

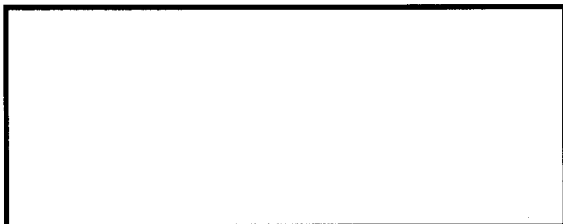
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Lennon

August 5, 1974

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This refers to your letter concerning John Lennon.

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Mr. Lennon's present visit to the United States was authorized under this special provision of law for business purposes and to attend a custody hearing in court proceedings in connection with Mrs. Lennon's child by a previous marriage. His entry was authorized for these purposes upon the recommendation of the Department of State. Service records show that Mr. and Mrs. Lennon were last admitted into this country on August 13, 1971.

Since they did not depart from the United States within the time authorized, deportation proceedings were instituted against them on that ground. Subsequent to the institution of such proceedings, the Department of Labor issued a labor certification on Mr. Lennon's behalf and he was accorded third preference classification by this Service to be used in applying for an immigrant visa.

A deportation hearing before a Special Inquiry Officer (now Immigration Judge) of this Service was concluded on May 17, 1972. That officer on March 23, 1973, rendered his decision, finding Mr. Lennon deportable and granted him the privilege of departing the United States voluntarily within 60 days. Mr. Lennon appealed that decision to the Board of Immigration Appeals, Washington, D. C. In a decision dated July 10, 1974, the Board of Immigration Appeals determined that the decision of the Immigration Judge reached the correct decision and the appeal was dismissed. Further, the Board granted him 60 days from the date of the order to depart from the United States voluntarily.

Sincerely,

James F. Greene
Deputy Commissioner

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I have your letter of August 6, 1974 with reference being made to our previous correspondence concerning the deportation case of Mr. John Lennon.

Our Service has no knowledge that Mr. Lennon was deported from England after having been convicted of possession of narcotics. However, a foreign conviction for possession of narcotics makes an alien excludable from the United States pursuant to Section 212(a)(23) of the Immigration and Nationality Act as amended.

There is nothing in the Immigration and Nationality Act that permits deportation to be stayed for the sole reason that someone is willing to sponsor or accept custody of the deportee.

Mr. Lennon is guaranteed and indeed has received the same constitutional rights of "due process" and "equal protection under the law" as would any other alien or citizen of this country, and you may be assured that he received a fair and impartial deportation hearing.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

James F. Greene
James F. Greene
Deputy Commissioner
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

July 25 1974

Immigration and Naturalization
Commissioner Leonard F. Chapman Jr.
425 I Street, N.W.
Room 7100

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
ply, returning the enclosed corre-
spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

John G. McCallister
M. C.

Second District
Nebraska

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EDWARD I. KOCH
18TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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C-243-129-C

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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ROOM 3139
25 FEDERAL PLAZA
PHONE: 212-384-1088

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
1134 LONGWORTH OFFICE BUILDING
PHONE: 202-225-2435

July 30, 1974

Hon. James F. Greene
Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service
119 D Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20536

Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed please find a copy of a clipping sent to me by a constituent. I would appreciate your comments on the matter.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

EIK
Edward I. Koch

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encl.

CMU file C-703.1077

Form reply sent
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... which John Lennon was convicted in London in 1968 would not even land him in a New York jail. Police here have virtually stopped making arrests for small amounts of marijuana. Yet U. S. immigration authorities have been relentless in their determination that he be deported; their latest action affirms an order that he must leave the U. S. within 60 days.

Lennon's only hope now is that the federal courts will put a halt to the bureaucratic machinery with a precedent-setting decision barring deportation for such minor offenses.

Lennon's artistry not only brought a fresh intelligence and imagination to America's music. It shaped much of

and more... of the...
... of this country, not...
... by contrast, it is painful to note that...
... Immigration and Naturalization Service has been less than zealous in...
... starting deportation proceedings...
... against scores of suspected Nazi war...
... criminals who have found a haven in...
... the U.S. There have been reports of...
... officials resisting such deportation...
... cases and charges that files of some...
... of the war criminals have disappeared...
... Congressional investigation is called for...
... in the meantime, it is clear that...
... immigration authorities should have larger...
... matters to occupy them than harassing...
... John Lennon.

