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# Guide to the Malcolm X assassination case file, 1963-1999

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## Summary

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**Record Group:** RG 007: New York County District Attorney

**Title of the Collection:** Malcolm X assassination case file records

**Creator(s):** New York (State). District Attorney (New York County, N.Y.)

**Date:** 1963-1999

**Abstract:** On February 21, 1965, Malcolm X was shot and killed just as he was about to address a rally of the Organization of Afro-American Unity at the Audubon Ballroom in Washington Heights. This collection contains the New York District Attorney's investigation files into his assassination.

**Collection #:** REC 0060

**Extent:** 4.5 cubic feet in 9 boxes

**Language:** English

**Physical location:** Materials are stored onsite at 31 Chambers St.

**Repository:** New York City Municipal Archives, Department of Records and Information Services, 31 Chambers St., New York, NY 10007

**Immediate Source of Acquisition:** In 1993, the New York District Attorney's closed case files from 1952-1966 (totaling approximately 1567 cubic feet) were transferred to the Municipal Archives and accessioned (accession # 1993-039). The case file for the Malcolm X assassination – *People vs. Hagan, Butler, and Johnson*, Case No. 871-65 – was part of the accession.

**Access and Use:** Collection is open for research. Patrons are requested to use the digitized version of this collection in order to protect the original records.

**Existence and Location of Copies:** The entirety of this collection has been digitized and is available to view through our [online gallery](#).

**Preferred citation:** Identification of item, date; Malcolm X assassination case file, 1963-1999; REC 0060; Series name; box number; folder number; Municipal Archives, City of New York

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## Biographical/Historical Information

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Each of the five counties in New York City elects a district attorney. The functions and responsibilities of the district attorney have remained essentially unchanged since establishment of the grand jury system in the late 1600s. As the public prosecutor, the district attorney is responsible for presenting sufficient evidence to a grand jury to obtain an indictment for a subsequent trial before a petit jury. The district attorney prosecutes only felony offenses. District attorneys have no civil jurisdiction whatsoever.

Assistant District Attorney Herbert Stern prosecuted the case against defendants Norman Butler, Thomas Hagan, and Thomas Johnson, accused of murdering Malcolm X on February 21, 1965. Assistant District Attorneys Stern and Vincent Dermody worked under District Attorney Frank Hogan, who served from 1942-1974. Subsequent motions by defendants Butler and

Johnson in the 1970s were handled by Assistant District Attorney Allen Alpert in the office of District Attorney Robert Morgenthau. This case spans two district attorney terms.

## Scope and Content Note

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The New York District Attorney's Malcolm X assassination case file, closed case file #871-65, is divided into three series, according to three chronological stages that cover the life of the case: District Attorney's Case Files, Supreme Court Trial Transcript, and Appeals Case Preparations. Series I primarily encompasses the investigation period, i.e. the period between the crime and the trial. Series II marks the trial period, as it contains a bound transcript of the 1966 trial. Series III primarily covers the period following the trial until the file was closed in 1993. The inclusive dates expand far beyond the life of the case because the collection contains a 1963 newspaper and photographs taken in 1999 of a missing artifact.

## Arrangement

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The Malcolm X assassination case file records are arranged into three series:

[Series I: District Attorney's case file](#)

[Series II: Supreme Court trial transcripts](#)

[Series III: Appeal case preparations](#)

## Key Terms

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### Names

Audubon Ballroom (New York, N.Y.)  
Butler, Norman  
Hagan, Thomas  
Hogan, Frank Smithwick, 1902-1974  
Johnson, Thomas (Thomas 15x)  
Morgenthau, Robert M.  
New York (State). District Attorney (New York County, N.Y.)  
New York (State). Supreme Court  
Organization of Afro-American Unity  
X, Malcolm, 1925-1965

### Places

Manhattan (New York, N.Y.)  
New York (N.Y.)  
New York (State) -- Politics and government -- 1951-  
Washington Heights (New York, N.Y.)

