





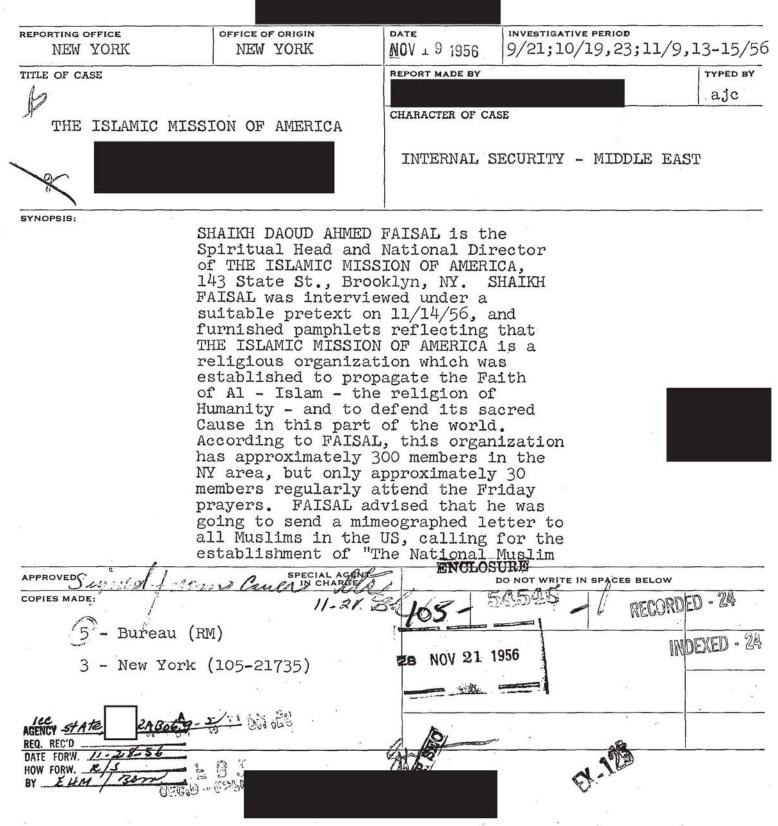
The above information was not included in rerep inasmuch as this information was not deemed pertinent to this investigation.

This case is being placed in a closed status inasmuch as based upon the information available, it would appear that THE ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA is a religious organization and is not engaged in any activities inimical to the best interests of the US Government. In the event that any pertinent information is received which would indicate THE ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA or SHAIKH FAISAL are engaged in any activities for the Arabs inimical to thetbest interests of the US Government, this case will be reopened and the information will be reported to the Bureau.



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<u>SYNOPSIS</u> <u>CONT'D</u> League of America." This institution would offer technical and financial aid and assistance to the immediate need of the Egyptian people, Palestine, Morocco, Algiers, and all Arab and other Muslim countries ravaged by wars through foreign intervention.

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#### DETAILS:

On September 21, 1956, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that THE ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA, 143 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, is headed by a Negro named SHAIKH FAISAL, who the described According to THE ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA claims to have great influence among persons of the Moslem religion, though the organization only has a membership of 200-300 persons, who blindly follow the leadership of FAISAL. If further advised that he did not know the sympathies of FAISAL at the present time, but believed that FAISAL would sympathize with the pro-Egyptian attitude among the Arab nations, if FAISAL thought that

The records of the Registeriss Office, Kings County Clerk's Office, Brooklyn, New York, as search by on November 9, 1956, reflect that on February 10, 1947, DAOUD A. FAISAL

purchased the property at 143 State Street, Brooklyn, New York. The records further reflect that on January 11, 1955, FAISAL presiding at 143 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, sold this property to THE ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA, a domestic religious corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, with principal office at 143 State Street, Brooklyn, New York.

On November 14, 1956, SHAIKH DAOUD AHMED FAISAL, Spiritual Head and National Director of THE ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA, 143 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, was Olivit interviewed under suitable pretext by and

During the course of the interview, FAISAL furnished a pamphlet entitled, "THE ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA." A review of this pamphlet reflects that THE ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA, with National Headquarters at 143 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, is a religious organization which was established in 1932, and incorporated in 1944 in the State of New York. The sole purpose of THE ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA, according to this pamphlet, is to propagate the Faith of Al - Islam - the religion of Humanity - and to defend its sacred Cause in this part of the world.

According to this pamphlet, since the establishment of THE ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA, the mission has converted nearly 2,000 men and women into the fold of Islam. A number of the converts today are the leaders of various Muslim communities in the United States, and some of them have set up their own mission organizations, which are under the guidance of SHAIKH FAISAL.

According to this pamphlet, the mission has a Mosque at 143 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, which is recognized as the chief center of Islamic worship in the greater New York area. On Fridays, at the time of Jum'a prayers, Muslim dignitaries from the United Nations, students from Islamic countries enrolled at colleges and universities in the New York area, and Muslim business men and laborers from Manhattan and Brooklyn come to the Mosque to attend these prayers. In recent months, has led the prayers.

