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William George 64x

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Student at Manhattan Trade Centre
age 35

Joined OAAU Aug 64.

Left Mosque #7 about April 64.
He had left about Dec.

Left jail June 14, 1963 -

Joined Mosque #7 directly. Had
been recruited on Riker's Island.
In for unlawful possession of Arms.

While in the Mosque
worked in Shabazz Restaurant.

Got a donation for helping out -
\$32/week.

Sold News, papers. On
Master Carl's Squad.

Knew Norman Butler.

Butler had given him in Aug 63.
Heard in Feb 1964 that he and
Johnson were enforcers. Butler
Good Security at Mosque
meetings - so did George, who
would report to Butler.

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Knew Johnson in #7.
Also as Secretary. Didn't know
his name.

Knew them as Thomas 15x
and Norman 3x.

George left the Mosque because
they were pressuring him for money.

After Malcolm left,
Minister, James 3x, Captain Joseph 4x
laughed from the Pulpit that
11x was hypocrite and should
be killed. Clarence 7x.

Letter from Raymond Shuf
read at different meetings by
Henry, James 3x, and Captain Joseph.
Spoke about Elgar's
enemies being hypocrites and
should be dead. Those who differ from
Notion.

One of the security for
Malcolm.

Reuben in charge of
security. Reuben Posted George.

21st - Posted on front door
downstairs. Posted alone. First
time posted downstairs. Usually
would sit on HX right on the
Rostrum. Had done that 7 or
8 times. Reuben posted George
that day.

George didn't know
^{Saw him once in Baltimore}
Hagan. Arrived at Ballroom alone
about 1:30 - 1:45. Reuben said
this of security and posted
George downstairs. Took post about
5 minutes after arrival.

People already in Ballroom before
George arrived. A lot of people
had already been seated, between
100 - 125 ^{or more} people.

Stayed on floor till about
2 PM. Relieved by a brother of OAAU

went to Men's Room.

Spoke to Charles 35X. Took
Post again about 2:25.

Remained on Post
until shots heard,
told police I was in
car that shots fired.

Saw a great crowd,
mob, running over.

Saw Hagan running and
limping. Saw him run over in
middle of crowd. Saw him
cough about 100 ft from exit.
Saw Alben Johnson & George 44X
caught him, dragged back to
entrance. Mob got him.
Hagan in ground being attacked,
rescued by the police.

Butler and Johnson
may have run out with the
crowd, but George didn't
see them. Too crowded.

At times, when George
at door, so many people entered
at one time that he couldn't see them
all. Butler & Johnson could have entered

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This way,

Didn't Stop any
Muslims. Didn't Stop anyone
other than the press.

With Malcolm X organization I was a security guard. Reuben was in charge of security. Reuben would give me my post. On 2-21-65 at Audubon ballroom my post was downstairs at front door. I was relieved by someone but I can't recall his name. This is for sure I was posted at front door. I usually sit on the pasture on Malcolm X right when Malcolm spoke. I have done this about 7 or 8 times. Reuben posted me downstairs. I don't recall ever seeing Talmadge Hayer at Moque 7. I got to Audubon 12th or 14th 2-21-65. I took post at front door. I went to see if strange faces were there, I went right to my post after speaking to Reuben. I noticed some people in the ballroom when I arrived, about 100 or 125 people. I didn't observe who any of these were. I stayed at the door to about 2 PM. One of the brothers from OAAU relieved me. I don't remember his name. I went to men's room + then talked to Brother Robert 35x Smith about 20 I loved him. We spoke about 10 or 15 minutes. I went back to my post at front door about 21 or 25 minutes after 2 PM. I stayed there till I heard the shots. I ran outside + told the police in a patrol car there was shooting inside. I saw then a stampede of people coming out. I saw Talmadge Hayer come out with the crowd lunging + running in crowded way. I saw George 44x + Albert Johnson chase + catch Hayer + dragged him back to the entrance door where crowd started to pull + kick at Hayer. He was on the ground when the police dispersed the crowd and took him. I didn't see Johnson or Butler, it's possible they came out with the crowd, but I didn't see them. It's possible for people to

3-18-65 - 1³⁰ PM Thursday

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Emp. World's fair.

(Rikers Island)

Recruited for Mosque #7 in jail joined when left jail June 1963

Member of Mosque #7 left in 4-1964,

Member of CAAU, space Aug 1964.

Was in jail for poss. of narc.