### Subjects

African Americans -- Civil rights  
African American political activists  
Assassination  
Black Muslims  
Black nationalism  
Local government -- New York (State)  
Trials

### Material Types

Affidavits  
Correspondence  
Ephemera  
Judicial records  
Memorandums  
Negatives (photographs)  
Photographic prints

## Container List

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### **Series I: District Attorney's case file**

**Date(s):** 1963-1999

**Size (Extent):** 2.25 cubic feet

**Scope and Content:**

This series comprises the subject files created and used by the New York County District Attorney's office to prosecute Norman Butler, Thomas Hagan, and Thomas Johnson for the February 21, 1965 murder of Malcolm X. District Attorney Frank Hogan supervised the case, Assistant District Attorney Herbert Stern interrogated witnesses, and Vincent Dermody served as prosecutor at the trial. Most of the folders are labeled with the names of witnesses to the crime who were interviewed during the police investigation.

The bulk of the material (1965-1966) consists of handwritten notes taken by Assistant District Attorney Herbert Stern during interviews with eyewitnesses to the crime, signed carbon copies of interviews conducted by the New York Police Department (NYPD), and a transcript of the grand jury proceedings. The NYPD interviews are located in the folders titled "New York Police Department (NYPD) Reports" (Box 1, Folders 3-4), with the exception of the interviews recorded by Detectives Cavallaro and Keeley. Interviews by those two detectives are located in the folders under their names. Many of the original folders were found empty and have been marked as such; however, some interviews may be found in related folders. A bound copy of the grand jury proceedings is located in Box 2, and, in some cases, statements made before the grand jury were copied and filed under the names of the interviewees.

This series also contains correspondence, hospital records, the medical examiner's records, news clippings, photographs, printed materials, and handwritten notes taken by the prosecutor during the trial. Moreover, some of the items that the NYPD recovered from the crime scene are located in this series, including ballistic evidence and papers found on the victim's body. The series includes an evidence envelope indicating it contains a red diary (referred to as a "red notebook" in the trial). The envelope is empty (evidence presented at trials is typically maintained by the Supreme Court and not returned to the District Attorney). In 1999 a clerk of the Supreme Court stole the diary from a court vault and attempted to sell it. A subsequent FBI investigation recovered the diary, which was later returned to Malcolm X's family. Color photographs of the diary taken by the FBI are located in Box 2, Folder 66. Photographs of other evidence originally assembled by the District Attorney's office and NYPD, such as a sock bomb and segment of camera film, can be found in Series II, Box 7, Folder 6 (sock bomb photo: page 4228; film photo: page 4230). These items are not in the collection. It is unclear how the rope located in Box 2, Folder 67 is related to the crime or investigation.

**Arrangement:** The series is arranged alphabetically by subject and therein chronologically by date.

**Access and Use:** Three images from Box 1, Folder 41; four images from Box 1, Folder 44; and four images from Box 3, Folder 96, have not been made available digitally to the public due to their sensitive content. Researchers may request to view these images by emailing Reference Services at [research@records.nyc.gov](mailto:research@records.nyc.gov). In your request, please provide the following digital identifiers: REC0060\_1\_041\_0055 to REC0060\_1\_041\_0057 for Folder 41; REC0060\_1\_044\_0072 to REC0060\_1\_044\_0075 for Folder 44; and REC0060\_3\_096\_0002 to REC0060\_3\_096\_0005 for Folder 96.

