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Mr. George H. Owen  
Director, Visa Office  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C. 20520

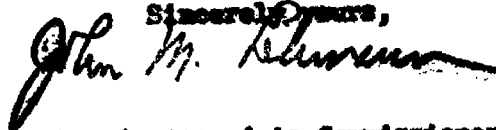
Dear Mr. Owen:

Reference is made to your letter of March 19, 1970, file  
V - BEATLES GROUP.

(b)(6) There are attached copies of the order entered on March 24,  
1970 authorizing the temporary admission of Mr. John W. O. Lennon,  
Mr. George Harrison [redacted], notwithstanding  
that they are ineligible to receive visas under section 212(a)(23)  
of the Act.

You will note that this order authorizes one entry at New  
York City during March or April 1970 for 30 days on the condition  
that the activities and itinerary of the applicants shall be  
limited to receiving an award from National Association of Records  
Merchandisers in Miami, Florida; to holding business discussions  
with United Artists and Abco Industries in New York, New York and  
with Capital Records in Los Angeles, California. No change in  
activities or deviation in itinerary shall be made without prior  
authorization of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Sincerely yours,



Deputy Associate Commissioner  
Travel Control

**Attachments**

NOTE: On March 24, 1970 Mr. Greene discussed  
the above order with Mr. Revercomb of the  
Department (Mr. Kleindienst was unavailable)  
and he agreed to the issuance of this order.

CC: W/F - John W. O. LENNON

TC: MJM:amp

In reply refer to  
V - BEATLES GROUP

MAR 19 1970

Mr. John M. Lehmann  
Deputy Associate Commissioner,  
Travel Control  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Department of Justice

Dear Mr. Lehmann:

Reference is made to previous correspondence to the Service with regard to the temporary admission under the authority contained in section 212(d)(3)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of Mr. John W.O. LENNON and Mr. George HARRISON, members of the Beatles musical group, and the [redacted] all of whom are ineligible to receive a visa under section 212(a)(23) of the Act.

The Department understands that according to the New York Agent of the Beatles, Mr. Lennon [redacted] wish to come to the United States to attend a meeting to be held in Miami, Florida from March 20 to 25, 1970 in order to receive an award from the National Association of Records Merchandisers. Our Embassy in London has advised that Mr. Lennon [redacted] wish to visit New York City for two weeks for business discussions with their representatives and representatives of United Artists and Abkco Industries, and Los Angeles for one week for discussions with representatives of Capital records. The exact dates in each city are not known.

The Embassy has recommended that Mr. Lennon and [redacted] be granted waivers and has pointed out that since almost a year has passed since [redacted] were convicted for possession of marijuana, a waiver recommendation is appropriate at this time. Mr. Lennon's conviction was on November 28, 1968. Mr. Lennon [redacted] have assured the consular officer that they have ceased using

marijuana. The Department concurs in the recommendation for waivers on the grounds put forward by the Embassy as well as on the basis of the substantial American business interests involved in the production and distribution of records by the Beatles.

(b)(6) If a waiver is granted, Mr. Lennon  plan to travel to the United States on March 20, 1970 to remain for three weeks in New York and Los Angeles. It is understood that there is to be no deviation or extension without the prior approval of the Service.

Sincerely yours,

Leon G. Borros  
Acting Director  
Visa Office

Enclosure:  
From Embassy London  
Tel. 2119, March 18, 1970

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

FILE: **(See attached list)**

DATE: **MAR 24 1970**

IN RE: **Three British subjects (See attached list)**

APPLICATION: Temporary admission to the United States pursuant to section 212(d) (3) (A), Immigration and Nationality Act

The applicant(s) has (have) been found by a  consular officer

immigration officer to be ineligible to receive a nonimmigrant

visa under the following paragraph(s) of the Act: Section(s) 212(a) **(2)**

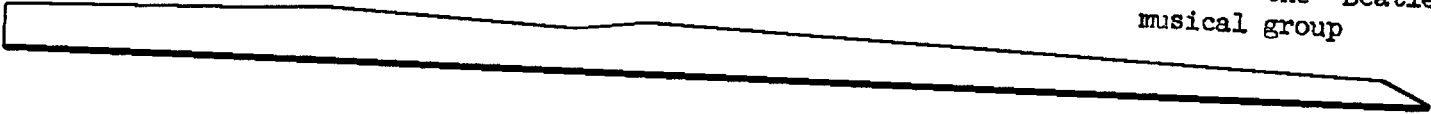
Nationality: <b>British subjects</b>	Date and Country of Birth: <b>(See attached list)</b>	Country of Residence: <b>England</b>
Occupation: <b>(See attached list)</b>	Employer: <b>(See attached list)</b>	
Purpose in seeking entry into United States and destination: <b>To receive an award from National Association of Records Merchandisers in Miami, Florida; to hold business discussions with United Artists and Abbey Industries in New York, New York; and to hold business discussions with Capital Records in Los Angeles, California.</b>		
Plans regarding travel to United States and period of temporary stay: <b>One entry during March or April 1970 for 30 days.</b>		
Basis for favorable action: <b>To promote substantial American business interests.</b>		

ORDER: It is ordered that the application be granted for the above indicated purpose, subject to revocation at any time, valid as set forth below.

ENTRY: **One at New York, New York during March or April 1970.**

PERIOD OF TEMPORARY STAY: **30 days on the condition that the activities and itinerary of the applicants shall be limited to those set forth above and no change in activities or deviation in itinerary shall be made without prior authorization of the Immigration and Naturalization Service**

<u>FILE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>COUNTRY OF BIRTH</u>	<u>EMPLOYER</u>
A17 587 321	John W. O. Lennon	9-10-40	England	Member of the "Beatles" musical group
A18 523 007	George Harrison	2-23-43	England	Member of the "Beatles" musical group



(b)(6)



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MURRAY HILL 8-8855

March 9, 1970

George Owen, Esq.  
Director, Visa Office  
U.S. Department of State  
515 22nd Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Owen:

I thought it would be of interest to you, to see the newspaper account of the appointment which John Lennon and his wife had with Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada, in December 1969.

You will note the complete friendliness of the interview, as reported; and the geniality of the interview is heightened by the fact that as recently as June, 1969, the Canadian Government had originally decided to bar Mr. Lennon's entry because of the marijuana conviction.

I am not suggesting that merely because the Canadian Government has relented, and its Prime Minister has been cordial, that our Government must perforce follow the same lead. We, of course, set our own lead with respect to all matters. However, it does suggest that the admission of Mr. Lennon is completely consistent with conservatism.

As I mentioned to you on my visit of February 26th, Mr. Lennon wants to come here on this trip with the other three members of the Beatles, for (as I understand it) the opening of the documentary film about themselves, and the preparation of some material for the Ed Sullivan Show. He would not be able to accept the National Institute of Mental Health invitation on this trip, because (I am told) when the Beatles travel together, they have a policy of not separating for individual side-trips -- a policy that presumably originated from the protective measures that had to be maintained with respect to the enormous crowds of admirers, who attended their every move. This has been explained to Dr. Tamarkin of NIMH, who will renew the invitation to Mr. Lennon personally, at some time in the future.

I don't think there is much more I can, or should, add to the observations previously made by me in support of a waiver for

Mr. Lennon. The Department will have before it a similar situation involving a second Beatle, George Harrison, who has not, however, had the flamboyant publicity that Mr. Lennon has had, and as to whom the Department might not have taken strong umbrage in connection with a purely business visit. I do think it proper to remind you that Mr. Lennon, at the very time of his conviction, totally repudiated the use of marijuana, and publicly declared that "mind-expanding" drugs were not for him. He has maintained that position ever since.

