Presley, Elvis A.

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FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

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MR. SOYARS	
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MISS GANDY	
SEE ME	
NOTE AND RETURN	
PREPARE REPLY	
SEND MEMO TO ATTORNEY GENERAL	
FOR YOUR RECOMMENDATION	
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January 29, 1972

President Richard M. Nixon
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

I had recently read in the newspaper that you had arranged for Elvis Presley, who is a police buff, to receive a Federal Narcotics badge. I too am a police buff, I collect badges and join and support many police associations, besides also being a Special Deputy Sheriff.

I know you can not issue a Federal Narcotics badge to everyone who wants one, but I'm interested whether there are any Federal law enforcement departments that I may be able to be made an Honorary or Associate member, or something of that nature.

I would appreciate any help you or your office may be able to give.

Sincerely,

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January 4, 1971

Mr. Elvis Presley
3764 Highway 51, South
Memphis, Tennessee 38101

Dear Mr. Presley:

I regret that it was not possible for me to see you and your party during your visit to FBI Headquarters; however, I do hope you enjoyed your tour of our facilities.

Your generous comments concerning this Bureau and me are appreciated, and you may be sure we will keep in mind your offer to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Memphis
1 - Las Vegas
1 - Los Angeles

PERSONAL ATTENTION SAC'S: For your information, Presley, accompanied by Mr. William N. Morris, former Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee, and a party of six other individuals visited FBI Headquarters on 12-31-70. Presley offered to be of assistance on a confidential basis should there ever be need of his services.

MAILED 8
JAN 4 1971
COMM-FBI

1 - Mr. Sullivan (detached)
1 - Mr. Bishop (detached)
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan (detached)
1 - Miss Gandy (detached)
1 - Miss Holmes (detached)
1 - Mr. M. A. Jones (detached)

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to Mr. Bishop Memo dated 1-4-71, captioned "Elvis Presley, William N. Morris, Former Sheriff, Shelby County, Tennessee, Bureau Tour 12-31-70."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 12-30-70

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: WILLIAM N. MORRIS
FORMER SHERIFF, SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
ELVIS PRESLEY
REQUEST FOR BUREAU TOUR AND MEET WITH
THE DIRECTOR

Mr. William N. Morris, former Sheriff, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, telephoned Assistant Director Casper from the Washington Hotel today and advised that he was in town with the well-known entertainer Elvis Presley and six other people in Presley's party and inquired concerning the possibility of a tour of our facilities and an opportunity to meet and shake hands with the Director tomorrow, 12-31-70. Morris indicated to Mr. Casper that Presley had just received an award from the President for his work in discouraging the use of narcotics among young people and for his assistance in connection with other youth problems in the Beverly Hills, California, area.

Mr. Casper advised Morris that the Director was out of the city, however, that he, Casper, would see what could be done to arrange a tour for Morris, Presley and party. Morris advised that he could be reached at Room 702, Washington Hotel, telephone number 638-5900.

BACKGROUND:

By memorandum dated 12-22-70, which is attached, you will recall that Senator George Murphy (Republican-California) telephoned your office on 12-21-70 and advised that Presley had accompanied him, Murphy, to Washington on a flight from Los Angeles and expressed interest in meeting the Director during his stay in Washington.

Murphy described Presley as a very sincere young man who was interested in becoming active in the drive against the use of narcotics, particularly by young people. Murphy indicated that he had arranged an appointment for Presley with John Ingersoll, Director of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

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Murphy was advised that the Director was out of the city and not expected to return until around the first of the year at which point he requested that someone from the Bureau get in touch with Presley and express the Director's regrets. This was done.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Casper
1 - Miss Gandy
1 - Miss Holmes
1 - Mr. Malmfeldt
1 - Tour Room
1 - M. A. Jones

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M. A. Jones to Mr. Bishop Memo
RE: WILLIAM N. MORRIS AND ELVIS PRESLEY

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Bufiles reflect that Presley has been the victim in a number of extortion attempts which have been referred to the Bureau. Our files also reflect that he is presently involved in a paternity suit pending in Los Angeles, California and that during the height of his popularity during the latter part of the 1950's and early 1960's his gyrations while performing were the subject of considerable criticism by the public and comment in the press. The files of the Identification Division fail to reflect any arrest record for Presley.

Our Memphis Office advised that relations with former Sheriff Morris were excellent during the period he was in office, and that several men from his department were accepted for attendance at the FBI National Academy while he was Sheriff. According to Memphis, Morris is now associated with a public relations firm in that city, but that he has political ambitions and it is anticipated that he will eventually run for Mayor of Memphis.

Our files and the files of the Director's Office fail to reflect that the Director has ever met Presley or Morris.

OBSERVATIONS:

Presley's sincerity and good intentions notwithstanding he is certainly not the type of individual whom the Director would wish to meet. It is noted at the present time he is wearing his hair down to his shoulders and indulges in the wearing of all sorts of exotic dress. A photograph of Presley clipped from today's "Washington Post" is attached and indicates Presley's personal appearance and manner of dress.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Director permit someone from your office to return former Sheriff Morris' call and advise him that while we will be pleased to afford him, Presley and their party a special tour of our facilities tomorrow, 12-31-70, that it will not be possible for the Director to see them.

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PEOPLE



Wirephoto from International

Entertainer Elvis Presley leaves Trinity Baptist Church in Memphis after serving as best man in the wedding of his chief security officer. Presley wears a furry bell-bottomed suit. His fashion accessories include sunglasses, a medallion around his neck and a flashlight.

