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A student at our school

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF OAKLAND

My name is Abdul Alim Musa. My slave name was Clarence Reams. You all knew me at one time as "Big Hank," the owner of Hank's Music Place (on E. 14th) and the President of East Oakland Enterprises. In those days (the 1960s and early 70s), we operated the biggest and most successful criminal organization in all of Oakland. Later, in the 1970s, we operated a prosperous cocaine-smuggling operation from Bogotá and Medellín, Colombia, through Culiacán, Mexico, into the United States.

At that time, it was the policy of the Oakland PD, working hand-in-hand with the FBI, to destroy the Black rebellion in urban centers around America, including Oakland. This policy worked; look at Oakland now—it is the crime center of northern California. As I came to fully understand this policy and my direct participation in it, I became a problem because of my unwillingness to cooperate with federal and local officials.

After spending time in Leavenworth, McNeil Island, and the federal penitentiary in Lompoc, I emerged from these experiences as an *imam* (leader) of a local Muslim community. We have been located at 8210 MacArthur Blvd. since 1981, where we have a *masjid* (mosque), school, and some commercial property. We started a similar community in Washington, DC, in 1989. In 1995, we established a national organization. Our institutions here in Oakland and in DC have served as an attempt to correct the errors of the past. In spite of this fact, I have been the target of unceasing FBI and local (Oakland PD) investigations for a full 30 years as a Muslim and 10 years in crime, making a total of 40 years of experience.

For 30 years, we have been an independent force for good in the communities where we work. We have had the privilege to represent Islam all over the world, including South Africa, Botswana, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Iran, and all over Europe, just to name a few. In my travels, I have been steadfast and forthright in explaining the two war policies of the U.S. government, manufactured by the FBI and CIA:

- **The War on Drugs.** This is in actuality a war on Black people, characterized by the following aims:
 - A. Destroying the family and community (in which they have been 100% effective).
 - B. Taking away constitutional rights and guarantees.
 - C. Turning urban centers into police states.
 - D. Criminalizing the whole Black and Latino community.

- **The War against Islam.** The "Muslim threat" is in actuality meant to achieve the following goals:
 - A. Stopping the global Islamic revival which has been steadily gaining momentum across the world, from Oakland to Palestine.
 - B. Branding all good works of Muslims as terrorism.
 - C. Changing the public image of Muslims from advocates of education, development, and social justice, to one of terrorists.

We can say with confidence that the **biggest dope dealer and terrorist in the world is the United States government.**

The FBI, along with local and state officials, has infiltrated our nationwide movement with saboteurs, agent provocateurs, snitches, and informers, and has maintained a steady policy of psychological warfare against us; yet we have *survived*. We have survived in spite of an 80% snitch rate (meaning that when you examine 10 leaders of our organization, 8 of them are some kind of saboteur trying to derail and undermine the progress of our schools, places of worship, and businesses).

Most recently, the tax bill for our property on MacArthur Blvd. has come to no less than ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000). This is yet another attempt at stifling our progress. We want the people of Oakland to know that it is *your* city and *your* environment that has produced the only Islamic organization with the backbone and courage to stand up against both the FBI and local authorities. We say that the FBI and Oakland PD are nothing but punks and cowards, respectively. The system has been unsuccessful at trying to break us, imprison us, or diverting us from our mission.

STAND UP OAKLAND! You did it before, you can do it again. Never give up hope of truth's triumph over evil (G.W. Bush & Co.). For appointments or speaking engagements, visit me at **8210 MacArthur Blvd.** or call: **202.904.1152.**

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