You have undoubtedly read, in the past few months, how the otherwise-respectable scions of perfectly reputable (and highly placed) parents have been found in possession of marijuana; and, of course, you know that the official policy of the Department of Justice has been to favor an easing of penalties for first convictions for possession of marijuana (other than for sale). This betokens a sympathetic realization that frustrated young people do turn to experimentation with marijuana, and without condoning it, the policy is to give them another chance, provided they seem to "sober up" and eschew the practice.

This situation clearly fits John Lennon, who had, in fact, given up the use of marijuana some time before his arrest for possessing it -- the marijuana that he possessed was apparently a quantity left over from the days when he had used it, and he had forgotten its existence in some secluded corner.

There can be no damage to any interest of the United States from allowing Mr. Lennon to visit for business, and under all the circumstances, it would appear that the discretion which Congress has made available to the Executive Branch, in cases of this sort, should be exercised in his favor.

Sincerely yours,

ELMER FRIED

EF/d

cc: Mr. John Lehmann,  
Immigration & Naturalization Service

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March 20, 1970

Assistant Commissioner  
Adjudications

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John W. O. Lennon, George Harrison and

On March 20, 1970, I telephoned Mr. George H. Owen, Director, Visa Office, Department of State to request that he ascertain from the American Embassy in London whether the subjects intend to engage in any group activities in the United States as the "Beatles". Mr. Owen will advise me as soon as he hears from the Embassy.

Subsequently, on March 20, 1970, Mr. Leon Dorros, Deputy Director, Visa Office, advised Fred Harvey, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Adjudications, that he had telephoned the Embassy at London and had been told that as far as can be determined at the Embassy, there are no plans for the subjects to make any public appearances except to accept the award. In addition, the only individuals coming are the subjects. Mr. Harvey advised Mr. Greene, Associate Commissioner, Operations, who told Mr. Harvey that since at least one of the other "Beatles" was understood to be in the United States, he should call Mr. Dorros and inquire whether all four "Beatles" were to appear as a group to accept the award. Mr. Dorros said he would attempt to secure this information.

✓ CC: W/F - LENNON, John W. O.

TC:SB:FKH:dmm

'Great incentive to meet prime minister'

# Lennons love 'beautiful' Pierre

Canadian Press

OTTAWA — Bealle John Lennon and his wife Yoko Ono had an hour-long chat with Pierre Trudeau today and found the prime minister a "beautiful" person.

"If all politicians were like Trudeau, there would be world peace," Mr. Lennon told reporters after the interview in the Liberal leader's parliamentary office.

"You don't know how lucky you are in Canada."

The meeting, he said, was also "beautiful."

Mr. Lennon, on a mission to promote peace, said the three of them talked about things in general — "ourselves, himself and youth."

"I think he's a beautiful person," Mr. Lennon said, standing outside the PM's office with his tiny wife at his side, both clad in black, floppy hats and black floor-length cloaks.

To Yoko, Mr. Trudeau was "more beautiful than we expected."

Asked whether the prime minister shared his views, Mr. Lennon said they both want hope for the future and in that respect their views are similar.

"It was a great incentive just meeting him," Yoko added.

The three were a study in black — Mr. Trudeau had on a black suit — as they posed for pictures by about 20 photographers in Mr. Trudeau's office before the start of the private session.

Mr. Trudeau, smiling, told the couple at his side they drew more photographers than he usually gets for visiting ambassadors.

Mr. Trudeau put his arm for a moment only around Yoko, then withdrew it as the photographers left they

wished the couple a merry Christmas.

"The same to you," Mr. Lennon replied through his beard, floppy like the hat.

After the Trudeau visit, the Lennons with their small entourage went to see Health Minister John Munro to discuss the "health aspects" of a July peace festival planned for Mosport, near Toronto. The aim is to "keep it healthy."

*W/F John Lennon*

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE DEPLORE AND ABHOR THE EFFORTS OF THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW N.Y.  
TO IMPORT THE BEATLES FROM ENGLAND FOR U.S. TV SHOW MARCH 1.  
THEIR PREVIOUS EFFORTS TO ENTER THE U.S. HAVE BEEN PROPERLY  
THWARTED BY OUR CAPABLE JUSTICE DEPT ON THE BASIS OF THEIR DRUG  
USE CONVICTIONS. THEIR U.S. APPEARANCE NOW WOULD BE MOCKERY  
TO DEVOTED TREASURY DEPT PERSONNEL PRESENTLY CARRYING OUT YOUR

ADMINISTRATION'S PLEDGE TO CONTROL IMPORT & USE OF DRUGS AND  
NARCOTICS. BALLET NUMBER BEING PREPARED FOR THIS SHOW IS DANCED  
TO THE MUSIC OF LUCY IN THE SKY WITH DIAMONDS WHICH THE YOUTH OF  
OUR COUNTRY RECOGNIZE AS LSD. URGE YOUR IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION  
TOWARD A FIRM U.S. STAND TO PREVENT THIS TRAVESTY AND DRUG  
EXPLOITATION ON NATIONWIDE TV

MR & MRS EDWARD C BALL WESTFIELD NJ.

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No response necessary because address  
is incomplete.

M. J. Mason

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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CO 212.23-C ✓

DATE: February 17, 1970

TO : File

FROM : Assistant Commissioner, Adjudications

SUBJECT: H-1 visa petition by Sullivan Productions for the "Beatles".

Mr. Bill deGrace, of the Visa Office, Department of State, advised that according to a cable from the American Embassy, London, the beneficiaries desire to come to the United States on February 23, 1970. The beneficiaries wish to be accompanied by their wives.

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[Redacted]

The Visa Office has requested additional information from the Embassy so that it can decide what position to take.

Call-up: February 23, 1970

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CC: W/F - John LENNON

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MURRAY HILL 6-6550

October 21, 1969

Mr. John Lehmann  
Immigration & Naturalization Service  
119 "D" St. N.E.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Waiver Application of John Lennon

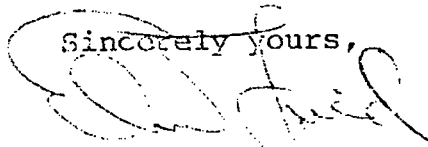
Dear Mr. Lehmann:

I assume that by now the London Embassy has responded to the inquiry of the Visa Office, and that that office has answered your questions. For some reason, it had not been made clear to me until very recently, that the Embassy's ability to answer the questions depended upon a renewal of Mr. Lennon's visa application, since I had assumed that the one made at Montreal was still subsisting.

However, with the renewal now made, and a current application in existence, you are able to pass upon the merits of the case. Apart from the material previously furnished by me, I would add only the current article from the New York Times, which indicates that the Administration has now decided that perhaps a first offense in dealing with drugs should be handled more flexibly than was formerly considered appropriate; and that the possession for use of marijuana, ought not to be considered in the same light with possession for sale; and that the attitude towards marijuana can properly be more temperate than that towards other drugs.

It may be, therefore, that this delay will have served a beneficial purpose, in bringing Mr. Lennon's case to you at a time when the Administration policy would seem to be less hostile to reformed marijuana users than had been the case previously. In a press conference on October 20th, the President said about the Senate, that it is a body in which time and discussion work on the side of fairness of judgment. I am certain he intended that remark to be equally applicable to his executive agencies.

Sincerely yours,



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*John Lehmann*  
*W/F*

*10/29/69*  
*John Lehmann spoke with*  
*Mr. Fried (who called him)*  
*and re-called*

# Administration Asks Softer Penalty for Drug

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (AP)—The Nixon Administration today asked Congress to approve a compromise for changes in the drug-control bill that would curiously reduce the penalties for first-time offenders possessing any narcotic for personal use.

