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CO 703.731
August 29, 1972

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Investigator

John Lennon, A17 597 321, NYC

Miss Elizabeth Roe of Congressman Gibbons' office on August 28, 1972, called concerning the subject's case. She asked if there had been any further developments and specifically whether or not the Service representative had filed a brief. She was advised that the government's brief had not yet been filed and that the matter is still pending. Written confirmation was not requested.

Mr. Lambert, ABUL, NYC, in response to my telephonic inquiry of the same date, reported that Trial Attorney Schiano is in the process of preparing a draft brief which will be forwarded to the General Counsel's office for approval. Schiano hopes to have the draft completed by September 1, 1972.

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cc: CWU

Attention: Mr. Mason

cc: WF - Congressional Inquiries and Responses FY - 1973

cc: WF - John Lennon

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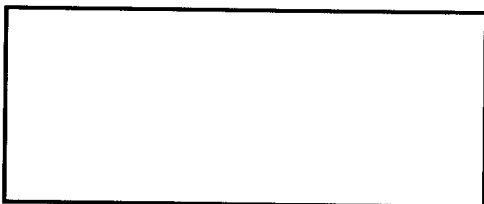
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Attorney General Kleindienst has asked me to reply to your letters of July 2, 1972, concerning the illegal alien situation in New York City and the current Service action against Mr. John Lennon.

Your concern over these matters is certainly understandable. The number of lawful temporary admissions to the United States increased from two million in 1965 to a current annual rate in excess of 4,800,000. Most of these aliens are well-intentioned individuals who carry out the planned purpose of their visits and then depart. Unfortunately, however, a proportionate number of them continue to violate their lawful temporary status each year by seeking unauthorized employment. Thus the number has been rising for the past several years.

You may be assured, however, that this Service is responding to these developments with every reasonable means at our disposal. We are already engaged in an intensive program of immigration law enforcement carried out by several thousand officers throughout the nation. The major thrust of this effort is being directed toward the detection of illegal status aliens working or seeking employment in unfair competition with American labor. Strong emphasis is also placed on the location and removal of unlawful aliens receiving welfare. While there are those who would criticize these efforts, the fact is that some 467,000 deportable aliens were removed from the United States as a result of such operations during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972.

In response to your comments on the current Service action to deport John and Yoko Lennon, you may be assured that this case is being vigorously prosecuted. The Lennons' deportation hearing before a special inquiry officer was finally concluded on May 17,

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1972. A relating brief has been filed by Mr. Lennon's attorney and the trial attorney representing the Service is currently preparing to submit a brief in reply. The special inquiry officer will thereafter enter his decision based upon his consideration of all relating evidence.

While I recognize that these procedures seem unduly lengthy, it is essential in all such matters that the defendant's right to due process be very carefully observed throughout the proceedings.

Your interest and views on these matters of Service concern are most appreciated.

Sincerely,

James F. Greene
Associate Commissioner
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Mr Richard Kleckley
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Dept. of Justice
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20536

Date **AUG 16 1972**

To:

- Regional Commissioner
 - Burlington
 - Richmond
 - St. Paul
 - San Pedro

Attention: Assistant Regional Commissioner, Investigations

District Director New York, New York

Attention: Assistant District Director, Investigations

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re: **JOHN and YOKO LENNON case;**
A17 597 321 and

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- For your information.
- For necessary action.
- Submit report.

Enclosed are ten pieces of correspondence from the public, without reply being made thereto, for inclusion in the John Lennon file.

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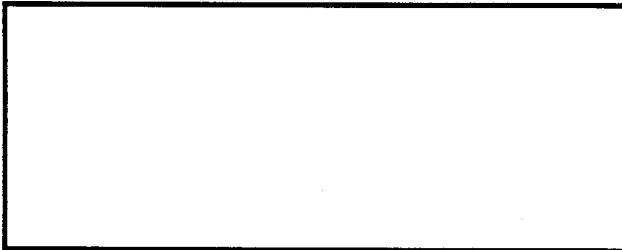
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President Nixon has asked me to respond to your recent letter to him concerning the pending deportation proceedings against John and Yoko Lennon since this is a matter within the jurisdiction of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The deportation hearing before a special inquiry officer originally scheduled for March 16, 1972, and adjourned on several occasions, was concluded on May 17, 1972. At that time, the special inquiry officer gave Mr. Lennon's attorney until July 1, 1972, within which to file a brief. The brief was timely received and the trial attorney representing the Service was given a similar period in which to submit a brief in reply. Thereafter, the special inquiry officer, will enter his order based upon his consideration of all the evidence and with complete regard for their right to due process. It is anticipated that this order, which is subject to appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals, will be entered by mid-September.