This pamphlet further reflects that THE ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA recently purchased property in East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, which is to be developed into an all Muslim community. This pamphlet further reflects that the mission is engaged in many other activities and services, and serves as a source of general information on Islam for the many schools, libraries, and business organizations in New York City.

During the course of the interview, FAISAL also furnished a pamphlet entitled, "Fundamental Principles of 'Islam' The Perfected Religion of Mankind" which was written by FAISAL. Page four of this pamphlet sets out the purposes and objectives of THE ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA as follows:

"The purpose of the Islamic Mission of America is to acquaint mankind with the true and correct revelation and doctrine of Islam, the perfected religion of humanity. To acquaint him with the true revealed laws and command of their Lord, the Almighty God. To acquaint him with the true philosophy of Islam, its principles, its precepts, its culture, its ethics, and its social working order. To acquaint him with the true nature of his Creator, himself, and the nature of all God's created things and creatures, and to acquaint him with the true and correct laws that were revealed for his government, guidance, and protection from evil, and to acquaint him with the Prophets of the Lord and their earthly missions and to acquaint him with his own earthly mission.

"The objectives of the Islamic Mission of America are to bring about through the propagation of Islam, the perfected religion of humanity, the worship of Allah, the one true God, Creator, and Sustainer of the Universe, Sovereign of the heavens and the earth, by all believers. The implementation of His Holy Command and Sacred Revealed Laws by all Nations and people."

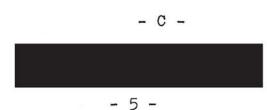
FAISAL advised that his organization has approximately 300 members in the New York area, but only approximately 30 members regularly attend the Friday prayers. FAISAL attributed this small attendance to the necessity of their members having to work on Fridays to earn a living.

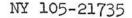
FAISAL indicated that THE ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA is having financial difficulties at the present time. FAISAL advised that the organization owns apartment houses at 160 and 162 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, which were formerly used as dormitories for members of the Muslim Faith. FAISAL advised that due to rent controls, the organization at this time is not able to obtain sufficient rent from these apartments to realize any financial gain for the organization. FAISAL advised that collections are not permitted at services conducted at the mission's Mosque, and in view of this, it is necessary to send appeals for donations to a number of individuals of all denominations in the New York area.

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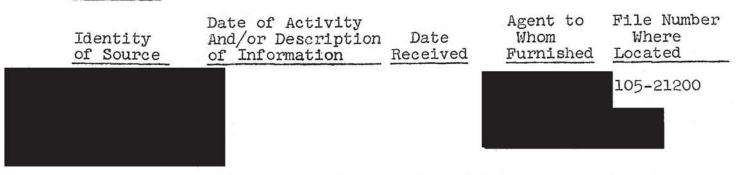
FAISAL further advised that the mission has never received a donation from anyone of the Christian faith.

During the course of the interview, FAISAL also furnished a one page mimeographed latter from FAISAL, addressed to "My Dear Muslim Brothers and Sisters." This letter contains a resolution by FAISAL for the creation of a National Muslim Association in America to be known as, "The National Muslim League of America," which would serve and all emergencies that may arise amongst Muslim people here and abroad. The resolution reflected that in view of the invasion of Egypt by Israel, United Kingdom, and France, the necessity exists for the establishment of a permanent National Institution to cope with this situation and in emergencies that may arise. According to the resolution, this institution should be such that would offer technical and financial aid and assistance to the immediate need of the Egyptian people, Palestine, Morocco, Algiers, and all Arab and other Muslim countries ravaged by wars through foreigh intervention. In this letter FAISAL recommended that this organization have as its immediate objective, the establishment of an emergency fund through the association of all Muslims in the United States, foreign and domestic, diplomats, students, visitors, guests and otherwise, by means of membership. FAISAL advised that this mimeographed letter was to be sent to all Muslims in the United States.





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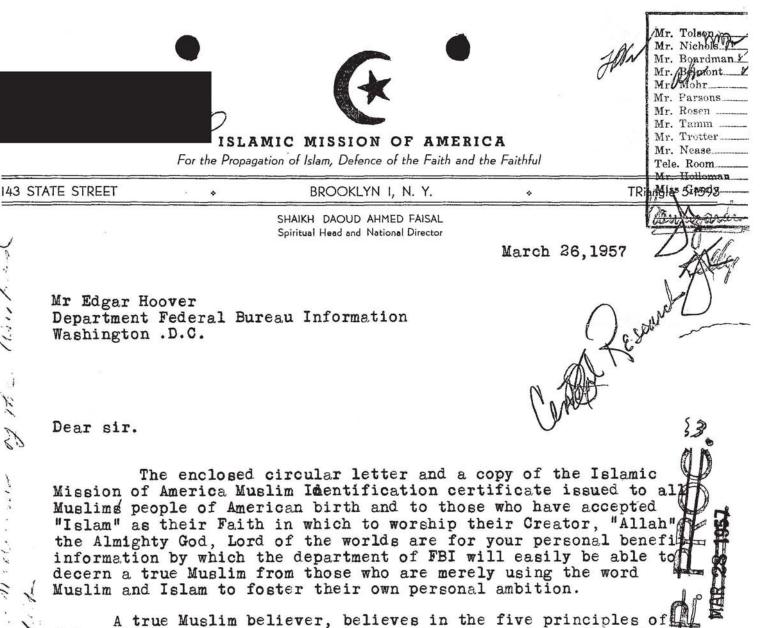
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Each and every Muslim of American birth and those who have ac cepted Islam directly or indirectly through the Institute of the Islamic Mission of America for the propagation of Al-Islam carryes an identificate of the community of the Islamic Mission of America. Such as enclosed in this letter.

