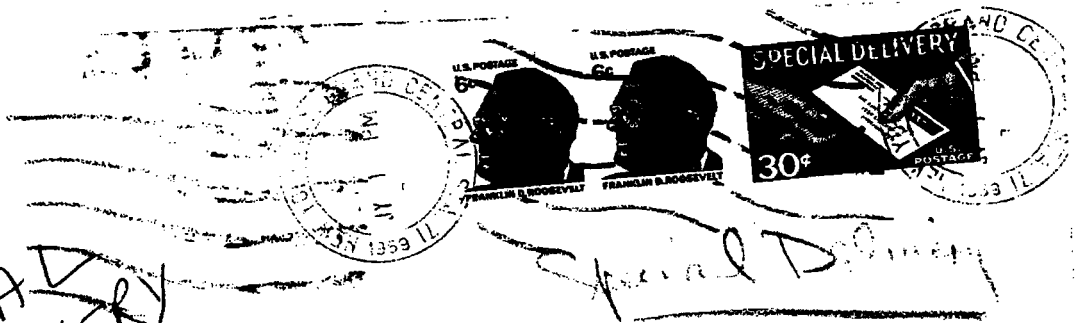


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MURRAY HILL 6-8855

June 24, 1969.

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

Re: Visa Application of John Lennon

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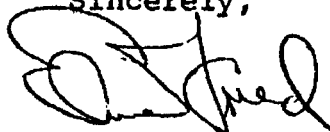
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Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. John Lehmann  
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*JL*

*Yes - but I select  
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*Jim B.*

From \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

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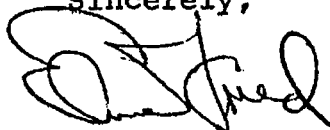
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Your letter of June 17, 1969, to the Attorney General, concerning Mr. John Lennon, has been referred to me for reply.

As you are undoubtedly aware from publicity in this case, Mr. Lennon had been found by consular officers of the Department of State to be ineligible for the issuance of a visa because of his conviction on narcotic charges. His request for a waiver of the existing grounds of ineligibility was carefully considered and denied.

Eligibility for issuance of visas is determined by consular officers of the Department of State. When an alien is ineligible for a visa requests temporary admission to the United States notwithstanding an existing ground of ineligibility, the consular officer or the Department of State may recommend to this Service that temporary admission be authorized. At the present time, no such recommendation is pending before this Service.

The expression of your views in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

James F. Greene  
Associate Commissioner  
Operations

CC: W/F - John Lennon

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CO 212.24-C  
June 26, 1969

Memorandum for File

John A. Lehmann  
Deputy Associate Commissioner, Travel Control

John Lennon, A17 597 321

Mr. Owen called to inquire whether I had received a copy of a letter from Dr. Wynne, National Institute of Mental Health, addressed to Mr. and Mrs. John Lennon. I told him I had not seen the letter although I was aware of it. (The letter was received in my office subsequent to the telephone conversation).

Mr. Owen wished to state that he has now learned that the National Institute of Mental Health has cancelled its invitation to John Lennon and wishes to postpone the seminar to sometime in the future. He also has heard that the NIMH informed Attorney Fried that the State Department cancelled the meeting. Mr. Owen stated that is not true, that the State Department would not take upon itself to cancel any such meeting. He believes that the Science Advisor at State might have said to Dr. Wynne something to the effect "what good could Lennon do to your seminar?"

Mr. Owen also inquired as to whether I had a copy of the brief submitted to him by Attorney Fried. I told him we had, ~~not~~. He said he is also trying to determine whether he will write to the Service and recommend a waiver. I told him the position of the Service has not changed and that it was improbable for the Service to overrule the Attorney General.

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CC: W/F - John Lennon  
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President Nixon has asked me to thank you for your recent telegram regarding Mr. John Lennon.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

NEEDED IS YOUR HELP IN VISA MATTER JOHN LENNON STOP  
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GRATITUDE OF FREE-WORLD YOUTH STOP WITH ADMIRATION I  
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Remarks

*Jim, I thought you might like to see these before we file them.*

*Thanks. We'll give him a " for effort."*

*Jim*

From \_\_\_\_\_

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June 23, 1969

A17 597 321

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

Re: Visa Application of John Lennon

Dear Mr. Owen:

I enclose the words of two songs which reveal the attitude of Mr. Lennon with respect to violence. I particularly call your attention to the second song, called "Revolution", which shows clearly his total objection to violence.

