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I consider it a great honor to serve Allah (God) and His Beloved Messenger, The Honorable Elijah Muhammad. He has conscientiously taught the black man and woman of America of their God, Allah and of His purpose for coming to the hells of North America. Messenger Muhammad has taught us of the black man's original religion, Islam and of its author, the creator of all the worlds, Allah. Messenger Muhammad has brought the atom of truth to the black people of America in that he has broken down the falsehood of Pharaoh's magicians (the Christian theologians who deceive the people here in America), and is restoring life to his people (Islam). He has taught for the past 38 years that Christianity is not the religion of Allah or the black people He has fashioned.

TODAY, the glory of Islam is being heard throughout America and the world. Black people are waking up to the teachings of Allah as taught to us by his Messenger, The Honorable Elijah Muhammad. I bear witness to this fact as with the help of Allah (God), I ready a group of students who have freely taken of the knowledge Messenger Muhammad has given to me and who now desire to meet my beloved leader and teacher. As one student said to me at a point when I did not think we could secure enough transportation to accommodate everyone "I am going if I have to walk." I believe there are 950 miles between Tuskegee and Chicago; all praises are due to Allah.

Although I witness the joy black people receive upon acceptance of Islam, I would also like to say to those of you who have recognized Christianity as a false religion concocted by the white race, accept the leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the beauty of Islam as he teaches us in the Nation of Islam. I have read a letter addressed to a group of students with whom I am affiliated on this campus which was sent by the Oberlin Alliance for Black Culture. The letter opened with the words "Praise be to Allah, Lord of all the Worlds. As-Salaam—Alaikum." There was no mentioning of the Messenger of Allah or the Nation of Islam. The letter requested the students to realize their black culture through music; an aspect of culture that a people could not deny without losing their identi-

ty. The letter gave the address of the SALAAM Record Company and had entitled its first album AL FATIHA. It never ceases to amaze me when I find black people using the principle of Islam and the Holy Qur-an for purposes other than those set down by Allah (God) and executed by His Messenger. You refuse to accept the leadership of this divinely missioned man; yet you take that which he has made you acquainted with for the first time in your lives and use it as you please. The muslim greeting of peace is not to be attached to every manner of activity and interest. The opening Sura of the Holy Qur-an: Fatiha does not refer to recorded music as I am sure these students know. "And cover not The Truth with falsehood, nor conceal The Truth when ye know what it is." Holy Qur-an 2:42.

TUSKEGEE Institute's campus was visited by poet-playwright Leroi Jones who opened his speech with the greetings of peace AS — SALAAM — ALAIKUM. His address included a plea to the audience of students and faculty persons to build for themselves and make their lives mean something by seeking their identity through such persons as Sekou Toure and Elijah Muhammad. In addition, he read a poem entitled "Allah" which in my opinion, did not give the audience a true conception of Allah (God). He concluded his speech by saying that he had a court trial the following day and that shaitan was waiting for him. Such references as were used without the proper definition can only serve to confuse people.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad is the Messenger Allah has sent and he is to be obeyed. The brothers of the East pronounce his name ELEEJAH Muhammad; Eli—one who is high; jah—position. Thus, he is one in a high position and worthy of praise (Muhammad). Those of you who take a portion of the teachings, I suggest that you take all of that which Messenger Muhammad is teaching (accept Islam and follow him), your reward will be far greater. All praises are due to Allah.

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