Thank you sir.

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Mr. Shaikh Daoud Ahmed Faisal (original) Spiritual Head and National Director Islamic Mission of America 143 State Street Brooklyn 1, New York

Dear Mr. Faisal:

Your letter dated March 26, 1957, with enclosures, has been received.

Your courtesy in furnishing information you believe to be of interest to the FBI is appreciated.

COMM - HSI Sincerely yours, Chile APR 8 filss Nr. 10B6 Majourite Kenete John Edgar Hoover Director TA UM. cc - 2 - New York Note FOR NEW YORK: Copies of material furnished by Faisal being made and will be forwarded to you. JMDeB: cnow with appropriate instructions. (5) Since correspondent on basis of information and NOTE: Bufiles, has not apparently adopted the title "Reverend," Island does not appear to have any status with the United States Reportment of State, it is considered proper and advisable Tolson Nichols . Boardman \_ Belmont Mason Livolattress him as Mr. By separate communication, State Dept. Mohr CA and Dept. being advised of info supplied by Faisal in his klet. Parsons -The poparent purpose of Faisal's let was to tell the FBI what a Rosen . Tamm true Muslim is as compared to those who merely use the words Nease Winterrowd \_\_\_ Muslim and Islam to foster their own personal ambitions. We populated investigation of Islamic Mission of America in 1956 Tele. Room \_ Holloman \_ Gandy SEE PAGE 2 (note continued)





Mr. Shaikh Daoud Ahmed Faisal Spiritual Head and National Director Islamic Mission of America

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and interviewed Faisal, who advised he is spiritual head of that mission. Faisal in his letter did not request anything of us. Envelope containing his letter bore UN stamps, indicating possible connection with the UN. NY being requested by separate communication to determine whether Faisal has any official connection with UN. If he is wort officially connected with such, we will advise State and Department of that information. He may be representing some foreign Arab group in America.

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Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey (drig & 1) Director Office of Security Department of State 515 22nd Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

John Edgar Hoover, Director From: Federal Bureau of Investigation 0 THE ISLAMIC MISSION OF Subject:

AMERICA INTERNAL SECURITY - MIDDLE EAST

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent dated November 19, 1956, concerning the captioned matter, a copy of which was furnished to the recipient agencies on November 28, 1956.

This Bureau is in receipt of a letter from Shaikh Daoud Ahmed Faisal, who described himself as the Spiritual Head and National Director of The Islamic Mission of America, 143 State Street, Brooklyn, New York. The letter, which was postmarked at the "United Nations N. I." and bore United Nations postage stamps, enclosed literature concerning the activities of the captioned organization. His letter and the enclosures thereto indicated that every Muslim or person of the Muslim community of The Islamic Mission of America has been issued an identification certificate which will distinguish him from those persons who merely use the words "Muslim" and "Islam" to foster their own personal ambitions.

cc - 2 - New York (105-21735) (Entred-6) (See Note Page Two) cc - 1- AAG Tompkins (By 0-6 same date) 105 16 GCM: mhi BY COUPIER BYON 64 (SEE NOTE PAGES TWO AND THREE) (9)a - APR15 Section. COLAM - TE Tele. Room \_\_\_\_



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Information concerning Faisal and the activities of the captioned organization is set forth in the referenced report. The above is being furnished for the information of the recipient agencies and should not be further disseminated without prior reference to this Bureau.



NOTE FOR SAC, NEW YORK:

ReBulet dated 4/2/57, to Mr. Shaikh Daoud Ahmed Faisal, 143 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, a copy of which was furnished your office.

Enclosed for your information is one Photostat of Faisal's letter to the Bureau dated 3/26/57, together with Photostats of literature concerning the captioned organization which Faisal enclosed with his letter. In view of the fact that the envelope transmitting Faisal's letter was postmarked at "United Nations N. Y." and bore United Nations postage stamps, you should determine what connection, if any, Faisal has with the United Nations and no further investigation should be conducted at this time.