The Washington Post
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The Washington Daily News
The Evening Star (Washington)
The Sunday Star (Washington)
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Sunday News (New York)
New York Post
The New York Times
The Daily World
The New Leader
The Wall Street Journal
The National Observer
People's World

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 1-4-71

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ELVIS PRESLEY
WILLIAM N. MORRIS
FORMER SHERIFF, SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
BUREAU TOUR 12-31-70

Presley and Morris and six individuals who provide security for Presley visited FBI Headquarters and were afforded a very special tour of our facilities in accordance with plans approved by the Director.

Regrets were expressed to Presley and his party in connection with their request to meet the Director. Presley indicated that he has long been an admirer of Mr. Hoover, and has read material prepared by the Director including "Masters of Deceit," "A Study of Communism" as well as "J. Edgar Hoover on Communism." Presley noted that in his opinion no one has ever done as much for his country as has Mr. Hoover, and that he, Presley, considers the Director the "greatest living American." He also spoke most favorably of the Bureau.

Despite his rather bizarre personal appearance, Presley seemed a sincere, serious minded individual who expressed concern over some of the problems confronting our country, particularly those involving young people. In this regard, in private comments made following his tour, he indicated that he, Presley, is the "living proof that America is the land of opportunity" since he rose from truck driver to prominent entertainer almost overnight. He said that he spends as much time as his schedule permits informally talking to young people and discussing what they consider to be their problems with them. Presley stated his long hair and unusual apparel were merely tools of his trade and helped him gain access to and rapport with many people particularly on college campuses who considered themselves "anti-establishment." Presley said that while he has a limited education, he has been able to command a certain amount of respect and attention from this segment of the population and in an informal way point out the errors of their ways. He advised that he does not consider himself

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1 - Miss Holmes - Enclosure
1 - M. A. Jones - Enclosure

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competent to address large groups but much rather prefers small gatherings in community centers and the like, where he makes himself accessible for talks and discussions regarding the evils of narcotics and other problems of concern to teenagers and other young people.

Following their tour, Presley privately advised that he has volunteered his services to the President in connection with the narcotics problem and that Mr. Nixon had responded by furnishing him an Agent's badge of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. Presley was carrying this badge in his pocket and displayed it.

Presley advised that he wished the Director to be aware that he, Presley, from time to time is approached by individuals and groups in and outside of the entertainment business whose motives and goals he is convinced are not in the best interests of this country and who seek to have him to lend his name to their questionable activities. In this regard, he volunteered to make such information available to the Bureau on a confidential basis whenever it came to his attention. He further indicated that he wanted the Director to know that should the Bureau ever have any need of his services in any way that he would be delighted to be of assistance.

Presley indicated that he is of the opinion that the Beatles laid the groundwork for many of the problems we are having with young people by their filthy unkempt appearances and suggestive music while entertaining in this country during the early and middle 1960's. He advised that the Smothers Brothers, Jane Fonda, and other persons in the entertainment industry of their ilk have a lot to answer for in the hereafter for the way they have poisoned young minds by disparaging the United States in their public statements and unsavory activities.

Presley advised that he resides at 3764 Highway 51, South, Memphis, Tennessee, but that he spends a substantial portion of his time in the Beverly Hills, California - Las Vegas, Nevada, areas fulfilling motion picture assignments and singing commitments.

He noted that he can be contacted anytime through his Memphis address and that because of problems he has had with people tampering with his mail, such correspondence should be addressed to him under the pseudonym Colonel Jon Burrows.

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M. A. Jones to Bishop Memo
RE: ELVIS PRESLEY

It should be here noted following their tour and prior to their departure from the building, Mr. Morris indicated that Presley had been recently selected by the Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of the "ten outstanding men" in the United States and that of these ten in a ceremony to be held in Memphis sometime in January, 1971, Presley would be named as the "most outstanding" of the ten. According to Morris, similar recognition was afforded President Nixon some 25 years ago and the late President Kennedy was also a recipient of this award.

Morris observed that he has known Presley for many years, that despite his manner of dress, he is a sober, clean minded young man who is good to his family and his friends and who is very well regarded by all, including the law enforcement community in the Memphis, Tennessee, area where he was raised and still resides.

Presley, Morris, and their party expressed appreciation for the courtesies extended them.

OBSERVATION:

Presley did give the impression of being a sincere, young man who is conscious of the many problems confronting this country. In view of his unique position in the entertainment business, his favorable comments concerning the Director and the Bureau, and his offer to be of assistance as well as the fact that he has been recognized by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the President, it is felt that a letter from the Director would be in order.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to Presley be approved and sent.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 12-22-70

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ELVIS PRESLEY

Senator George Murphy (R-California) telephoned your office late yesterday to advise that captioned individual who is, of course, the prominent entertainer and motion picture personality, had accompanied him to Washington on a flight from Los Angeles and expressed interest in meeting the Director during his stay in Washington.

According to Senator Murphy, Presley, whom he described as being a very sincere young man, is deeply concerned over the narcotics problem in this country and is interested in becoming active in the drive against the use of narcotics, particularly by young people.

According to Senator Murphy in response to Presley's request, he Murphy, has arranged an appointment for Presley with John Ingersoll, Director of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. Senator Murphy advised that he was aware that the FBI has no jurisdiction in narcotics matters but wished to pass Presley's request to see Mr. Hoover along to the Director.

Senator Murphy was advised that the Director was out of the City and not expected to return until around the first of the year. Thereupon Senator Murphy requested that someone from the Bureau get in touch with Presley and express the Director's regrets.

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This has been done and Presley expressed appreciation for the call noting that as he had advised Senator Murphy, he was becoming increasingly concerned with the dissident activities and use of narcotics by young people in this country and was desirous of doing whatever he could to be of service in alleviating this problem. Presley noted that his rise to prominence in the entertainment field is evidence of what can be accomplished in this country by the poor and the deprived. He said that his relative youth and his background in the entertainment industry has helped him establish rapport with the younger generation and that in gratitude for all this country has done for him he would like to be of service. In this regard he indicated that should the Bureau

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ever have need of his services he can be reached under the pseudonym of Colonel Jon Burrows, 3764 Highway 51, South, Memphis, Tennessee, telephone number [redacted].