Sunday night, June 22, 1969, Channel 5 broadcast a "Metromedia News Special" which revolved around an interview with Lennon and his wife at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal. I am trying to obtain a transcript of that program because he was specifically asked questions about violence, including campus violence and violence in the streets, and he rejected any form of violence. He and his wife both spoke about the importance of keeping on talking with, and extending a hand to, "The Establishment". Mrs. Lennon asked how it could be expected that "The Establishment" would extend a hand to the young generation if that generation was not willing to extend a hand to "The Establishment".

Obviously Mr. & Mrs. Lennon's position was clearly in favor of "peaceful dialogue" as distinguished from forceful activities of any kind. If I can obtain a copy of the transcript I will get it to you. It might be easier to get a video tape to you than to get a transcript; but I assume you could not get the equipment to re-run the video tape. It was very revealing, and would convince you of his total sincerity, and of the helpfulness that his views might have to soften some of the clamorous voices which we hear so often and so vehemently.

Sincerely yours,

*Elmer Fried*

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Deputy Commissioner, INS

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June 21, 1969.

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

Re: Visa Application of John Lennon

Dear Mr. Owen:

My memorandum did not deal with one of the questions that seems to be of interest to the Government, to wit, whether misrepresentations were made in connection with the first visa application made in London, when Mr. Klein, an American business manager for Mr. Lennon, stated to Washington officials that one of the purposes of the visit was to have Mr. Lennon take part in an anti-drug campaign of some kind.

I have never met Mr. Klein, and only once had occasion to speak with him. I was, in fact, introduced to Mr. Lennon through Triumph Investment Trust, Ltd., of London, an investment firm which owns an interest in the Beatles through purchase of the interest of the deceased Brian Epstein, their former Manager. Mr. Klein's statement concerning Mr. Lennon's intention was made without the advance knowledge or consent of Mr. Lennon. I have no doubt that Mr. Klein, an outstandingly successful business-man, honestly believed that he could obtain prompt compliance from Mr. Lennon with any request that he made; and I have no doubt, therefore, that Mr. Klein honestly believed that, if it would help Mr. Lennon to get a visa, by his participating in an anti-drug campaign, he (Mr. Klein) could commit Lennon to do so. The fact is, of course, that Mr. Lennon had no plan to do so and, when the issue finally arose, it appears that Mr. Klein was overly-optimistic concerning Mr. Lennon's response. But then, Mr. Klein manages the business affairs of Mr. Lennon, and should perhaps not have taken it for granted that his own views on what Mr. Lennon should do would necessarily prevail over Mr. Lennon's views.

I am sure, therefore, that your office was not the victim of any deliberate misrepresentation with respect to this matter.

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To hold Mr. Lennon responsible for this occurrence would manifestly be unjust. I think that the credibility of Mr. Lennon's views is, in fact, heightened by this clear illustration of his unwillingness to be false to his own self just because it might be convenient. It should be even more clear that the anti-drug and non-violence attitudes expressed by Mr. Lennon are sincere, from the fact that he declined to make an insincere statement or pledge (concerning his willingness to campaign against drugs), just to get into the United States.

Finding published material to corroborate the points mentioned in my memorandum, is not simple, since the only available newspaper with an Index (The New York Times) has shown very little interest in the affairs of the Beatles, or any one of them. I am continuing my quest for such material while, at the same time, hoping that your own sources of information (which are certainly vastly superior to mine) will already have told you that all of the representations made in my memorandum concerning his views, are correct.

I am able to enclose a photostat of a New York Times story from an AP London dispatch of November 28, 1968, which contains a report of the marijuana conviction. That article notes that the Magistrate accepted the explanation that neither Mr. Lennon nor his present wife, indulged in marijuana, and that the marijuana in his belongings was from the time he openly used it. In a book called "The Beatles" by Hunter Davies, published by Dell Publishing Co., Inc., in 1968, it is stated (Page 259) that:

"By August 1967, they had given up drugs. By actively thinking, reading and discussing spiritual matters, they decided that artificial stimulants like drugs were no real help. It was better to get there without them."

