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The enclosure to your letter is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

Raymond F. Farrell
Commissioner

Honorable Edward W. Brooke
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
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cc: WF - John Lannon
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United States Senate
OFFICE OF THE
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Re: Norman Knight

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Respectfully referred to

Congressional Liaison,

Immigration Service

for such consideration as the communication
herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report
thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of
inclosure.

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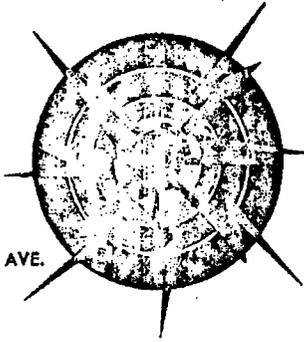
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REC'D BOSTON OFFICE

June 2, 1972

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The Honorable Edward W. Brooke
JFK Office Building
Government Center
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Ed:

An editorial I have just recently presented over my New England stations, concerns itself with a situation which I think you feel very strongly about.

After reading this editorial concerning the Lennons, which I am enclosing, I would hope that you might consider bringing this to the attention of the Immigration Services.

I do not know the Lennons, but I would feel just as deeply about any individual looking for a youngster.

I hope this finds you in good health, and with my warmest personal wishes,

Cordially,


Norman Knight

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(Call Letters) and the Knight Quality Stations now presents an editorial, which might be entitled "Is This Really Subversion?"

Our government is pressing deportation proceedings against Ex-Beatle, John Lennon and his wife, Yoko Ono. Apparently, they overstayed their visitor's visas, and because of a conviction on marijuana charges four years ago, in England, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services moved very promptly to deport them. In all fairness, the Immigration Services' lawyer has said that he is allowed no discretion in this case.

On the other hand, the Lennons want to locate Yoko Ono's eight year old daughter by a previous marriage, to movie producer Anthony Cox. The Lennons were awarded custody of the child by a Texas court with a restriction that the daughter who is named Kyoko, must be raised in the United States. Both Cox and Kyoko disappeared and the Lennon's have been unable to locate the young girl.

A Hearing Officer asked Yoko whether she would want resident status if John Lennon was deported. Yoko replied that she did not think he would ask any human to choose between her husband and her daughter - but she was mistaken, because he did.

Lawyers will be very busy between now and July 1, when the Lennons will meet here on with the U.S. Government's Department of Immigration and Naturalization, since briefs must be filed by that date. Meantime Lord Harlech, former British Ambassador, said publicly that he did not believe America "would be subverted by the presence of a single young artist of Lennon's views and accomplishments. And, quoting Yoko herself, "I would really like to stay here and look for my daughter". We really don't want to judge John Lennon's past experiences. The

but that is not the point. What is important is that a couple of human beings want to find a little girl and that they want to stay in this country, so that they can locate her. We think that you should let the President and Congress know if you believe the Lennon's should stay here at least long enough to find her daughter. It would seem that some real heartbreak could be prevented by an executive order from the White House to the Immigration Services.

If at a later date, the service wants to judge John Lennon regarding the desirability of him achieving permanent status, let them do it. But for now, we should like to see the Lennons given the opportunity to stay here temporarily until they find Kyoke, and then prove to the service that they could make the kind of home for her that would make them good residents of a country that has heart.

When we ask ourselves the question "Is this really subversion?" we can't believe that anyone would honestly answer in the affirmative. We are talking only about a mother that wants to find her child, and then make a good home for her, and we can't think of anything further removed from the word subversion.

This has been an editorial by the Knight Quality Stations presented over the facilities of (Station Call Letters) as a public service. Equal time will be made available to those parties expressing viewpoints different than our own. All comments and suggestions are welcome including ideas for other editorial subjects.

SIGNED AND MAILED

JUN 16 1972

CO 703.26

Dear Senator Mansfield:

Reference is made to your letter of May 31, 1972, with enclosure, concerning Mr. and Mrs. John Lannon.

Mr. Lannon is ineligible for a visa and admission into the United States because of a conviction of possessing smuggled goods. 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.

