Temple 1 of the NOI.

The memo further stated that in May, 1933, Fard was ordered to leave Detroit by local authorities. Elijah Muhammad then assumed the leadership of the organization. The memo noted that throughout the cult the disappearance of Fard and the resultant leadership of Muhammad was explained as: "Fard, in reality Allah, himself, left Detroit to travel to Mecca and left Muhammad in charge."

25-330971-1880, encl. p. 1  
(16)

At the time Gulam Begans was arrested, on 5/8/42, he advised that he first met Allah in 1931 and that this person went by the name of W. D. Fard. He stated that W. D. Fard had been arrested in Detroit on three different occasions for teaching Islam and that Fard was removed from Detroit by the authorities on 5/26/33. He claimed that he received all of his information concerning the NOI and the Moslem Sect from Fard.

By teletype dated 5/11/42, the Detroit Office was requested to check the records of the Detroit PD as to W. D. Fard and to furnish any available criminal record and photographs as well as any information concerning Fard's whereabouts.

WFO rpt 6/19/42  
Re: Elijah Mohammed, aka,  
Gulam Begans, was;  
[redacted] was;  
Security Selective Service  
100-6582-22, pp. 1, 9, 12, 15  
(9) (17)

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Several Selective Service delinquents claimed to have been registered with Wallace D. Ford, who was known as Allah, the Supreme God of the Universe, with the instruction that allegiance be pledged only to the NOI and to no other government. Among these individuals were [redacted] who registered in 1931; and [redacted] and [redacted] who registered in 1932.\*

The Fifth Army, Regional Office, Detroit, advised in a report, dated 11/28/50, that the Development of Our Own and the Islam Temple cults caused intensive investigation by the Detroit City PD in 1933-1935. In 1930, according to these police records, a man calling himself W. D. Ford took over a group of Negroes which had been organized by another Negro named Noble D. Ollie\*\* as a Moslem Islamite group. This group practiced the Moslem religion and held meetings at the homes of the various members.

The above report also reflected that in 1930, according to the "Handbook of the Detroit Negro," an organization which called itself the Development of Our Own was started by a Negro named George Grimes, a city worker, as a legitimate political organization. Source indicated that the handbook was published by the Minority Study Associates and was edited by Ulysses Boyken. Further, a Japanese named Major Satochasi Takahashi took over the organization and attempted to make it into a national group organized to fight the whites of the world. After a police raid in which the headquarters of the group was raided and a 9 point program for the organization of colored people over the world was found, Major Takahashi was deported. The report continued that Mrs. P. T. Sherrad, a Negro woman allegedly married to Takahashi, continued the work from 1934; however, in 1935, there was a schism and three different cliques in the cult branched out independently.

The same report stated that W. D. Ford claimed that he was the originator of the Development of Our Own and the Moslem Temple of Islam cult and cited as proof a book, which had been copyrighted by him, in the US Library of Congress, entitled "Five Guiding Principles." It was noted that he was possibly identical with the W. D. Ford of the police reports mentioned above. (Date not set out)

\* The source of this information was apparently Detroit files.

\*\* Probably refers to Noble Drew Ali.

This report further reflected that in 1934, W. D. Fard was given police notice to leave Detroit, which he did. There were reports, however, that he continued to make trips into Detroit to keep in contact with the Moslem movement there.

DE rpt., 3/15/51 (CG 25-20607)

Re: Elijah Mohammed;

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Muslim Temple of Islam;  
Selective Service Act of 1948;

Sedition; Conspiracy

25-390971-22, pp. 3, 10, 11

(14) (21) (CG 25-20607)

SI par 2-5 above

25-390971-154, pp. 3, 4 (G-2

rpt. dated 12/12/50)

(3) (14) (CG 25-20607)

In the Detroit Division, three organizations of colored people were investigated prior to 7/8/43 to determine whether Japanese propaganda was being disseminated through them. These three were the Development of Our Own, more recently known as the Onward Movement of America; the Moorish Science Temple of America; and the Allah Temple of Islam.

In connection with the latter organization, it was noted that it was founded in Detroit in 1931 by W. D. Fard, also known as Wallace Don Fard, W. D. Fard, and Allah. It was further noted that Fard's FBI No. was 58062, that he left Detroit about 1934, and that his present address was unknown.

Investigation of the Allah Temple of Islam failed to reveal any evidence of pro-Japanese influence.