I will, of course, forward to you, as soon as possible, any additional material I can locate. In the meanwhile, I have every confidence that you and the officials of the Department of Justice, will give this matter fair-minded consideration. I did speak with John Lehmann after speaking with you last Wednesday, and gave him copies of my memorandum which he said that he would read; but, of course, he did express the position



that, since he had nothing before him (in the form of a recommendation from your Office), there was nothing for him to actively consider.

Naturally, if there is any other information you wish to have, just ask and if it is available, I will bring it or have it brought to your Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elmer Fried".

ELMER FRIED

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Encl.

cc: Mr. John Lehmann, Deputy Commissioner, INS

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## "ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE"

WRITTEN BY JOHN LENNON  
AND PAUL McCARTNEY

Publ. JULY 5, 1967 - In England

LOVE, LOVE LOVE  
 LOVE, LOVE LOVE  
 LOVE, LOVE LOVE  
 Nothing you can do that can't be done  
 Nothing you can think that can't be sung  
 Nothing you can say but you can learn how to play the game  
 it's easy...  
 Nothing you can make that can't be made,  
 No-one you can save that can't be saved,  
 Nothing you can do but you can learn how to view in time,  
 it's easy...  
 All you need is love  
 All you need is love  
 All you need is love  
 Love, love is all you need...  
 Nothing you can know that isn't known,  
 Nothing you can see that isn't shown,  
 No-where you can be that isn't where you meant to be,  
 it's easy...  
 All you need is love  
 All you need is love  
 All you need is love  
 Love, love is all you need....

## "REVOLUTION"

WRITTEN BY JOHN LENNON  
AND PAUL McCARTNEY

Publ. SEPTEMBER 4, 1968 In England

You say you want a revolution  
 Well, you know we all want to change the world  
 You tell me that'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  
 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,  
 Dont you know it's going to be alright

Revolution continued:

You say you'll change a constitution  
Well, you know we all want to change your head,  
You tell me it's the 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.

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Deputy Associate Commissioner  
Travel Control

June 23, 1969

Deputy Assistant Commissioner  
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John Lennon, A17 597 321

Mr. De Grace, Visa Office, Department of State, called me to inquire whether we had gotten a letter from Dr. Marwan R. Tamerkin, Ward Administrator, Section on Psychiatry, Laboratory of Clinical Science, National Institute of Mental Health.

He said Dr. Tamerkin had addressed a letter to Mr. Owen, dated June 20, 1969, enclosing a letter sent to Mr. and Mrs. Lennon, from Dr. Lyman C. Wyase, Chief, Adult Psychiatry Branch, National Institute of Mental Health on June 16, 1969, relative to their attending a seminar at the National Institute of Mental Health to be held between June 23 and July 8, 1969. Mr. Owen is interested in knowing whether we received a similar letter.

I informed Mr. De Grace that we had no record of having received any similar letter from Dr. Tamerkin but that Dr. Tamerkin had spoken with you about John Lennon on June 19, 1969 at which time you advised him that nothing concerning Lennon was pending before this Service.

The relating "A" file was charged to New York on May 14, 1969.

~~CC: W/F - JOHN LENNON~~

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| <p>Attached for your information and possible consideration are two letters which are self-explanatory from Dr. Tamarkin and Dr. Wynne of National Institute of Mental Health.</p> <p>Please call me when you have had an opportunity to study it.</p> |  |                       |                  |                  |          |      |
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June 20, 1969

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Dr. G. H. Owen  
Director of Visa Office  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Owen:

Here is a copy of the letter that we have sent to Mr. and Mrs. John Lennon. I feel that it is self-explanatory and indicates rather specifically what we would like. If you have any further questions concerning Mr. Lennon's proposed seminar, I would be happy to either write up a more lengthy memorandum or speak with you personally.