The bill was confirmed by John F. Kennedy, director of the Justice Department's Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, in a letter to Congress today. The Senate's Subcommittee on Narcotics Delinquency

The penalties for drug trafficking would be made higher and if they got through a procedure the penalties for users

of narcotics, for instance, would be a first offense would bring a first offense a maximum penalty of one year in jail or a \$5,000 fine

The second offense would be a felony with no maximum penalty, but it would be classified as such

The present law, a first offense for which possession

of marijuana can get a jail sentence of two to 10 years, with a second offense calling for a mandatory five to 20 years in jail.

The bill, considered more dangerous than marijuana, now carries only a maximum of one year in jail with no mandatory minimum.

### A Special Regulation

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The present law, a first offense for which possession

of marijuana can get a jail term, a maximum \$20,000 fine or both.

Mr. Mitchell said in proposing the bill to Congress Sept. 15: "I personally believe in sentences which are reasonably calculated to be deterrents to crime and which also give judges sufficient flexibility to tailor the sentences to the requirements of the drug violator or narcotics addict."

Dr. Stanley F. Tolles, director of the National Institute of Mental Health, said two days later that he vigorously disapproved with the penalties set forth for marijuana.

Sidney Cohen, director of the Division of Narcotic Addiction and Drug Abuse, told the subcommittee that more stringent laws and penalties for simple possession of marijuana have not been effective.

He described the proposed penalties for marijuana as "unfathomable harsh."

Senator Watkins said in

the Administration's softer penalties. He said they were in keeping with "overabundant" testimony legal and medical experts before Congressional committees this year.

### Greek Orthodox Leaders South America Parish

Archbishop Iakovos, Director of the Greek Orthodox Eparchy of North and South America, will leave for New York today right on the day of the month-long fast of the Greek Orthodox parishes in America.

There are an estimated 100,000 Greek Orthodox communicants in that country.

Last night, the people were in the quest of honor at a church in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, marking his name day as the 10th anniversary of his enthronement as spiritual leader of two million Greek Orthodox Christians in the



AUG 4 1969

CO 212.24-C

Mr. George H. Owen  
Director, Visa Office  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Owen:

I received your letter of July 29, 1969 concerning Mr. John W. Lennon. I have read with interest the attachments to your letter, copies of some of which we had already received. It is noted that Mr. Fried places much emphasis on the peaceful nature of Mr. Lennon and his views concerning wars in general. We are not aware that his political views have been a basis for his inadmissibility.


I believe you are aware however, that Mr. Lennon's request for a waiver was discussed by the Under Secretary of State with the Deputy Attorney General. Inasmuch as the latter indicated that this department would not authorize the waiver, this Service cannot act without further consultation with the Deputy Attorney General.

So that I might apprise him of the current situation, it is requested that you furnish answers to the following questions:

1. Does Mr. Lennon have an application for a nonimmigrant visa pending with the Embassy in London?
2. If he has indicated he desires to come to this country, what is the purpose of his visit?
3. What is his proposed itinerary?
4. For what period of time does he desire to come to this country?

We should also like to know whether your Department is recommending a waiver of inadmissibility in Mr. Lennon's case since apparently the purpose of his visit is not the same as it was when you made your earlier recommendation.

Sincerely,

  
James F. Greene  
Associate Commissioner  
Operations

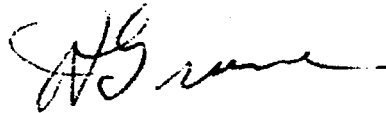
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*This letter cleared with Mr. Geo. Kivins and  
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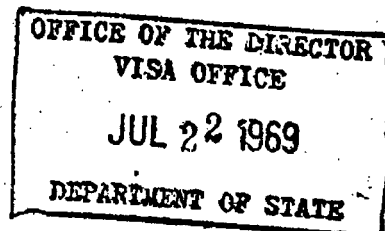
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MURRAY HILL 6-8555

July 15, 1969.



George Owen, Esq.  
Director, Visa Office,  
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Washington, D.C.

Re: Nonimmigrant Visa Application of  
John Lennon

Dear Mr. Owen:

In a recent automobile accident, Mr. and Mrs. Lennon each suffered injuries sufficiently serious to hospitalize them briefly, and to require their being at home under medical care for an additional period of time, which of course made impossible a trip to the United States by July 9 even if your office had approved issuance of a visa. However, they are expected to be well enough to accept the early-September invitation of the National Institute of Mental Health.

Following our last conversation, Mr. Lennon's London representative, Peter Brown, visited the Embassy and spoke to Mr. Kiley, advising him of Mr. Lennon's definite wish, intention, hope and plan to come to the United States, and requesting that the visa application be considered as revived, renewed or whatever was necessary. Mr. Kiley apparently suggested to Peter Brown that for the time being it was not necessary that any new formal application be filed but that, since Mr. Lennon's attorney was in communication with the Visa Office, it was sufficient just to let matters develop on the American side of the Atlantic.

I think we are ready to approach the heart of this case, which is, whether or not the State Department will recommend, and whether or not the Justice Department will grant a waiver of the marijuana conviction. After all, Mr. Lennon is entitled to be able to set up an itinerary or schedule just as we all like to do, particularly

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George Owen, Esq.

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July 15, 1969.

since he would be travelling with his family and with at least a few of the entourage which seems to be part of the travel equipage of well-known people. It seems to me that if he is, for example, to be at NIMH on September 8th, he ought to know as long in advance as possible, whether or not he is going to be able to obtain a visa to be there.

I am adding to this letter two enclosures: (a) on the subject of his opposition to violence, and (b) on the subject of his rejection of any interest in marijuana. This material is recapitulative of material previously furnished, but sets it forth a little more concisely and, I hope, impressively. It is particularly important in the light of President Nixon's public declarations against violent disobedience to law, and his message to Congress on July 14, 1969 relating to drug abuse -- and particularly that portion relating to the need to educate young people with respect to drug abuse, so that they will not yield to the lure of drugs.

Concerning violence: I had sent you a copy of the words of the song "Revolution", which he wrote with Mr. McCartney. This song (words again enclosed for ready reference) criticizes revolutionists, and deplores destruction. It specifically, incidentally, refers to Chairman Mao with critical import. Now, you will see from the additional enclosed letter (dated July 9, 1969 from Official Beatles Fan Club) that there were six million one hundred and thirteen thousand three hundred (6,113,300) records sold which contained the song "Revolution". I had, incidentally, asked for separate statistics on the number of times "Revolution" was played publicly other than through the sale of records (on the air or at concerts or to audiences generally, for which a royalty fee is paid); I have been orally advised that that total exceeds 32,000 -- which of course means over 32,000 playings to large audiences.

Now, over 6 million people purchased the song "Revolution"; millions more heard the song as publicly played by others. Now, is anyone in any Government agency going to take the position that this man's anti-violence views have not been, or will not be, beneficial to the peace and security of the United States? Indeed, I hope you will not think it presumptuous of me to say, that John Lennon's singing or talking against "Revolution", or expressing his thoughts against campus violence, are far more influential with young people, than all the orations of college presidents or public officials.

Concerning the marijuana conviction: I enclose photostatic copies of the contemporary newspaper reports concerning his conviction; and you will see clearly set forth evidence of his contriteness, regret, and sincere disavowal of the use of marijuana.

George Owen, Esq.

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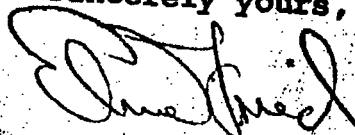
July 15, 1969.