Mosque #7 { previous address 420 W 121 St. while at Mosque 7 - I helped
out at the Shabazz Restaurant. I was paid as a donation
about 32. week. I used to sell papers too. I was in Buttr's
Carl's squad. I knew Norman 3x Buttr, he was a lieutenant.
I think he made Lt. in 1963/aug. In Feb/1964 I found out
from talk Norman 3x Buttr + Thomas 15x Johnson were enforcers.
I never spoke to them about it. I was in security but Norman
3x Buttr was superior to me. I knew Johnson 15x as a security
man. I knew them as Thomas 15x, and Norman 3x. I left
the mosque #7, because they forced me to buy 150 newspapers
every 2 weeks plus my \$13.00 dues every week. After Malcolm
X left there were meetings taught from the notion that
Malcolm X was a hypocrite and should be killed. This was
laughing, Capt. Joseph, James 3x, Henry X, Clarence
7x. I heard them preach this (he should be killed, he should
be dead) many times at Mosque 7. Around Feb. 1964
a letter was read by Capt. Joseph, Henry X + James 3x, they read
this letter at different meetings, letter said Elijah Mohamed
had many enemies + those that were not with him were hypocrites
and they should be ~~killed~~ dead:

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come through the front entrance while I was on duty without my seeing them, because many people would come through together and I couldn't look at everyone's face. I was supposed to stop the press from coming in but I only stopped one from coming in.

1- On front door security

2- Blamed by Leubin X

3- Possibly people came in as many did without being able to see who they were.

4- Saw Hoyer, Jimmy Fleming get caught by Albert Johnson & George 44X + police take (Hoyer) in crowd.

appeared in jury.

3-18-65 Thursday, At ADA Stern's office.

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Member of Mosque 7. Recruited in jail(Rikers Isle by other inmate) joined when released from jail. June 1963 joined Mosque 7. Knew Norman 3X Butler, and Thomas 15 X Johnson from the mosque 7. Found out from talk that both 3X and 15 X mentioned were enforcers of the mosque7. Left Mosque 7 in April/1964 because he was forced to buy 150 papers every week and sell them and also had to contribute \$1300 a week.

Places Captain Joseph, James 3X, HenryX, Clarence 7X as advocating Malcolm X was a hypocrite ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and that he (Malcolm X) should be killed. Various times same theme was preached. Placed on the front door of Audubon Ballroom by Brother Reubin on XEN 2-21-65 to watch people coming in. However sometimes there would be many people coming in together and COULDN'T SEE THE FACES OF EVERY ONE COMING IN IT'S POSSIBLE THAT NORMAN BUTLER AND THOMAS JOHNSON COULD HAVE COME IN PAST HIM OR OTHERS TOO.

Heard shots and ran out to tell police in cars outside. Saw Hayer running a limping coming out of ballroom and grabbed by George 44X, and Alvin Johnson and brought back to the entrance of the Audubon where the crowd started to beat him and then Police took Hayer from the crowd.

Appeared before the Gr. Jury.

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PEOPLE v. JOHN DOE, et al.

March 18, 1965.

Before:

A QUORUM OF THE THIRD MARCH 1965

GRAND JURY

Presented by:

HERBERT STERN, Esq.,

Assistant District Attorney

MORTIMER SOLOMON

Official Grand Jury Reporter

W I L L I A M H. G E O R G E, called as a witness,
being first duly affirmed, testified as follows:

BY MR. STERN:

Q What is your name, sir?

A William H. George, and should I give my other
name, also?

Q Yes.

A Ali Muhammed Jameel.

Q And do you have an "X"?

A I had an X when I was formerly with Mosque No. 7,
64X, William 64X.

Q Now, you mention that you were a former

member of Mosque No. 7?

A Yes, sir.

Q When was it that you joined Mosque No. 7?

A I joined Mosque No. 7 about June, upon my release from Rikers Island.

Q That was June of what year?

A Of 1963.

Q Now, you mention that you were in Rikers Island, and upon your release you joined?

A Yes.

Q Something happen on Rikers Island that made you join?

A Well, there were Muslims there that were recruiting Muslims for Temple No. 7, in Rikers Island.

Q You were asked to join while you were in Rikers Island?

A Well, they more orless, they were brain washing you while you were there, so when you got out the first place you would head for would be Mosque No. 7.

Q Well, whatever term you use, in effect when you left Rikers Island you'd goto Mosque No. 7?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, you say you joined about June of 1963.