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w/f J. Lennon*

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Norman R. Tamarkin*

Norman R. Tamarkin, M.D.  
Ward Administrator, 4-West  
Section on Psychiatry  
Laboratory of Clinical Science  
National Institute of Mental Health

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June 16, 1969

Mr. and Mrs. John Lennon  
Apple Corps  
25 Saville Row  
London W1, England

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lennon:

We understand that you are planning to be in the United States in the near future and wish to take this opportunity to invite you to meet with some of our staff at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

For a number of years, the clinical and research programs of the National Institute of Mental Health have emphasized, especially in the work of the Adult Psychiatry Branch, studies of adolescents and young adults and the problems of the so-called "generation gap." We have been concerned with such issues as creativity, the resolution of conflicts of values, within and between the generations, and the use of drugs, such as LSD. We have been using individual, family, and group methods of interviewing and therapy to explore the nature of these problems, as well as a variety of research methods from the fields of psychobiology, psychiatry, and the social sciences. We have believed that an open exchange of views about these complex and vexing issues will assist ourselves and others in understanding more fully how creativity and individual identity may be sustained or enhanced in the presence of the contradictory pressures and conflicts of the "real" world.

Because we feel that you have been a spokesman for an important viewpoint in this area and have succeeded in maintaining your creative activities under diverse circumstances, we would like to hear directly from you about your ideas and the direction of your current thinking.

I wish to invite you to join with us in a seminar under the auspices of the Adult Psychiatry Branch, in which we would plan

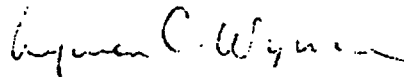


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to have a dialogue with one another about some of the issues I have briefly mentioned above. In order to insure that this be a serious exchange of ideas, we would plan to limit the participating group to 25 or 30 staff members and consultants to the National Institute of Mental Health whose interest in these problems has already been established and whose work in this field will continue in the future. The press would be excluded. In order that we not be deluged by thousands of young fans from the area, which would make the seminar difficult if not impossible, we wish to avoid advance publicity.

Because of other travel plans of myself and other staff, we would prefer to have you come some time between June 23 and July 8, but not Thursday or Friday, June 26 or 27. I understand that this may be compatible with your intentions about visiting the United States. The further details of the scheduling can be worked out directly with Dr. Norman Tamarkin of the staff here. Needless to say, we will be pleased to hear from you as soon as circumstances make a decision possible.

Yours sincerely,



Lyman C. Wynne, M.D., Ph.D.  
Chief, Adult Psychiatry Branch  
National Institute of Mental Health

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Deputy Associate Commissioner, Travel Control

John Lennon, A17 597 321

Mr. Lezar an author from California discussed the subject with Mr. Greene and me today. He urged that the subject be permitted to enter the United States because of the good influence he would have on young people. He stated he had talked with Mr. Fred Smith of the Visa Office and he had also talked with the Deputy Attorney General. The latter informed him the waiver would not be granted. He has seen Mr. Smith again, who suggested he go to the Attorney General. The Attorney General in turn referred him to this Service. office

Mr. Greene explained the subject is inadmissible because of his convictions and the request for a waiver has been denied and at the present time there is nothing pending before us.

Mr. Lezar indicated he would go back to the State Department and request them to submit something to the Department of Justice.

I inquired of Mr. Lezar as to his concern in the matter. He stated he has had difficulty in selling some of his stories, but he recently met Lennon in Canada and Lennon assured him that he would help with his latest story which involves the Beatles.

CC: W/F John Lennon

TC:JML:blh

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**Dr. Herman Tamarin**

**John M. Lehmann, Deputy Associate Commissioner  
Travel Control**

**Re: John Lennon, A17 597 321**

Dr. Herman Tamarin 14-42141 called today and advised that George Owen had suggested that he call me. Herman Tamarin is a staff psychiatrist for the National Institute of Mental Health. He and others on the staff are very interested in having John Lennon come to appear before 25 or 30 behavioral scientists from NIMH and consultants to the Institute. They wish to talk with Lennon about his view on the generation gap and use of drugs and creativity. They would like to conduct one or two seminars which would be limited to scientists only. They want no publicity.

Dr. Tamarin said Dr. Lyman Wines, Chief of Adult Psychiatry Branch of NIMH officially invited Lennon on June 16, 1969.

Dr. Tamarin went on in some length as to how he believes that Lennon would have something to contribute to the group if the meeting were held in an educational setting. He also stated that he visited Lennon when the latter was in Canada recently for the purpose of ascertaining whether Lennon was a rational person or under the use of drugs or whatever. He came to the conclusion that Lennon was a serious man who would contribute much to the NIMH. I told Dr. Tamarin that nothing concerning Lennon was presently pending before this Service.