NOTE: Shaik Daoud Ahmed Faisal who described himself as the Spiritual Head and National Director of The Islamic Mission of America, Brooklyn, New York by letter dated 3/26/57, furnished the Bureau literature concerning his organization. He stated that his Furpose in writing the letter and furnishing the literature was to assist the FBI in discerning a true Muslim from those who merely used the words "Muslim" and "Islam" to foster their own personal ambitions. Bufiles reflect that an investigation concerning Faisal and captioned organization was conducted by New York Office November, 1956, and report was submitted which has been disseminated to the recipient agencies. Investigation disclosed no subversive information concerning captioned organization or Faisal but indicated

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that the organization is a religious organization. Inasmuch as Faisal's letter to the Bureau bore a United Nations postmark and United Nations postage stamps, New York Office is being requested to determine if he has any connections with United Nations and if so, State Department and other recipient agencies will be advised for their information. Faisal's letter to the Bureau 3/26/57, was acknowledged 4/2/57. Previous report carries name of organization as "The Islamic Mission of America" and although some literature furnished by Faisal carried organization's name as "Islamic Mission of America," one circular enclosed to his letter carries name as: "The Islamic Mission of America." Felt, therefore, organization's name should be continued to be used as set forth in instant caption.

### INSTITUTE OF THE ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA FOR THE WORSHIP OF ALLAH (THE ALMIGHTY GOD) AND FOR PROPAGATION AND DEFENSE OF ISLAM

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELIGIOUS INFORMATION Ismail Ahmed Idris, Director

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that due to numerous persons in the United States of American birth claiming to be Muslims and of Islamic Faith, and also many so-called Muslim organizations whose principles and laws, and social order, and personal conduct are not in conformity with the principles, the laws, the culture, the ethics and the social philosophy of "Islam", and the teachings of the Holy Prophet and the Hadit, which is misleading, dangerous and are causing much confusion, misunderstanding and disturbance.

Therefore, the Institute of the Islamic Mission of America for the worship of "Allah", the (one) true Almighty God and for the perpetual propagation of Al-Islam, the Revelation which contains His Holy Commands and Sacred, as the Religion of humanity, and as the laws for our government and guidance, and as a protection from evil. Begs to inform the government of the United States of America and the officials, and the people in general that the Institute of the Islamic Mission of America has issued certificates of Identification to each and every Muslim person of the Muslim community of the Islamic Mission of America.

We also wish to state that the Islamic Mission of America is not responsible for the philosophies and the social order of these organizations nor the conduct of these so-called Muslim who belong to these organizations and their social policies and philosophies. Muslims of the community of the Islamic Mission of America of American birth and those who have accepted Islam through the Islamic Mission of America are in strict accordance with the principles, the laws, the culture, the ethics and the social philosophy of Islam and the Hadit of the Holy Prophet and they all carry identification of the Islamic Mission of America and acceptance certificate of conversion to Islam bearing the seal of the Mission and the Signature of Shaikh, Daoud Ahmed Faisal, the spiritual Head and National Director.

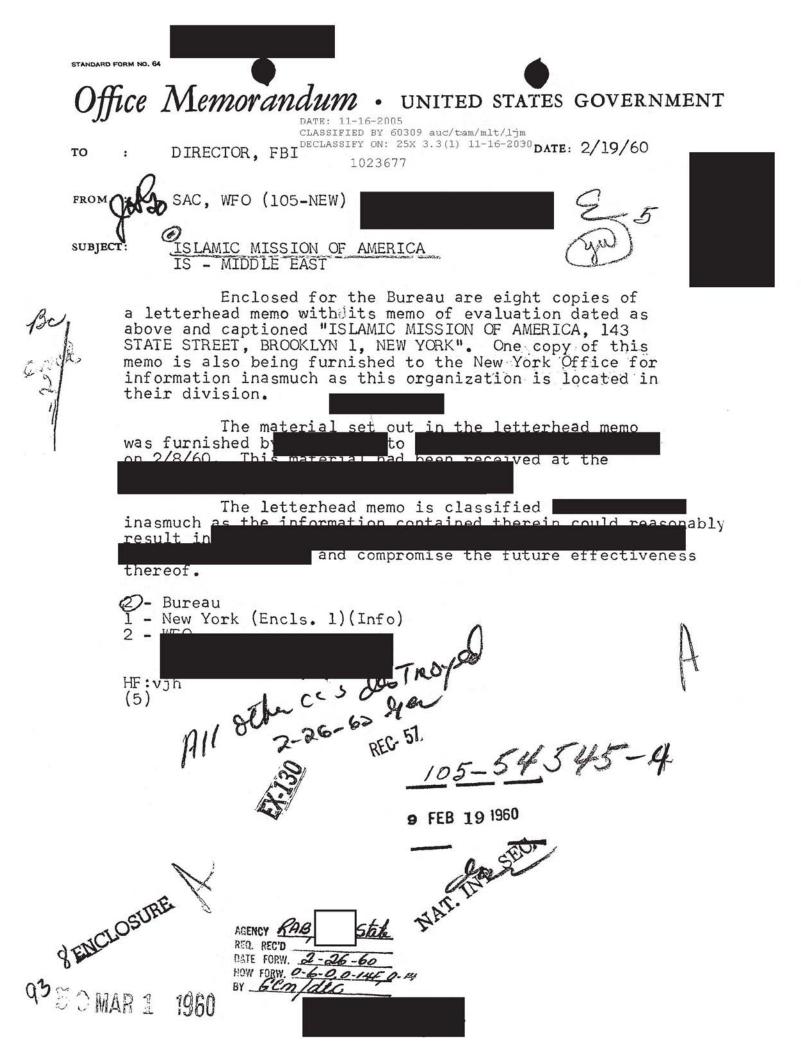
Thank you.