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Bufiles reflect that Presley has been the victim in a number of extortion attempts which have been referred to the Bureau. Our files also reflect that he is presently involved in a paternity suit pending in Los Angeles, California, and that during the height of his popularity during the latter part of the 1950's and early 1960's his gyrations while performing were the subject of considerable criticism by the public and comment in the press.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Date: April 22, 1959

To: Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ELVIS PRESLEY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached is a Photostat of an anonymous letter dated March 11, 1959; postmarked Canton, Ohio, and addressed to RCA Victor Records, 155 East 24th Street, New York 10, New York, which contains information to the effect that a Red Army soldier in East Germany is planning to kill Elvis Presley, a well-known entertainer, presently attached to the U. S. Army in Germany.

[redacted] Legal Department, RCA, has advised b7D
that the contents of this letter have been made available to Presley's manager, Colonel Thomas Parker, [redacted] Madison, Tennessee. For your information, during 1957 and 1958, one [redacted] wrote several threatening letters to Presley. [redacted] voluntarily entered the [redacted] Hospital, an institution for mental patients, at [redacted] on February [redacted]. The Assistant U. S. Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, declined prosecution of [redacted] for violation of the Extortion Statute in view of her mental condition. b7C

The handwriting on the enclosed letter was examined by the FBI Laboratory and it was concluded that the handwriting was not identical with that of known specimens by [redacted] b7C

The above is being forwarded you for your information and no further investigation will be conducted by this Bureau.

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FBI
LABORATORY INFORMATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, New York (62-12152)

Date: April 14, 1959

Re: ELVIS PRESLEY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

John Edgar Hoover, Director

REC-77
FBI File No. 63-3064
Lab. No. D-303175 DD

Examination requested by: FBI, New York

Reference: Airtel 3/24/59

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

The case entitled [redacted] ELVIS PRESLEY, VICTIM, EXTORTION, has Bureau file 9-33135.

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REPORT
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FBI LABORATORY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, New York

Re: ELVIS PRESLEY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Date: April 14, 1959
FBI File No. 9-3064
Lab. No. D-303175 DD

Specimens received 3/25/59

Q1 Envelope postmarked "CANTON OHIO MAR 12 1959 2 30 PM," addressed to "R. C. A. Victor Records 155 E. 24th st New York 10 New York," and accompanying four-page letter dated 3/11/59, beginning "Dear Sir I have just .... " and ending " .... Thank You."

Result of examination:

Specimen Q1 was searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies of this material are not being added to this file unless future developments warrant such action.

It was concluded that specimen Q1 was not prepared by [redacted] whose known handwriting has been designated as specimen K3 in the case entitled [redacted], ELVIS PRESLEY, VICTIM, EXTORTION.

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Specimen Q1 is being retained in the files of the Bureau.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet — NO LAB FILE

Re: ELVIS PRESLEY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

File # 62-[illegible]
Lab. # D-303175 [illegible] DC-

Examination requested by: FBI, New York (62-12152) 3/24/59

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 3/25/59

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted] b7C

A27 - Examination - Negative.

Q1 Q10 Q2 [redacted] K3 in 9-33135.

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Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Envelope postmarked "CANTON OHIO MAR 12 1959 2 30 PM," addressed to "R. C. A. Victor Records 155 E. 24th st New York 10 New York," and accompanying four-page letter dated 3/11/59, beginning "Dear Sir I have just..." and ending "....Thank You."

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Q2 [redacted] NY 3-9-33135 b7C

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FBI

Date: 3/24/59

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Via AIRTEL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATT: FBI LABORATORY

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (62-12152)

SUBJECT: ELVIS PRESLEY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith are the original and a Photostat of a letter dated 3/11/59, and the envelope postmarked 3/12/59, addressed to RCA VICTOR RECORDS, 155 East 24th Street, NY 10, NY, which contains information from an anonymous writer that plans had been made for a Red Army soldier to kill ELVIS PRESLEY, well-known entertainer, who is presently stationed in US Army in Germany.

[redacted] Legal Department, RCA, who made letter available on 3/19/59, advised that it had been received 3/16/59, and was handled by numerous people on the staff. [redacted] stated that PRESLEY's manager, Col. THOMAS PARKER, Box 417, Madison, Tenn., phone # Nashville 8-2858, was informed of contents of letter and he advised that letter appeared identical to letters received in past from a woman in Ohio and that FBI had already looked into matter. PARKER stated woman was "nuts." Letter contained no personal threats from writer.

Two Photostats are being forwarded for assistance of Memphis Office and it is requested that Memphis instruct Laboratory as to what action desired.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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Re: ELVIS PRESLEY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

File # 63-3064-3
Lab. # D-303178 MK DG

Examination requested by: FBI, New York (62-12152) 3/24/59

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination:

Date received: 3/25/59

Examination by: [redacted]

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Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Envelope postmarked "CANTON OHIO MAR 12 1959 2 30 PM," addressed to "R. C. A. Victor Records 155 E. 24th st New York 10 New York," and accompanying four-page letter dated 3/11/59, beginning "Dear Sir I have just..." and ending "....Thank You."

Please note.

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from

R.C.A. Victor Records.

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New York 10 New York



Mr. [redacted] Contact [redacted]

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wearing an american uniform - he is to leave West Germany slip in to West Germany some time between mar 14 + 22-nd he has been given orders to kill him even if he has to kill us + the Hotel & home where he & his father live.