CC: John Lennon - W/F

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*Mr. Lehmann*

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JOHN LENNON :

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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.

REASONING

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 friendly relations with advocates of a contrary persuasion and

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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.

It should be observed that even with respect to the Vietnam

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 amongst the youth of the day, and the same possibility in learning how to cope with it through meeting with John Lennon. Both physicians are surprisingly familiar with the publicly expressed

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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.

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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.

When to deny?  
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 deplors. 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 of the marijuana conviction really suffice, when everyone knows that Mr. Lennon neither uses nor advocates, and in fact, disavows the use of marijuana? Might there not arise the feeling that the

refusal was arbitrary? Should our Government make arbitrary decisions? Are we too weak to make humane ones? *No!*

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.

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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 <sup>have</sup> it ~~has~~ the duty to express <sup>their</sup> its doubts to Mr. Lennon or his legal representative so that groundless suspicions or inferences can be clarified and corrected.

3. 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.

4. 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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CO 212.24-C  
June 18, 1969

FILE

John M. Lehmann  
Deputy Associate Commissioner, Travel Control

John Lennon, A17 597 321

Mr. Elmer Fried called last week and stated he was going to New York on Wednesday, June 18 to discuss the case of John Lennon with Mr. George Owen of the Visa Office. At that time he inquired whether he might also visit the Central Office. I told him then that this Service had nothing before it concerning Lennon and furthermore the authorization of a waiver is a matter between the Department of State and the Service and there is no vehicle whereby the alien through his attorney could appear before us.

Today Mr. Fried appeared at my office and stated he was doing so at the request of George Owen. Mr. Fried stated he had no intention of coming since I had explained to him the situation on the phone, but Mr. Owen indicated it would be to no avail for the Department of State to request a waiver if this Service continued to refuse to authorize a waiver. Mr. Owen therefore suggested he come over and furnish this Service copies of the memorandum in support of a Section 212(d)(3) waiver in behalf of the subject that he gave to Mr. Owen.

In addition to giving me copies of the memorandum, copy of which is attached, he reiterated most of the information he furnished me on June 4, 1969. Mr. Fried appears to be thoroughly convinced that the subject intends to come to the United States for business purposes only and will not participate in any demonstrations.

Mr. Fried requested that if I did not make the final decision that I would pass on to the decision maker his request that he be permitted to present the subject's case should the Service be inclined to deny the waiver application.

CC: W/F John Lennon

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**Memorandum for File**

**CO 212.24-C  
June 10, 1969**

**Assistant Commissioner  
Inspections**

**John Lennon, A17 597 321**

**Mr. Eric Hughes, Deputy Director, Visa Office, advised that the Department of State had received a telegram from the Consul General, Toronto, advising that the subject departed Toronto June 5, at 2100 for Frankfurt, Germany.**

**The message stated that (1) the official Canadian Immigration hearing was adjourned as Lennon withdrew his formal application for admission to Canada; (2) the Consulate General was not contacted by the subject during the time he was in Canada; and (3) press notices stated he returned to London to await action from his U.S. visa application.**

**CC: W/F John Lennon**

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CO 212.24-C  
June 9, 1969

John M. Lehmann  
Deputy Associate Commissioner, Travel Control

John Lennon, A17 597 321

Mr. Owen of the Visa Office advised that he has now confirmed that the subject departed from Canada on June 5, 1969, at 21000 destined to Frankfurt. His request for admission to Canada was adjourned without ruling on his admissibility.

Mr. Owen also advised that the Visa Office has sent a visas twenty-four cable concerning the subject to London, Montreal and Toronto. Visas twenty-four states that the circumstances in the case do not warrant exercise of 212(d)(3)(A) but that the case should be resubmitted if the consular officer believes refusal adversely affects the foreign relations of the United States or the public relations of the post or if it is otherwise embarrassing.

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June 6, 1969

John M. Lehmann  
Deputy Associate Commissioner, Travel Control

John Lennon, A17 597 321.