Islamic Mission of America 143 State Street Brooklyn 1, N. Y.



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STANDARD FORM NO. 64 Office Memorandum . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO DIRECTOR, FBI (105-54545) DATE: 5/15/57 SAC. NEW YORK (105-21735) FROM SUBJECT: THE ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA IS - MIDDLE EAST ini Rereport of 11/19/56, at NY, and Bulet to the Department of State, 4/15/57, copies of which were furnished to the NYO. Referenced Bulet reflects that SHAIKH DAOUD AHMED FAISAL, Spiritual Head and National Director of The Islamic Mission of America, 143 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, had sent a letter to the Bureau, which letter was postmarked at the "United Nations, N.Y." and which bore UN postage stamps. On 5/8/57. use T symbol, who has furnished reliable information in the past) advised that the records of to the UN failed to reflect that FAISAL has any connection further advised that whatsoever with the UN. anyone could go into the UN building and mail a letter from the UN Post Office, which letter would be postmarked, "United Nations, N.Y." and would bear UN postage stamps. Attention is directed to Page 3 d referenced report which reflects that, according to a pamphlet entitled, "The Islamic Mission of America," The Islamic Mission has a Mosque at 143 State Street, Brooklyn, NY, which is recognized as a chief center of Islamic worship in the greater NY area. The pamphlet further reflects that on Fridays at the time of Jum'a Prayers, Muslim dignitaries from the UN, among others, come to the Mosque to attend prayers. In view of the above, this case is being placed in a closed status and no further investigation hs being conducted by the NYO. RECORDED - 74 2 - Bureau (105-54545)(RM) 05-545 1 - New York (105-21735) 11 50 11587 JEH:hd 1124 NDEXED . 74 8 MAY 17 1957 (3) EB HECID







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February 19, 1960

ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA 143 STATE STREET BROOKLYN 1, NEW YORK

ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA INCORPORATED FOR THE WORSHIP OF ALLAH THE PROPAGATION OF ISLAM, DEFENCE OF THE FAITH AND THE FAITHFUL.

> 143 State Street Brooklyn 1, New York

By the grace of "Allah", the Beneficent, the Merciful. We take this opportunity to inform you of the gravity of the economic, social, religious, educational and financial conditions confronting the Muslims and Muslim children in America. Especially of those born of Muslim and Christian parents. After several years of careful study, we have arrived at the conclusion that the Muslims, converted into Islam and the Muslim children in the United States have little or no knowledge of Islam whatsoever. This, we have also discovered through personal contact with parents and children, that the parents of most of our Muslim children born in the United States have but very little knowledge of Islam themselves, and most of them do not even prayer; while some of them do not even know how to prayer. We have arrived at this definite conclusion that our Muslims and Muslim children must be educated in Islamic laws, principles, culture and social ethics and philosophy.

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#### RE: ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA 143 STATE STREET BROOKLYN 1, NEW YORK

Therefore, we feel that as Muslims, it is our Solemn duty to convey this information to you. According to Al-Quran, Knowledge is incumbent upon every Muslim, male and female. For it is the acquisition of knowledge that has made humankind higher than Angels. Therefore, according to Al-Quran, knowledge is necessary! So, it behooves us, as Muslims to acquire knowledge for the benefit of ourselves, our children and our neighbors. With your help and cooperation, the Islamic Mission of America shall see to it that Muslim communities and Islamic schools are established, insha-Allah throughout the United States and where-ever there is a Muslim and a Muslim community for the education of Muslim people and the people of the world in general. For most people do not know what religion is. Such as related to the Almighty God.

Muslim! Who ever you are, or where-ever you may be, seek the true knowledge revealed in Islam by your Lord for your righteous government and guidance. For Islam which is the revelation of Allah your creator and ours bears the final and true laws and Command for our earthly existance. So seek knowledge wherever you can find it. Wherever there is a Muslim community estab<u>lish</u> in the name of Allah go there for the knowledge you seek that will bring peace, joy and happiness, to your souls. Whatever true knowledge, which is in conformity with the Al-Quran that you have acquired please convey it unto another. For all knowledge and all things belong to Allah, the Lord of the worlds.

Therefore, as Muslims, let us see to it that every man, woman and child of Islamic Faith in these United States of America and wher<u>e-e</u>ver they may be, receive a proper Islamic and Arabic education. For our future and the future of this world, and the peace depends upon Islam. We are appealing to every Muslim to make a weekly contribution of \$1.00 for the maintenance and the economic security of our Institution.

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## RE: ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA 143 STATE STREET BROOKLYN 1, NEW YORK

Enclosed with the above circular was a press release dated January 17, 1960, which reads as follows:

> ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA 143 State Street Brooklyn 1, New York

Please note<sup>(1)</sup> That due to the gravity of a condition confronting Muslims and Muslim children born in the Americas, and especially in the United States of Muslim and Christian parents relative to their economic, religious, educational and social community life which has now become a problem. The Islamic Mission of America, Inc., for the worship of Allah and for the propagation of Islam, defence of the faith and the faithful has made a careful study of this very grave condition and concludes that something must be done about it, and have decided to call a general assembly conference of all Muslims of the community of the Islamic Mission of America and all other Muslims, Muslim committees and institutions to join with us in order to discuss these issues and to take necessary action to adjust these prevailing conditions, as stated in the above.