You will find it of interest that someone with the American Psychologic Association called me on Monday, July 14, to ask whether Mr. Lennon could participate in a forum on Drug Abuse to be held by the Association in Washington, D.C. on September 3, 1969. Surely all these psychiatrists and psychologists cannot be entirely wrong in thinking that Mr. Lennon has something positive to contribute to this problem in America. Now, I am not Mr. Lennon's manager and have no idea how much of his time he would be willing to devote to free appearances, but I mention this to show that perfectly respectable behavioral scientists actively believe that he could be helpful in a problem that the President has declared is mushrooming alarmingly.

It seems to me that even if I were to look at it from the point of view of an adjudicator, I would find that the reasons for granting the waiver far outweigh any reasons for not granting it. I would feel that public policy is more served by granting the visa than by refusing it. I would see no chance of harm to the United States, and some benefit, from granting the visa, whereas I can see only a loss of dignity in the denial of this application under all the attendant circumstances.

Upon the whole, and in the present climate, Mr. Lennon's views, however odd they may seem to some of us old-timers, are certainly not revolutionary; and those of his views which are "acceptable" (or even, helpful) outweigh in importance those to which we might object. Add to this the fact that Mr. Lennon wants only to make a brief visit as a non-immigrant, and the pendulum ought to swing in his favor.

Sincerely yours,



ELMER FRIED

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Enc.

c.c. Mr. John Lehmann, Deputy Commissioner, INS

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# OFFICIAL BEATLES FAN CLUB

A Division of Apple Music Publishing Co. Inc.  
1700 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10019

BEATLES FAN CLUB  
OFFICIAL HEADQUARTERS

July 9, 1969

Elmer Fried, Esq.  
515 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Fried:

In regard to your letter of July 2 and our telephone conversation of July 7, please be advised that the number of records sold concerning the song "Revolution" up until April 10, 1969 on a single 45 disc (#2276) is 3,802,100. The number of records sold up until June 12, 1969 on the LP entitled "The Beatles" (SWBO 101), and features "Revolution Number One" (which is the same song as the single "Revolution" but a slower version), has sold 2,311,200.

I have contacted Bob Casper of Maclen Music Co., who is responsible for copyrighting all Lennon-McCartney material, regarding your inquiry of the separate statistics on the number of separate times "Revolution" was played publicly (be it through receipt of royalties, etc.), Mr. Casper has informed me that this information is confidential and will be back to me tomorrow morning with all possible information to aid you in procuring John Lennon's visa.

I most certainly hope that I have helped you and will continue to do everything in my power to aid you in your endeavor.

Most sincerely,

OFFICIAL BEATLES FAN CLUB

(Miss) Sandi Morse,  
Director



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## REVOLUTION

*Paul McCartney*

You say you want a revolution  
Well, you know we all want to change the world  
You tell me that it's evolution  
Well, you know we all want to change the world  
But when you talk about destruction,  
Don't you know that you can count me out,  
Don't you know it's going to be alright,  
Alright, alright, alright.

*Paul McCartney*

You say you got a real solution  
Well, you know we'd all love to see the plan  
You ask me for a contribution,  
Well, you know we're doing what we can  
But if you want money for people with minds that hate  
All I can tell you is brother you have to wait,  
Don't you know it's going to be alright,  
Alright, alright, alright.

*George Harrison*

You say you'll change a constitution  
Well, you know we all want to change your head,  
You tell me it's the institution,  
Well, you know you better free your mind instead,  
But if you go carrying pictures of Chairman Mao,  
You ain't going to make it with anyone anyhow  
Don't you know it's going to be alright,  
Alright, alright.

*John Lennon*

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**BEATLE LENNON**

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*The hearing is over . . . Beatle John Lennon and his Japanese-born girl friend Yok*

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# 'CLEANSED'

**B**EATLE John Lennon once resolved to "cleanse himself of drugs," a court heard yesterday.

He had become involved with Eastern philosophy. And it occurred to him that this and drugs were "not compatible."

He went through his belongings and tried to dispose of any drugs, his counsel said.

And on the day Scotland Yard drugs squad officers raided his flat he really believed he was "clean."

But the men found cannabis. It was said yesterday when Lennon and his girl friend Yoko Ono appeared in court at Marylebone, London.

Lennon, 28, pleaded guilty to possessing cannabis. He was fined £150, with £21 costs.

He said afterwards: "I'm very happy to be free again . . . it really is nice to be able to relax."

Japanese-born Yoko, 34, had also been charged with possessing the drug. Her "not guilty" plea was accepted and no evidence was offered against her.

## Baby

The couple pleaded not guilty to obstructing police in the execution of a search warrant. The prosecution did not proceed on the charge.

Both Lennon and Yoko Ono held hands as they went into the dock for a hearing that was to touch on their friendship . . . and the baby they lost . . . and Lennon's marital difficulties.

Early in the hearing, the court dealt with obstruction charges.

It concerned a delay of seven or eight minutes before the drugs squad were admitted to the flat, said Mr. Roger Frisby, prosecuting.

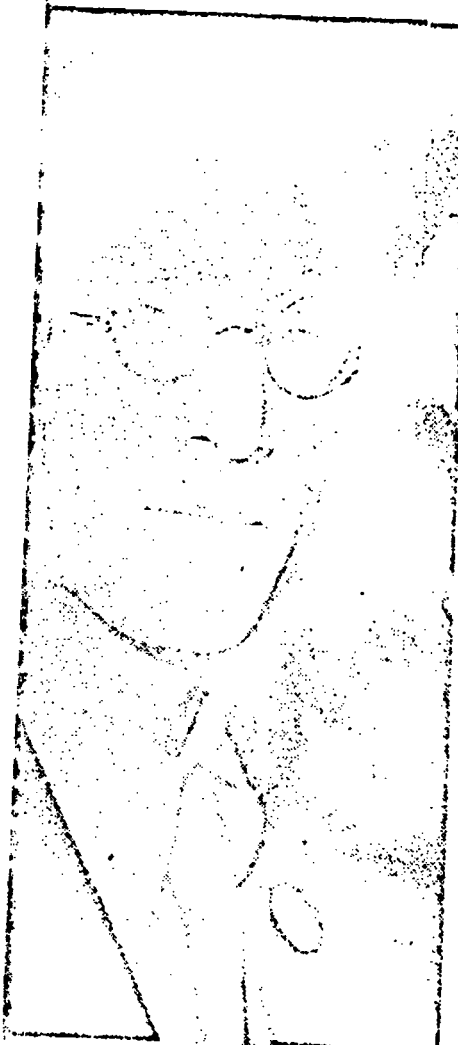
Later information, he added, indicated that there may have been a reason for the delay that was entirely unconnected with drugs.

At this point, Mr. Martin Polden, for the defence, asked if Yoko Ono could stay in the dock with Lennon. The magistrate refused and she left the dock.

Then Mr. Frisby told of the mudday raid last October on Lennon's flat in Montagu-square, Marylebone.

When asked if he had any cannabis, Lennon shook his head.

His solicitor arrived. A search was made with the



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LENNON'S VERDICT

# The whole drug scene is over

By John Spicer

**BEATLE** John Lennon said yesterday after being fined £150 on a drugs charge: 'The whole drugs scene is over.'

He talked of the police raid on his flat in Montagu Square, Marylebone, and of the court hearing at which he stood in the dock with his 34-year-old Japanese girl friend, Yoko Ono.

Lennon, 28, said at the Savile Row offices of Apple, the Beatles-owned company: 'I suppose all this was to be expected. The police who raided our flat must have thought I was courting prosecution.'

## All over'

'But all that is over. It was explained in court and I say it again now—the whole drugs scene is over. It was an experience, an experience that has now been left behind.'

