

Muslims had
rented the classroom
Tuesday before the shooting
for a dinner.

Core Brant took photo's
did he turn in all
negatives?

James Shalozz AKA JAMES 67X AKA JAMES WARDEN.

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2PM at office 404 Stern 3-8-65

on 2-21-65 at antebellum Ballroom. I don't know
of any speaker or speakers scheduled for 2-21-65
with Malcolm X. I was in dressing room until after
shot was fired. I saw no one with a gun or anyone
shooting or firing. General consensus of opinion is
that the police had something to do with the
assassination. I was under the impression I was
brought here for Grand Jury questions. I will
answer those, but nothing else. Everyone wants
to know about the working of the organization instead
of who killed Malcolm X.

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I was in charge of more than 2.5 than Chela. then
dist of Mohammad speaks distribution (paper).

I recommended Johnnie because he was a good soldier.

I didn't recommend Butty because he was egocentric
Clarence x John was in Capt Joseph's 1st Lt.
in Bklyn. I was Staff Lt. Clarence was Line Lt.

I had a meeting probably in Jan/63 with Capt Joseph.
Male was suspended 11/63. I argued in 11/63 but not
to meetings on & off. Male x was suspended 11/63 for
90 days. I met Capt Joseph in front of newspaper office
(bet 117+118 St ~ Linnx ave.) I had him on Alvin x Webster
track. I understood Alvin x Webster at the time.

— James Ellinger Gray came into mosque when I left.

Capt Joseph & I met in day time. I asked Capt Joseph "What
was happening with Malcolm?" He said "I can't tell you
what he (Malx) did but if you knew you would go
over there and kill him. You ought to go over there &
kill him". I said "What did he do?" He replied
"I can't tell you, I said 'you costing evil suggestions
& from resolutions'. He made no reply. I spoke
to him about twice after that. I joined with Malcolm x
organization March 12, 1964. Capt Shaeff had sent a
telegram to all newspaper the of Malcolm x since the
name of Elijah Mohammad again something would happen
to Malcolm x.

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James 67x Warden -

2090 7th Ave Hotel Theresa 527.

1959 or 60 joined Elijah Muhammad group.

Mosque #7. Malcolm X was in charge.

Capt Joseph was in charge of the men. As he is now, apart from any other religious leader.

Same year I started I became a Lieutenant in the mosque.

Function was to obey the capt, teach the soldiers & to train. I resigned from the Mosque's 11/24/63.

Police officers are in the Front of Islam. "Roman X," was one I knew of when I left. Lieutenants did what they did best to teach the men. I wrote letters to Meluh, Joseph ^{Henry} + Maceo, to resign as well. Maceo X + Owens kept records + secrets of the mosque. Like I was there Henry X Dawson was assistant administrator. Minister of mosque 7 is James 3x. James 3x was minister of Newark Mosque but now he became minister of mosque 7 when Malcolm left. I knew Butler + Johnson when I was in the mosque. I knew Butler + Johnson - Johnson squad leader in Bronx + Butler was about to be squad leader. I recommended Johnson for lieutenant. Butler was either a squad leader or something don't think when I left he was a Lt. I never saw Hayer in Mosque 7. I was called back to the mosque 7 once after I resigned - Mosque 7 covers N.Y. area. Capt Joseph in charge of East Coast men. Capt Joseph reported to Elijah Muhammad Jr. as 1st supreme capt. or Raymond Sharieff supreme Capt. (Both in Chicago) Joseph Change of all East Coast. Pa, Can. N.Y. R.I.

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James 67 x Warden

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Room 527

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Started going to Elzard's
Group sometime in 1959.

Mosque #7. Maledin x in
Charge. Captain Jansot x in
Charge of men. Maledin x in
Charge of Mosque and religious
affairs.

Warden became a
Lieutenant some years he joined.
It was to obey the orders
of the Captain, to protect the
private soldiers and train.

Resigned Nov 24, 1963.

Roman x, was a police officer
in the F.O.I.

MACEO x Owens was and
is the Secretary. Keeps the
Books and Records.

Henry x Dawson was
Assistant minister to Maledin.

James 3x is minister
minister now. Used to be
minister of the New York Mosque.

Knew Butler and Johnson in Marquee. Johnson was a Squad leader in Bronx. Warden had recommended him for Lt. Doesn't know if he made it by time Warden left.

Butler, warden, recalls being a Squad leader and not a Lt when he left. Never saw Meyer there.

Marquee #7 Covers new York area.

Philly
N.Y.
Penn
P.F.
Conn.