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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. Lannon'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. Lannon'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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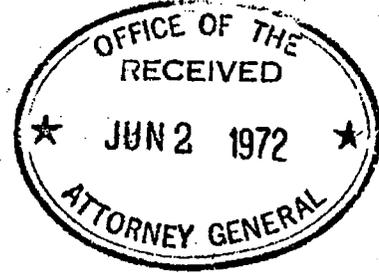
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MONTANA

United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

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OFFICE OF THE
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May 31, 1972



Hon. Richard G. Kleindienst
Acting Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Enclosed is an editorial I have received from a young Montanan, [redacted] now enrolled at the University of Chicago, expressing support for efforts being made in behalf of former Beatle, John Lennon in his efforts to obtain permanent residence status in the U.S.

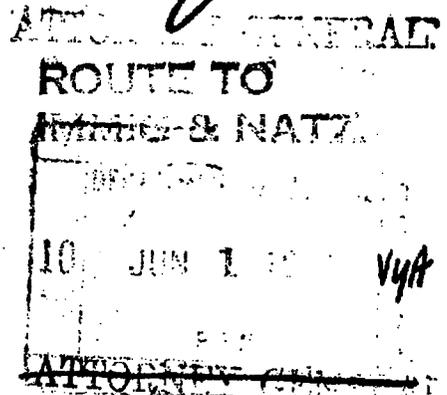
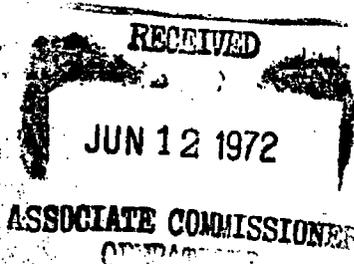
So that I could be fully informed in responding to this inquiry I would appreciate having a statement from the Department as to their current position on this matter. Thank you and please return the enclosure for my files.

With best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mike Mansfield

Enclosure ✓



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Mon., May 22, 1972

Editorial Page

Let John Lennon stay

What good can possibly be served by denying former Beatle John Lennon permanent residence in the United States and thereby breaking up his family? The Justice Department is seeking to deny permanent status to Lennon because he has a 1968 conviction in England for possession of marijuana.

Lennon, on the other hand, wants to remain because his wife, Yoko Ono, must raise her daughter by a former marriage, Kyoko, in this country. Mrs. Lennon has legal custody of the child but stipulated as part of the divorce that she would raise the child here.

An additional complication arises from the fact that Kyoko's father, Anthony Cox, has disappeared with his child, and the Lennons insist — with considerable justification, it seems to

us — that they must stay in the United States to search for them.

The tenuous and cold-blooded quality of the government's stand came to light Wednesday, when government attorney Vincent Schianno asked Mrs. Lennon at a hearing in New York if she would accept permanent residency here even if John were deported.

"That's a hard decision to make," she said. "You're asking me to choose between my husband and my child."

United Automobile Workers president Leonard V. Woodcock, former British ambassador to Washington Lord Harlech and New York Mayor John V. Lindsay have all urged the government to rule in the Lennons' favor. It seems to us that President Nixon, who places such store in family unity, might also add his voice to theirs.

JUN 20 1972

CO 703.952

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Reference is made to your letter of June 12, 1972, 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 15, 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 case only after all the evidence has been considered, and with complete regard for their right to due process.

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Commissioner

Honorable Lee H. Hamilton
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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June 12, 1972 19

Congressional Liaison
Immigration and Naturalization
Service

119 D. Street N.E.

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
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Yours truly,

M. C.

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CO 703.942

Dear Mr. Brown:

Reference is made to your letter of June 14, 1972, 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 cannabic 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 awarded a third preference classification by this Service to be used in applying for an immigrant visa.

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Honorable Garry Brown
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Attention: Assistant District Director, Investigations

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GARRY BROWN
3D DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

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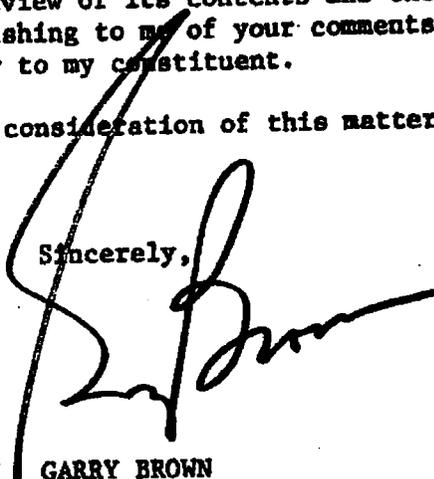
I forward to you herewith a communication received by me regarding a constituent.

