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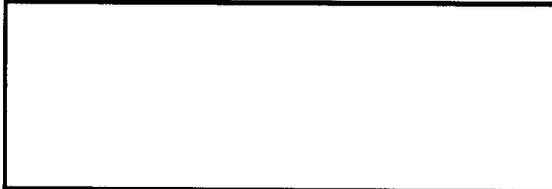
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Your letter of April 20, 1972, addressed to the Attorney General, concerning Mr. John Lennon, was referred to us because it involves a matter within the jurisdiction of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Mr. Lennon is inadmissible for a visa and admission into the United States because of a conviction of possessing narcotics. 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 proceedings, the Department of Labor issued a labor certification on his behalf and he was accorded a third preference status by this Service.

Mr. Lennon's case is pending before a special inquiry officer and the next scheduled hearing date is May 22, 1972. I have no doubt that, in this case as in other cases, the Service will continue to adhere to its high standards of fairness and impartiality.

Sincerely,

James F. Gross
Associate Commissioner
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cc: District Director, New York, New York
Attention: Assistant District Director, Investigations

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in 417 597 321.

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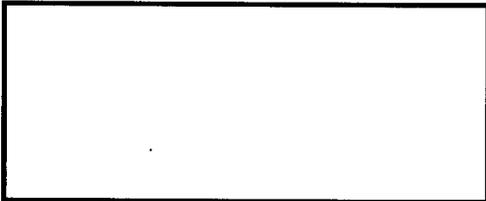
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Your letter of recent date to the Attorney General, concerning Mr. John Lannon, was referred to me because it involves a matter within the jurisdiction of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Mr. Lannon is ineligible for a visa and admission into the United States because of a conviction of possessing narcotics. 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. Lannon'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. Lannon's child by a previous marriage. His entry was authorized for those purposes upon the recommendation of the Department of State.

Since Mr. Lannon 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 proceedings, the Department of Labor issued a labor certification on his behalf and he was accorded a third preference status by this Service.

Mr. Lannon's case is pending before a special inquiry officer and the next scheduled hearing date is May 11, 1972. I have no doubt that, in this case as in other cases, the Service will continue to adhere to its high standards of fairness and impartiality.

Sincerely,

James F. Green
Associate Commissioner
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cc: District Director, New York, New York
Attention: Assistant District Director, Investigations

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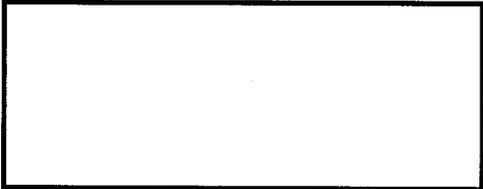
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President Nixon has asked us to respond to your letter of April 28, 1972, concerning Mr. John Lennon, because it is a matter within the jurisdiction of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Mr. Lennon is ineligible for a visa and admission into the United States because of a conviction of possessing narcotics. 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.

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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 proceedings, the Department of Labor issued a labor certification on his behalf and he was accorded a third preference status by this Service.

Mr. Lennon's case is pending before a special inquiry officer and the next scheduled hearing date is May 12, 1972. 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.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
James F. Green
Associate Commissioner
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cc: District Director, New York, New York
Attention: Assistant District Director, Investigations

With copy of letter under acknowledgment for your information
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cc: WF - John Lennon

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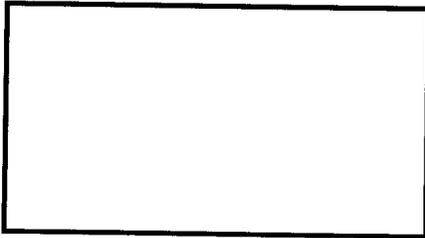
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Reference is made to your letter of April 29, 1972, concerning Mr. John Lennon.

Mr. Lennon is ineligible for a visa and admission into the United States because of a conviction of possessing marijuana. 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.

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Mr. Lennon's case is pending before a special inquiry officer and the next scheduled hearing date is May 12, 1972. I have no doubt that, in this case as in other cases, the Service will continue to adhere to its high standards of fairness and impartiality.

Sincerely,

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Attention: Assistant District Director, Investigations

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cc: WF - John Lennon

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MAY 4 - 1972

CO 837-G

The Rt. Rev. Paul Moore, Jr.
Diocese of New York
Synod House, Cathedral Heights
New York, New York 10025

Dear Bishop Moore:

Your letter of April 12, 1972, with enclosure, addressed to The Under Secretary of State, concerning Mr. and Mrs. Lennon, was referred to me because it involves a matter within the jurisdiction of this Service.

Deportation proceedings against Mr. and Mrs. Lennon were instituted on the ground that they had remained in this country for a longer time than permitted and their cases are pending before a special inquiry officer. A decision will be rendered in their cases only after all the evidence has been considered, and with complete regard for their rights to due process.

Sincerely,

James F. Greene
Associate Commissioner
Operations

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

Correspondence under acknowledgment attached for your information and inclusion in A17 597 321.