DE rpt. 7/8/43

Re: Foreign Inspired  
Agitation Among

American Negroes in  
the Detroit Field Division

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100-135-15-115

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It was ascertained by WFO prior to June, 1942, that the Moslem organization\* was founded in 1931 at Detroit by W. D. Fard who was described as 65 years of age, 5'6" tall, 135 lbs., a Negro, with black hair and black eyes. Further, Fard was reported to have been arrested on three occasions in Detroit for teaching Islam.

On 5/16/42, the Detroit Office advised the Chicago Office that a raid had been conducted on the Temple of Islam and that 6 men and 5 women were taken into custody for questioning. It was learned from questioning these individuals that Wallace Don Fard, known as Allah, organized this group in 1931 but had left Detroit in 1934 and the members did not know his present address.

62 [redacted] who was in the Cook County Jail\*\* for refusing to register for Selective Service, was interviewed at which time he furnished information regarding the cult organization there. [redacted] stated that the leader of the temple at 104 E. 51st. St. was W. D. Fard but that he had not seen him and could not give any information as to his present whereabouts. (No date set out)

It was noted that several other field offices \*\*\* had reported that W. D. Fard was the leader of the Moslem organization and was supposedly residing at 6026 S. Vernon Ave. (Date not set out)

62 [redacted] advised that most of the mail received by individuals at that address was addressed merely to "Mohammed." [redacted] advised that he did not know any of the people who lived in that house or exactly how many lived there.

[redacted]  
(No date set out)

[redacted] advised that one of the children, a boy of 13, residing at the above address was known as "W.D." It was noted that W. D. were the initials of Fard.  
(Date not set out)

\* This evidently refers to the NOI

\*\* Apparently in the Chicago area

\*\*\* Not identified

The Chicago Office ascertained considerable information concerning the above address, including the leases, alleged tenants and activities. ~~was~~

62 On 5/26/42, [redacted] Chicago, called at the Chicago Office. At this time, she advised that the members of the Moslem organization believed in the living God called "Allah." She stated that they did not celebrate any of the American holidays except July 4th, the reason being that Allah was supposed to have been in Chicago ten years previously on July 4th.

62 [redacted] colored, incarcerated in the Cook County Jail as of June, 1942, also furnished information regarding the Moslem organization. He advised that at one time (date not given) he was a member of this organization and stated that W. D. Fard was the leader. He related that Fard advocated that members should not register for Selective Service inasmuch as this was a white man's war.

On 11/27/41, [redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Chicago Office and explained his failure to execute and return his Selective Service questionnaire. He stated that for the past three or four years, he had been a loyal member of the Moslem organization. He advised that he was "presently" a member of the organization located at 104 E. 51st St., Chicago. He stated that W. D. Fard was the Arabian leader of this organization but on further interview advised that he had never seen Fard and knew nothing concerning his whereabouts.

62 CG rpt., 6/13/42 (CG 100-6989)  
Re: Qulan Bogans, was;  
[redacted] was;  
Sedition; Selective Service  
100-6582-18, pp. 2, 3, 6-9, 11, 12  
(17) (22)

Correlator's Note: It was not definitely determined whether the individual referred to in paragraph 5 above was identical with the subject of this summary.

~~was~~ This information is set out in detail.





In addition to the statement, [redacted] also advised on or prior to 5/14/42 that Allah was known to him as W. D. Ford. According to [redacted] Allah disappeared in 1934; [redacted] further added that he had no knowledge of Ford's whereabouts.

It was noted that since Allah's disappearance, Mohammed had been the leader of the Moslem cult in Detroit and had taught his followers the teachings of Allah.

WFO rpt., 6/1/42  
Re: [redacted] Fugitive,  
was; Selective Service - Sedition  
25-90417-3, pp. 3, 4  
(3) (14)

The Chicago file on [redacted] Selective Service, reflected that he was arrested at the Temple of Islam in Chicago on 9/20/42 without a registration card. The file reflected that when he was interviewed (date not given), he advised that he had not registered under the Selective Service Act and would not do so. He asserted that he would rather go to jail than register as "Allah has told me that I do not have to register, and that I am not a citizen of the United States, and I am not to take any part in this government." He further advised that he regarded himself as a citizen of Asia and would return to that country when Allah so directed him.

The Chicago file on [redacted] Selective Service, also reflected his arrest on 9/20/42 for not having a registration card as well as his subsequent interview on 9/21/42. At that time, he furnished a signed statement which reflected in part: "I have heard about the Selective Service Act, but I am not registered under that act. I did not register under that act because W. D. F. Muhammad advised me not to and not to have anything to do with it. He told me I was not a citizen of the United States, but that I was a citizen of Heaven and a 100% righteous Moslem registered in Heaven."