Please please don't take this as a crank letter because as god is my witness this every word is true - I can not give

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my name or the relatives name in Germany the People in our Germany would be in danger and of course the sister would be killed

I had thought of writing to the President or some Government official - but I felt they would just consider it a letter from crank + not get it.

as you have a contact with Bruce + know his manager so well maybe

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God can get some action. I am not a teenager I am a mother & Grandmother

Please try to protect this young innocent soldier in what ever way you can.

Thank you

Irate Teeners Demand Elvis

Most of the 1500 bobbysoxers lined up today for the opening of Elvis Presley's first movie, "Love Me Tender" were furious when they discovered their idol wouldn't appear personally at the Paramount Theatre.

"We want Elvis—we want Elvis," the teenagers chanted, shivering from their night-long vigil behind police barricades at the theatre at Broadway and 43d st.

Although the theatre didn't open until 8 a.m., many had been in line since 9:30 last night in the hope of seeing the real-live Elvis.

"It'll be a miracle," said brunet Carol Olsen, 15, of 815 43d st., Brooklyn. "If this theatre is in one piece when we get out."

She and other bobbysoxers said they had been led to believe Elvis would hand out gifts to the first 3,000 in line for the film.

"New York Journal-American"
New York, N.Y.
November 15, 1956
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ELVIS FACES WIGGLE BAN

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 15 (AP)—A no-wiggle restriction has been place on Elvis Presley's appearance here Nov. 25.

Police chief Carl Heustis said yesterday he won't permit "any lewd, lascivious contortions that would excite a crowd" when the long-sideburned, guitar-strumming singer comes to town.

"As you can surmise," the Chief said, "I just don't happen to be one of his admirers."

"New York Journal-American"
New York, N.Y.
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Petition Circulated To Bar Elvis on TV

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 8 (AP).—Syracuse housewives toured city offices yesterday and obtained signatures to a petition to the Columbia Broadcasting System demanding that Singer Elvis Presley be barred from television shows.

A spokesman for the group, who asked that her name not be used, said she had obtained 40 signatures to the petition yesterday, and added that she and "25 to 30 others" expect to "get hundreds more—including top city officials—before sending it to CBS the end of this week."

The petition terms Mr. Presley's "physical contortions . . . vulgar, suggestive and disgusting."

The spokesman said TV Performer Steve Allen would be mailed the petition too because he had announced he had invited Elvis to appear on a program in the near future.

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"The Evening Star"
Washington, D.C.
November 8, 1956

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These Days . . . . . By George E. Sokolsky

The Teenagers Write

SINCE I got off my punditic horse to discuss the affairs of the young, they have been going for me good and proper, telling me of my ignorance of things important and how a square cannot be expected to understand anything. I am, however, pleased to know that so many of these teeners read the newspapers because, after all, they will some day grow up and get married and even become old.



Sokolsky

One young lady of 17 does not think I am old yet, that is, if I am not over 50. This girl must have gone to a progressive school because she writes:

". . . The schools nowadays teach the children to express themselves. And they sure do. They tell their parents what to do and sometimes where to go. And to be truthful about it the teachers don't know much more about teaching school than their pupils."

ANOTHER young lady of 14 writes that she considers herself fairly intelligent. But she has this to say about her favorite, Elvis:

". . . I am not trying to prove that Elvis is the greatest thing the world has ever known but I am saying that he is by far one of the greatest entertainment personalities ever and the greatest inspiration young people have had to follow in a long while."

It is too bad that the President of the United States is not the source of such devotion and admiration amounting almost to adoration. Of a child of 14, one expects a romantic view of life, a glorification of an heroic personality. But not this child. She is practical. She says:

"I will tell you—Elvis is an inspiration to strive for a new high goal. He shows America's youth that nothing is impossible. What could seem more impossible than a poor Tennessee truck driver becoming a millionaire within one year?"

This young lady listened to Tchaikovsky and Mozart but felt "absolutely nothing." Of course, neither Tchaikovsky nor Mozart ever became millionaires. In fact, Mozart had a rather tough time financially. There were no recordings in those days and teenagers were seen but not heard.

Forsooth, these children do fight for what they believe. But we oldsters need not retreat and leave the world to darkness and to noise. Civilization always wins after a struggle.

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These Days . . . . . By George Sokolsky

First in the Hearts of Teens

I RECEIVED a most instructive letter from Miss Charlotte Jones of Dallas, Texas, which I am herewith reproducing in full as a contribution to Americana. Here is the letter:



Sokolsky

"Dear Mr. Sokolsky:

"There are too many people saying that Elvis is going to die out. When Elvis dies out is when the sun quits burning.

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THESE DAYS:

She Believes Elvis Is 'The Greatest'

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY

I RECEIVED a most instructive letter from Miss Charlotte Jones of Dallas, Texas, which I am herewith reproducing in full as a contribution to Americana. Here is the letter:

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She Likes What She Likes

I have no idea how old Charlotte Jones is. She does not introduce herself with vital statistics. But she does believe that she and her "teens" have better taste than her elders, by which she means that she likes what she likes and that anyone who disagrees is a square, a jerk or a dope. Could be.

Yet, I wonder what would happen to such a hero worshipper if she spent six weeks next summer at Tanglewood listening to Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms and Tschaikovsky. All long-hair, it is true. But music is music and is supposed to thrill the heart of civilized and savage. It would be an interesting experiment, like bringing Tarzan to the Colony Restaurant or Pavillon, to eat food as designed by Escoffier.

The real point of this letter is that it displays no cultural background. I heard Elvis sing and I believe that perhaps in five years or so, he might be able to carry a tune as well as Bing Crosby. But in 50 years, he could not make the chorus of the Metropolitan Opera.