**Location:** 31 Chambers St., Shelf 17387-17391

| Box | Folder | Title   | Date                         |
|-----|--------|---|------------------------------|
| 1   | 1      | [Complaint No. 871 of 1965, Hayer, Butler, and Johnson]       | 1965 March 10-1966 April 15  |
| 1   | 2      | [District Attorney's Office, Homicide Bureau: Accordion File] | 1965                         |
| 1   | 3      | [New York Police Department (NYPD) Reports]                   | 1965 February 21-March 6     |
| 1   | 4      | [New York Police Department (NYPD) Reports]                   | 1965 March 8-July 2          |
| 1   | 5      | Adams, Lawrence 4X [empty]                                    | circa 1965-1966              |
| 1   | 6      | Ahmed, Omar [empty]   | circa 1965-1966              |
| 1   | 7      | Ahmed, Zabirini [empty]                                       | circa 1965-1966              |
| 1   | 8      | Alexander, Gladstone X [empty]                                | circa 1965-1966              |
| 1   | 9      | Ameer, Leon 4X  | circa 1965-1966              |
| 1   | 10     | Anderson, Robert  | 1965 March 18                |
| 1   | 11     | Anonymous Letters [empty]                                     | circa 1965-1966              |
| 1   | 12     | Aronoff, Sergeant, 30th Precinct                              | 1965 March 9-1966 February 7 |
| 1   | 13     | Audubon Ballroom  | circa 1965-1966              |
| 1   | 14     | Badger, Suzy  | 1965 March 19                |
| 1   | 15     | Bailey, Peter [empty]   | undated                      |
| 1   | 16     | Bailey, William   | circa 1965-1966              |
| 1   | 17     | Balleu, James [empty]   | undated                      |
| 1   | 18     | Ballistics and Bureau of Criminal Identification              | 1965 February 22-March 1     |
| 1   | 19     | Barnes, Willie [empty]  | undated                      |
| 1   | 20     | Batchelor, Margret [empty]                                    | undated                      |
| 1   | 21     | Bates, Bernard  | 1965 April 8-12              |
| 1   | 22     | Bentely, Leonard [empty]                                      | undated                      |

| Box | Folder | Title  | Date                      |
|-----|--------|--|---------------------------|
| 1   | 23     | Bey, Abe: [Grand Jury Testimony]                           | 1965 April 2              |
| 1   | 24     | Bey, Abe: [Interviews]                                     | 1964 March 31-1965 May 15 |
| 1   | 25     | Bey, Orbet   | 1965 April-May            |
| 1   | 26     | Biggams, Johnnie May                                       | 1965 March 18             |
| 1   | 27     | Blackwell, Charles Henry X                                 | 1965-1966                 |
| 1   | 28     | Blanchette, Gwendolyn [empty]                              | undated                   |
| 1   | 29     | Booker, James [empty]                                      | undated                   |
| 1   | 30     | Boutelle, Paul   | 1965 March 23             |
| 1   | 31     | Bratcher, Thomas   | 1966                      |
| 1   | 32     | Brennan, Sergeant, 34th Precinct                           | circa 1965-1966           |
| 1   | 33     | Bromberg, Edward   | 1965                      |
| 1   | 34     | Bromberg, Rona [empty]                                     | undated                   |
| 1   | 35     | Brown, Benjamin  | 1965 April 19             |
| 1   | 36     | Brown, Clarence 14X  | 1965 March 24             |
| 1   | 37     | Brown, Lorraine  | 1965 March 17             |
| 1   | 38     | Brown, Martha [empty]                                      | undated                   |
| 1   | 39     | Bulloups, Jackie   | 1965 March 24             |
| 1   | 40     | Burns, Carney  | undated                   |
| 1   | 41     | Butler, Norman   | 1965-1966                 |
| 1   | 42     | Butler, Theresa 7X   | 1965 March 4-5            |
| 1   | 43     | Cathcart, Linwood [empty]                                  | undated                   |
| 1   | 44     | Cavallaro, Detective, 30th Squad                           | 1965-1966                 |
| 2   | 45     | Confrey, Detective, Manhattan North Homicide Squad [empty] | undated                   |
| 2   | 46     | Conroy, John, Detective, 23rd Squad [empty]                | undated                   |
| 2   | 47     | Cooper, Ralph [empty]                                      | undated                   |
| 2   | 48     | Crane, Ernest [empty]                                      | undated                   |
| 2   | 49     | Crum, Catherine [empty]                                    | undated                   |
| 2   | 50     | Cusmano, Detective, 34th Squad [empty]                     | undated                   |
| 2   | 51     | Davis, Charles   | 1965 March 19             |
| 2   | 52     | Davis, Jasper  | 1965-1966                 |