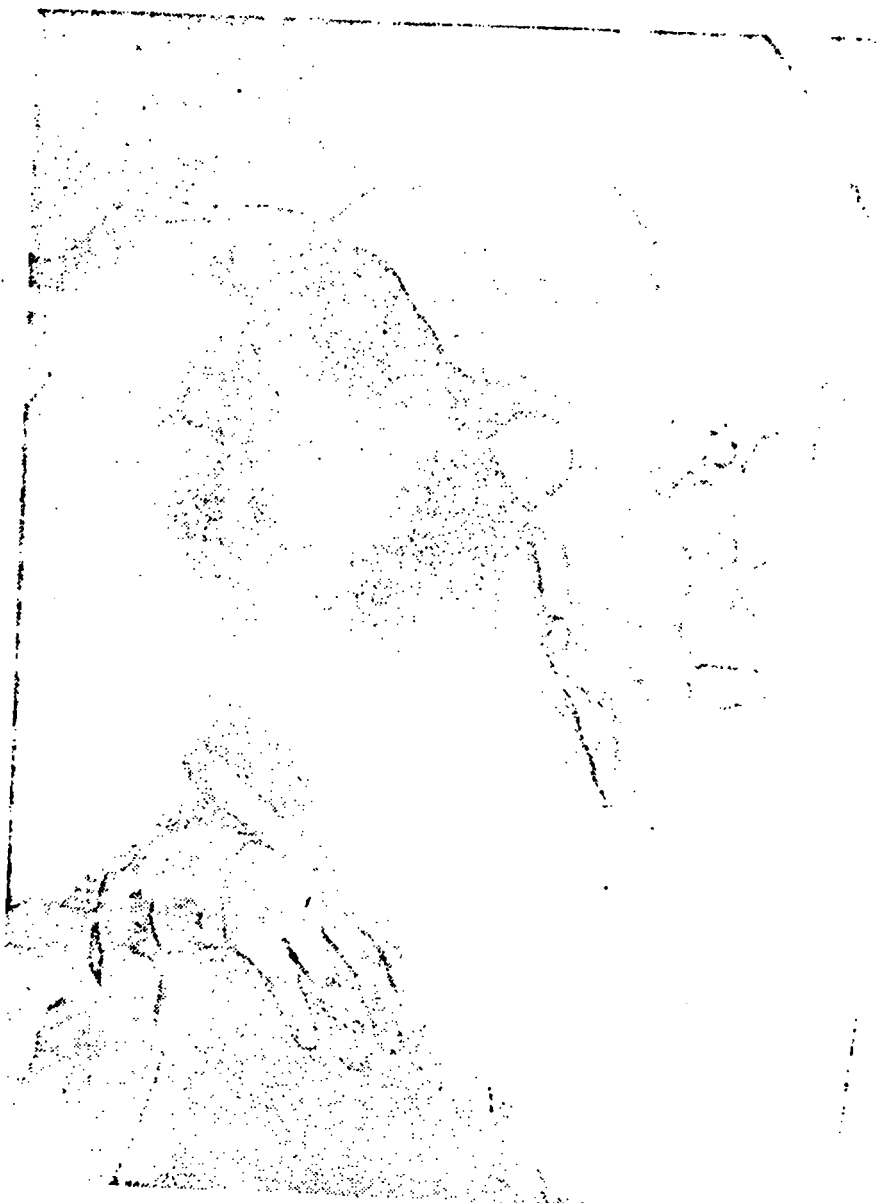
'As far as I am concerned drugs are a thing of the past, forgotten; only the court case is now. I am very relieved it is over.'

Lennon and Yoko Ono faced two charges at Marylebone Court—having cannabis in the flat and obstructing Detective-Sergeant Norman Nicher.

The charges against Miss Ono were dropped. The magistrate, Mr John Phillips, told her: 'There is no evidence on either of the charges against you.'

## Yoko told: You're cleared

Lennon and Yoko yesterday



After being fined \$200 for  
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experience that has been left behind!

# John Lennon fined \$150 after 'personal experience' with drug

Beattie John Lennon was fined \$150 at Marylebone London, yesterday after admitting possessing the drug cannabis. His Japanese friend, Mrs Yoko Ono Cox, was cleared of two charges—of having cannabis and of obstructing the police—after the prosecution had offered no evidence against her.

A charge against Lennon, who is 28, of obstructing police in the execution of a search warrant, to which he pleaded not guilty, was dismissed after the prosecution had offered no evidence on this. Mrs Cox had pleaded not guilty to both charges.

Mr Roger Frisby, prosecuting, said that on October 18, when police went to a flat jointly occupied by Lennon and Mrs Cox at 34 Montague Square, Marylebone, Lennon had already telephoned his solicitors. When asked if he had any unauthorised drugs, Lennon shook his head.

### Flat searched

After the solicitor had arrived, policemen with dogs searched the flat. They discovered a cigarette-rolling machine, later found to have traces of cannabis; a suitcase containing an envelope with 27.3 grams of cannabis; a cigarette case which had traces of the drug; and a binocular case inside which were 191.8 grams of cannabis, enough for about 40 cigarettes on the black market.

After caution, Lennon said that only he, not Mrs Cox was involved in the matter, said Mr Frisby. Mr Martin Polden, defending, said Lennon and Mrs Cox had moved to the flat about three

months before the police search after Mr Lennon's "matrimonial" difficulties.

It was clear Lennon had cannabis, but it was a "personal experience." He had not tried to get other people to take them. "Fairly this year, when he became involved with Eastern philosophy, it occurred to him that that and drugs were not compatible," said Mr Polden. He went through his belongings trying to dispose of any drugs, and had no idea that cannabis was still in the articles in the flat.

On the day of the police raid, Lennon had just finished concentrated work on a record and he and Mrs Cox were then trying to start life afresh. "He is an artist of note and integrity. He has brought some pleasure to millions. He has stood by his views," said Mr Polden. "He is entitled to some compassion of the court."

The magistrate told Lennon that he could have imposed a fine of £250 and a sentence of 12 months, but he was not going to do so since it was Lennon's first offence. Twenty guineas costs were awarded against Lennon.

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The drop smokers in th 49 million despite increases in the popula- tion, according to Roy L. Davis, a spokes- man for the survey group.

Among 17-year-olds questioned during 1967-68, 25.6 percent of the boys said they smoked cigarettes and 15.7 percent of the girls said they are smokers.

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### Lennon Shifts From Marijuana

MOVEMENT (AP) — Beattie John Lennon, recently convicted of possessing marijuana, says he's through with the stuff because it "interferes with my mind."

"I don't regret anything I've done," he told newsmen. "It's just that I got my best high now on brown rice." Rice with the hulls on is brown.

Lennon and his wife, Yoko, were granted a 10-day stay in Canada by immigration officials yesterday and a hearing was begun in Toronto to weigh their request for a longer stay. The marijuana conviction was the issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennon plan a one week "jail-in" demon- stration for peace while awaiting the verdict. They have

Invited Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau to join them.

# A Beatle 'cured of dope'

HOW Beatle John Lennon "cleansed" himself of drugs.

This was the theme of a 15-minute defence plea yesterday when the 28-year-old pop idol was fined £150 with £21 costs for having cannabis resin.

Lennon, said solicitor Mr. Martin Polden, cut himself off from drugs at the beginning of this year because he realised they were incompatible with the teachings of Eastern philosophy with which he had become involved.

When detectives from Scotland Yard's Drugs Squad raided his flat in Montague Square, Marylebone, in October, the Beatle said: "I am clean."

And he believed he was, Mr. Polden told Marylebone magistrate Mr. John Phipps.

The drugs found in his flat—219 grains, enough to make 40 reefer cigarettes and worth £10 on the black market—were from his past.

## DELAY

He had forgotten all about them, it was claimed.

Said Mr. Polden to the magistrate: "I hope that by accepting that he did make efforts to cleanse himself you will see the charge in perspective."