Captain Joseph X was in charge of men for east coast. After Captain's report to him. He reports to Elgar Watson, J.R., Asst. Supreme Captain, Raymond Shariff, Supreme Captain. These four are in Chicago.

Warden had been Lt in charge of Men, L.I., Philly, in charge of distribution of all newspapers on East Coast.

There was a Lt for each
barr.

Johnson had papers.
Butler was in a squad in the
Bronx - don't know which
one

Clarence T. Johns
is and was the 1st Lt under
Captain Joseph X.

Around Dec 6th or
Jan 6th warden met Captain
Joseph X.

Malcolm had been
suspended in Dec of 1963.
Suspended for 90 days.

Warden met Joseph X.
in Street, between 117th St
and 118th St on Lenox.

Info The Newspaper office.
Warden went to the office to
move his belongings.

Warden had been
sitting in Alvin X Walcott,
~~Warden~~ Lt now, but no
papers then. Just one of the men.

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Conversation in Daytime.
Warden asked Joseph X what was
happening with Malcolm.

"I can't tell you what he
did, but if you knew you would
go over there and kill him.
You ought to go over there and kill
him."

"What did he do?"

"I can't tell you."

"You are casting evil suggestions
and firm resolutions."

Honestly,

Warden joined Malcolm
March 12, 1964.

Captain Shuff sent
a letter to all the newspapers
threatening Malcolm X.

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Shatog

Jesse & Ryan after leaving
Morgue attached on 116th &
+6-

Lewis 13x and
Dwyer came to Shatog's house
in Feb of 1964, 328 W. 113th.
About 12 PM. 5 or 6 of Warden's
friends were there. Warden
opened door. These 2 rushed in.
When they saw the others
they sat down. Just talked.

Every 2 weeks Shatog
pick up ³²⁰ ~~320~~ Bundles of 200
newspapers - 65 Bundles to
Newark, 40 to Boston, 65 to
Hartford. About 30,000
kept in New York.

LTs responsible for the
newspapers or the money,
Warden decided how many
load Sat
for a period. More
Settin paid for 32-35,000,

4-7-65 ADA Stern's office. Thursday

JAMES 67X WARDEN (Shabazz)

Assigned Moque 7 - Nov 24, 1963

If killing was done by men on E Coast. Capt Torgel would have to know something about it - he was in charge of all men on East Coast.

Stern Amer, Clarence from Springfield, to Kill Melvin X, at one time.

Late Dec 1963 or early Jan or Feb 1964 probably Jan/64
I was told by Capt Joseph "if I knew what Melvin had done I would kill Melvin & that I should kill Melvin. he said this to me while we were alone.

Members who left Moque 7 - & joined Melvin X beaten.

1- Larry 4x

2- Jessie 8x Ryan - attached 50
beaten by Moque 7 (correct) ^{not} on 00000
116 84 people for rifle.

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Got 3 calls asking for Savage. I told them Savage wasn't home
I was visited by. Ivory Whitmore, & Louis 13x
at 328 W 113 St apt. 1

on about Feb 1964 ^{a few morning} about Midnight

They came in & were surprised because I had 5 or 6 children
home with me. They came in swiftly after I opened the door
saw other brothers in living room. I got a phone call, white card
Jesse 14x had an instrument to be shown to me.

Clarence 7x came over in the morning & asked about I meant

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when I had called & said if anything happen to me, I would like the case of Joseph, Marco, Clarence & all the other one, by one. I told him I meant what I said.

Johnny had moved out a couple of weeks before this incident.

Living with me was on the two Langston Avenue, Chester McCollum, myself & sometime I saw the Okinawa slept there on some nights.

Since had a school for Karate in Bronx

69 W 125 St Mfrs Hanover Trust I saw a number of men there I think they have a bank account now.

J A M E S S H A B A Z Z, called as a witness,
having been first duly affirmed, testified
as follows:

THE FOREMAN: Please sit down.

BY MR. STERN:

Q What is your name, sir?

A James Shabazz.

Q And where do you live, Mr. Shabazz?

A 29 East -- 2090 70th Avenue.

Q Mr. Shabazz, would you try to keep your
voice up so everybody in the room can hear you?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, Mr. Shabazz, directing your
attention to February 21, 1965, a Sunday, did there
come a time that Sunday that you went to the Audubon
Ballroom?

A Yes, sir.

Q And that was to hear a person by the
name of Malcolm X, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, at that time you were a member of the
OOAU and Moslem Mosque Incorporated; is that correct?