| Box | Folder | Title   | Date                             |
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| 2   | 53     | Davis, John DX                                      | 1965-1966                        |
| 2   | 54     | Dawson, Henry [empty]                               | undated                          |
| 2   | 55     | De Berry, Clifton [empty]                           | undated                          |
| 2   | 56     | De Pina, Edward                                     | 1965 February 21-1966 January 28 |
| 2   | 57     | Edwards, Robert                                     | 1965 March 25                    |
| 2   | 58     | Egan, Detective, Bureau of Special Services [empty] | undated                          |
| 2   | 59     | Elliott, Sonia [empty]                              | undated                          |
| 2   | 60     | Ballistic Evidence                                  | 1965-1966                        |
| 2   | 61     | Ballistic Evidence: Bullet Marked "J"               | 1966 February 16                 |
| 2   | 62     | Ballistic Evidence: [Lead fragment - Malcolm X]     | 1965 February 21                 |
| 2   | 63     | Ballistic Evidence: [Two CJ fragments - Malcolm X]  | 1965 February 21                 |
| 2   | 64     | Evidence: [Colt .45 and sock]                       | 1965 February 21-25              |
| 2   | 65     | Evidence: Red Diary [Diary missing]                 | 1965                             |
| 2   | 66     | Evidence: Red Diary (FBI Photos)                    | 1999                             |
| 2   | 67     | Evidence: [Rope]                                    | circa 1965-1966                  |
| 2   | 68     | Evidence: Shotgun Load                              | 1965 February 21                 |
| 2   | 69     | Evidence: Tear Gas and Load                         | 1965                             |
| 2   | 70     | Exhibits List for People and Defendants             | 1965-1966                        |
| 2   | 71     | Faison, Henry [empty]                               | undated                          |
| 2   | 72     | Fitt, Edgar   | 1965 April 2                     |
| 2   | 73     | Fogel, William [empty]                              | undated                          |
| 2   | 74     | [Francis, Reuben]                                   | 1965                             |
| 2   | 75     | Fruntz, Gunther [empty]                             | undated                          |
| 2   | 76     | Gadsen, Edward                                      | circa 1965-1966                  |
| 2   | 77     | Galamison, Milton, Dr.                              | circa 1965-1966                  |
| 2   | 78     | George, William 64X                                 | 1965 March 18                    |
| 2   | 79     | Gethers, Elizabeth                                  | circa 1965-1966                  |
| 2   | 80     | Goodman, Benjamin                                   | 1965                             |
| 2   | 81     | Grand Jurors  | 1965                             |
| 2   | 82     | Grand Jury Exhibits [empty]                         | undated                          |