Lennon, dressed in a black velvet Regency-style suit, plain white shirt and matching tie, appeared in the dock with his 34-year-old Japanese girl friend, Mrs. Yoko Ono Cox.

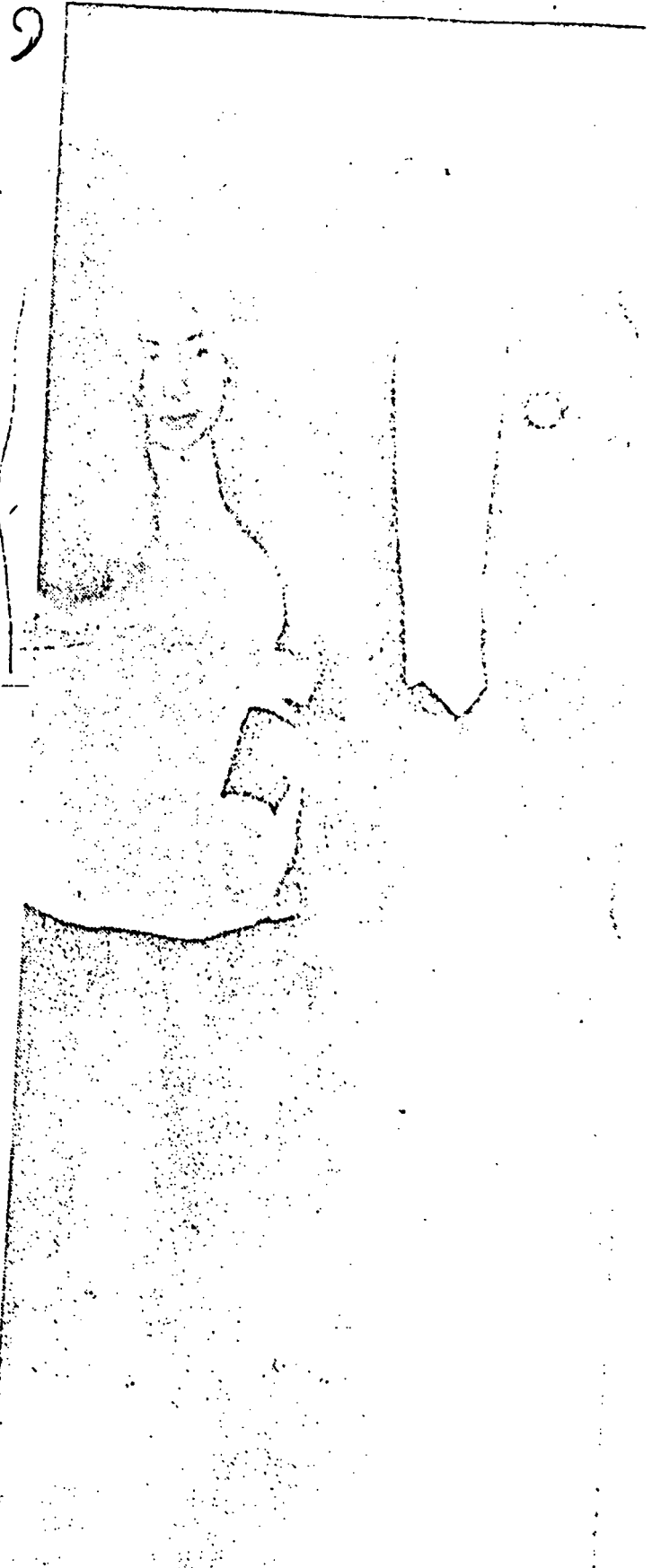
Tiny Yoko, who left hospital last week after a miscarriage, wore a white Cossack blouse and black trousers.

She was in the dock for only two minutes before the two charges against her—having drugs and obstructing Detective Sergeant Norman Pilcher in the execution of a search warrant—were dismissed.

Of the other charge—the obstruction originally alleged—was a delay of seven to eight minutes before the police were admitted to the flat—he said:— "Information has since come to light to indicate there may be a reason for the delay uncon-

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mr. George Owen  
Director, Visa Office  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C.

Re: Visa Application of John Lennon

Dear Mr. Owen:

I enclose a transcript of the television interview with John Lennon which was shown in your city June 29, 1969. The transcript was from the broadcast in New York on June 22. I specifically call your attention to pages 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13.

I also enclose an article from the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner dated June 27, 1969, which might give you some insight into why persons like Dr. Tamarkin and Dr. Wynn are so interested in having one of the Beatles available to discuss some of the problems which cause and in turn are aggravated by the so-called "generation gap".

I am somewhat puzzled by some of the comments that I get tangentially. I would like to be perfectly direct and hope that, in turn, people will be direct with me.

1. A nonimmigrant visa application was filed by Mr. Lennon at the Consulate in Montreal; that application is still pending -- the mere fact that the Lennons physically went somewhere else doesn't affect the fact that they still want to come here and have an adjudicated application. Do you consider that they have an application pending?
2. Mr. Lennon has accepted the NIMH invitation as unequivocally as anyone could, considering that no one can set dates without knowing whether a visa will be issued at all and if so, when. Do you consider that the invitation has been accepted?
3. Dr. Wynn would like Mr. Lennon there by July 7 because of holiday schedules of his staff. Mr. Lennon would be willing to

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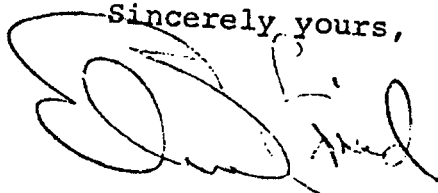
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come by that time -- provided that he had enough notice that he could do so to arrange his affairs. Otherwise the invitation will have to be deferred until the end of the summer, for maximum benefit to the NIMH staff. Do you believe we will have a decision in time for Mr. Lennon to make arrangements to come here?

(I need not repeat my firm belief that the equities of the situation call for the granting of the waiver and the issuance of a visa. I think, in fact, that it would be contrary to our national dignity to refuse a visa to this man on a technical basis. But in any event a nonimmigrant who is making a visit on business, and who has many business interests to occupy him outside the United States, must have some idea where he stands in order to arrange his schedule. I do hope that you will agree with my belief that a visit by John Lennon would be beneficial to the United States in view of the purposes he is coming for and his publicly expressed attitudes against violence and drugs.)

One other item: on page 1 you will find a comment by Stuart Klein, who is apparently a radio announcer in Montreal, suggesting (in the first paragraph) that the Lennons "wanted to do a "bed-in" in the United States. The Lennons have no such intention. You will note on page 14 that Mrs. Lennon, in the first full paragraph of her statement (last three sentences) makes it clear that the "bed-in" was simply and openly a way of getting attention to their ideas and has no magic or significance beyond it. Mrs. Lennon specifically told me that she doesn't regard a "bed-in" any longer as being a useful attention getter. Thus, if the Department has feelings about any "unseemliness" about a "bed-in" it need not have such apprehensions.

Sincerely yours,



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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF SECTION 212(d) (3) WAIVER

INTRODUCTION

John Lennon is a member of the most popular and successful musical group since World War II, The Beatles. He has applied to the American Consulate in Montreal for a visa to enter the United States for a short business visit. He appears ineligible for a visa under Section 212(a) (23) of the Act, by reason of a conviction in England for possession of marijuana. The record is clear that at the time of such conviction, he had already turned away from this type of activity, and expressed publicly his anti-marijuana attitudes -- long before the question of a visa to America arose. The issue is, whether the Secretary of State should recommend, and if so, whether the Attorney General should grant, a waiver of this ground of ineligibility, using the authority of Section 212(d) (3).