When was it that you left?

A I left around March or April of 1964.

Q Now, Malcolm X, the minister of Mosque No. 7, left before you did, is that correct?

A Yes, sir.

Q And he left in around December of 1963, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, after the period of time -- withdrawn. After Malcolm X left the temple, were any speeches made in reference to him, from the rostrum, during meetings conducted at Temple No. 7 -- Mosque 7?

A Yes, sir.

Q And who would speak at what meetings and what was said?

A Minister Henry, Minister James, Captain Joseph, Lieutenant Clarence that was the head of the -- what you call it -- enforcers.

Q Clarence was the first lieutenant of Captain Joseph, is that correct?

A Yes, sir.

Q And all lieutenants would report to him?

A Yes, sir.

Q As Captain Joseph's first lieutenant, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, you mention that all of these gentlemen made speeches in reference to Malcolm X?

A In reference to any defector, but especially Malcolm X.

Q And when would these speeches be made?

A What they call the Fruit of Islam Nights, would be Monday, Thursday, and in and including Sunday afternoons.

Q Now, you mentioned the word "Fruit"?

A Yes, sir.

Q You are now referring to the Fruit of Islam?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, the Fruit of Islam is all the male members of Elijah Muhammed's organization?

A Yes, sir.

Q This group of men is commonly referred to as The Fruit?

A Yes, sir.

Q You also mentioned Sunday afternoon meetings, is that correct?

A Yes, sir.

Q And these were meetings attended by both the men and the women?

A Right.

Q And is it your testimony that at these meetings you heard all the men whose names you mentioned speak about ~~hypocrites~~ hypocrites and Malcolm X, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q And in essence did the crux of their speeches come to the same point?

A Yes, sir.

Q What was that?

A That all defectors should be dead, or should be killed, classified as hypocrites.

Q Now, during the period of time that you were a member, had you ever seen Norman Butler, or a man known as Norman 3X, or Norman 3X Butler at Temple No. 7?

A Yes, sir.

Q And had you seen him on more than one occasion in the temple?

A Many times, yes, sir. He was a lieutenant.

Q Now, do you know whether he was a lieutenant or a squad leader; of your own knowledge do you know?

A He was a squad leader and a lieutenant.

Q In other words, he acted --

A In a dual capacity..

Q And during meetings would you see him standing as security?

A He would stand security, yes, sir.

Q And during such meetings did you ever stand as security?

A Yes, sir.

Q Had you ever stood as security at the same meeting when Norman Butler stood as security?

A Yes, sir.

Q And on such occasions would he be your superior?

A Yes, sir, he would.

Q In other words, he would post you in positions and you would report to him?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, during the period of time that you were

a member of Mosque No. 7, did you have an occasion to see a man known to you as Thomas 15X Johnson in that mosque?

A Yes, sir.

Q Had you seen him on more than one occasion?

A More than one occasion, yes, sir.

Q Now, did there come a time when you left Mosque No. 7? You did, as you testified, is that correct?

A Yes, sir, I did.

Q And for what reason did you leave the mosque?

A In my opinion, if you preach brotherhood --

Q You withdrew?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, during the period of time that you were a member of Mosque No. 7, were you employed in any capacity by this group?

A I was a helper in the restaurant.

Q Which restaurant would that be?

A That's Shabazz Restaurant, formerly known as Temple No. 7 Restaurant.

Q Were you paid for your endeavors in that restaurant?

A I was given a donation.

Q They called that a donation?

A Yes, sir.

Q And how much money were you paid?

A Thirty two dollars a week.

Q Now, directing your attention to the period of time after you left Temple No. 7 and the organization of Elijah Muhammed, did there come a time when you joined with Malcolm X's group, O.O.A.U.?

A Yes, sir.

Q And for the benefit of the grand jury, will you you tell the grand jury what the initials O.O.A.U. mean?

A Organization of Afro-American Unity.

Q And did you have a position or any special job in the O.O.A.U.?

A I was more or less a security man to Brother Malcolm X.

Q In other words, at various meetings that were held, which were open to the public, or at other times, did you act in a position to safeguard the life of Malcolm X?

A Yes, sir.

Q And ~~when~~ had you acted in such capacity at

other meetings which were held in the Audubon Ballroom?

A Yes, sir.

Q I mean other meetings than the one at which he was killed?

A Yes, sir.