Mr. Owen, Visa Office, called today and advised that on June 4, 1969, Under Secretary of State Richardson called Deputy Attorney General Kleinman and recommended a 212(d)(3) waiver on behalf of the subject. Mr. Kleinman refused to authorize the waiver. Accordingly, there will be no waiver in this case and Mr. Owen will so inform Attorney Fried if he should call him.

Mr. Owen also advised he has also been informed that it has been reported that subject withdrew his application for admission to Canada yesterday and planned to fly to London last night. He will attempt to verify this and let us know.

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CO 212.24-C  
June 4, 1969

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John M. Lehmann  
Deputy Associate Commissioner, Travel Control

John Lennon

Attorney Elmer Fried called today from New York advising that he wished to discuss the case of John Lennon. He knew that subject was inadmissible and would need a 212(d)(3) waiver before he could be admitted.

I told Mr. Fried that no recommendation for a waiver has been submitted and at the present time we have nothing before us. I suggested he discuss the matter with the Visa Office. He indicated he would call Mr. Owen since he already sent him a telegram.

He requested that if we should get a recommendation from State he be permitted to come and discuss the matter with us. He requested that we call him collect.

Even though Mr. Fried knew there was nothing pending before us he spent considerable time discussing the subject. He claims he spent two hours with him in Montreal and he, Fried, is convinced that Lennon does not intend to cause havoc, participate in any disruptions or any demonstrations or any displays of any kind and will not make any anti U.S. speeches concerning the Viet Nam war.

Mr. Fried stated that he would like to have an opportunity to <sup>discuss</sup> John Lennon's sober side since without such a presentation the Government would probably be guided by newspaper accounts. HE also advised that Lennon had a press conference yesterday and before the press conference Fried advised Lennon to not answer any questions concerning his visa application but to refer such questioners to Fried. One reporter did call Fried who told him the officers of the State Department and Immigration are very fair men and always made wise decisions and was certain a proper decision would be made in this case. Mr. Fried indicated the reporter lost interest when there was nothing exciting to discuss.

Mr. Fried also stated the newspapers always push the sensational side of Lennon's activities and that if during a 90 minute interview 88 minutes could be devoted to serious, sober minutes but if two minutes were devoted to sensationalism of any kind the reporters would concentrate on that. Mrs. Lennon advised that recently she was quoted in the Canadian papers as saying "It would be groovy if Paul Trudeau would participate in the bed-in with the Lençons". Mrs. Lennon advised Mr. Fried that the truth of the matter is that while the Lençons were discussing their own bed-in someone

asked if they would like to meet Mr. Trudeau and Mrs. Lennon said that would be very nice.

Mr. Fried stated that Lennon is not against U.S. activity in the war to any greater extent than he is to all warring nations. He believes in peace and love and that war is terrible. People should love each other. He is against the use of the word "pigs" when that term is used for police. He tells his friends that the police are our brothers, we must talk with them and express our viewpoints. He believes in keeping an open dialogue with older people so that both age groups could learn to understand each other. He states that some young people think he is anti-revolutionary since he does not believe in violence. Last week during the Berkeley Park demonstration Mr. Fried stated that Lennon telephoned from Canada to several of the Berkeley leaders and advised them against the use of violence and said they should disperse and go home if any trouble arose. He apparently split with Joan Baez over this issue.

Mr. Fried states that Lennon's purpose in coming to the United States is to discuss business affairs with record companies and have a meeting with Simon and Schuster. It appears Mrs. Lennon has written the text of several records and she too is involved in the business meetings. Mr. Fried has been in touch with a representative of the National Institute of Mental Health who indicated they would appreciate it if Lennon would come to Washington to appear before their group and submit to interrogation. The formal invitation to this will be submitted by the Institute as soon as the President returns. The Institute believes that with proper psychological study of Lennon they could learn much about young people in general.

Mr. Fried advised that Lennon will not participate in any kind of a campaign against the use of drugs since he believes that each person should make up his own mind and he does not believe that he should tell others what to do. If any one should ask him, however, his personal belief he would tell them he is opposed to the use of all drugs. He refused to make a tape with a Senator since he would not advocate against the use of drugs.