The fault undoubtedly is in a school system which gives the child so little cultural background, so little basis for taste and so little understanding of beauty. Rock-N-Roll, which is a musical reversion to the tom-tom of the jungle, can stir so many of our young to ecstasy only because they know no better. It is curious that in a Western country a child could write "the greatest thing the world has ever known: Elvis Presley." I used to hear them say that that title went to Jesus. How times do change!

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SAC, Louisville

ELVIS PRESLEY;
BILL HALEY AND HIS COMETS;
INFORMATION CONCERNING
POLICE COOPERATION MATTER

Reurradiogram 11-7-56, in which you request information in Bureau files concerning disturbances which occurred following appearances of above subjects. While the Bureau is aware that newspaper articles reported riots and disturbances following appearances of the above individuals no inquiries have been made and the Bureau has no specific information regarding these disturbances. Since Colonel Heustis is aware of the places where riots allegedly occurred you may desire to tactfully suggest that he consult with the chiefs of police in those localities for any information in this regard.

Hoover

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NOTE: Louisville was contacted by Colonel Heustis, Chief of Police, Louisville, Kentucky, who advised of the coming appearances of above subjects and his fear of the riots as occurred in several other cities. As a matter of cooperation Colonel Heustis requested information from this Bureau regarding these riots. Louisville is being advise that while the Bureau is aware that such riots have occurred no inquiries were made and we have no specific information concerning these riots. It is being suggested to the SAC, Louisville, that he may desire to suggest to Colonel Heustis that he consult with chiefs of police in the cities where the riots occurred.

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FROM LOUISVILLE 11-7-56 NR 071428

TO DIRECTOR URGENT

ELVIS PRESLEY; BILL HALEY AND HIS COMETS, INFORMATION CONCERNING, POLICE COOPERATION MATTER. COLONEL CARL E. HEUSTIS, CHIEF OF POLICE, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, THIS DAY ADVISED THAT ELVIS PRESLEY AND BILL HALEY AND HIS COMETS, RIVALS FOR THE ATTENTION OF QUOTE ROCK AND ROLL UNQUOTE FANS, ARE SIMULTANEOUSLY BOOKED FOR APPEARANCES AT THE JEFFERSON COUNTY ARMORY AND THE KENTUCKY STATE FAIRGROUND EXPOSITION CENTER NOVEMBER 25 NEXT. COLONEL HEUSTIS ADVISED HE HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THERE HAVE BEEN RIOTS AT JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY, ASBURY PARK, NEW JERSEY, SANTA CRUZ, SANTA JOSE, CALIFORNIA, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, AND JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA AS RESULT OF SUCH SIMULTANEOUS APPEARANCES. RIOTS REPORTEDLY RESULTED IN MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS PROPERTY DAMAGE. COLONEL HEUSTIS REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM THIS BUREAU REGARDING ANY SUCH RIOTS IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT SUCH RECURRENCES HERE. IN VIEW OF THE EXCELLENT COOPERATION BETWEEN LOUISVILLE PD AND THIS OFFICE IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE BUREAU FURNISH AN AIRTEL SUMMARY OF ANY INFORMATION APPEARING IN FILES SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION TO COLONEL HEUSTIS.

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Mr. Rosen

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La Crosse Register
Post Office Box 822
La Crosse, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. [redacted] b6

Your letter dated May 10, 1956, with enclosures, has been received.

While I appreciate the interest prompting you to write, the matter to which you refer is not within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI.

I want to thank you, however, for your most generous remarks relative to the work of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no reference to [redacted] Elvis Presley is referred to in a newspaper clipping in Bufile 62-0-3405 only. Correspondent describes the antics of Presley, a popular singer, as vulgar and suggests action by the Bureau.

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May 16, 1956

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Elvis Presley, press-agented as a singer and entertainer, played to two groups of teenagers numbering several thousand at the city auditorium here, Monday, May 14.

As newspaper man, parent, and former member of Army Intelligence Service, I feel an obligation to pass on to you my conviction that Presley is a definite danger to the security of the United States.

Although I could not attend myself, I sent two reporters to cover his second show at 9:30 p.m. Besides, I secured the opinions of others of good judgment, who had seen the show or had heard direct reports of it. Among them are a radio station manager, a former motion picture exhibitor, an orchestra player, and a young woman employee of a radio station who witnessed the show to determine its value. All agree that it was the filthiest and most harmful production that ever came to La Crosse for exhibition to teenagers.

When Presley came on the stage, the youngsters almost mobbed him, as you can judge from the article and pictures enclosed from May 15 edition of the La Crosse TRIBUNE. The audience could not hear his "singing" for the screaming and carrying on of the teenagers.

ENCLOSURE

But eye-witnesses have told me that Presley's actions and motions were such as to rouse the sexual passions of teenaged youth. One eye-witness described his actions as "sexual self-gratification on the stage," - another as "a strip-tease with clothes on." Although police and auxiliaries were there, the show went on. Perhaps the hardened police did not get the import of his motions and gestures, like those of masturbation or riding a microphone. (The assistant district attorney and Captain William Boma also stopped in for a few minutes in response to complaints about the first show, but they found no reason to halt the show.)

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After the show, more than 1,000 teenagers tried to gang into Presley's room at the auditorium, then at the Stoddard Hotel. All

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possible police on duty were necessary at the Hotel to keep watch on the teenagers milling about the hotel till after 3 a.m., the hotel manager informed me. Some kept milling about the city till about 5 a.m.

Indications of the harm Presley did just in La Crosse were the two high school girls (of whom I have direct personal knowledge) whose abdomen and thigh had Presley's autograph. They admitted that they went to his room where this happened. It is known by psychologists, psychiatrists and priests that teenaged girls from the age of eleven, and boys in their adolescence are easily aroused to sexual indulgence and perversion by certain types of motions and hysteria, -- the type that was exhibited at the Presley show.