I trust that the foregoing will help clarify the state of the proceedings in this matter.

Sincerely,
/s/ James F. Greene

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James F. Greene
Associate Commissioner
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CD 703.995
July 11, 1972

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Investigator

John Lennon

Mr. Feldman, of Congressman Paul McCloskey's office, on July 10, 1972, called concerning the subject. He was furnished information contained in our letter of June 20, 1972, to Congressman Brown. However, information concerning the brief and hearing was modified to conform to that contained in the attachment to our memorandum of July 6, 1972. Written confirmation was not requested.

✓ cc: WF - John Lennon

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*8/9/72 Eisenstein says Govt. Brief will be filed prior to 9/11/72. Info. furnished to Resick, Cong. Talbot's Office, at his request
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Carl J. Mack, Jr.
Assistant Executive Assistant

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July 6, 1972

Carl G. Burrows
Assistant Commissioner, Investigations

John and Yoko Lennon

In view of recent developments in the subjects' cases, I have prepared the attached, which you may wish to utilize in connection with congressional inquiries. The District Director, New York, New York on July 5, 1972, furnished the information on which the attached was prepared.

cc: District Director, New York, New York
Attention: Assistant District Director, Investigations

With attachment for your information. Files A17 597 321 and [redacted] relate.

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cc: Mr. John H. Lehmann

With attachment for your information.

cc: WF - John Lennon

With attachment.

cc: WF - Yoko Lennon

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RE: JOHN AND YOKO LENNON

The deportation hearing before a special inquiry officer originally scheduled for March 16, 1972, and adjourned on several occasions, was concluded on May 17, 1972. At that time, the special inquiry officer gave Mr. Lennon's attorney until July 1, 1972, to file a brief. The brief was timely received and the trial attorney representing the Service was given a similar period in which to submit a brief in reply. Thereafter, the special inquiry officer, will enter his order based upon his consideration of all the evidence and with complete regard for their right to due process. It is anticipated that this order, which is subject to appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals, will be entered by mid-September.

As soon as the special inquiry officer enters a decision in the matter, I will again contact you.

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CO 709.719

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Dear Mr. Rees:

Reference is made to your letter of June 20, 1972, and to prior correspondence, concerning Mr. John Lennon.

Taking your questions in the order asked:

1. It makes no difference whether Mr. Lennon was convicted in Great Britain or the United States.
2. An alien who would be inadmissible because of a conviction of a misdemeanor classifiable as a petty offense by reason of the punishment actually imposed may be granted a visa and admitted to the United States, if otherwise admissible, provided the alien has committed only one such offense. However, the petty offense exception does not apply to an alien who has been convicted of an offense involving narcotic drugs or marijuana.
3. A statute. (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(23)).
4. Inadmissibility to the United States because of a conviction of possessing marijuana may be waived to permit the entry into the United States of an alien for a temporary period, as was done in Mr. Lennon's case. It may not be waived for an alien who seeks to reside permanently in the United States.

I trust the foregoing will help to clarify Mr. Lennon's situation for you.

Sincerely,

Raymond F. Farwell
Commissioner

Honorable Thomas M. Rees
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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**cc: District Director, New York, New York
Attention: Assistant District Director, Investigations**

**Copy of letter under acknowledgment for your information
and inclusion in A17 597 321.**

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cc: WF - John Lennon

THOMAS M. REES
26TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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June 20, 1972

Mr. Raymond F. Farrell
Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Washington, D. C. 20536

Re: CO 703.917

Dear Mr. Farrell:

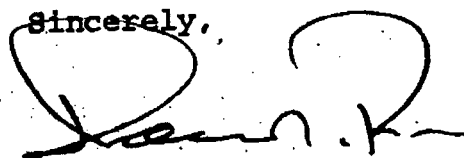
Thank you very much for your letter of May 25 in
response to my inquiry regarding Mr. John Lennon.

In further reference to this case I will appreciate
knowing:

1. According to Immigration regulations, does it make a difference whether or not Mr. Lennon was convicted in Great Britain rather than the United States? *Law* *no*
2. Does the Immigration policy apply to all people convicted of any misdemeanor or just to those convicted of misdemeanors involving marijuana? *Law* *CINT* *of* *latter*
3. Is the INS policy regarding marijuana a statute or a regulation? *statute*
4. Does INS have discretionary power to grant relief in such a case? *NO* *NO - not for relief*

Thank you very much for your continued assistance.
I'll look forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely,



THOMAS M. REES, M.C.