The conference will be held insha-Allah at the Institute of the Islamic Mission of America, 143 State Street, Brooklyn, New York on <u>Sunday</u> and <u>Monday</u> February 14 and 15, 1960. Shaban 21 and 22, 1379.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PURPOSE AND ADJECTIVE OF THE CONFERENCE.

To discuss, determine and to take necessary action to adjust these serious prevailing conditions confronting our Muslim people in these Americas and especially in the United States of America, where the Muslim people are becoming confused and bewildered, due to false Islamic teachings and hostility against the true Muslim believers. We recommend the following... Firstly; to establish Muslim community system throughout the United <u>States America</u> and elsewhere with economic security and stability wher<u>e-ever</u> two or more Muslims reside<u>s</u>. Secondly; to establish and to maintain Islamic and Arabic schools and Mosques for worship and for the



# RE: ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA 143 STATE STREET BROOKLYN 1, NEW YORK

education of our Muslim people and their children in every Muslim community. Thirdly; by the establishment of unity among Muslims, through the medium of trade and commerce.

All Muslims, religious Heads, social leaders, and teachers of all Muslim communities are requested to inform the Muslims of their community of this conference, and to urge them to make necessary preparation to attend the conference as delegates with full authority to act for the Muslims of their community.

All delegates attending the conference are requested to contribute the sum of \$25.00. And all observers are also asked to make a contribution of \$10.00 to help defray the expenses of the conference. We request all Muslims who are planning to attend the conference to notify the committee of arrangement of their coming two weeks prior to the conference. Accommodation for lodging and board can be arranged at \$7.00 per day. Special arrangment can also be arranged for those desiring same.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGMENT

The informant also furnished a copy of a printed invitation to a benefit reception and dinner to be held on the evening of Monday, February 15, 1960, at the school room of the Institute of the Islamic Mission of America, 143 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, telephone TRiangle 5-1593. Mohamed Kabbaj, Imam and Assistant Director of the Islamic Mission of America, was, named as the Chairman of the benefit, and Doctor Mahmoud Haballah, Director of the Islamic Center, Washington, D. C., was listed as the principal speaker. The invitation stated further, that Muslim ambassadors, delegates and representatives to the United Nations and "Muslim Consul General" would be honored guests and speakers.

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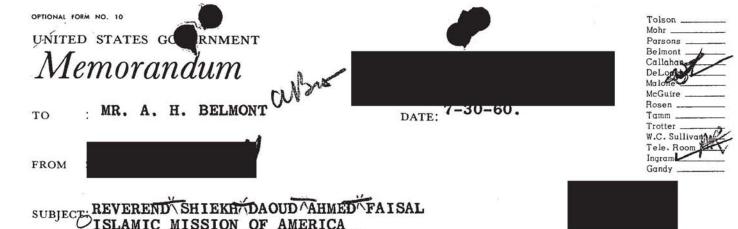
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ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA 143 STATE STREET BROOKLYN 1, NEW YORK

The confidential informant referred to in the attached memo, dated and captioned as above, has furnished reliable information in the past.

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ISLAMIC MISSION OF AMERICA 143 STATE STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK INFORMATION CONCERNING

By referral from the Director's Office, I spoke with captioned individual who telephoned from Brooklyn, New York, at 12:39 p.m., 7-30-60. He said that he had learned that the "Muslim Cult" was planning a meeting in a New York City armory tomorrow and he wanted to goon record that the "Muslim Cult" had no connection whatever with his organization, the Islamic Mission of America. He said that the Muslims did not represent the principles of Islam and he was doing all he could to make that clear by informing Government officials and prominent persons throughout the country.

REEOMMENDATION:

For your information.



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Bufiles reveal that subject is spiritual head and National Director of the Islamic Mission of America and that he corresponded with the Bureau in April 1957 to tell us what a true Muslim is as compared to those who merely use the words Muslim and Islam to foster their own personal ambitions. NY conducted investigation of Islamic Mission of America in 1956 and interviewed subject. Investigation disclosed no subversive information re organization of subject == (109-12-251-124; 100-158453-14; 105-54545-- MCALAS

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that The Islamic Mission of America is a religious organization which was established in 1932 and incorporated in 1944 in the State of New York. Its purpose is to propagate the Faith of Al-Islam. Financial support is obtained through solicitation of donations.