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Title</b>                                      | <b>Date</b>                  |
|------------|---------------|---|------------------------------|
| 2          | 83            | Grand Jury Proceedings                            | 1965 March 3-9               |
| 2          | 84            | Grand Jury Proceedings                            | 1965 March 10-April 12       |
| 3          | 85            | Grant, Earl 5X                                    | 1965 March 8-15              |
| 3          | 86            | Grey, John 57X                                    | 1965                         |
| 3          | 87            | Grey, Muriel                                      | circa 1965-1966              |
| 3          | 88            | Grey, Robert [empty]                              | undated                      |
| 3          | 89            | Grimes, Franklin                                  | 1965 March 18                |
| 3          | 90            | Haggons, Robert [empty]                           | undated                      |
| 3          | 91            | Haggons, Robert Sr. [empty]                       | undated                      |
| 3          | 92            | Hale, Charles [empty]                             | undated                      |
| 3          | 93            | Harris, William [empty]                           | undated                      |
| 3          | 94            | Hassoun, Shayk Ahmed [empty]                      | undated                      |
| 3          | 95            | Hayer, Talmadge                                   | 1965-1966                    |
| 3          | 96            | Helpern, Milton, Medical Examiner: Autopsy Report | 1965 February 21-November 17 |
| 3          | 97            | Henry, Gilbert, Patrol Officer, 34th Precinct     | 1965                         |
| 3          | 98            | Herzberg, Mr. [empty]                             | undated                      |
| 3          | 99            | Hilton, Willie [empty]                            | undated                      |
| 3          | 100           | Hines, Leslie [empty]                             | undated                      |
| 3          | 101           | [Hogan, Frank, New York County District Attorney] | 1965 February 24-October 14  |
| 3          | 102           | Holiday, Clarence                                 | circa 1965-1966              |
| 3          | 103           | Holmes, Carl                                      | 1965 March 23                |
| 3          | 104           | Huff, Hattie                                      | 1965 March 29                |
| 3          | 105           | Jackson, Charles                                  | 1965 April 2                 |
| 3          | 106           | Jackson, Sharon [empty]                           | undated                      |
| 3          | 107           | James, Cyril [empty]                              | undated                      |
| 3          | 108           | Jefferson, Ollie                                  | circa 1965-1966              |
| 3          | 109           | Jennings, Alvin [empty]                           | undated                      |
| 3          | 110           | John, Clarence 7X                                 | circa 1965-1966              |
| 3          | 111           | Johnson, Albert [empty]                           | undated                      |
| 3          | 112           | Johnson, Etta                                     | 1965 March 3-8               |

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| 3   | 113    | Johnson, Thomas  | 1965-1966             |
| 3   | 114    | Johnson, Thomas: Hospital Records                                  | 1964 July 9-August 6  |
| 3   | 115    | Johnson and Butler's Hospital Records from Jacobi Hospital [empty] | undated               |
| 3   | 116    | Jones, Fred  | 1965 March 16         |
| 3   | 117    | Jones, William [empty]   | undated               |
| 3   | 118    | Jury Panel for December 6-7, 1965                                  | 1965                  |
| 3   | 119    | Keeley, Detective, Manhattan North Homicide Squad                  | 1965-1966             |
| 3   | 120    | Kelly, James, Ballistics [empty]                                   | undated               |
| 3   | 121    | Kitchman, Detective, 32nd Squad [empty]                            | undated               |
| 3   | 122    | Klein, Detective, Patterson Police Department [empty]              | undated               |
| 3   | 123    | Kochiyama, Mary  | 1965 March 8-April 16 |
| 3   | 124    | Kochiyama, William   | 1965 March 8-April 16 |
| 3   | 125    | Kramer, James [empty]  | undated               |
| 3   | 126    | Larson, Leonard  | 1965 March 23         |
| 3   | 127    | Leaks, Sylvester [empty]   | undated               |
| 3   | 128    | Lloyd, Edward  | 1965 March            |
| 3   | 129    | Lofton, Jennie [empty]   | undated               |
| 3   | 130    | Long, Edward and Muriel  | 1965-1966             |
| 3   | 131    | McClellan, Albert  | 1965                  |
| 3   | 132    | Malcolm X Little   | 1965                  |
| 3   | 133    | Mallory, Mae   | 1965 April 7          |
| 3   | 134    | Mallory, Patricia [empty]  | undated               |
| 3   | 135    | Mathew, George   | 1965 April 5          |
| 3   | 136    | Meyer, Detective, Bureau of Criminal Identification [empty]        | undated               |
| 3   | 137    | Micheaux, Louis [empty]  | undated               |
| 3   | 138    | Mills, Laura   | 1965 March 29         |
| 4   | 139    | Mitchell, Sara   | 1965 March 11         |
| 4   | 140    | Moore, Charles   | 1965-1966             |
| 4   | 141    | Moore, Louise [empty]  | undated               |
| 4   | 142    | Moore, Wilbert [empty]   | undated               |