It is submitted that every consideration of fairness and of reason urges a favorable decision; that no interest of the United States would suffer from granting this waiver; that it would be contrary to the interests of the United States to deny this application.

To the extent that there are questions unanswered by this memorandum, it is only through inability to anticipate those questions; and we stand ready at any time to supplement this brief.

PERSONNEL

A. Lennon and the Question of Marijuana

Mr. Lennon repudiated artificial mind-stimulants like marijuana when he encountered the Maharishi, and despite the vicissitudes of that encounter, has consistently abstained from such drugs and has publicly deplored their effects on him. The "possession" of which he was convicted was of marijuana which somehow had remained in a case in his house long after he had ceased to use it. Thus, he is not only a rehabilitated former user: he is indirectly a proponent of abstinence. While it is true that he declines to become part of a crusade against drugs, the plain fact is that his credibility would actually be reduced (among those who are drawn to him) by such a stance. He is much more impressive teaching by the example of his abstinence, than he would be by lecturing.

The Department is aware that the National Institute of Mental Health has invited him to appear at a symposium or meeting, of which more details can be furnished by Dr. Tamarkin of that Institute. Dr. Tamarkin has stated to me that in his own meetings with young people, when speaking of drugs he speaks in terms of his own feelings against their use, being careful to avoid appearing to propagandize against them -- for young people can be persuaded by indirection much more than by lecture.

Since Mr. Lennon's views on the undesirability <sup>of marijuana use</sup> to him have already been publicly expressed, and since he would consistently express those ideas whenever the question would arise, it should be clear that he must be counted on the anti-drug side of this issue, both emotionally and with respect to whatever effect he might have on listeners, notwithstanding he might maintain

notwithstanding that he cannot be pushed into propagandizing.

It cannot be in the interests of the United States to bar a person so influential with young people, with many of whom the question of the use of artificial mind-stimulants occupies so important a role in their thinking.

### B. Lennon and the Question of Violence

One of the most important problems of the day is campus violence and street violence. The President of the United States has expressed his concern, and no area of America is free from such turbulence and the effect of such turbulence.

The record is crystal clear that John Lennon is entirely against violence in any form. He has called upon people to call the Police their brothers, to show the Police that they are loved; he has called upon the young to maintain a continuing dialogue with the older generation and not to turn away from them.

During the last Memorial Day weekend it is well-known that there was a "Parade" in Berkeley, California attended by some 30,000 young people, involving the question of the use of certain open spaces; and when that large group was reported at times to have potential for disorderliness or worse, Mr. Lennon, telephoning several times to the leaders of that march from a hotel in Montreal, urged the leaders to keep things "cool", to keep things peaceful -- and ultimately urged them and prevailed upon them to disband the march and disperse peacefully.

Mr. Lennon is in fact a dramatic, although indirect, influence for peaceful behavior. Surely it cannot be in the interest of the United States to exclude a man who, to the extent that he has influence with young people, can influence them to the side of peaceful actions.

war, Mr. Lennon's public strictures have been far more gentle with the United States than have the comments of many Americans high in public life and certainly more so than that of many prominent highly placed foreign "Friends" of the United States. At no time has Mr. Lennon attacked the United States with respect to the Vietnam war, any more than he has held all the nations responsible for wars generally. To the extent that he is against the Vietnam war, he is not against the American role, any more than he is against participation by any other nation including those against whom United States forces are fighting. His public utterances therefore are in no way anti-American; they are simply pro-peace.

Surely it cannot be in the interest of the United States to bar an individual who adheres so closely to the injunction of the Sermon on the Mount, "Love ye one another".

C. Lennon and the Congressional Intent.

Clearly there are two Congressional policies affecting persons convicted of drug or marijuana charges. There is the stern policy of excluding immigrants in this category; and there is the realistic policy of allowing the executive officials to waive the bar in favor of non-immigrants. The executive branch, being thus allowed to use its own judgment as to non-immigrants, has in the past been disposed to grant waivers whenever there is a bona fide purpose to the visit, the individual is no longer engaged in the reprehensible activity, and no harm can be suffered by the United States from the alien's entry. Such considerations clearly apply in favor of John Lennon's application. Indeed, as has been shown above, and as will appear subsequently, there are positive factors favoring a waiver in this case.

D. Lennon's Purpose in Visiting

The visit is primarily for business purposes. He has a new record being produced here; he and his wife have "album-books" under contract with a New York publisher (not of a sensational nature, I have been told). On this visit, Mrs. Lennon wants to bring her American daughter (by a prior marriage) to visit the child's grandparents on Long Island. Mr. Lennon has accepted an invitation by the National Institute of Mental Health to appear at a meeting of psychiatrists and other behavioral scientists, in Washington, D.C., which they feel will help to offer insight into attitudes of the young. (The great problem of today is said to be the "generation gap": The physicians of the NIMH obviously feel that Lennon can offer insight which might help to lessen the gap.)

So important is the latter purpose that when word was out that Lennon might come here and appear before NIMH scientists, other requests have come from behavioral scientists in other parts of the country, hoping that Mr. Lennon might appear there. To illustrate: The undersigned on June 14, spoke with Dr. Robert J. Gaukler, a leading psychiatrist and teacher, located in Villanova, Pennsylvania. Dr. Gaukler expressed the hope that if Mr. Lennon came to the United States he would be willing to appear at a meeting in Philadelphia at which a large number of the leading behavioral scientists of this portion of the country would wish to appear and meet with Lennon. The object, as Dr. Gaukler explained it, was precisely that desired by Dr. Tamarkin, who was so pleased with the possibility of Mr. Lennon's appearance at the request of NIMH. It is quite plain that these two psychiatrists, unknown to one another, saw the same problems

views of Mr. Lennon; both believed that he had very great influence amongst youth; both believe that the influence is more advantageous to society than not; both believe that he can offer insight into the attitudes and behavior of young people and thus help them (the scientists) to understand why the "generation gap" exists, and hopefully, how it can be narrowed.

There is no question that Mr. Lennon's interest in youth would lead him, at his own expense, to meet with these groups of doctors for whatever benefit they might obtain from such meetings.

It is clear that Mr. Lennon's purposes in coming to the United States are legitimate, businesslike, socially useful, and orthodox and proper. To deny him the possibility of carrying out such perfectly legitimate objectives would be to wield power without compassion and without justice.

#### E. Lennon and our Visa Policies.

There is a serious question whether it is even dignified for the United States of America to refuse a visa to a gifted and popular musician for an act that he does not justify and which, on the contrary, he now deplores. The possession of marijuana was his sin: he has publicly renounced it. If he were coming to advocate the use of marijuana, there would be justification for trying to keep him out, in support of a policy to discourage the use of marijuana. But when Mr. Lennon himself discourages by his example, the use of marijuana, what policy is served by his exclusion?

If the exclusion of such a person is morally groundless, would not the dignity of the Government suffer from excluding him? Such refusal cannot remain secret: would the explanation

refusal was arbitrary? Should our Government make arbitrary decisions? Are we too weak to make humane ones?

F. The Prior Favorable Recommendation by the State Department and Denial by the Justice Department.

Mr. Lennon's London Representative, Peter Brown, was called to the London Embassy on June 10, 1969 and advised that the Justice Department had denied a waiver of the visa application made at London. It is clear, therefore, that State recommended and Justice disapproved. It is to be hoped that State will not fail to recommend again, merely out of discouragement that Justice might not agree. Certainly State's independent functioning as contemplated by Section 212(d)(3), would be frustrated if its actions were governed by its concern that the Justice Department might disagree.

We hope that the State Department will be as favorably inclined on the Montreal application as it was with respect to the London application. We hope that the Justice Department will reconsider the matter afresh, and that this memorandum will help to dispel some adverse impressions it might have had of Mr. Lennon.