The payment of \$5,000 by the Saudi Arabian Government to FATSAL appears to be a contribution to a religious organization. Information available does not indicate that captioned organization has been engaged in any activity inimical to the best interests of the United States. Further action in this matter is therefore not contemplated, and this case is being placed in a closed status.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT FILE NO. BUREAU CDB REPORT MADE AT DATE WHEN PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE REPORT MADE BY MADE 10/4,8,9,10,11, NOV NEW YORK 13,19,23,24/51 MERRILL F. REESE TITLE . CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT KABBAJ MOHAMED PUBLIC LAW 402, 80TH CONGRESS aka, Mohamed Ben El Kabbej ( VOICE OF AMERICA ) SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: INS records reflect applicant entered U.S. November 2, 1949 on the vessel "Fernfjord". Applicant filed Declaration of Intention on REQ. REC!D REPLT FORW. 1/11/50. Applicant born in Meknes, French Morocco. Applicant is presently attending P. S. BY 17 in the adult education class. Employment with satisfactory, and fellow employees NIA the 2-12-6 comment favorably on the applicant. Applicant iQ. 2.6 employed at State Dept. as "Arabic" announcer on purchase order payments since 5/15/50. State Dept. fellow employees comment favorably on the applicant. References and neighbors recommended the applicant favorably. No record Credit Bureau or NYC Police Dept. RUC REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field, 9/27/51. AGENCY/CC DETAILS: AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK NATURALIZATION BY The name MOHAMED BEN EL KABBEJ is being added to the title as reflected in the Immigration and Naturalization Service records. The following investigation was conducted by SE ROBERT M. HALL. APPROVED AND SPECIAL AGENT DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES COPIES OF THIS REPORT NOV 6 Bureau (123-11994) 2 New York (123-8117) PROPERTY OF FBI-THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE. NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 123-11994

Date: 9/27/51

AIR MAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY

To: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: MOHAMED KABBAJ SPECIAL INQUIRY, STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress VOICE OF MICRICA

You are requested to conduct an investigation of the above named individual. The instructions contained in Section 103. Volume 3 of the Manual of Instructions and Chapter 78, Part 3 of the FBI Handbook should be observed in connection with this investigation. This case is to be assigned immediately and reports of the complete investigation must be submitted Air Mail, Special Delivery. where proper, by

19/11/51.

Address: 353 W. 49th St., New York, N.Y.

Birth date: Birthplace: Meknes, Morocco

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#### BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Mr. Donald L. Nicholson Chief Division of Security Department of State 515 Twenty-second Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

November 9, 1951

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: MOHAMED KABBAJ SPECIAL INQUIRY, STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress VOICE OF AMERICA

Date:

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There are transmitted herewith reports covering the investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning the above-named person: It is noted from your letter dated October 15, 1951 that you have requested investigation in Horecco concerning applicant.

Results of additional Govorment Agency checks in Washington, D. C. will be furnished upon receipt, which records are being scarched under an additional name disclosed in attached New York report dated November 5, 1951 in captioned matter.

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Immigration and Naturalization Service 70 Columbus Avenue New York City

The Immigration and Naturalization Service Records reflected that the applicant's name on the Petition of Declaration was MOHAMED BEN EL KABBEJ. Applicant was born on the petition of Intention Morocco, a son of the single and resided with the source of t

#### EDUCATION

Mrs. Mrs. Instructor, in Charge of Adult Education, P. S. 17, 327 West 47th Street, New York City, advised that her records reflected that the applicant registered in this school on September 18, 1951 pursuing a course in English and Citizenship, which meets three nights a week. Applicant is still carried on the school rolls, however, he has been frequently absent due to part-time employment.

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that she was not acquainted with the applicant and was unable to make any comments concerning him. However, she advised that the applicant's teacher Mr. \_\_\_\_\_\_ should recall the applicant.

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_\_, Teacher, P. S. 17, Adult Education, 327 West 47th Street, residence 1117 Bay Park Place, Far Rockaway, Long Island, advised that the applicant was in his class of English and Citizenship, but had considerable absences due to his employment. The applicant has been very cooperative, never causing any trouble in his class. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_\_ stated that he did not know the applicant well enough to comment on his character, reputation, loyalty and associates.

#### EMPLOYMENT

The following investigation was conducted by the writer.

28 West 40th Street New York City

Mr. Mr. Assistant Manager, advised that his records reflect. that the applicant was hired on February 17, 1950 and voluntarily resigned on March 3, 1951. Applicant's employment record was satisfactory and hesis eligible for rehire. During this period applicant resided at 148 Ludlow Street.

The following fellow employees of the applicant advised that they considered the applicant to be a very quiet man and knew nothing derogatory concerning him. They stated that the applicant left his job because of better opportunities elsewhere. They stated that they would recommend the applicant as to character and reputation. However, they were unable to comment on his loyalty due to the fact that they never had any political discussions with the applicant.

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State Department 1790 Broadway New York City	

The following investigation was conducted by SA RAYFORD S. KISSIAH.

The files of the Personnel Department, U. S. State Department, reflected the applicant to have received purchase order payments from the Voice of America, commencing May 15, 1950 to September 21, 1951, date of last payment. It is noted these payments were for services rendered as an "Arabic" announcer. The applicant's address is listed as 353 West 49th Street, New York City.