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House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

August 1, 1974

Office of Congressional Liaison
Immigration & Naturalization Service
Washington, D.C.

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contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
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Yours truly,

William S. Cohen
Wm. S. Cohen, M. C.

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

July 29, 1974

Hon. Leonard F. Chapman, Jr.
Commissioner
Immigration & Naturalization Service
425 Eye Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20536

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

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Please find enclosed a letter I have received from my constituent, [redacted] of Wichita, Kansas, expressing concern over an article he has read relative to the deportation of John Lennon.

I would very much appreciate your providing me with information upon which I can base a response to my constituent.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Garner E. Shriver

Garner E. Shriver
Member of Congress

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STEWART E. MCCLURE, STAFF DIRECTOR
ROBERT E. NAGLE, GENERAL COUNSEL

July 24, 1974

TO: Immigration Service
425 I St., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

ENCLOSURE FROM:

RE:

I am forwarding the attached for your consideration. I would appreciate receiving any information you have available that will enable me to be responsive to my constituent's inquiry.

Please return the enclosed correspondence with your report.

Thank you for your time and effort.

Sincerely,

Harrison A. Williams, Jr.
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Reply to:

SENATOR HARRISON A. WILLIAMS, JR.
352 Richard Russell Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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July 26, 1974

Immigration Service
425 I St., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

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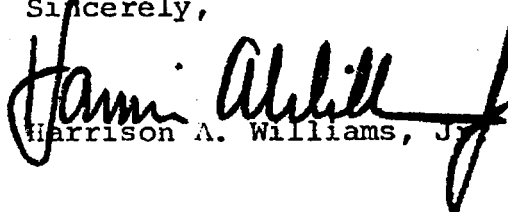
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United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

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U.S. SENATE
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Please note the attached letter from a constituent forwarded to you for any consideration the correspondence may warrant. I would greatly appreciate your checking into this matter. Upon completion of your investigation, please advise me of the status of this case in duplicate and return the original letter in an envelope marked to the attention of the Legislative Mail Section.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Birch Bayh
United States Senator

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July 24, 1974

United States Senate

Hanley Sound Inc.
43 Salem Street
Medford, Massachusetts 02155

Re: John Lennon
Respectfully referred to:

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Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by

Shirley M. Kennedy
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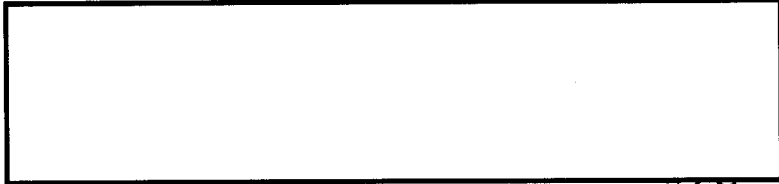
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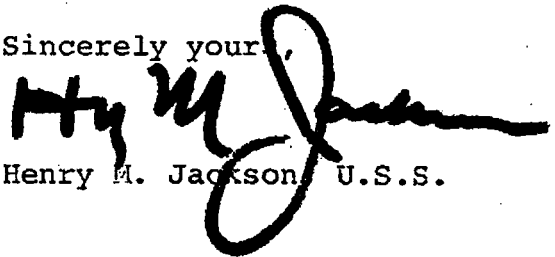
July 25, 1974

The Honorable L.F. Chapman, Jr.
Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20536

Dear Mr. Chapman:

The enclosed correspondence from a Washington State constituent is respectfully submitted to you for every proper consideration. Please provide me a report concerning the matter and send your response and the enclosure directly to my Seattle office at 802 United States Court House, Seattle, Washington, 98104, telephone 206-442-7476.

Sincerely yours,



Henry M. Jackson, U.S.S.

HMJ:jk
Enclosure

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WILLIAM H. HUDNUT III
11TH DISTRICT, INDIANA

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
1001 LONGWORTH BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-4011

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE:
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45 EAST OHIO STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, IND. 45204
(317) 633-7331

July 23, 1974

General Leonard F. Chapman, Jr.
Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service
119 D Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C. 20536

Dear General Chapman:

(b)(6) A constituent, [REDACTED]
Indianapolis, Indiana, has expressed to me his point of view
that the deportation of John Lennon, the English singer,
should be stopped.

Any comments you might make on this issue will be
appreciated.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours,



WILLIAM H. HUDNUT III
Member of Congress

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United States Senate

July 29, 1974

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Immigration and Naturalization Service

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