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217 Barabuge St
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Joined Mosque #7 Sept 1960.
Lgt Dec 12, 1964. Left because of
MX.

Taught younger girls in mosque.
Educational subjects.

Had known both Johnson
and Butler in Mosque.
Saw Johnson there since she joined.
Occasionally spoke to him.

Saw Butler in Mosque on
many occasions. Spoken to him
many times. Good leader for Bronx.

Taught in Mosque that MX
was a factor. Joseph X, Henry,
Maceo, James X Anderson.

Jones X Read a letter from
Supreme Captain Raymond Sheriff.
This about November. During a
Mosque Mass Meeting. Joseph, Henry,

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Moore all present. Regular meeting.
Then Jones got up and talked
about hypocrites. Then he read the
letter. Addressed to the believers.
Hypocrites must be stopped from
talking about Elijah Mohammed.
If Malcolm continued, war would
be declared, that he should be
killed or silenced. If the hypocrites
do. Then Jones added that if
the hypocrites didn't stop there
should be all out war until
one of the two groups was gone.

Longston & Savage had been
sent out to kill Mx by Captain Joseph.
This around March of 1964.

Feb 21 -

Arrived a little after 2.
Sat on right in first row. Came alone.

Secretary in Mx office. Tension had
increased because Mx had opened an
OAAU office in Philly. Prepared
speech in hands of police.

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Mr introduced, Salomon Alben.
heard 2 men from behind saying
Get your hands out of my pockets -
said by one man.

Turned but couldn't
see anybody. looked back at
Mulealm. Mr stepped to side
of restroom, held up his hands and
began to speak.

heard shooting. Mr grooved
his chest. Sharrow to cover. fell
to floor. Heard shots while on the
floor.

Saw man running towards
stage. Firing a pistol in direction of
stage. Looked again, saw the man
still running and firing at stage.
Recognized the man as Norman B
Butler.

Doesn't remember exactly how
he was dressed at the time,

Fell back on floor till all shooting
had stopped. heard shooting

Exit house

near stage before seeing
Norman Butler.
Saw a man with a beard shooting

Catherine CRUNCH -

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Said she saw who was fired

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I am informed that there is a News tape interview of witnesses.

Shannon Cox says in it that she recognized one of the perpetrators as a muslim.

Important because in her first interview in Stratton House she did not identify Buster. Later, after his arrest, she did. She tells me that she recognized him at the Bathroom but did not identify him at first because she was frightened and did not want to get involved.

SHARON 6X SHABAZZ

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217 BAINBRIDGE ST (2nd Cowling, her grandmother) PR 8-1851

Taken in brief from 205- dated 2-27-65

" She saw photo in newspaper of Norman 3x Butler, he is man she observed run in front of her with small dark gun in his hand. She describes him M, N, 35, 5'11" or 6', 170 lbs. wearing brown suit. States he was firing gun in all directions attempting to flee premise. She was seated front row, right side & saw Malcolm get shot. She ran onto stage afterwards and removed from Malcolm's person, a card which read "YOU ARE FALLING INTO A SET TRAP." She states Caryx (a bodyguard) told her, that he (Caryx) had removed Malcolm's gun before Malcolm's body was taken away. All guards were ordered not to have any guns, except for Reubin Francis, he (Reubin) had a gun". Further stated "I am a good friend of Benjamin Goodman who resides at 1008 University Avenue, 2nd floor, near 165th Street. Benj is 34 yrs. of age", and works at Inke Church Center 475 Riverside Drive. NYC".

Carroll

I got to Audubon on 2-21-65 at about 2:45 PM

I was sitting at his office sometimes. I sat on 1st floor right side. Malcolm was very upset that day. There was tension in Phila. an OAAU had been opened in Phila & there was tension. Benj was speaking. Malcolm was introduced. Neal came up to speak "Salute Alvin, crowd applauded, 2 men said "Get your hands out of my pocket" loudly said one. I turned but couldn't see anybody. Looked back at Malcolm who stepped over with his hands up saying "Cool it, cool it" then I heard shooting. Malcolm grabbed his chest. ~~He~~ I fell to the floor. I heard more shots. When I looked up I saw a man running up center aisle toward the stage firing a pistol in the direction of the stage. I recognized him as being Norman 3X Butler. He was about 7 or 8 feet away from me.