| Box | Folder | Title                                   | Date                             |
|-----|--------|---|----------------------------------|
| 4   | 143    | Morris, Charles                         | 1965 February 25-1966 October 23 |
| 4   | 144    | Mortimer, Norman [empty]                | undated                          |
| 4   | 145    | Murphy, Edward                          | circa 1965-1966                  |
| 4   | 146    | Murphy, James 54X [empty]               | undated                          |
| 4   | 147    | [News Clippings]                        | 1963 August 30                   |
| 4   | 148    | [News Clippings]                        | 1965 February 22-August 21       |
| 4   | 149    | [News Clippings]                        | 1966 February 20-1979 August 19  |
| 4   | 150    | Notes on Opening and Notes on Summation | 1966                             |
| 4   | 151    | Original Case Reports                   | 1965                             |
| 4   | 152    | Parker, William [empty]                 | undated                          |
| 4   | 153    | Pempagh, Alex [empty]                   | undated                          |
| 4   | 154    | Pfeffer, George 44X [empty]             | undated                          |
| 4   | 155    | Photos [empty]                          | undated                          |
| 4   | 156    | Photos, Other                           | circa 1965-1966                  |
| 4   | 157    | Plaskett, Angela                        | 1965 March 11                    |
| 4   | 158    | Platt, Davis                            | 1965 February 21-October 26      |
| 4   | 159    | Porter, Herman                          | 1965 March 8                     |
| 4   | 160    | Price, Benjamin                         | 1965 March 23                    |
| 4   | 161    | Price, Helen [empty]                    | undated                          |
| 4   | 162    | [Printed Materials]                     | 1965-1966                        |
| 4   | 163    | Quami, Maurice [empty]                  | undated                          |
| 4   | 164    | Rahman, Abdullah and Rose [empty]       | undated                          |
| 4   | 165    | Reich, Detective, Ballistics Squad      | circa 1965-1966                  |
| 4   | 166    | Roberts, Gene [empty]                   | undated                          |
| 4   | 167    | Roberts, Joan [empty]                   | undated                          |
| 4   | 168    | Rowe, Eva [empty]                       | undated                          |
| 4   | 169    | Rowe, James [empty]                     | undated                          |
| 4   | 170    | Rushin, Detective, 30th Squad [empty]   | undated                          |
| 4   | 171    | Ryan, Jessie                            | circa 1965-1966                  |
| 4   | 172    | Ryan, Joan [empty]                      | undated                          |

| Box | Folder | Title   | Date                     |
|-----|--------|---|--------------------------|
| 4   | 173    | Savage, Langston                                      | 1965 March 22-April 8    |
| 4   | 174    | Scaringe, Detective, Ballistics [empty]               | undated                  |
| 4   | 175    | Scott, Stanley [empty]                                | undated                  |
| 4   | 176    | Sealey, Sidney  | 1965 March 25            |
| 4   | 177    | Serra, Ignario [empty]                                | undated                  |
| 4   | 178    | Seslowe, Kenneth, Dr.                                 | 1965                     |
| 4   | 179    | Shabazz, Betty Little                                 | 1965 March 9             |
| 4   | 180    | Shabazz, Sharon                                       | 1965 March 16-October 11 |
| 4   | 181    | Sheppard, Roland                                      | 1965 March 26-April 5    |
| 4   | 182    | Shiflet, Lynn [empty]                                 | undated                  |
| 4   | 183    | Simmons, Carmelita [empty]                            | undated                  |
| 4   | 184    | Simpson, Gene [empty]                                 | undated                  |
| 4   | 185    | Skinner, Thomas                                       | 1965                     |
| 4   | 186    | Smith, Robert [empty]                                 | undated                  |
| 4   | 187    | Sneed, Leonard [empty]                                | undated                  |
| 4   | 188    | Spencer, Eugene                                       | 1965                     |
| 4   | 189    | Stansbury, Clinton                                    | 1965 March 22-November 5 |
| 4   | 190    | Stephenson, Donald [empty]                            | undated                  |
| 4   | 191    | Steward, Robert                                       | circa 1965-1966          |
| 4   | 192    | Suarez, Detective, Bureau of Special Services [empty] | undated                  |
| 4   | 193    | Sullivan, Agent John, FBI [empty]                     | undated                  |
| 4   | 194    | Taylor, Abe   | 1965 March 12            |
| 4   | 195    | Temple, Vernel  | 1965                     |
| 5   | 196    | Thomas, Cary  | 1965                     |
| 5   | 197    | Tichey, Alberta [empty]                               | undated                  |
| 5   | 198    | Timberlake, Ronald                                    | 1965-1966                |
| 5   | 199    | Todman, Arthur  | 1965 March 29            |
| 5   | 200    | Twomey, Detective, 34th Squad [empty]                 | undated                  |
| 5   | 201    | Vestal, James [empty]                                 | undated                  |
| 5   | 202    | Walcott, Alvin [empty]                                | undated                  |

