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- 1. REMEDIAL ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN.
- 2. FURNISH ATTENTION.
- 3. WRITER'S CLAIMS UNSUBSTANTIATED.
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TERMINATION OF ACTION

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- 1. WRITER NOTIFIED BY LETTER.
- 2. WRITER NOTIFIED BY INTERVIEW.
- 3. WRITER NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE.
- 4. WRITER NOT NOTIFIED.
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NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

Immigration & Naturalization Service
20 West Broadway
N.Y.C., N.Y.

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Attached for your letter file on Lennon.

The "other side" is now writing.

From Joe Howerton Room _____
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE GPO 946-075

U.S. court reverses John Lennon's deportation order

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. Court of Appeals yesterday reversed a deportation order for former Beatle John Lennon and directed reconsideration of his effort to gain permanent residence in the

United States. The order, shelved two weeks ago by the immigration and naturalization service on humanitarian grounds because Lennon's wife was pregnant. However,

action on the order could have been resumed at any time. Yesterday's 2-1 decision held that Lennon's 1969 British conviction for possession of hashish, found to be a

bar case, does not make the singer an excludable alien, as the Board of Immigration Appeals had ruled. The court majority nullified the denial of Lennon's appli-

cation for permanent residence and the deportation order. It sent the matter back to the board for "reconsideration in accordance with the views expressed in this opinion."

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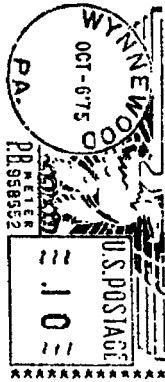
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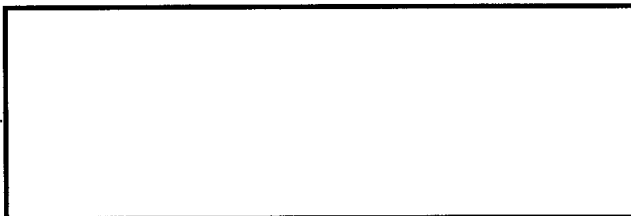
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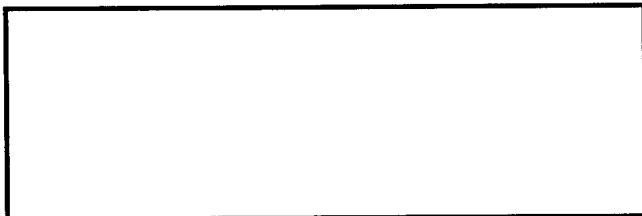
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Mr. Cornelius J. Leary
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Dear Ms. Fenwick:

Please accept my apology for the belatedness of this response to your communications with enclosed copy of a letter from [redacted] containing expressions of dissatisfaction with this Service's investigation of alleged Nazi war criminals residing in the United States as depicted on a January 1975, CBS Television program entitled "Shadows Behind the Golden Door" featured on "Eye On", and with our handling of the case of John Lennon.

Most of those against whom the allegations have been made entered the country following World War II, as refugees or displaced persons.

Soon after, we began to receive information that some persons who entered may have been guilty of war crimes, and INS began immediately to investigate such charges. Our investigation resulted in a case coming to fruition in 1971 against Herta Braunsteiner Ryan; at that time a consent agreement to her denaturalization (revocation of United States citizenship) was obtained. Following this action, the Government of West Germany initiated a successful extradition proceeding against her on the grounds that she had been guilty of crimes as a guard at an internment camp.

These actions received wide coverage by the news media which resulted in additional allegations and information being received by the Immigration Service concerning other persons. Further wide scale investigations involving 61 persons alleged to be Nazi war criminals residing in the United States were initiated. The New York District Office of the INS was designated the Project Control Office for the effort and assigned responsibility to review, audit and coordinate all actions on these cases.

Inquiries disclosed that 19 of the persons on the list were deceased; information on 17 others was so limited as to preclude identification either from INS records or those of other agencies; since July, 1973, more names have been added to the original list, and there are 48 active investigations underway.

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These investigations have involved the interview of more than 800 persons by 85 investigators in 49 INS offices throughout the United States and overseas. More than 80 separate sources of information have been contacted.

Recently, to hasten the day when these cases can be brought to a conclusion, INS has taken the following steps:

1. assigned a full-time supervisory investigator in INS headquarters the sole responsibility for overseeing the project;
2. each case has been assigned top priority and one investigator has been assigned to each case to follow through all leads to their conclusion;
3. the State Department has agreed to conduct expeditiously all overseas investigations, except in Israel;
4. investigations involving Israel are being conducted through the Israeli Consul General in New York.

I should point out that there is no authority to deport an alien because of allegations made against him. Deportation proceedings may be begun only after establishment of a prima facie case that the individual has committed a violation of one or more of the statutes covering entry to the country or naturalization, in the case of those who have become citizens.

The Supreme Court has ruled that charges leading to such action must be supported by clear, convincing and unequivocal evidence. Hence, there is great difficulty in establishing convincing cases when consideration is given to the fact that the allegations relate to occurrences of 30 or more years ago in war-torn countries far removed from the United States.

I might add that we have just recently sent to the Justice Department the results of our investigation of Bishop Valerian Trifa, who resides in the Detroit area, and is accused of war crimes. As a result of this investigation, the United States Attorney has initiated court action to revoke the citizenship of Bishop Trifa.

Mr. John Lennon is ineligible for a visa and admission into the United States because of a conviction of possessing cannabis resin. An alien convicted of such an offense may not be admitted for permanent residence although his entry may be authorized under a special provision of law for a temporary visit.

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Mr. Lennon's admission to the United States on August 13, 1971, was authorized under this special provision of law upon the recommendation of the Department of State. His visit was for business purposes and to attend a custody hearing in court proceedings in connection with Mrs. Lennon's child by a previous marriage. He was authorized to remain in this country until February 29, 1972. As a result of his failure to honor that departure date, he was informed that he was expected to depart by March 15, 1972, and that failure to comply would result in the institution of deportation proceedings.

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Again, I apologize for the belatedness of my response. It is hoped that the foregoing will assure you that Mr. Lennon was accorded fair and impartial treatment. I can also assure you that this Service is pursuing its investigation of alleged Nazi war criminals diligently and will take effective actions in those instances where probative evidence is developed upon which to base Service proceedings.

Sincerely,

L. F. Chapman, Jr.
Commissioner

Honorable Milliecutt Fenwick
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

cc: CD 934-C

cc: WF - Nazi War Criminals

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cc: Congressional Inquiries and Responses - FY 1975

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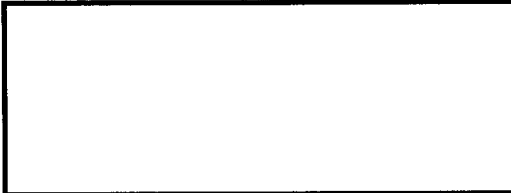
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					Exec. Asst. Deputy Comm.	
					Director, Field Inspections	
					Director, Intelligence	
					Director, Internal Investigations	
					ASSOC. DEP. COMM. PLAN. & EVAL.	
					ASSOC. COMM. ENFORCEMENT	
					Asst. Comm. Border Patrol	
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