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A I was a member of the Muslim Mosque Incorporated and I helped him in the work of the organization of the work of the organization of Platform of American Unity.

Q Now, do you recall approximately what time it was that you got to the ballroom?

A It was sometime shortly before or shortly after two o'clock.

Q And where did you go when you entered the ballroom?

A I went -- sat down, then was called into the back room where Brother Malcolm was, I went back there.

Q Where did you first sit down?

A I don't remember. I had not recalled until someone told me that I sat down, so I don't remember where it was.

Q Any case very shortly after you entered the ballroom you went back stage, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q And after you went back stage you had conversation with Malcolm, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did there come a time when you left

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the back stage area?

A Yes, sir.

Q When was that?

A One -- I left because there was someone with me who he asked me to get out of that room because he was -- there was an old man, so I took him down to the front, and I came back.

Q You found a seat for him, is that

right?

A Yes, sir.

Q And who was that gentleman?

A A man named Ahmed Hassoun, A-h-m-e-d, H-a-s-s-o-u-n, was the last name.

Q Now, after you arranged for the seat for this gentleman, did you go backstage again?

A Yes, sir.

Q In other words, you were only concerned with seating him and immediately going back again, is that right?

A Right.

Q Now, after you went backstage, did you remain in the ~~back~~ back part until after the shooting?

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A Yes, sir. I may have come out for a piece of paper, if I remember correctly, I had not brought my briefcase with me in which I generally carry papers. And he asked me to make an announcement and I think I went out to get a piece of paper or someone near the door gave me a piece of paper to make an announcement on, but if I did not leave -- if I did leave I didn't leave for more than a minute.

Q Well, backstage did there come a time when Malcolm X went out fromt to speak?

A I think he went out when I was either towards the door, I know my back was to him, I didn't see him go out, but he was out on the stage when I looked back.

Q And you were inside this room backstage?

A I was in the room backstage.

Q And after he came out to speak, did there come a time when you heard shooting?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you remained in the backroom, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q And did you stay there until after

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all the shooting had stopped?

A Yes, sir.

Q So that at no time did you see anybody who was firing, is that right?

A No, I never saw anyone firing.

Q And as a matter of fact you were only in the main ballroom part, that is the part where the audience was, for a very few moments, is that correct?

A Yes, sir.

Q I mean prior to then, I mean up to the point where Malcolm X was shot.

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, you were formerly a member of the muslim sect, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q And where you were a member of Mosque #7, you knew both Thomas 15X Johnson and Norman 15X Butler, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q But you do not know whether or not either of these men were in the ballroom that day, is that right, of your own knowledge?

A No, sir, I do not know.

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Q Now, when you were in Mosque Number 7, did you occupy any official position?

A Yes, sir.

Q What position did you occupy?

A I was a lieutenant in the F.O.I. and I guess circulation manager of the Muhammad Speaks newspaper.

Q And did you occupy various positions at the time you were there, is that right?

A Yes, sir, informally.

Q And formerly too, right?

A Well, I just named the two positions that I occupied formally.

Q Lieutenant?

A Yes, sir.

Q Lieutenant what?

A Lieutenant, that's a position.

Q When -- well, what was your command as a lieutenant?

A Well, for a period of time I was over the men in -- men for a period of time I was over the men in Canada, and for a period of time I was over the newspapers. My functions were not clearly and formally delineated. I did whatever my activities allowed me to

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do better than anyone else could do that particular function.

Q Excuse me. Now, while you were occupying this position in the Mosque, did there come a time when you knew Thomas 15X Johnson?

A Yes, sir.

Q And when you knew him, what was his position?

A His position was a squad leader, and at the time that I stopped attending meetings, or being essentially concerned with the Mosque there he had -- I think, become a lieutenant. I am rather sure that after I left the mosque he became a lieutenant. But whether he left at the time I left or not I don't know, but he was sort of between squad leader and lieutenant or he was lieutenant; I am not sure.

Q And which squad did he have?

A The Bronx Squad.

Q Do you recall how many squads there were in the Bronx at this period?

A No, sir, I don't.

Q Did you have anything to do with him

achieving rank beyond squad leader?

A About -- a year or so before he achieved rank as squad leader I had suggested that he and three or four other people had shown leadership ability. This was before he was a squad leader.

Q In other words you had recommended him for promotion, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q And who had you recommended him to?

A Captain Joseph.

Q And as Captain, it would be his function to get -- to designate the officers, is that right?

A Yes, sir, he had sole authority to appoint officers.