| Box | Folder | Title                                    | Date                             |
|-----|--------|--|----------------------------------|
| 5   | 203    | Wallace, Roland B. [empty]               | undated                          |
| 5   | 204    | Wallace, Thomas                          | 1965 March 15                    |
| 5   | 205    | Warden, James 67X (Shabazz)              | 1965 March 8-April 1             |
| 5   | 206    | Washington, Donald [empty]               | undated                          |
| 5   | 207    | Washington, Grover [empty]               | undated                          |
| 5   | 208    | Washington, Joseph                       | 1965 March 12                    |
| 5   | 209    | Watson, Florence                         | 1965 March 18                    |
| 5   | 210    | Wells, Rafael [empty]                    | undated                          |
| 5   | 211    | Wells, Samuel [empty]                    | undated                          |
| 5   | 212    | Wheeler, Thomas                          | 1965 March 23                    |
| 5   | 213    | Whitmore, Ivory                          | circa 1965-1966                  |
| 5   | 214    | Whitney, George                          | 1965 November 23-1966 January 24 |
| 5   | 215    | William, Henry George [empty]            | undated                          |
| 5   | 216    | Williams, Fred                           | 1965 December 27-1966 October 7  |
| 5   | 217    | Williams, Isiah                          | 1965 March 12-19                 |
| 5   | 218    | Williams, Johnie 9X [empty]              | undated                          |
| 5   | 219    | Williams, William 18X [empty]            | undated                          |
| 5   | 220    | Witnesses Interviewed - Negative Results | circa 1965-1966                  |
| 5   | 221    | Wright, Arron [empty]                    | undated                          |
| 5   | 222    | Wvelrath, Julius                         | circa 1965-1966                  |

## Series II: Supreme Court trial transcripts

**Date(s):** 1965-1966

**Size (Extent):** 0.75 cubic feet

**Scope and Content:** This series contains the full transcript of the trial and conviction of Norman Butler, Thomas Hagan, and Thomas Johnson for the murder of Malcolm X. The trial opened on January 12, 1966 and ended on April 14, 1966. There are six bound typescript volumes, the last of which contains photographs of some of the physical evidence recovered at the crime scene, the scene shortly after the murder, and the apprehension of defendant Hagan. Volume 6 also contains photographs of men practicing karate and police photographs of defendants Butler and Johnson. The appendix contains some of both the peoples' and the defendant's exhibits, including the handwritten hospital records of witness Cary Thomas and defendants Butler and Hagan.

