

AFFIDAVIT OF MUSTAFA HASSAN

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF KINGS

I, **MUSTAFA HASSAN**, previously known as Richard Melwin Jones, being duly sworn, hereby depose and say:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit and certify that the following statements are true:
2. I am executing this affidavit freely and voluntarily.
3. I am over 18 years of age. My date of birth is [REDACTED] I reside at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
4. I am fully competent to make this affidavit and have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit.
5. I was a member of the Organization of Afro-American Unity ("OAAU"), founded in 1964 by El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, also known as Malcolm X.
6. On or about February 21, 1965, I was present at the Audubon Ballroom ("Audubon") at 3940 Broadway at West 165th Street in Manhattan, New York. I assisted with the security detail when Malcolm X delivered his speech.
7. I was initially assigned to be in one of the aisles at the Audubon. Subsequently, one of the Lieutenants higher in the OAAU chain of command instructed me to move towards the entrance of the ballroom of the Audubon.



8. As Malcolm X began his speech, a disturbance occurred when someone yelled, "nigger get your hands out of my pocket!" Immediately thereafter, Malcolm X asked that everyone calm down to de-escalate the situation.
9. All of a sudden, there was a loud explosion that immediately caused further disruption, capturing everyone's attention.
10. A series of gunshots then rang out from another direction and I immediately ran from my post at the entrance and witnessed Malcolm X being shot.
11. I immediately started to make my way from the back of the Audubon toward the stage where Malcolm X was located. However, the scene became chaotic as people frantically ran around seeking exits and cover to protect themselves.
12. I saw a man running down the aisle towards the exit where I had been posted with a gun in his hand. I made the decision to attempt to stop the person because he had the gun in his hand and was heading directly towards me.
13. I managed to knock this person down and I continued towards the stage where Malcolm X was lying on his back, surrounded by his followers.
14. I now know the identity of the man with the gun as Talmadge X Hayer, also known as Thomas Hagan ("Hagan").
15. When I arrived on the stage, I saw that Malcolm X was in grave condition seemingly close to death and as a result, my extreme distress and anger, I turned my attention back to the man I had seen running away knowing that he was in part responsible for what I witnessed.
16. I would later see the same man outside as he was being beaten by Malcolm's followers while a group of policemen who suddenly showed up on the scene, asking is he with us while at the same time holding back Malcolm's followers from beating him. From my vantage point this was an attempt by the police to assist in him getting away. Rather than allow the man to



escape, I reached out and grabbed this man by his collar to prevent him from escaping as evidenced in the attached photograph that shows me grabbing Talmadge Hayer, while a police officer tried to come between us. **(Exhibit A)**

17. After he was in police custody, I then went back inside the Audubon and observed on stage, Sister Betty Shabazz, Malcolm X's wife, Sister Yuri Kochiyama, an OAAU member, and others surrounding Malcolm X's prone body. There are photographs of myself and other individuals trying to assist Malcolm X. **(Exhibit B)**
18. I later observed Malcolm X being removed from the Audubon after he was placed on a stretcher and then on the gurney to be taken to the hospital.
19. I can be seen escorting Malcolm X to the hospital outside of the Audubon as I helped clear the way on the street to get him to the hospital as quickly as possible.
20. I later discovered one of the men assisting Malcolm X was Eugene Roberts ("Roberts"), an undercover agent with the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation ("BOSSI") in the New York City Police Department ("NYPD"). And Raymond A. Wood, another undercover agent with BOSSI in the NYPD, was also present at the assassination.
21. I know Eugene Roberts stated he believed he witnessed a "dry run" of Malcolm X's assassination on February 15, 1965. I can attest that there were previous attempts on Malcolm X's life because I believe I witnessed one earlier.
22. After the police and medical officials removed Malcolm X's body from the Audubon, Sister Kochiyama stated that "Ray Woods is said to have also been seen running out of Audubon; and was one of two people picked up by police." I agree with Yuri Kochiyama.
23. There were no uniformed police present in or around the Audubon the day Malcolm X was murdered compared to previous speeches and events where Malcolm X was present.



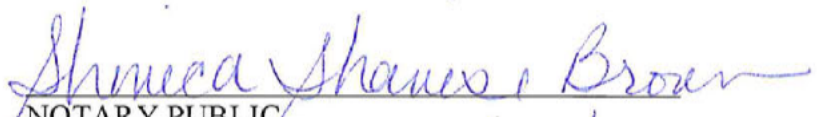
24. To this day, despite my presence, inside and outside, of the Audubon on the day of the assassination, law enforcement never attempted to interview or obtain a statement from me regarding what I had seen, heard and actually did on that day.
25. After Malcolm's assassination, I was concerned that the lack of law enforcement focus on myself could change to interest in myself. I became so disillusioned by what I saw and experienced that I made arrangements to and did leave the country for a number of months as I sought a new residence for myself and my family. This was done out of concern for my and my family's safety and where I believed the United States as a society was headed.
26. I am aware that NYPD officials claimed that Malcolm X exaggerated assassination attempts on his life. They believed Malcolm X's complaints about attempts on his life were a "publicity stunt" after he contacted the NYPD in July of 1964 after he was approached in his car by two unknown men when he arrived home that evening.
27. I believe that Malcolm X's claims were valid because I personally witnessed one such attempt earlier in 1964.
28. Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare and affirm that the above-mentioned statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


MUSTAFA HASSAN 

The foregoing Affidavit was sworn before me by MUSTAFA HASSAN, stating that he has read the same and understands it to be true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief, and is personally known to me for identification on this 6th, day of June 2023.

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 1/14/2028