He seemed to be wearing a suit I don't remember exactly how he was dressed. I did not mention Norman to the Police the 1st time they interviewed me because I couldn't remember his name, or I didn't want to get him in trouble, but now that he's been arrested I feel I should tell it. I am sure it was Norman I knew him from seeing & talking to him many times. I was sure it was him when I saw him with the gun. I didn't want to get involved, but I gave a description of both to police. I then laid on the floor til everything was over, shooting had stopped I heard shooting at the stage up near the stage before I saw Norman 3X Butler firing at stage. Before Butler there were a group coming toward the stage I don't know how many, but more than one.

3-16-65 Tues. 2PM. 2A office Rm 603

SHARON SHABAZZ

AKA Sharon Peete

217 Cambridge St. Brooklyn PR 81851

not employed at present.

Joined Mosque #7 Sept 1960 - Left 12/12/64

Left because she was more satisfied with Malcolm X.

Knew Norman & Butte & Thomas & Johnson from mosque & knew Johnson since she first joined mosque #7.

Knew Butte from his being around newspaper office of mosque #7.

I had seen Norman Butte in the mosque on many occasions & spoke to him (3x Butte) many times.

Mosque #7 had been saying things about Malcolm (all ministers incl. Capt Joseph) that he cheaped women & was a hypocrite. James & Anderson the minister for New Jersey also said these things. Sgt. Capt Raymond Shariff had written a letter stating if Malcolm &

stated anymore things about Elijah Mohammad, something would happen to Malcolm. James & Anderson read the letter to the brothers & sisters, Minister Henry, & Louis & Capt Joseph were all present. "Letter stated" "To all believers in the name of Allah

Hypocrites, hypocrites. Malcolm X is a hypocrite, & should be stopped from talking about Elijah Mohammad. If they don't don't then we will be all out war on them. Malcolm should be killed or stopped. James then added if the hypocrites don't stop talking, there should be all out war til they are finished. Letter was read to meeting of Mosque #7 in Oct or Nov 1964.

Tangston & Sarge at one time was ordered by Capt Joseph to kill Malcolm X, in March of 1964.

PEOPLE v. JOHN DOE, et al.

March 16, 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

S H A R O N 6X S H A B A Z Z, called as a

witness, being duly affirmed, testified as

follows:

BY MR. STERN:

Q Will you try to speak up as loud and distinctly and slowly as you can?

A Yes, sir.

Q What is your name, please?

A Sharon Shabazz.

Q And where do you live, Miss Shabazz?

A 217 Bainbridge Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Q Now, Mss Shabazz, did there come a time

when you joined Mosque No. 7, which is affiliated with the Elijah Muhammed organization?

A Yes, I did.

Q And will -- you recall when it was that you joined?

A September of 1960.

Q And for how long did you remain a member in that mosque?

A From September 1960 to December 12, 1964.

Q And during that period of time was Malcolm X, also known as Malcolm Shabazz, Malcolm Little, was he a member during that period of time, too?

A Yes, he was.

Q And what was his capacity?

A He was the minister.

Q Now, in addition to being the minister -- that is, in addition to Malcolm X's position, were there other leadership positions in the mosque/

A Well, under the minister there were captains, and secretaries.

Q Did you know?

A And lieutenants.

Q Did you know Captain Joseph X?

A Yes.

Q And what was his full name?

A Joseph X Barrett.

Q And what was his position in the mosque?

A He was the captain of the Fruit of Islam.

Q When you say the Fruit of Islam, were you referring --

A The Muslim men.

Q Now, would he be under the orders of the minister, or would he report directly to somebody else?

A He reports to the minister.

Q Now, who is the secretary of that organization, the Keeper of Secrets?

A Secretary is Michel X, and there is also Aubrey X.

Q Now, during the four years or so that you were a member, did you have any special job, or were you one of the assistants?

A Well, on Saturdays I used to teach the Junior Misses their lessons.

Q You are talking about regular educational lessons?

A No, the lessons that Elijah Muhammed gives us, plus arithmetic, we had.

Q In other words, you'd have the religious part that would come from Elijah Muhammed, is that it?

A Yes.

Q And also the regular reading of the arithmetic courses, is that right?

A Yes.

Q Now, when you left Elijah Muhammed's organization in Mosque No. 7, you say that was in December of 1964. Did you then become a follower of Malcolm X's?

A Yes, I did.

Q And a member of his O.O.A.U.?

A Yes, I did.

Q And were you employed by the O.O.A.U.?

A No, I wasn't.