Lennon admits that he has used marijuana in the past but gave it up sometime ago. When he was moving to take up residence with the present Mrs. Lennon his chauffeur brought all of their belongings and in one of the cases some marijuana was found. That was the basis for his conviction for that of the possession of marijuana. Lennon claims that he had long since stopped using it and does not know whether the marijuana was his or one of his friends.

Mr. Fried stated that he advised Lennon that he (Fried) has a reputation for honesty and he would not want to make representations to the United States Government if Lennon would not do what he promised. Lennon stated he understood and was very sincere about causing no trouble. If he rushes he could complete all of his activities here in about ten days but if he is invited to appear before the National Institute of Mental Health he would like to be here about three weeks.

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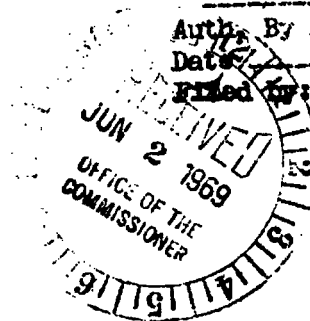
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# Memorandum

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TO : James F. Greene, Associate Commissioner, Operations  
Central Office

DATE: May 28, 1969

FROM : Sol Marks, Deputy District Director  
New York, New York

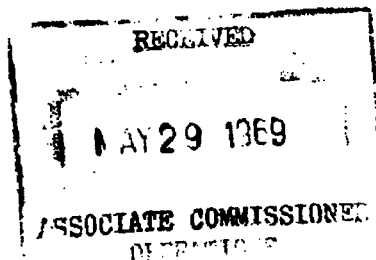
SUBJECT: John LENNON, Member of the Beatles

In accordance with your telephonic request today, I spoke with Miss Bess Trinks, Privilege and Immunities Officer, United States Mission to the United Nations. She checked this matter with UNICEF and learned that a Mr. Weaver of the United States Committee for UNICEF, a non-governmental organization interested in supporting the activities of UNICEF, had received a call from Mr. Allan Klein of Abko Industries asking if UNICEF would be interested in receiving the proceeds from a benefit performance by John Lennon at the Felt Forum in Madison Square Garden. Mr. Weaver told Mr. Klein that his organization would need time to consider it and determine whether they would find it acceptable. No date was ever mentioned to Mr. Weaver and no specific commitments were made. It was simply an "approach" and nothing more.

We have also learned by checking independently with the Madison Square Garden Corporation that Lennon's agent, a Richard Seaman, had inquired as to the feasibility of renting space in the Felt Forum with a view to "putting on a show" in which John Lennon would appear. UNICEF was not mentioned and nothing further was discussed.

It appears obvious that Lennon or persons in his behalf are attempting to rig things so that a future application for admission will bear some philanthropic coloration.

*Sol Marks*



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CO 703.996  
May 29, 1969

Associate Commissioner, Operations

John Lennon

Congressman Podell called Tuesday evening with regard to the Lennon case. He desired to know the status of same. He was informed of what had transpired and the fact that the Service had declined to grant the waiver in view of the lack of specific information as to what Lennon proposed to do if he came to the United States.

Congressman Podell asked whether Lennon's appearance at Madison Square Garden in a rally supporting UNICEF would make any difference in our decision in this case. I informed him that I was not aware of any arrangement or any request for Lennon to appear in the United States at any such rally. However, I would check it out and advise him.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1969, Mr. Marks, Deputy District Director at New York, endeavored to find out from the U. S. Mission, United Nations, whether there was any such rally scheduled. He informed me that a Mr. Weaver, who is connected with the "Committee" which supports UNICEF, had been contacted by Allen Klein, Lennon's agent in the U.S., at which time Klein asked whether they would be interested in permitting UNICEF's name to be used in a fund-raising rally at Madison Square Garden. Nothing was decided, no dates were set, there is no rally scheduled, ergo no performers have been selected. It was not stated whether Lennon would appear as a paid or unpaid performer.

Congressman Podell was informed of what I had learned from Mr. Marks. Also, he was informed that the Service has no application or request pending to admit Lennon to the United States for any purpose; that if Lennon desired to enter the United States he must make application with a consular officer abroad and the matter would probably be referred to the Visa Office, who, if they desired to issue such a visa, would recommend to the Service the granting of a waiver. I further informed him that as far as I can find out the State Department has