Q And had you acted in that capacity at meetings held elsewhere than the Audubon Ballroom?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, what was your usual position?

A My usual position was on the rostrum to the right of Brother Malcolm.

Q When you say on the rostrum, are you testifying that you were actually seated on the stage, to Malcolm X's right, as he spoke?

A Yes, sir.

Q Have you occupied that position at other times when he spoke at the Audubon Ballroom?

A About six or seven times, yes, sir.

Q Had there ever come a time when he spoke at the Audubon Ballroom, when you did not sit on the rostrum?

A There have been times, yes, sir.

Q I mean times other than February 21st?

A Yes, sir.

Q I don't know if you understand. On February 21st, did you not sit on the stage?

A That's right.

Q Were there other occasions when you did not sit on the stage?

A There were other occasions, yes, sir.

Q Now, referring you specifically to Sunday, February 21, 1965, did there come a time that you went to the ballroom to hear Malcolm X speak?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you recall approximately what time it was that you arrived?

A Between the hours of 1:30 and quarter to 2.

Q Now, when you arrived at the Audubon Ballroom, what if anything happened?

A Well, upon my arrival, I went upstairs, and Brother Rubin told me they were short on security men, so would I take the downstairs post on the front door, which I did.

Q In other words, in essence he told you not to take your usual position, but instead to be on the downstairs front?

A Yes, sir.

Q And what are your duties as a downstairs front security man?

A To spot anyone coming in that did not belong, in our particular organization of Afr-American Unity, or may be detrimental to Malcolm's life.

Q Now, were you given any special instructions in relation to the press?

A I had orders that the press were not allowed to come in.

Q Who gave you those instructions?

A Brother Rubin.

Q Now --

A Upon the orders of Brother Malcolm.

Q Approximately what time was it that you took your position at the downstairs front?

A 25 minutes to 2.

Q If you arrived between 1:30 and quarter to 2, how long was it after you arrived that you took your position?

A Five minutes after I arrived.

Q So it would be somewhere between 1:35 and

1:45, is that right?

A Right.

Q Now, how long did you remain on duty?

A I remained on duty to 2 o'clock.

Q Were you relieved at that time?

A Yes, sir.

Q At this time do you recall the name of the brother who relieved you?

A That's the one --

Q Yes or no?

A No, sir.

Q So at 2:30 you were relieved, is that right?

A 2 o'clock, sir.

Q I am sorry, 2 o'clock you were relieved.

Now, during the period of time that you were standing, before your relief, were a lot of people coming through?

A Yes, sir.

Q Were you able to see the faces of all the people that came through?

A Not all the people, but most, majority of the people I did.

Q Were there people that came through that you

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didn't see at all with regard to their faces?

A Yes, sir.

Q And did you stop anybody and exclude anybody?

A I stopped the press. I believe it was United Canadian Press, I am not too sure. I stopped them at the door.

Q He is the only one you stopped during that period?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, when you were relieved at 2 o'clock, where did you go?

A I went upstairs to the mens' room, sir.

Q You went to the mens's room?

A Yes, sir.

Q And for about how long did you stay there?

A About 15 minutes.

Q In the mens' room?

A Yes, sir.

Q Then you left the mens's room?

A Right.

Q And where did you go from there?

A I went back downstairs and I took my post.

Q Well, before you took your post, did you stop and have a conversation with anybody?

A Yes, sir, Brother Robert 35X Smith.

Q And where did this conversation take place?

A In the mens' room.

Q That was in the mens' room?

A Yes, sir.

Q And while you were in the mens' room, you didn't see who was coming in and going out of the ballroom, is that right?

A No, sir.

Q So that after you left the mens' room, and after being there approximately 15 minutes, you say you went somewhere; where was that?

A I went back downstairs, sir.

Q Did you take your post immediately?

A No, sir, I didn't take it immediately. I took about ten minutes before I took it back.

Q What were you doing during those ten minutes?

A I was watching people as they come in.

Q You mean you were acting as a security man during those ten minutes, or were you smoking a

cigarette and relaxing?

A I was smoking, but I still watched, because as a security man duty, regardless of whether he is relieved or not, he is still on security.

Q Now, did you see -- withdrawn. At this period of time were you able to see the faces of everybody who walked in?

A Yes, sir, I seen them coming up the steps. If you are on the head of the steps, you can see all that comes up, because you have a wide area to cover, but when you are at the front door, about ten or fifteen people coming at one time, I can't see all the faces, and thats how you can hide behind a crowd of people as they come in.