There is also gossip of the Presley Fan Clubs that degenerate into sex orgies. The local radio station WKBH sponsors a club on the "Lindy Shannon Show."

From eye-witness reports about Presley, I would judge that he may possibly be both a drug addict and a sexual pervert. In any case I am sure he bears close watch, -- especially in the face of growing juvenile crime nearly everywhere in the United States. He is surrounded by a group of high-pressure agents who seem to control him, the hotel manager reported.

I do not report idly to the FBI. My last official report to an FBI agent in New York before I entered the U.S. Army resulted in arrest of a saboteur (who committed suicide before his trial). I believe the Presley matter is as serious to U.S. security. I am convinced that juvenile crimes of lust and perversion will follow his show here in La Crosse.

I enclose article and pictures from May 15 edition of the La Crosse TRIBUNE. The article is an excellent example of the type of reporting that describes a burlesque show by writing about the drapes on the stage. But the pictures, to say the least are revealing. Note, too, that under the Presley article, the editor sanctimoniously published a very brief "filler" on the FBI's concern for teenage crime. Only a moron could not see the connection between the Presley exhibit and the incidence of teenage disorders in La Crosse.

With many thanks, and with a prayer for God's special blessing on your excellent and difficult work for justice and decency,

Sincerely yours,

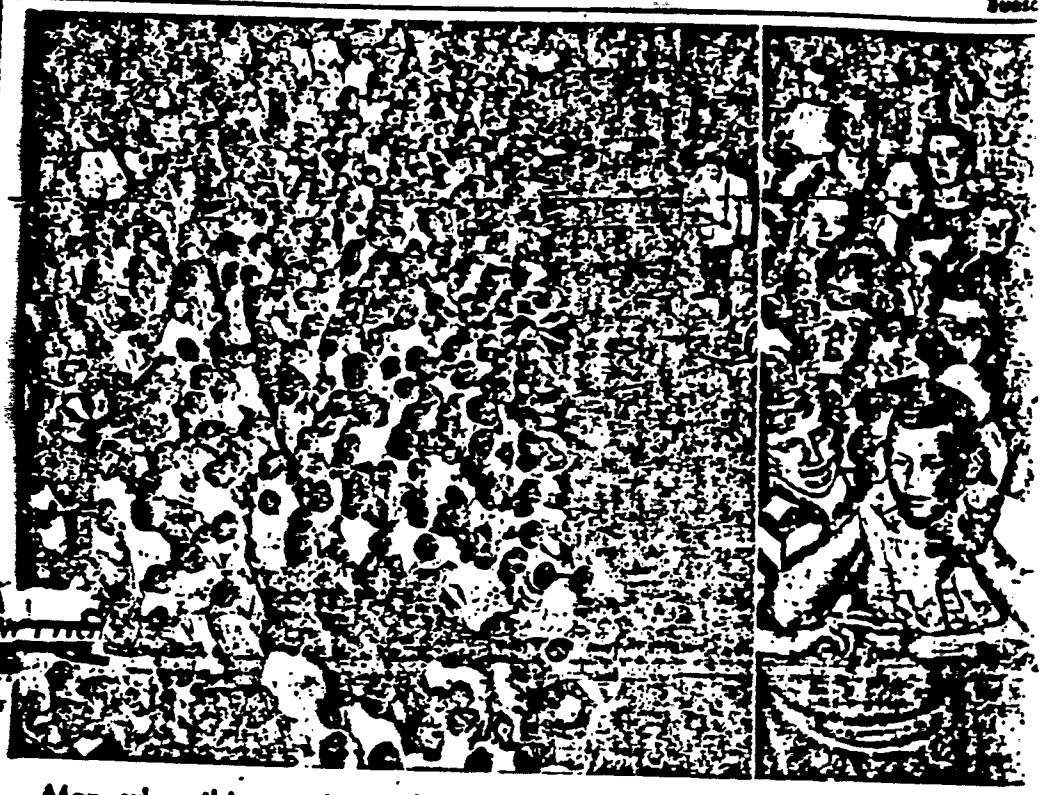
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The La Crosse Tribune

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Man, when this cat sings, who can sit still? Shake, Elvis; squirm, t



County Group Organized To Aid Candidate

Thomas L. Donnelly, La Crosse attorney, was chosen chairman of the La Crosse County unit of the Norman M. Clapp for Congress committee at an organization meeting held here Monday night.

The La Crosse unit is the first county group to be organized in the third congressional district for the support of Clapp, Lancaster newspaper editor and former secretary to the late Sen. Robert M. La Follette Jr. Clapp is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress.

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Frank B. [illegible], chairman of the committee for the entire district, said other county units would be organized within the next few weeks.

Other officers of the La Crosse group elected are: Bernard Cleveland, vice chairman, and Mrs. Hattie Stokes, secretary-treasurer.

Schneider, who has served as La Crosse County chairman for both the La Follette Progressive and Democratic parties, stated he believes Clapp is the one congressional candidate who can "make

Scout Counc To Meet At Tomah Chu

Riverland Old Scout Co[illegible] meeting will be a[illegible] Methodist Church in Wes[illegible] Monday at 7:30 p.m. A[illegible] here and friends are invi[illegible] and this meeting to share [illegible] all planning.

Everyone will remember [illegible] in compliance of a [illegible] and is compiling a budget [illegible] according to council offi[illegible] area of committees will [illegible] members as to the purpo[illegible] need of the new council.

Mrs. Lambert Ebner, [illegible] council portions, will [illegible] part on the president's [illegible] attended in Chicago on [illegible].

Service memorials are to be [illegible] to the adults in the [illegible] who have been active [illegible] 30 years.

