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ed on the other side of the room - opposite him -

A man (Negro) jumped up and said "Nigger, get your hand out of my pocket" and with this drew a gun from inside his coat (Doesn't know what kind, he only saw the handle)

He then heard a loud blast from the front of the room (thinks it was a shotgun, he has used one in hunting) Then the man who had started the disturbance fired 3 shots, in his direction & he went down on the floor. More shots rang out and when he got up on his knees the man with the hand gun was running from the direction of the stage towards the exit in the rear -

A man in a grey tweed coat was running in front of him and several of "brothers" were chasing these two -

Rubea Francis was one of the
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JAN 28 1966 P.R.D.

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Man North Bro Office

Interview - Harold Temple -
Subject is male, Negro, 23 years -
unemployed Restaurant Worker -
Resides at 132 W. 124 St. with his
parents -

Subject states he was never a
member of the Nation of Islam but
attended meetings of the Muslims
in Mosque #7 and other places. He
admired Malcolm X and when Malcolm
formed his own group he started to
attend the meetings at the Hotel
 Theresa and the Audobon Ballroom.

On Feb. 21, 1965. he arrived at the
Ballroom at approximately 3⁰⁰ -
taking a seat in the chairs near
Booth #4 - He was seated there a
few minutes when Benjamin Goodman
(who was speaking) introduced
Malcolm X and then Benjamin
left the stage.

Malcolm gave the greeting (Islamic)
which was returned by the people
and then a disturbance started.

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Thomas 15X Johnson as a man he had seen sitting in a booth in the left rear of the Ballroom when he entered the premises - (Subject did not know Johnsons full name, just "Thomas 15X") He further stated that he knew Johnson by face, from having seen him at a Muslim function -

Subject was asked why he had not come to the police with his information and he said "I didn't want to get killed" - He was assured that his identity would be guarded and an appointment was made to have the subject go to the N.Y. County D.A.s Office -

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pursuers - He didn't see a gun in Ruebens hand, but his arm was going in a pumping manner & he could hear shots. -

Mr. Temple went up to the stage & saw Malcolm laying there & he could see that there were holes in Malcolm's chest. -

Photos were shown and he identified Talmadge Hayer as the man who started the disturbance ("Take your hand out of my pocket") He stated that he got a real good look at him when he turned in his direction and fired a shot. (He also stated that he had seen Hayer at several Muslim functions, and one time in Mosque #7, Hayer was a security guard)

He couldn't make an identification of the man in the grey tweed coat - He didn't get a look at his face -

When queried as to whether any other Black Muslims were present in the Ballroom that day, Mr. Temple identified a picture of

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No Arrests

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Background. age - etc - employment - no contacts

Jan 21, 1966. - at ballroom

when he sat.

What happened.

Distraction - directed to his left.

Saw a man - what man said

man drew a gun

Hears a blast from a shotgun. for first.

Looks - does not see man who fired shot.

Man sees other man turn to his right

a shot from his gun. - 1st hit floor.

Man runs shots - then he looks up

sees man running etc. - also a man in lined coat

also R. Davis.

Cross by Sabatino

Where did you get the name from.

got it from another person.

Where - a few days after he bought
the magazines

with Ladd Jan and Feb. 14, 1965 - the bombing
of Malcolm's Home.

⇒ He knew names & Sept began ~~the papers~~ he read in the papers

Cross by Pickney

People → Pickney got hints say that he was with
to appear at the N.Y. - Bring out about
~~Chicago~~
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## Re direct

1) Heavy hearing - clear up.

2) ~~Change in~~ Dps. appearance. hit more  
Dels. - say 15 X with mustache

3) Did you see anyone about Melvin X

4) Why did you not tell anyone what you had  
seen

5) Ask about dates - today date (Jan 28, 1966)