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cc: WF - John Lennon

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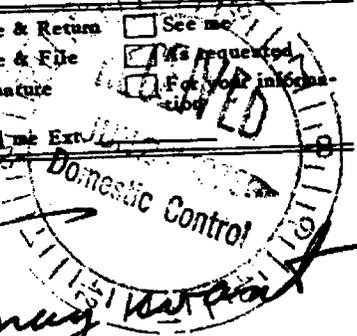
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Mr. Farrell

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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DATE: May 4, 1972.



TO : Mr. Greene

FROM : Mr. Isenstein

SUBJECT: John Lennon - A17 597 321

John Lennon arrived in the United States as a visitor on August 13, 1971 and overstayed. At the deportation proceeding which will be held in New York on May 12, 1972, he will apply for permanent residence under section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1255. At that time he will be obliged to establish that he is not inadmissible to the United States.

John Lennon was convicted in England for possession of marijuana. Under section 212(a)(23) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(23), this renders him inadmissible to the United States.

It is understood that his counsel plans to bring some action in England to extinguish the marijuana conviction. It is not known what form this action will take.

Pardon. A pardon granted by a foreign government does not avert exclusion or deportation. Weedin v. Hempel, 28 F.2d 603 (C.A. 9, 1928); Consola v. Karnuth, 108 F.2d 178 (C.A. 2, 1939); Sohaiby v. Savoretti, 195 F.2d 139 (C.A. 5, 1952).

Expungement. The Attorney General has drawn a distinction between expungement for narcotic and marijuana offenses and crimes involving moral turpitude. In Matter of A.F., 8 I&N Dec. 429; (A.G. 1959), it was held that an expungement under California law was ineffective to relieve from exclusion or deportation. In Matter of Ibarra-Obando, 12 I&N Dec. 576, (A.G. 1967), it was held that expungement of a crime involving moral turpitude under California law did avert exclusion and deportation but the Attorney General reiterated the position expressed in Matter of A.F., that where a narcotic or marijuana conviction was involved, expungement did not extinguish the ground for exclusion or deportation. The courts have followed this position. Kelly v. INS, 349 F.2d 473, (C.A. 9, 1965), cert. den. 382 U.S. 932; Brownrigg v. INS, 356 F.2d 877, (C.A. 9, 1966); Gonzalez de Lara v. U. S., 439 F.2d 1316, (C.A. 5, 1971).

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Coram Nobis. The expungement of a crime by a writ of coram nobis has been held to remove the conviction for the offense from consideration for exclusion and deportation. Matter of Sirhan, 13 I&N Dec. _____ (I.D. 2052 (1970)); See Sawkow v. INS, 314 F.2d 34 (C.A. 3, 1963). This has been held to be true even with respect to narcotic and marijuana convictions. Matter of O'Sullivan, 10 I&N Dec. 320 (1963); Matter of Sirhan, supra.

The position of the courts with respect to the effect of a coram nobis proceeding upon narcotic and marijuana convictions is not known. But see Cruz-Sanchez v. INS, 438 F.2d 1087.

One matter to be assessed would be whether the coram nobis proceeding was brought specifically for the purpose of averting deportation. Cf. Klonis v. Davis, 13 F.2d 630 (C.A. 2, 1926); Piperkoff v. Esperdy, 267 F.2d 72 (C.A. 2, 1959).

Another matter would be whether the foreign proceeding might be regarded in the same light as a foreign pardon. Zgodda v. Holland, 184 F.Supp. 847 (1960).

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May 4, 1972

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Investigator

John Lennon

Mrs. Sherry Fryling, Congressman Carlton King's office called on May 3, 1972, concerning the subject. She stated the congressman has been receiving many letters about Lennon and she wanted to prepare some kind of response. In answer to her questions, she was told that the deportation proceedings are based on his remaining for a longer time than permitted, the matter is before a special inquiry officer, and, the next scheduled hearing date is May 9, 1972.

cc: WF - John Lennon

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Investigator

John and Yoko Lennon

Mr. Lambert, NYC, on May 4, 1972, telephonically advised Mr. FLAGG that the hearing has been postponed to May 12, 1972, at the request of Leon Wilder.

cc: Mr. Greene, Associate Commissioner, Operations

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cc: WF - John Lennon

cc: WF - Yoko Lennon

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CO 893-C

Mr. Jon Hendricks
Committee for Artistic Freedom
1 White Street
New York, New York 10013

Dear Mr. Hendricks:

With reference to your letter of April 24, 1972, you are advised that the material you enclosed in support of Mr. and Mrs. John Lennon's desire to remain in the United States has been made a part of their files.

Sincerely,

/s/ James F. Greene

by
~~James F. Greene~~
Associate Commissioner
Operations

CC: DISTRICT DIRECTOR - NEW YORK, NEW YORK
Correspondence under acknowledgment and enclosures
are attached for your information and file A17 597 321.

CC: W/P - John LENNON

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APR 21 1972

CO 703.1080

Dear Mr. Terry:

Reference is made to your letter of April 11, 1972 with enclosure from [redacted] concerning Mr. John Lennon.