Q Did you have any special job?

A I was secretary for James Shebazz.

Q Are you still the secretary of James Shebazz?

A Yes, when I am up there, when I go, when I was working,

I couldn't get off just on a Saturday and Wednesday, because I was working from --

Q Now, James Shabazz you refer to is also known as James 57X Moore?

A 67X.

Q 67X, I am sorry.

A Yes.

Q Now I direct your attention -- withdrawn.

During the time that you were a member of Mosque 7, there came a time when there was some internal difficulty between Malcolm X and Elijah Muhammed, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q And there came a time when Malcolm X was suspended from the organization, and finally left, is that right?

A Yes.

Q Now I call your attention to a time approximately in October of 1964. During that period of time did you attend meetings at the mosque?

A Yes, I did.

Q And were you at a particular meeting attended by the members of the mosque at a mass meeting,

when James 3X, a man known to you as James 3X, got up to speak?

A Yes, I was.

Q And what is his full name?

A James 3X Anderson.

Q And what is his position in the mosque?

A Well, he was a minister from New Jersey, and Elijah Muhammed put him on the eastern seaboard. He was acting as minister to Mosque No. 7.

Q Was that after Malcolm X had left the mosque?

A Yes.

Q In other words, he took the position that Malcolm X had -- before Malcolm X left, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you remember which mosque he was minister of in New Jersey?

A I don't know the number. It was Newark and Jersey City, New Jersey.

Q To the best of your knowledge, is that a mosque in Paterson, New Jersey?

A I don't know.

Q Now, at this meeting when James 3X got up to

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speak, was Captain Joseph X there?

A Yes, he was.

Q And was there a Henry X there?

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A Yes.

Q And who is Henry X?

A He was the assistant minister.

Q Was he the assistant minister to MalcolmX?

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A Yes.

Q Was he also assistant minister to James X
when he took over?

A Yes.

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Q Now, at this meeting when he read the letter,
can you remember the exact words were in the letter?

A The opening which they always have, and it said,
was talking about hypocrites, which was referring to
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Malcolm X, and it said that if Malcolm didn't stop
talking about Elijah Muhammed, he should either be
killed or silenced.

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Q And did James indicate who the letter
was from?

A It was from the Supreme Captain, Captain Raymond
Shereef.

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Q Raymond Shareef?

A Yes.

Q And his title is Supreme Captain?

A Yes.

Q And is he the man just under Elijah Muhammed?

A Yes.

Q Now, you don't remember the exact words, you are giving us a summary of the letter as he read it to the meeting?

A Not word for word, no.

Q Did James 3X add anything himself?

A Yes, he was talking about hypocrites, and he said that all our wash should be between the two groups, to stop Malcolm X slander Elijah Muhammed.

Q During the time Malcolm X withdrew from Mosque 7, Elijah Muhammed's group, until the time you yourself finally left, did you hear other speeches by the leadership in Mosque 7 to the same point?

A Yes, most of the ministers talked about hypocrites.

It was Lewis from Boston, he was very close to Malcolm, and he talked mostly on hypocrites and Malcolm, and what

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he would to do Malcolm if he saw Malcolm tlking about Elijah, and if he saw Malcolm with a gun, he would use it on Malcolm, and all hypocrites should be dead; and most of the minsiters spoke this way.

Q And referring your attention to Captain Joseph X, did he ever express such sentiments in your presence?

A Yes, he used to get in front of the body and say things about hypocrites, they shouldn't be allowed to live, and, you know, what should be done to a man who leaves and speaks against the Messenger, and he would have certain people going out trying to kill Malcolm, and certain squads that they have.

Q Did he say that he would do that, to the membership, or is that your own opinion?

A No, he never talked against the membership, just Malcolm.

Q No, did he tell the membership that he would have people go out and kill him?

A Oh, no, no. No, he never told, no, this is just a certain amount of people.

Q He never told you that, is that correct?

A Oh, no.

Q But he did make speeches to the membership in which he stated that people who left are hypocrites?

A Yes.

Q And traitors?

A Yes.

Q Should do what?

A Should be more or less eliminated, because they were teaching in the Koran, from the bible, where the hypocrites never were successful against the Messenger of God.

Q Now, calling your attention to the afternoon of February 21st, that would be the Sunday that Malcolm X was shot, there came a time when you first went to the ballroom, is that right?

A Yes.

Q And do you recall what time you got there, approximately?

