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United States. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Malcolm X Surveillance File: 1953-1971
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HISTORICAL NOTE

The FBI's surveillance file of Malcolm X was compiled during the years 1953 to 1971. Malcolm X, born Malcolm K. Little in Omaha, Nebraska on May 19, 1925, was the most outspoken Black nationalist of his era.

While serving a six and one-half year prison sentence in Massachusetts, Malcolm Little converted to the Nation of Islam sect founded by Elijah Muhammad. Upon his release from prison in 1953, he adopted the name Malcolm X and became a travelling missionary for Elijah Muhammad, preaching the doctrine of Black separation and Black self-reliance.

In December 1963, Malcolm X was suspended from the Nation of Islam for one or more of these reasons: his popularity was seen as a threat to Elijah Muhammad; he learned of and was about to reveal Elijah Muhammad's sexual indiscretions; or because of controversial remarks that he made after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

On March 12, 1964, Malcolm X formed the Muslim Mosque, Inc., a Black nationalist organization. During a pilgrimage to Mecca, he converted to orthodox Islam, and abandoned concepts of racial antagonism. Forming the Organization of Afro-American Unity, he counseled the need for human brotherhood and international cooperation.

Malcolm X was assassinated in New York on February 21, 1965.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of one series of material: 1) FBI Surveillance Film, 1953-1971. Contained on ~~two~~^{ten} reels of microfilm, this material consists of information on Malcolm X compiled by the FBI. Included is biographical information on the Black nationalist leader, excerpts of his speeches, reports on his activities and public appearances in various U.S. cities, television and radio interview transcripts, articles about him, and information about attempts on his life, including his assassination in 1965.

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