SUMMARY

Many press stories of Mr. Lennon have been pure sensationalism --sometimes with only a slight base of fact. If the District Director at New York can complain he was misquoted by the press-- as he has -- how much more can the more-often-interviewed and more loquacious Mr. Lennon make the same complaint. For the State Department or the Justice Department to draw adverse inferences from such reports would certainly not be justified.



This is clearly a case in which the U.S. Government agencies are entitled to have answer to their questions from Mr. Lennon-- and it has the duty to express <sup>its</sup> doubts to Mr. Lennon or his legal representative so that groundless suspicions or inferences can be clarified and corrected.

In view of Mr. Lennon's anti-marijuana views, to hold his marijuana conviction against him when he wishes only to make a brief business visit, would hardly seem fair and reasonable. His personal views on marijuana, and on peaceful expression of dissent, are entirely consistent with our Government's views; and the influence of his ideas on young people could be salutary. Indeed, at the start of the now-dreaded "long hot summer", his position against violence might well serve to "cool" those portions of our youthful populace who are admirers of The Beatles and of John Lennon in particular.

In short, no harm at all can arise from granting a waiver to Mr. Lennon; much good can come of it; and a proper sense of fair play requires it.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Will Beatle take antidope stand to get U.S. visa?

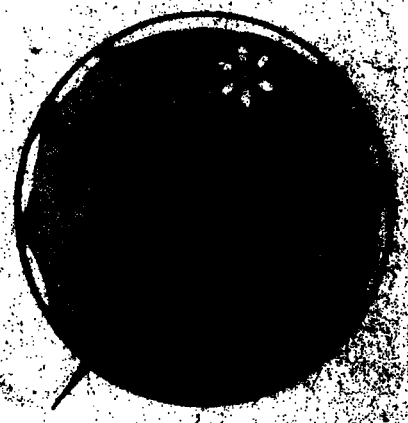
By Ray Brack

According to John Lennon, the U.S. government has hinted that he will be granted his long-sought U.S. visa if he "cops out" and prepares an antinarcotics tape for broadcast on youth-oriented radio stations throughout the country.

Lennon, denied a visa by U.S. immigration authorities because of a possession conviction in England, is eager to enter the U.S. with his wife Yoko Ono to duplicate the "bed-ins" for peace they staged in Europe and Canada. It is reported that the other Beatles—with the possible exception of Ringo—would like to join Lennon in the U.S. for a concert tour.

ASKED RECENTLY rock reporter Ritchie Yorke what he felt was the reason he's persona non grata in the U.S., Lennon said, "Well, there's obviously more reason than the technicality of possession. I think I'll get it, though. They've already offered me a deal. They implied that if I did a tape for them—an antinarcotics tape—my case would be reconsidered. I haven't told many people about that, but it's true, and that's what we're up against."

According to Lennon, the immigration people suggested that he do the tape with a U.S. senator.



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country, primarily on Top 40 radio stations. The NIMN is also buying television spots which compete with the somber warning. "Only one thing is certain about marijuana: it's illegal under provisions of a bill introduced by Sen. Thomas Dodd, the NIMN is authorized, in cooperation with the attorney general, to conduct a two-year study to determine finally whether or not marijuana should be federally regulated, and if so, how."

MEANWHILE, other levels of government have begun launching their own

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When Lennon got such a tape, he would become the most influential individual among a growing group of entertainers who have prepared antidope spots for the U.S. broadcast media. Among the celebrities now heard regularly waving the yellow flag on drugs are Bill Cosby, Barbara Bain and Martin Landau. Getting Lennon to join the team, however, may be "Mission Impossible."

Lennon and Yoko hope to hold "bed-ins" in Washington, D.C. and New York. They also have plans for a "bed-in" in Russia. "It's easier to get into Russia than the U.S.," Lennon complained, adding with some bitterness, "In the U.S. the government is busy talking about how to keep me out. If I'm a joke, as they say, and not important, why don't they just let me in?"

THE LENNONS have been compelled their unorthodox mode of peace demonstration, he explains, because most other forms of demonstration are closed to them. "We can't go out in Trafalgar Square and join in because it would create a riot. We can't lead a parade or a march because of all the autograph hunters."

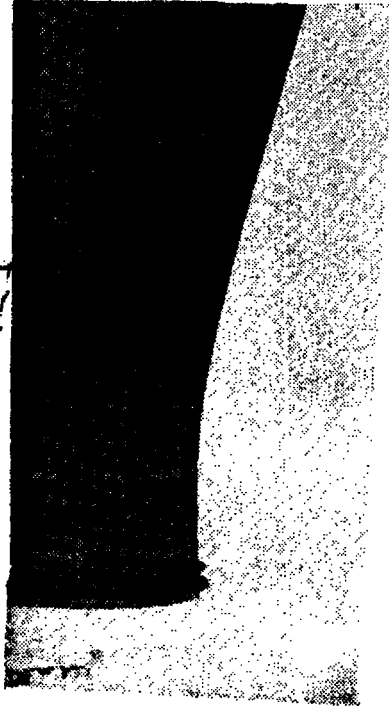
Should Lennon consent to cut an antidope tape in exchange for a visa, it would likely be produced by the National Institute of Mental Health, the agency responsible for most of the drug-abuse spots now being aired throughout the

drug-deterrent drives in conjunction with hundreds of new antidrug laws and ordinances.

California's Gov. Ronald Reagan, for instance, has been writing personally signed letters to Top-40 deejays in cooperation with a California PTA campaign to "wipe out the drug menace." Personalities at 16 top stations have received the letter, including such influential jocks as Humble Harve, Dick Saint, Jimmy Rabbitt and B'wana Johnny.

Gov. Reagan's letter, reminding the stations "You have a great responsibility to the younger generation's general welfare and well-being," asks that they insert an ad-agency-prepared antidope message as often as possible. The ad copy reads, in part, "Remember, speed kills. The best trip is reality—life is a groove."

Will Lennon compromise and join forces with Ronnie Reagan? Few U.S. Americans expect that to happen. The value of even a U.S. visa has its limits.



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...operated jointly by Dun...  
...and St. Albans. The two...  
...municipalities have discussed

pooling resources to...  
...disposal.

Snyder said poten...  
...lems face the people...  
...only a few hands...  
...from the sight of the...  
...Can a bulldozer...  
...move the cover...  
...the snows of winter...  
...spring rains?"

He continued, "E...  
...deserves some type of

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February 25, 1970

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**Assistant Commissioner  
Adjudications**

**Visa Petition by Sullivan Productions for John W. O. Lennon, A17 597 321  
and George Harrison, A18 523 008 (Members of the "Beatles")**

Mr. P. A. Espardy, District Director, New York City telephoned on February 25, 1970 to advise that Mr. Bob Frucht, representing Ed Sullivan Productions, telephoned today to advise that the services of the "Beatles" were no longer needed or desired by Ed Sullivan Productions. Mr. Frucht stated he was calling to notify the Immigration and Naturalization Service so that the subjects would not use the petition filed by Ed Sullivan Productions to gain entry into the United States.

I immediately notified Mr. George H. Owen, Director, Visa Office, Department of State of the foregoing. He stated he would call the Embassy in London to ascertain whether visas had been issued. If they have been issued and the subjects have not embarked to the United States he will issue instructions to cancel the visas.

Mr. Owen advised on February 26, 1970 that the American Embassy at London had informed him that visas had not been issued to the subjects and since the petitioner did not desire their services the visas would be refused.

CC: A17 597 321, John W. O. Lennon

CC: A18 523 008, George Harrison

CC: W/T - LYNCH, JOHN

TC:SB:dmm