A special attention will [illegible] cial milestones by the Ju[illegible] group of Tomah. Plans for [illegible] also have been made by [illegible] on Argonaut, Thorpe, [illegible] Arnold Gilbertson, Tomah, [illegible] committee.

Council officials want [illegible] group from La Cro[illegible] at this meeting.

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Who Was Entertaining Who at the ... show in the auditorium Monday? ... he king of rock 'n roll, but it ... ough the little girl in the foreground ... onder for the space of approx 'n ... ppeal. Presley played to a packed house Monday, and police had to turn away dozens more youngsters in some sort of a "Presleyism evasion" meaning for "just a look at him, please, huh?" —Staff Photo.

Reds Reveal Plan To Cut Armed Force

By ROY ... JR

MOSCOW ... Dec. ... Russia said today it would ... forces by 1,200,000 men within the next year and challenged the Big Three Western Powers to follow the Soviet example.

The Soviet Union announced the trimming would involve 63 army divisions and three air divisions. It said the manpower would be diverted to industry and agriculture.

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In addition, Russia said it would put 375 warships in mothballs and disband a number of military training schools. But Foreign Ministry press chief Leonid F. Ilyichev, who made the announcement, would not say how many men would be left in uniform after the cut.

(The new cut apparently would bring the Soviet armed forces about to a level with those of the United States. The ... available-to-the-West credited the Soviet military with 4½ million ...

Men May ... Shifted To ... Nuclear J...

WASHINGTON ... Defense ... planned ... not appreciably ... tary power. But he ... and Soviet ... ... indicates a ... from the use of ... national relations.

The 1,200,000 ... be taken out of ... to the ... Monday, ... said a news ...

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The Kremlin ... does not ... ... reducing U. S. ... he said.

Anyway, Defense ... country has ... ... than nine million ... War II—down ... ... to less than ... ... The United ... said in a ... the extent of ... ... with reporters, "... that announcement ... to reduce its ... ... 1,200,000 men with ... ... of this proves to ... ... a threat to ... ... in Europe ... ...

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Oh!... This is too much! Come back, Elvis! Let us at him... We want Elvis!!



...ltewny Wins Bridge Club

3 To Attend Convention Of Musicians

D. R. Wartzbee, president, Harry Greenhorn, business agent, and Roy E. Smith, recording secretary, will represent La Crosse Local 281, American Federation of Musicians AFL-CIO, at the 60th annual convention of the musicians' union in Atlantic City, N.J., it was announced Monday. The convention will open June 11.

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Delegates will hear reports by their president, James C. Petrillo; secretary, Leo Cleary, and treasurer, George V. Clancy. They will transact union business, elect... [illegible] and obtain ... officers.

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The convention, which has been held every year since 1896 with the exception of two wartime years, is the supreme governing body of the union.

Nearly 1,200 delegates will attend, representing more than 700 locals and 250,000 professional musicians of the United States and Canada.

Youth Groups Plan Pancake Supper Event

Westminster Fellowship group, Presby-Teens and Tots — is sponsoring a pancake supper Thursday in Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church. The supper will be served from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

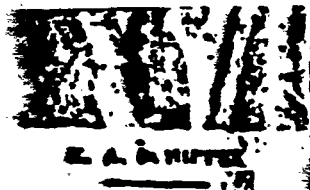
Committees in charge for the supper will help prepare and serve in the Presbyterian Church kitchen were announced.

Reservations for supper may be made by the following persons:

Michael Burkart, Beth Peterson, Norman Scott II, Randy Nelson, Barbara Gaul, Jack Keller, Judy Conway, Nancy Bonne, Mary Blackley, Burkart, Mary Blackley, Heather and Lester Wehrley.

Sponsors for the Westminster Fellowship group are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ferguson and John Peterson.

John and Ronald Olson.



E. A. Schipper

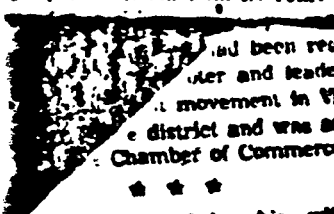
. A. Schipper Of Viroqua Dead At 56

...GIA, Wis. (Special)—E. A. ...per, 56, one of the most prom... civic leaders in Viroqua for ...quarter of a century, died ...pectedly of a heart attack at ... Monday at 6 p.m.

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...r. Schipper had been a resident ... Viroqua for the past 26 years, ...ing which time he has served ... cashier of the State Bank of ...qua, a position he held at the ... of his death. He was an ac... ...leader in local, district and ... banking organizations.

...r. Schipper was prominent in ...adership role of almost every ...while enterprise in the city. ...as treasurer of the Viroqua ...ol of Education, secretary of ...Development Assn., chairman ... Vernon County Chapter of ...National Foundation for Infan... ...Paralysis and for ten years ...ved as treasurer of the Vernon ...nty Fair Assn. until he retired ...



...d been rec... ...ber and leader ... movement in Vi... district and was ac... Chamber of Commerce.

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...e is survived by his wife ...rene; one son, James R., a Viro... attorney; and two grandchil... ...ren.

Mr. Schipper is also survived by ... brother, Reuben, of Oshkosh.

Funeral services will be held ... ...Viroqua Methodist Church ... ...at 2 p.m. The Rev. C. ... ...officiating. Burial will be in the ... ...Cemetery.

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Mr. Schipper was a ... ...of the State Banking Commis... ...on and an officer of the Vernon ...unty Republican Club. He was ... member of the executive com... ...of the Gateway Area of the ... Scouts of America and was ...sociated the Council on the ...onal Council of Boy Scouts.

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...ing up o... ...others' sta... ...o beat on accor... ...floor auditorium ... ...windows almost ... ...30 feet off the ... ...ground.

Presley

And Elvis? Elvis was "scared." ...e said so himself.

