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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Malcolm started with a dictionary and he started with the first word, which was "aardvark." That word impressed him so much that later on in his life, when he was being pursued for the purpose of being assassinated, his home had been bombed, firebombed, his wife and his children had been menaced, threats had been made against his life and attempts had been made; Malcolm X was in a car and another car pulled beside it and a man put a cane out the window and that was to show him how easily he could be bumped off...anybody can be bumped off in this society. Under that kind of pressure, the intellectual curiosity that Malcolm X had nevertheless asserted itself. And when they passed the museum, he had them stop the car so he could go in and see a replica of an aardvark. Malcolm realized that he could not have a very narrow view of what constitutes the family of humanity. He was a man who, when he became a Muslim, believed in the moral teachings that a person should live an upright life and be an example to others. would begin all of his speeches with, according to the Honorable Elijah Mohammed. He gave the Honorable Elijah Mohammed credit for all of his thoughts, anything he did that was of value. People virtually worshipped this man, but Malcolm was such an honest person and one who would not play favorites that when he became aware of the fact that Elijah Mohammed had impregnated some teenage girls who were working for him, Malcolm took issue with it, and that was how his death warrant was signed. Although people who were called Muslims were the ones who shot him, it was at the behest of the U.S. government. Malcolm was such a powerful speaker, such a powerful force and influence in the black community that he was a threat. Why was he a threat? Because Malcolm said, we have a right to defend ourselves. that wasn't all he said. We need to be responsible for our children, our wives, our brothers and sisters in the community. We must emphasize education, working together and keeping resources within the community so we can build something for ourselves and not always have our hands stuck out begging the enemy to give us this or give us that; develop that kind of an He made it to the world stage and was invited by the attitude. heads of states all over the world to talk. He was invited to give a speech at Oxford in England, which he did. He was highly respected for his mind, the change that took place in his