Mr. Mr. Source, Arabic Language Unit, 250 West 57th Street, Voice of America, advised that to his knowledge the applicant comes from French Morocco and he, personally, has known him approximately one year on a business level. He advised that based upon this limited association with the applicant he believes he is the type of individual whom he would unhesitatingly recommend as to character, ability, morals, and political stability. He stated the applicant is definitely anti-Communist.

Mr. Advised that he has no knowledge of the applicant's family background, personal history, or any organizations with whom the applicant might be connected. He indicated that nothing of a derogatory nature has come to his attention regarding the applicant, and he would unhesitatingly recommend him for a position of trust with the United States Government.

Mr. Merica, 250 West 57th Street, New York City, who has known the applicant on a business and personal level approximately four months, advised that to his knowledge the applicant is a Moroccan Nationalist and is directly connected with the Sultan Family of Morocco, thereby being politically anti-Communist . Mr. Merican furnished substantially the same information as did Mr. Merican regarding the applicant in that he would unhesitatingly recommend the applicant for a position of trust with the United States Government.

#### REFERENCES

The following investigation was conducted by the writer.

Mr. Merce 2004, 2004 75th Street, New York City, Proprietor of Import and Export Clothing Company, 366 Broadway, advised that he has known the applicant since his entry into this country, however, he has heard of the applicant in Meknes, Morocco, where the applicant was a watchmaker by trade. He stated that the applicant's father is deceased, and his mother lives on a large farm where the family enjoys a very good reputation in Meknes, Morocco. He has never known the applicant to be in any trouble and knows that the applicant is in sympathy with our democratic form of Government. The applicant's character and reputation is above reproach. He stated that he would highly recommend the applicant for a position of trust.

Mr. Mr. Milding guard, assigned to the United States Post Office, advised that he sponsored the applicant's entry into the United States, as he had known the applicant and his family since 1925. He stated that the applicant attended the High School in Meknes, Morocco, and was a watchmaker there while his mother operated an olive farm.

He stated that the applicant's family was well respected in Meknes, Morocco, as they had been very good friends of the Sultan family, the rulers of Morocco. He stated that the applicant has a sister approximately twenty years old, who is married and another sister fourteen years old, and a brother approximately ten years old, all of whom are residing in Meknes, Morocco.

Mr. stated that it was the applicant's desire to bring the remaining members of his family to the United States.

He stated that the applicant's date of entry into the United States was November 2, 1949 aboard a Norwegian ship, and he resided at his apartment for approximately four or five months. He also advised that the applicant is presently residing at 353 West 49th Street, New York City and is attending P. S. 17, taking a course in English and Citizenship. He is employed by a

He stated that the applicant was of good character and reputation, and always striving to become a good American citizen. He stated that the applicant associates with good businessmen, and he would not hesitate to recommend him for a position of trust with the United States Government.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RAYFORD F. KISSIAH.

Mr. Mr. Arabic Unit, Division of International Broadcasting, Voice of America, 250 West 57th Street, New York City, advised that he has known the applicant approximately two years. He stated that the applicant is a very good worker and gets along fine with the other employees, and reportedly comes from a good family in Meknes. He commented favorably on the applicant's character and associates, and added that the applicant supports the United States Government, and could be recommended for a position with the Government.

### ACQUAINTANCES

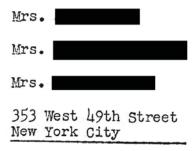
Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, 920 9th Avenue, New York City, advised that he had lived on the same street with the applicant's family in Meknes, Morocco,

approximately twenty years ago. He stated that the applicant's family had enjoyed an excellent reputation in the community of Meknes, however, he has only known the applicant personally for the past two years. He stated that he did not know of any organization to which the applicant might be a member, however, he stated the applicant is definitely anti-Communistic in his political views. He stated that the applicant has conducted himself in a very respectful manner, and is of good character and associates. He stated further that he would highly recommend the applicant for a position of trust.

# NEIGHBORHOOD

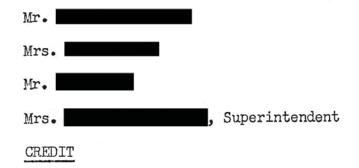
148 Ludlow Street New York

The following persons advised that the applicant only resided at this address with Mr. for a few months during 1949 to 1950. They stated that they knew nothing of the applicant's background, however, the applicant created the impression while residing at this address that he was of good character and reputation. They stated that they did not know the applicant well enough to comment on his loyalty.



The following persons advised that the applicant has resided at the above address for approximately one and a half years, during which time he has been a very quiet and sober individual who is well-liked among the tenants in the building. They stated that he is very industrious, as he is working parttime and also attending Public School. They stated that they had no reason to

doubt the applicant's loyalty to this form of Government, as they have heard the applicant praise the United States Government. They stated that the applicant's character, reputation, associates and loyalty were all very good and they would not hesitate in recommending him for a position of trust.



The records of the New York City Credit Bureau as checked by SE THOMAS J. MC GUIRE failed to reflect any record for the applicant.

#### CRIMINAL

The files of the New York City Police Department as checked by SA-AUGUST J. MICEK failed to reflect any record for the applicant.

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