A 2:15.

Q And where did you seat yourself in the ballroom, just generally?

A In the front row, on the righthand corner, in the

first seat.

Q On the righthand side as you face the stage?

A Yes.

Q Now, as you sat there, did there come a time when Malcolm X got up to speak?

A Yes, he did.

Q And what happened after he got up to speak?

A Well, he gave the greetings, and then there was a commotion in the back.

Q Did you hear what the nature of the commotion was?

A Well, it was a man saying, "Get your hands out of my pocket."

Q Did you look back?

A I did turn my head, but I didn't see anything.

Q Then did you look back at Malcolm X?

A Yes, I was watching him.

Q What happened after you looked back?

A What happened after I looked back at Malcolm?

Q Yes.

A Well, he was standing with his arms up, his hands facing towards the audience. It sounded like, to me, he was saying "Cool it," because that was the usual words that he used, and he was standing there, then I heard some shots go off, but I still didn't know they were shooting at him.

Q When you heard the shots go off, did you hear where they were coming from?

A Sound like they were coming from the back, the rear.

Q At least behind you, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q How far back you couldn't tell at the time, is that right?

A No.

Q And what did you do after you heard the shots?

A Well, I fell to the floor.

Q And did you keep on the floor?

A Well, I went over to the booth that was on the side.

Q And you fell on the floor, is that right?

A Yes.

Q Did there come a time when you picked your head up?

A Yes.

Q What is the first thing you saw when you picked your head up?

A Well, I saw some men running to the stage, shooting.

Q You saw some men running towards the stage shooting, is that right?

A Yes.

Q And after you saw these men running toward the stage and shooting, what is the next thing you saw?

A I put my head back down, and I thought -- I thought when they finished shooting I'd put my head back up, and Norman Butler was running past me, shooting.

Q First you saw some men running past you, ~~fire~~ firing at the stage, is that right?

A Yes.

Q Then you say you then put your head down, and when you looked up again, Norman Butler was running towards -- past you, towards the stage, firing at the stage, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q What did you do then?

A Well, after I saw him I was shocked, because it was a Muslim, and I put my head back down, and I asked the

brother when everything was over, when he told me they had finished shooting.

Q In other words, you remained on the ground until all the shooting was finished, is that right?

A Yes.

Q And did you see Norman Butler, or the other men you saw running to the stage and firing, again in the ballroom?

A No.

Q You say you recognized Norman Butler as a Muslim, is that right?

A Yes.

Q Had you known Norman Butler when you were a member of Mosque No. 7?

A Yes.

Q Was he a member when you joined the mosque or not, do you know?

A Yes.

Q In any case, you had seen him on many occasions in the mosque?

A Yes, most of the time he was in the newspaper office there.

Q Had you had conversations with him?

A Just general Muslim talk.

Q But you had spoken to him on occasion,
is that right?

A Yes.

Q And you say the man who you saw running to the
stage and firing, as you described him, is the man who you
knew from before as Norman Butler, is that right?

A Yes.

Q Now, when you were a member, during the
four years you were a member of Mosque No. 7, did you know
a man known as Thomas 15X Johnson?

A Yes.

Q And did you know him as a Muslim in
the mosque?

A Yes, I did.

Q Did you see him in the ballroom that day?

A No, I didn't.

Q Now, the men you describe as having seen
before you saw Norman Butler, running up to the stage
and firing, did you see their faces?

A Well, as I looked up, one had some kind of scarf

across the face, and after that I didn't recognize him.

Q But you didn't see the faces of these men is that right?

A No.

Q And you don't know of your own knowledge whether or not any of these men were Thomas 15X Butler or anybody else?

A No.

MR. STERN: Strike that, I mean Thomas 15X Johnson.

Are there any questions from the grand jury?

Q You are no relation to Malcolm X, are you?

A No.

Q Miss Shabazz, you mentioned the man named Mazio, or Masio X. Do you know what his full name is?

A No, I don't.

Q Do you know a man named Edward Long, I believe it is Edward 2X Long, I am not sure?

A I know a lot of Edwards.

Q He was married to Muriel Long.

A I probably know him when I see him, but by name I wouldn't know him.

Q He works for Shabazz Industries in the capacity of an electrical man, or electronics. I don't know if that would refresh your recollection?

A No, I don't think I know him.

Q At least not by name, is that right?

A No.

MR. STERN: Thank you very much.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)

Oct. 11, 1965.

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