I would appreciate your careful review of its contents and the taking of appropriate action or the furnishing to me of your comments so that I may furnish an appropriate reply to my constituent.

Thanks in advance for your prompt consideration of this matter.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



GARRY BROWN

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

Mr. and Mrs. Lennon were last admitted into the United States on August 13, 1971, as temporary visitors, for business purposes and to attend a custody hearing in court proceedings in connection with Mrs. Lennon's child by a previous marriage. Since they failed to depart from this country within the period authorized for their stay, deportation proceedings were instituted against them on that ground.

The deportation hearing before a special inquiry officer was concluded on May 17, 1972, and their cases are now pending before that official. A 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.

Sincerely,
/s/ James F. Greene
by Jrc
James F. Greene
Associate Commissioner
Operations

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

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Justice

29 April 1972

Dear Mr. President:

We would like to respectfully urge you to allow Yoko and John Lennon to stay in the United States, and not deport them. Ranging the powers of the U.S. Government against two good people whose only desire is to raise their child in this country seems unconscionable to us.

Sincerely,

W. G. F.

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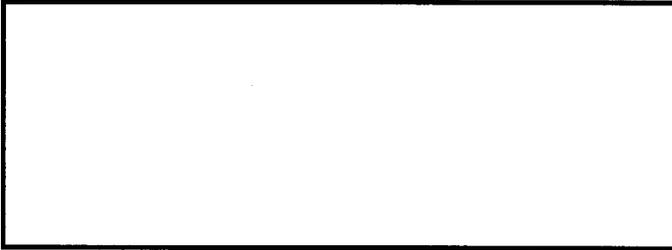


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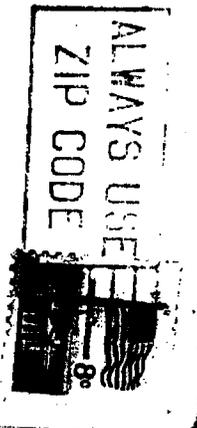


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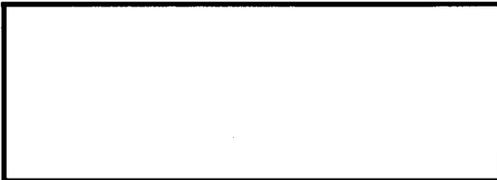
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JUL 1 1972

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Dear Mr. Forsythe:

This is in response to your telephonic request on June 13, 1972, concerning Mr. and Mrs. John Lennon's immigration status.

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

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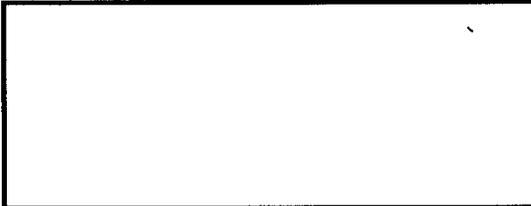
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Sincerely,

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

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President Nixon has asked me to respond to your letter of May 30, 1972, concerning Mr. and Mrs. Lennon because it involves a matter within the jurisdiction of this Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennon were last admitted to the United States on August 13, 1971, as temporary visitors, for business purposes and to attend a custody hearing in court proceedings in connection with Mrs. Lennon's child by a previous marriage. Since they failed to depart from this country within the period authorized for their stay, deportation proceedings were instituted against them on that ground.

The deportation hearing before a special inquiry officer was concluded on May 17, 1972, and their cases are now pending before that official. A 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.

Sincerely,
/s/ James F. Greene

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Dear Senator Taft:

Reference is made to your letter of June 9, 1972, 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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The enclosure to your letter is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

Raymond F. Farrell
Commissioner

Honorable Robert Taft, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Enclosure

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

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ROBERT TAFT, JR.
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Honorable Raymond F. Farrell
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Immigration and Naturalization Service
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Enclosed is communication I received from
and I would appreciate information which would assist me in
preparing a suitable reply. Please return the correspondence
after it has served its purpose.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Taft, Jr.

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