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SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE
(NATION OF ISLAM)

          Reurlet, 1/7/69; Chicago letters 12/24/68 and
1/14/69.

          ReBulet has been thoroughly studied and discussed
by the SAC, the Supervisor, and Agents familiar with facets
of the NOI which might indicate trends and possible future
direction of the organization. The Bureau's concern is most
understandable and suggestions appreciated.

          Over the years considerable thought has been given,
and action taken with Bureau approval, relating to methods
through which the NOI could be discredited in the eyes of
the general black populace or through which factionalism among
the leadership could be created. Serious consideration has
also been given towards developing ways and means of changing
NOI philosophy to one whereby the members could be developed
into useful citizens and the organization developed into one
emphasizing religion - the brotherhood of mankind - and
self improvement. Factional disputes have been developed -
the most noteable being MALCOLM X LITTLE. Prominent black
personages have publicly and nationally spoken out against
the group - U.S. District Court Judge JAMES BENTON PARSONS
being one example. The media of the press has played down
the NOI. This appears to be a most effective tool as
individuals such as MUHAMMAD assuredly seek any and all
publicity be it good or bad; however, if the press is utilized
it would appear it should not concentrate on such aspects
as the alleged strength of the NOI, immoral activities of
the leadership, misuse of funds by these officials, etc.
It is the opinion of this office that such exposure is
ineffective, possibly creates interest and maybe envy
among the lesser educated black man causing them out of
curiosity to attend meetings and maybe join, and encourage
the opportunist to seek personal gain - physical or
monetary - through alignment with the group. At any rate
it is felt such publicity in the case of the NOI is not overly
effective.

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