Q So that at 2:30 you resumed your post?

A Yes, sir.

Q And did you remain on your post until you heard shots from upstairs?

A Yes, sir.

Q And likewise, were you still on your post between 2:30 and approximately 3 o'clock, when you heard the shots?

A Yes, sir.

Q More people were coming in, is that correct?

A More people coming in then, yes, sir.

Q And once again you couldn't see the faces of everybody was coming in while you were on post, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you during this period of time, from the time you got to the ballroom and the time you stood on post, you did not see Johnson come in?

A No, sir.

Q But you describe during the period of time you stood on post, from 2:30 until 3, you could not see the faces of everybody as they came in?

A Yes, sir.

Q And during the 15 minutes you were in the washroom, or mens' room, you couldn't tell who was coming in at all?

A That's right.

Q Now, when you first arrived at the ballroom, which was, you say, sometime between 1:30 and a quarter to 2, when you first arrived did you see people seated there?

A Yes, sir.

Q And these were people who had already entered and already seated, faicng the stage?

A Yes, sir.

Q You didn't walk up to the front of the stage?

A No, sir.

Q You didn't look back at the crowd?

A No, sir.

Q Now, approximately how many people did you see seated in the ballroom at that time?

A I'd say anywhere from about 100 to 125, 150 people.

Q And you had no idea who those people were at all?

A No, sir.

Q You don't know whether or not Butler or Johnson were in the place at that time?

A No, sir.

Q If they were there at all?

A No, sir.

Q Now, you say there aame a time when you heard shots fired, is that right?

A That's right.

Q And what happened next?

A Then I -- it must have been a panic during the shooting. I would say about a hundred, possibly even two hundred or maybe more people come around down the steps. Shots were being fired behind them.

Q You mean shots rang out from upstairs, a vast group of people started running out?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you couldn't see the face of everybody as they ran out?

A No, sir.

Q This was a confused mob?

A Yes, sir.

Q And what did you do after you saw that?

A Went outside and I notified the police sergeant, --

Q He was posted outside in a squad car?

A -- there was shooting going on upstairs.

Q And during the period of time you were talking to the police sergeant, you didn't see who was running out at all?

A I saw one man coming out that was limping.

Q That was after you spoke to the sergeant?

A Yes, sir.

Q But during this period of time you went downstairs to speak to the sergeant, and while you were speaking to him, you didn't see who was running out, is that right?

A No, just a pnaic coming out.

Q Now, you say there came a time when you looked back and you saw one man limping, or running?

A Running, semi-limping, and semi-running, yes, sir.

Q This man was running, was he limping as he ran?

A Yes, sir.

Q And what happened to this man?

A Ttis man was grabbed by George 44 and Brother Alvin Johnson, and dragged back to the Audubon Ballroom.

Q Did they capture him in the street?

A Yes, sir.

Q That was somewhere in front of the ballroom?

A Yes, sir.

Q He was dragged back, you say, toward the entrance?

A Yes sir.

Q And what happend to him at the entrance?

A At the entrance a crowd of people pounced upon him, saying he killed Malcolm, "you killed Malcolm," started punding, started stomping on him.

Q This was the time he was lying on the pavement?

A Yes, sir.

Q And did there come a time the police were able to detach him from the crowd?

A Yes, sir.

Q This man you saw limping as he ran is the man you saw captured and being beaten upon by the crowd?

A Yes, sir.

Q I show you a photograph which has been received as Grand Jury Exhibit 2, and ask if you have ever seen the man portrayed in that photograph?

A This is the same man, sir.

Q Is that the man you just described?

A Yes, sir.

Q Had you ever seen that man before that day?

A I had seen him on the occasions once in a while in '63 when he came into the mosque restaurant, and as quick as you can, he left.

Q On these occasions when you saw him in the Shabazz Restaurant, that was while you were employed there, is that right?

A Yes sir.

Q Did you know his name at that time?

A No, sir.

Q While you were on duty this day, February 21st, downstairs in front of the Audubon Ballroom, did you see this man walk into the ballroom?

A No, sir, I did not see him enter, sir.

Q But you did see him leave?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you know his name at the time you saw him in the restaurant?

A No, sir.

MR. STERN: Now, there are other details about this case you haven't testified to because I have n't asked you specific questions.

Are there any questions from the grand jury? Thank you very much. Will you go outside.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)