The Allah Temple of Islam was founded in 1929 or 1930, - exact date unknown, by W. D. Farad of Detroit. Farad was arrested by the Detroit PD in 1933 in connection with the cult activities of the Temple of Islam in that city. Farad had been serving a short sentence. He disappeared and had not been heard from since 1934. He assumed the title of Allah and prior to his departure, designated Elijah Mohammed at Chicago as the "Prophet." Temples of the organization were founded in Milwaukee, Wisc.; Cleveland, Ohio; Washington, D. C.; Chicago; and Detroit. (Source not given)

It was noted that all members of the Allah Temple of Islam had a belief in Allah, also Mr. W. D. Farad\*, and contended that this individual would return to help them liberate themselves from the yoke of the white man's rule.

CG rpt., 10/18/43 (CG 100-12899)  
Re: Allah Temple of Islam;

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SM-J; Sedition  
100-6583-139, pp. 1-4, 6, 7  
(24) (44)

\* This evidently signifies that Allah was also known as Mr. W. D. Farad.

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On 9/22/43, Elijah Mohammed, [redacted] and [redacted] were interviewed at Chicago during which time they furnished information regarding W. D. Farad.\* All were questioned concerning the whereabouts of Farad, whom the Moslems considered to be Allah, but all stated that Farad was last seen in Chicago in 1934 and had not been seen or heard from since.

\* These interviews are set out verbatim in Farad's main file, 105-63642- Not Recorded serial, dated 2/21/57, filed beneath serial 1, pages 3-7 and 12-18

Photostats of numerous material mainly regarding the history of civilization~~s~~ were enclosed with this reference. In the numerous material, W. D. Fard's birth was reflected to be 1877, in Mecca, and his arrival in Detroit to be on 7/4/30.

CG rpt., 9/30/42 (CG 100-9189)  
Re: Allah Temple of Islam, aka;

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██████████, was;  
IS; Seditious; Selective Service  
100-6582-68, pp. 11-14, 16-21,  
24, 25, 31 and encl  
pp. 1, 3

(17) (23)

Correlator's Note: In reference to paragraph 2 above, the origin of this Photostat material was not clearly indicated; however, it apparently was obtained during a raid of 104 E. 51st St., \*\*\* Chicago, on 9/20/42.

On 2/20/43, at Jersey City, N.J., ██████████ issued a signed statement which reflected that he did not register with Selective Service in April, 1942, when he should have, because of religion, Islam. He stated that he had been advised by Allah, the Almighty Supreme Being, Mr. W. D. Fard, Mohammed, not to take part in any wars - not even a holy war.

62 When ██████████ was interviewed on 2/20/43, he advised that he joined the Temple of Islam in ██████████ in Chicago and attended the University of Islam at Temple headquarters, 3335 State St., Chicago. He stated that W. D. Fard, founder of the faith in this country, taught them, on a few occasions when he appeared, all about the Masonic Order, its degrees, histories, etc. ██████████ advised that he pronounced W. D. Fard's name as "Farard," stating that this was the Arabic pronunciation.

\*\* Apparently a Mexican or Muslim version

\*\*\* Location of the Allah Temple of Islam

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b7c [redacted] continued that Fard founded the Temple of Islam in Detroit and told his followers that he came to this country on 7/4/36. According to [redacted] Fard was supposed to have been 57 years old at that time. [redacted] last saw him in 1934 in Chicago when Fard left "to return to Mecca."

[redacted] also stated that among the things taught by Fard at the Temple in Chicago was that the Caucasian race was started "through grafting" performed by an Arabian scientist named Jacob on the Island of Patmos. Fard also told the Temple members in Chicago that the time would come when they would be arrested, put in jail and have all of their literature taken away.

b7c Among the items found in [redacted] possession were the following: a framed picture of W. D. Fard and an Islamic prayer which [redacted] stated he had typewritten himself and framed with the picture; a letter, dated 7/22/42, from Sister Pauline Bahar, 6117 Rhodes Ave., Chicago, which had enclosed the above mentioned picture; a yellow sheet of paper on which Shah had written, under the date 2/24/34, Chicago: "When was the prophet born, - the prophet master, W. D. Fard was born 2/26/77 in the Holy City of Mecca"; and two printed paper - covered Temple of Islam lesson books containing 34 problems, purportedly written by Prophet W. D. Fard, Finder of the Lost Nation of Asia.

b7c NK rpt., 3/17/43  
[redacted]

Allah Temple of Islam;  
Selective Service  
100-6582-117, pp. 1, 4-8  
(17)

On 5/14/48, a warrant was served on the headquarters of the Islam Temple in Milwaukee, Wisc., and its Milwaukee teacher, Sultan Mohammed.