Q And as captain he is in command of the entire Fruit of Islam for his mosque, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q And his authority extends beyond his mosque, is that right?

A Well, formally he's in charge of the men at Mosque Number 7, and informally he's in -- over the men on the east -- on the east coast, all the mosques on the east coast.

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Q And that would cover the mosque in Newark too, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, did you ever know a man by the name of Talmadge Area, or Thomas Hagan while you were the -- a member of the Nation of Islam?

A No, sir, I never knew him.

Q But if he were a member of the Newark mosque for instance, and part of the Fruit of Islam, he would fall under the authority and orders of Captain Joseph; is that right?

A Yes.

Q And you have just described his position?

A Yes, sir, indirectly and informally. Captain Joseph exerted his authority over the Captains of other mosques rather than over the men in the mosques.

Q The chain of command would eventually lead to Joseph, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q When was it that you yourself left the Nation of Islam?

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A Well, formally I resigned from my position on November 24th, by written letter.

Q That's November 24th, 1963?

A 1963. If I remember correctly on December the 8th -- in any event it was about two Sundays after November 24th my resignation from the lieutenantcy was formally accepted. And -- but I still intermittently went to the mosque. I didn't go with any regularity anymore, but I was in it.

Q You merely resigned your official

status but you were still a member of the Nation of Islam, at least informally?

A Yes, sir. That's difficult to say, because as to whether one is a member or not -- membership is not clearly defined. If you have been in one time and never go back, are you a member or if you go once a week are you a member, or if you go every meeting are you a member -- this is not been clearly defined.

But I had ceased attending as an officer, I had to go every day, every meeting, and after the resignation I -- I had made up my mind I wasn't going back. But I didn't want to stop abruptly because I felt I had had

a great deal of influence over some of the members because of my educational background and whatnot, and I felt it would be a reflection if I just stopped, and a number of people would start asking me questions, well what's wrong if James stopped going there must be something going on, or something like that. So I tried to terminate my relationship with the organization as gradually as possible.

Q Now, during this period of time while you were still attending meetings, did there come a time in December or January of '63 and '64 respectively that you saw Captain Joseph X?

A Yes, sir.

Q And this was after the time that Malcolm X had been suspended for ninety days, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q And where did you meet Joseph X, do you recall?

A It was on -- between 117th and 118th Street and Lenox Avenue near the Muhammad Speaks newspaper office.

Q And did you have a conversation with Captain Joseph X at that time?

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A Yes, a very brief one.

Q And was anyone present during this conversation other than you and Joseph X?

A No, sir.

Q Well, what was that conversation?

A I asked him what was happening, what had happened to Malcolm, what was going on. And he said, "I can't tell you, but if you know what he did you'd go over there and kill him."

I said, "Well, what did he do?"

He said, "I can't tell you, but you ought to go over there and kill him."

Q You ought to go over there and kill him?

A Yes, sir.

Q And then what did you say?

A I said, "If you can't tell me what he did then you--" you are casing evil suggestions and firm resolutions, which is not conducive to the manner of a Muslim, that if someone is charged with something that you think he should be tried, you are supposed to state clearly what the charges are. And if you say, well something should happen to so-and-so, or this person is not

right, you can't trust him, you should be able to clearly corroborate or support the statement that you are making. Otherwise the muslim says this is casting evil suggestions in firm resolutions, and this is the most undermining influence of a society or brotherhood. So this is frowned upon.

So I told him that.

Q What did he say?

A He did not answer. That was the extent of our conversation. I was at this time -- sort of persona non grata because I had resigned from both the position and this had removed me from his administrative authority. He had -- no longer had any authority over me.

Q Well, if you would still be a member of the F.O.I. he would still be your superior, is that right? But you were in the process of withdrawing at that time?

A Yes, I was not attending meetings with any O- with any regularity and I was -- I never went to the F.O.I. after I resigned. I would go to a meeting now and then, but I never went to the mens' classes on Monday nights.

Q During this time when you were an officer were you paid any money?

A No, sir.

Q You never received any money at all, is that right?

A Not as an officer.

Q Well, did you ever receive any money?
A I received a salary as circulation manager of the Muhammad Speaks newspaper.

Q But that was separate from your duties as a lieutenant?
A Absolutely separate. I never received one cent for my duties as a lieutenant.

Q What was your duties as a lieutenant as distinguished from your duties as reference to the newspaper officer?