Mr. Lennon is ineligible for a visa and admission into the United States because of a conviction of possessing marijuana. 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 proceeding 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 after all of the factors in his case had been carefully evaluated.

Since Mr. Lennon did not depart from the United States within the time authorized, he is presently the subject of deportation proceedings.

Sincerely,

Raymond F. Farrell
Commissioner

Honorable John H. Terry
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Enclosure

CC: A17 597 321 (NYC)

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CC: W/F - John Lennon [redacted]

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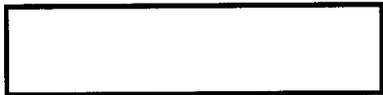
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The Honorable *DC*
Commissioner *COMMISSIONER* and F. Farrell
Immigration & Naturalization
Service
119 D Street, NE
Washington, D. C.

The attached communication is sub-
mitted for your consideration, and to ask
that the request made therein be complied
with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in
this matter and have the letter returned to
me with your reply, I will appreciate it.



Very truly yours,

John H. Terry
John H. Terry, M.C.

34th New York District.

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APR 18 1972

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Dear Mr. Dow:

Reference is made to your letter of April 6, 1972, with enclosure, concerning Mr. John Lennon.

Mr. Lennon, a native and citizen of England, last entered the United States on August 13, 1971, as a visitor for pleasure. He was found by the American Consul, who considered his application for a visitor's visa, to be ineligible for same because of his conviction on November 28, 1968, for possession of cannabis resin. Despite this ground of ineligibility, he was issued a visa and was admitted to this country on a temporary basis pursuant to the provisions of Section 212(d)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. On February 15, 1972, Mr. Lennon was granted a change of nonimmigrant status to perform temporary services as an alien of distinguished merit and ability and his stay in this country was authorized until February 29, 1972. Subsequently, he was given to March 15, 1972, to depart voluntarily from the United States.

Prior to March 15, 1972, it was ascertained that Mr. Lennon had no intention of effecting his departure by that date. Therefore, the privilege of voluntary departure was revoked and deportation proceedings were instituted against him on the ground that he had remained in this country for a longer time than permitted. The deportation hearing, before a special inquiry officer, which was originally scheduled for March 16, 1972, was adjourned to April 18, 1972.

The decision will be rendered in Mr. Lennon's 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 John G. Dow
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Enclosure

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

For inclusion in file A17 597 321. With copy of letter
under acknowledgment. Copies of this letter and its
attachment are being furnished the Regional Commissioner,
Burlington, Vermont.

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cc: Regional Commissioner, Burlington, Vermont
Attention: Associate Deputy Regional Commissioner, Operations

For your information.

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

cc: WF - John Lennon

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

✓ CO 837-C

TO : File

DATE: December 5, 1972

FROM : James F. Greene
Associate Commissioner, Operations

SUBJECT: JOHN LENNON

New York District Director, Mr. Sol Marks, informed me today that the Government's brief has been filed with the SIO. The Lennon's counsel was given an opportunity to file a cross brief. He has asked for more time to file his answer. Counsel requested until March, 1973, and SIO Fieldsteel has the matter under consideration. Lennon's counsel has advised that the officer who arrested Lennon in Britain has been convicted of taking a bribe (?) and it is for this reason he asked for the extended period to file his brief.

CC: Richard W. Cull, Jr., Public Information Officer

CC: Carl G. Burrows, Assistant Commissioner, Investigations

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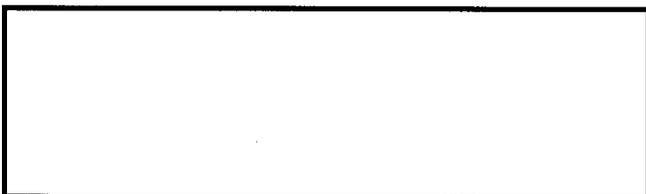


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This will acknowledge receipt of the copy of your letter dated August 12, 1972, and endorsed by you on October 2, 1972, concerning Mr. and Mrs. John Lennon.

I am unable to locate a record of having received the original of your letter. However, I am satisfied that it was forwarded to the District Director of this Service in New York, New York, who has jurisdiction over their cases.

The deportation hearing before a special inquiry officer was concluded on May 17, 1972, and, as you are aware, Mr. Lennon's attorney was given 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 reply. The matter is still pending before the special inquiry officer who will enter his order based upon his consideration of all the evidence.

Sincerely,
/s/ James F. Greene

by Jr

James F. Greene
Associate Commissioner
Operations

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

For your information and inclusion in the relating file.

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President Nixon has asked me to respond to your letter concerning Mr. and Mrs. John Lennon because it involves a matter within the jurisdiction of this Service.

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. 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 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 reply. 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.

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Your interest in writing concerning the matter is appreciated by both President Nixon and myself.

Sincerely,

1/31 1971

by *Jrc*
~~James F. Greene~~
Associate Commissioner
Operations

cc: White House Central Files
Attention: Mr. Frank Matthews, Room 68
Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

For your information.

DC:WCM:dlw

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

For your information and inclusion in the relating file.

✓ cc: WF - John Lennon

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