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CLARENCE 14x BROWN - M-32 (12-12-32) ^{AWENdqw} S. Cal.

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Enpl - Post office - Morgan station 9th Ave NYC.

Was a Muslim, belonged to mosque?

join 1962 - Left June or July 1963.

resigned by himself - dissatisfied - thought it would be educational but it was not. asked to pay 10th per week. + sell papers - not amount, attending night school

(Morris Evening H.S.) + this conflicted with some mosque duties. Mosque (Captain Joseph) attitude was that mosque was more important, discouraging me from attending night school.

— When Malcolm started his Muslim mosque inc. at the Hotel Theresa, I joined that + then when Malcolm + formed the OAAU - I joined that on the first night of membership meeting, opened to the public.

I was a squad leader in Bronx. Thomas 15x Johnson was under me + then when I left he became my successor as squad leader. We were not called Sektent just squad leader. Had about 35 or 40 men under me. Main function was to coordinate the selling of newspapers. Only some members who wanted to took karate + judo lessons which was given at the mosque. about 7 members took these lessons. Squad leader was appointed on the basis of attendance, paper selling not on physical prowess. I became a squad leader in about April 1963. I succeeded Buster X, he left the squad leader job because of his other employment, he remained in my squad on another brother. There were 2 squads in the Bronx the other squad was the about the same size + the squad leader was Edward X

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I left Squad leader job but I still went to the mosque, but only rarely, I had stopped selling papers + also stopped paying dues. About July / 1961 - Thomas 15x Johnson, Kenneth Morton, a tall slim dark clean shaven brother about 25 yrs old. visited me at my home, at about 9 AM. It was a Sunday + they told me I should go out + sell some papers, + asked why I hadn't been selling any. One would lead the another + I had order them out of my house, before we got the physical argument, then Thomas 15x said well if you don't sell any papers will have to tell Captain Joseph about this + let him find out why. The following Saturday I went to the mosque for the Youth Education Program which I was interested in. Capt Joseph spoke to me, about selling papers. I told him my situation in the aspect to night school + interests in education + he said we have to sell papers, so I realized they were more interested in selling papers than education, that is when I broke away completely.

On 2-21-65 I was selling books out in Jamaica Queens for the Negro Heritage Library. I was out on the Audubon Mallway. I heard Michel x was murdered on the car radio.

I as a squad leader would turn over the records of accounts of my squad selling papers to a Charles 3x at the newspaper office.

I knew Norman 3x Butler, he was in the other squad in the Bronx. I met him a short time (6 months) before ~~then~~ left the mosque. He was just another brother as far as I

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as far as I knew. I don't remember Johnson or Butler ever taking the karate or judo classes with me. If there was any special class for judo & karate I had no knowledge of it.

I don't recall ever seeing Thomas Hagen or Tebuck Hagen from the photo. I have seen some of the Jersey mosque members but you don't remember their names & I don't recognize Hagen as one that I have seen.

I know Clifton Stansbury was beaten up by about 10 brothers, from mosque 7 right after the mosque bombing. On Madison near 116 St.

A brother named Henry? x was beaten up right after the mosque & left the mosque 7, by Clarence 7 x & some other brother.

While I was at #7 I really never heard of any brother being physically beaten.

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Was a member of mosque 7, joined in 1962. Left in June or July 1963. Was a squad leader of 1 of the 2 squad in the Bronx. Function was to supervise the selling of papers by his men. Had about 35-40 men in his squad. Thomas 15X Johnson was one of the men under him. He resigned because he found out the mosque and Captain Joseph were more interested in selling papers and collecting dues than in the education of members. I attended night school at Morris evening High School. After I stopped selling papers I was relieved of the Squad leader job and Thomas 15X took my place as squad leader. At that time on a Sunday at about 9 AM Thomas 15X and Kenneth X Morton, and another brother I don't know the name of visited me at my house and told me I should sell papers that day, and asked why I had not been doing so. I told them I was going to Night school and didn't feel like selling papers. We had words and before it got to a physical argument I ordered them out of my house. At ~~that~~ that time Thomas 15X Johnson said, "Captain Joseph will know of this and he'll (Capt. Joseph) will find out why". That Saturday I went to the mosque for the youth Education program, and Captain Joseph spoke to me asking why I wasn't selling any papers, I told him my situation and that I was interested in education, and Captain Joseph then said we all have to sell papers. That is when I realized they cared for the sales of papers and not education and I broke away completely. I was a squad leader for about 3 months, April May and June of 1963, just before I left. I would turn over records of my accounts to a Charles ?X, at the newspaper office or anyone else that was there. I knew Nofman 3X Butler, he was in the other Bronx squad. I met him about 6 months before I got out of the mosque 7. He was just another brother as far as I knew. I don't remember Johnson or Butler taking karate or judo classes with me. If there were any special classes for judo and karate I had no knowledge of it. I don't recall ever having seen Thomas Hagan or Talmadge Hayer as being at the mosque 7. While I was at mosque 7 I never heard of any brother being beaten up by other brothers.

On 2/21/ 65 I was selling books out in Jamaica Queens, for the Negro Heritage Library. I was not at the Audubon ballroom. I heard Malcolm X was murdered on the car radio.

I heard Clifton Stansbury was beaten up by about 10 mosque 7 members shortly after the bombing of the mosque, ~~(NY XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)~~

A brother named Henry ?X was beaten up the night after Malcolm X left the mosque 7, by Clarence 7X and some other brothers.

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