A Well, as I say, the position, the position where -- rather -- my functions were rather informal. I had a great deal of administrative ability above and beyond the average member of the organization. So in many instances if one had defined my functions it would have seemed as though I was doing more then I actually

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was in the organizational chart. So I just helped wherever I could. I was in charge of the circulation of the Muhammad Speaks newspaper that was a clearly defined function, but as a lieutenant I did anything that that would help from sweeping the floor or setting up accounting systems, or attendance forms, making forms, writing out presentations and giving sales classes for the sale of newspapers, suggesting how trips could be made at a lower cost by bus.

Q Now, in reference to the newspaper, just before you left -- the general membership of the F.O.I. required to sell 150 newspapers every two weeks; is that right?

A Yes, sir, yes, sir.

Q And how would these newspapers come in?

A By train.

Q Fromwhere would they come?

A From Chicago, I assume. I just got them off the train, Chicago.

Q And what would they sell for on the street?

A Fifteen or twenty cents. The price charged during

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the --

Q During the period of time that they sold for twenty cents, how much of that money was to go back to Chicago?

A Fifteen or sixteen cents.

Q Now, how many newspapers would you receive every two weeks from Chicago by train?

A We received 320 bundles of 200 a piece.

Q Which would be approximately 64,000, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q And of these 64,000 newspapers some would be distributed to other parts of the east, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q But approximately one-half would be kept for the New York area, is that right?

A Approximately.

Q Approximately 30,000 or so, is that right?

A Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

Q Now, in terms of sales of the newspapers,

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how would they be paid for?

A Well, at different times, before I had obtained this function, they had been sold on consignment after that it was decided that they should be paid for in cash. But then we broke the responsibility down among the lieutenants of the various boroughs and allowed the lieutenants to assume full responsibility for the payment of the papers. So if I lieutenant had asked -- or had squad leaders whom he felt could account for the money he passed the responsibility down to them. Some of them left the papers out on consignment, some got cash and some had calls out on which a large number of papers would be taken out, the men would bring -- go out and selling the papers and bring the money back like a crew selling it.

Q In other words, the difference between letting the papers out to be sold and getting the money afterwards or between getting the money from the individual members first and then letting him get back on the basis of his sales, is that right?

A That's right.

Q And that's the risk between the

consignment and the payments in advance, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, it was determined, was it not, how much -- how many newspapers each borough was to get according to the number of members in that borough, is that right?

A No, sir, it was not.

Q Well, what criterion did you use to establish that of the 30,000 newspapers X amount was to go to Brooklyn and Y amount to New York County? And et cetera.

A By the sales effectiveness of the particular borough. In some instances you had a man over a particular borough who's leadership qualities were much superior to a man in a different borough. And in this instance you found in many cases -- not many cases, but you found cases where a borough might have half the number of men of one borough and be selling twice as many papers as -- because of the spread or the effectiveness or three or four men who hit upon a method that was superior to other methods and it would be caught

up, and prices were -- prizes were offered to the top salesman in the top borough. So an instance for example, a man had a smaller number of men or manpower but sold more papers consistently for about three or four months.

Q Now, if the papers were consigned to the lieutenants and they were responsible for distribution and sales in their boroughs; is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q How would the moneys be forwarded back?

A Be turned into the secretary. Each mosque had a secretarial department and the money can be paid directly to the secretary or paid directly to the lieutenant and the lieutenant paid it to the secretary. Various secretarial departments then turned the money into the secretary of the mosque.

Q In other words --

A I assume.

Q In other words, the money would eventually go to M.C.O.S., which would ~~the~~ be the secretary?

A Yes, sir.

MR. STERN: Are there any questions

from the jury?

Q In the set up of the mosque, there is a secretary, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q And he's responsible for the administrative details, is that correct?

A Well, I --

Q In other words, if -- how would you define the difference between the minister of the mosque and his duties and the secretary of Mosque 7's duties?

A The minister of the Mosque is responsible for everything that goes on in the Mosque, the Captain of the mosque is responsible for the men. The Captain of the sisters is responsible for the women. The secretary is responsible for all papers, all secrets for moneys. The ~~XXXX~~ function of the secretary in the mosque is a combination in a corporate structure would be a combination secretary - treasurer.

Q And the minister would be corresponding to the president, is that correct?

A Yes, sir.

MR. STERN: Are there any other

questions? Thank you very much, Mrs.

Shabazz.

(Witness excused.)

James 67X Warden
(Shelazzy)

Tells of being told to kill
Malcolm some time before
incident.

Saw no one a bathroom.

Testified in Grand Jury

Dennis Browning Hayer

(The two persons who say Hayer
lived in Shelazzy's house)