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June 30, 1972

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Investigator

John Lennon

Miss Elizabeth Rea, Congressman Sam Gibbons' office on June 30, 1972, called to determine if there have been any further developments in subject's case. She was advised that the matter is still pending. (She had called on June 12, 1972, at which time she had been advised of the status of the case.) I also told her that in the event of an adverse decision, Lennon would be given an opportunity to take an appeal to the BIA.

/S/ WCN

✓ cc: WF - John Lennon

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CO 703.987
June 23, 1972

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Investigator

John and Yoko Lennon

Miss Lynn Garber, of Congressman Whalen's office called on June 23, 1972, concerning the subjects. She was furnished the information contained in our letter of June 20, 1972, to Congressman Brown. Written confirmation was not requested.

cc: WF - Congressional Inquiries and Responses - FY - 1972.

cc: WF - John Lennon

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cc: WF - Yoko Lennon

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June 23, 1972

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Investigator

John Lennon

On June 22, 1972, Miss Lynn Saabo of Congressman Vigorito's office called concerning the subject. Information contained in our letter of June 15, 1972, to Senator Taft was furnished her. No written reply was requested.

cc: WF - Congressional Inquiries and Responses - FY - 1972

cc: WF - John Lennon

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John and Yoko Lennon

Miss Kathy Gullfoy, Congressman Blackburn's office, called on June 20, 1972, concerning the subjects. Information contained in our letter of June 15, 1972, to Senator Taft was furnished her. Written confirmation was not requested.

cc: Congressional Inquiries and Responses - FY - 1972

cc: WF - John Lennon ✓

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cc: WF - Yoko Lennon

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June 20, 1972

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Investigator

John Lennon

Miss Elaine Hackett, Congressman Joe Waggoner's office on June 19, 1972, called concerning the subject. Information contained in our letter of June 15, 1972, to Senator Taft was furnished her. Written confirmation was not requested.

cc: WF - Congressional Inquiries and Responses - FY 1972

cc: WF John Lennon

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June 20, 1972

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Investigator

Mr. & Mrs. John Lennon

Mr. Tony DiStefano, Congressman Charles Carney's office on June 20, 1972, called concerning the subjects. Information contained in our letter of June 15, 1972, to Senator Taft was furnished him. Written confirmation was not requested.

cc: WF - Congressional Inquiries and Responses - FY - 1972

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CO 703.950

Dear Senator Baker:

Reference is made to your letter of June 12, 1972, with enclosure, concerning Mr. John Lennon.

Mr. 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. However, his entry may be authorized under a special provision of law for a temporary visit.

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.

Since Mr. Lennon did not depart from the United States within the time authorized, deportation proceedings were instituted against him 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 awarded a third preference classification by this Service to be used in applying for an immigrant visa.

The deportation hearing before a special inquiry officer originally scheduled for March 16, 1972, and adjourned on several occasions, was concluded on May 17, 1972. The special inquiry officer reserved his decision in the matter and gave Mr. Lennon's attorney until July 1, 1972, to file a brief. The decision will be rendered in his case only after all the evidence has been considered, and with complete regard for his right to due process.

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The enclosure to your letter is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

Raymond F. Farrell
Commissioner

Honorable Howard H. Baker
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Enclosure

cc: District Director, New York, New York
Attention: Assistant District Director, Investigations

Copy of letter under acknowledgment for your information
and inclusion in A17 597 321.

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cc: WF - John Lennon

With copy of incoming correspondence.

cc: WF - Congressional Inquiries and Responses FY - 1972.

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June 12, 1972

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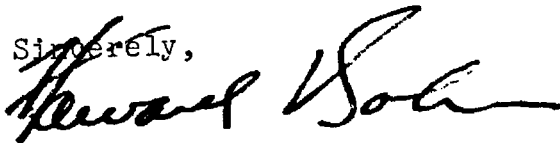
Honorable Raymond Farrell
Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization
Service
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

W.H.B.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

I have enclosed correspondence from a constituent which, I believe, is self-explanatory. I will be grateful for any information you might provide that will assist me in responding to this inquiry.

Sincerely,



Howard H. Baker, Jr.

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JUN 14 1972

CO 703.930

Dear Senator Brooks:

Reference is made to your recent letter, with enclosure, concerning Mr. and Mrs. John Lennon.

Mr. 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. Nevertheless, his entry may be authorized under a special provision of law for a temporary visit.

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 a third preference classification by this Service to be used in applying for an immigrant visa.

The deportation hearing before a special inquiry officer originally scheduled for March 16, 1972, and adjourned on several occasions, was concluded on May 17, 1972. The special inquiry officer reserved his decision in the matter and gave Mr. Lennon's attorney until July 1, 1972, to file a brief. The decision will be rendered in their cases only after all the evidence has been considered, and with complete regard for their right to due process.

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