**Arrangement:** The series is arranged numerically by volume number.

**Location:** 31 Chambers St., Shelf 17391-17393

| Box | Folder | Title  | Date      |
|-----|--------|--|-----------|
| 5   | 1      | Vol. 1: People v. Hagan, Butler, and Johnson | 1965-1966 |
| 5   | 2      | Vol. 2: People v. Hagan, Butler, and Johnson | 1965-1966 |
| 6   | 3      | Vol. 3: People v. Hagan, Butler, and Johnson | 1965-1966 |
| 6   | 4      | Vol. 4: People v. Hagan, Butler, and Johnson | 1965-1966 |
| 6   | 5      | Vol. 5: People v. Hagan, Butler, and Johnson | 1965-1966 |
| 7   | 6      | Vol. 6: People v. Hagan, Butler, and Johnson | 1965-1966 |

### Series III: Appeal case preparations

**Date(s):** 1964-1993

**Size (Extent):** 1.5 cubic feet

**Scope and Content:** This series contains material related to the various attempts to appeal the guilty verdict in the case against Norman Butler and Thomas Johnson for the 1965 murder of Malcolm X. Under the auspices of District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau, Assistant District Attorney Allen Alpert maintained the files and handled the case. The series consists of legal documents, correspondence, research requests, hospital records, full and redacted FBI reports, printed materials, handwritten drafts and notes, and a prison visitors list. The series also contains a transcript of the 1964 Queens County Civil Court trial, Muhammad's Temple of Islam, Inc. vs. Malcolm X Little, which was sent from Newsweek reporter Peter Goldman to the prosecutor for reference. This transcript accounts for the early start date of this series. The research requests continued until 1993, when the records were transferred to the Municipal Archives.

**Arrangement:** The series is arranged alphabetically (using the original folder titles) and therein chronologically by date.

**Location:** 31 Chambers St., Shelf 17393-17395

| Box | Folder | Title   | Date                               |
|-----|--------|---|------------------------------------|
| 7   | 1      | [Affidavit and Memorandum - Exhibits "A" through "F"]           | 1978                               |
| 7   | 2      | [Affidavit in Opposition to Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus] | 1980 June 30                       |
| 7   | 3      | Butler and Johnson: 1981 Request for Executive Clemency         | 1981 August 4-November 30          |
| 7   | 4      | Butler, Hagan, and Johnson                                      | 1977 December 5-1978 April 24      |
| 7   | 5      | Butler, Hagan, and Johnson                                      | 1978 July 14-1988 October 20       |
| 7   | 6      | [Butler, Norman]  | 1976 February 3-August 12          |
| 7   | 7      | [Correspondence]  | 1977 December 15-1980 July 18      |
| 7   | 8      | [Correspondence - Research Requests]                            | 1978 September 8-1993 September 24 |
| 7   | 9      | Defense: Aziz and Islam (Butler and Johnson)                    | 1977 December 6-1978 December 19   |
| 8   | 10     | Defense: Aziz and Islam (Butler and Johnson)                    | 1978 November 1-1980 July 23       |
| 8   | 11     | Defense's Motion to Appellate Division                          | 1978 April-November                |
| 8   | 12     | Defense's Motion to Appellate Division                          | 1978 November 30-December 6        |
| 8   | 13     | FBI Documents: Redacted and Unredacted                          | 1965 February 22-1969 March 29     |
| 8   | 14     | [FBI Documents: Kunstler]                                       | undated                            |
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| 8   | 16     | Malcolm X Case  | 1976 September 13-1978 January 19  |



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| 9          | 22            | Original Motion Papers and Responses             | 1976 September 28-1982 December 28 |
| 9          | 23            | Original Research and Notes                      | 1977-1980                          |
| 9          | 24            | People's Responses                               | 1978 January 12-July 14            |
| 9          | 25            | Prison Visitors                                  | 1978 January 12-July 14            |
| 9          | 26            | [Respondent's Briefs]                            | 1969, 1971                         |
| 9          | 27            | Sample: Demand for "Alibi" - Bill of Particulars | 1968                               |
| 9          | 28            | Stern's Affidavit [and related material]         | 1977 December 8-1978 July 24       |