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While a full house yelled like ...wild banshees at the floor show ...acts that preceeded the king of ...ruck 'n roll, Elvis himself was pac... ...ing nervously near the entrance to ...his dressing room, his guitar lying ...carelessly on the floor.

"I'm always by myself just be... ...fore I go on," he said. "I'm never ...really assured. In Las Vegas ...awhile ago it was really bad. There ...were a lot of movie stars there ...and that made it even worse."

Ten minutes later Presley ...stepped onto the stage. Immediate... ...ly the soft-spoken kid with the ...nervous laugh disappeared and El... ...vis turned into a purple-coated musi... ...cal demon who belted out songs ...like his young life depended on it.

The results were unbelievable. ...Central could win a state basket... ...ball championship on the audito... ...rium floor and the reaction would ...be pale by comparison.

When the "king" walked onto ...the stage, bedlam broke loose. At ...the first tap of the Presley leg, ...the auditorium almost exploded.

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From there on it was an even ...match to see who would entertain ...whom. Presley was getting as big ...a kick from the screaming crowd ...they were getting from his dis... ...tance, half song stage antics.

In competition for volume, the ...crowd won hands down.

Outside the auditorium there ...still were crowds of youngsters ...who forgot to buy tickets or spent ...last week's allowance too soon.

A year-old boy sat on the side... ...walk in his stroller, forgotten by ...a baby sitter who just had to have ...one look at Elvis."

The kids weren't the only ones ...who grabbed the spirit. Elvis was ...getting through" to everyone.

A big, strictly official-looking ...man, crept up to a side door of ...the auditorium and opened it to a ...dozen or more "cats" crowding ...fervently just outside seeing dis... ...tance from "the king."

"Inside, quick," he growled. ...And upstairs." The grin couldn't ...fully but creep into his voice.

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On the floor of the building, the ...listeners couldn't sit still. Every ...time Presley opened his mouth or ...dragged a foot across the stage in ...a bit of squirming "business," 15 ...or 20 rushed to push and pull at ...auxiliary [illegible] were ...enough.

The swarm of teenagers ...through the first police line ...managed to pursue Elvis to a point ...just above the stairs to his dress... ...ing room. There a line of police... ...men two deep finally managed to ...stop them.

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In his dressing room after the ...show, Elvis talked to eight or 10 ...people, with a coke balanced in ...each hand, thumbs tapping nerv... ...ously. Echoes of "We want El... ...vis" still boomed from the floor ...of the auditorium. Shapes appeared

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Lack Of Discipline In The Home Fosters Crime—FBI Agent

MILWAUKEE (AP)—FBI agent James Poor says parents foster crime by failing to discipline their children in the home.

Foster, special agent in charge of the Milwaukee FBI office, addressed 130 members of the Wisconsin Fishermen's Protective Assn. Monday at the group's 23rd annual conference.

He said the lack of discipline in the home helps to create problem children. He said police and school authorities are called in to take over duties that in former days were handled entirely by parents.

Foster said this means additional work for police at a time when "crime is so diversified we couldn't stop it even if we had three times the manpower."

...ticket to the [illegible] ...ked. "The audience," Elvis re... ...plied.

"Do you like all the screaming ...and yelling?" "Sure do," came the ...drawled answer. "It covers up my ...mistakes."

The girls kept firing questions ...while Elvis shuffled a pair of ...scarred black loafers back and ...forth across the floor.

"I wore out a pair of these to... ...night," he said, "just scraping ...across the floor." He held up the ...shoes for inspection. The leading ...across the front was ripped and ...the Presley big toe headed for day... ...light.

Elvis has somehow picked out ...a bit of the teenage spirit and ...tucked it into his whanging "gui... ...tar." You don't have to understand ...it. Just listen to it. And the kids ...will tell you. This boy is "crazy." ...Here's a "cat that swings."

...is a way of achieving disarma... ...and would outlaw small ...premises for the prohibition of ...atomic and nuclear weapons."

The Kremlin statement said ...that the program shows the Soviet ...Union "is a sincere and constant ...champion of peace and . . . relax... ...ation of international tension."

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The new demobilization pro... ...gram offers the Soviet Union twin ...benefits of relieving its dreme... ...dous manpower shortage in agri... ...culture and industry and bringing ...heavy pressure on the Western ...Powers to reduce their armed ...forces.

Russia has announced its goal

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9-Day Buck Season Okayed; County For Polished Horns

The majority of Wisconsin's county sportsmen's groups reporting on the results of Monday night's meetings went along with a Conservation Commission tentative recommendation for a nine-day spiked horn buck deer season.

Opposition came from Milwaukee, Douglas, Buffalo, Pepin, Jackson, Crawford and La Crosse.

Last year's season also ran for nine days, but was for forked horn buck.

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The deer recommendation was one of many put to the public for the first time by the commission. They came out of an April 7 meeting of the commission on proposals from the State Conservation Department and the Conservation Congress Committee.

These recommendations, including seasons, bag limits and a number of other regulations, will not become final until the commission sifts the various county proposals and holds a public meeting in June and hears a further report from the Conservation Congress. This is a new procedure authorized by a recent act of the Legislature.

Incomplete reports indicated that sportsmen's groups were about evenly divided on the opening of the duck season. Some favored the earliest possible date permitted by the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service while others want a Saturday opening closest to that date.

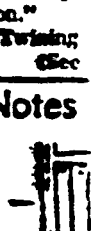
There were not enough replies to other proposals on the commission's questionnaire to indicate a trend one way or the other.

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Following a suggestion of the Milwaukee County Conservation

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April 27, 1956

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Mr. [redacted]

Memphis, Tennessee

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of April 11, 1956, and its enclosures have been received, and I can appreciate the concern which prompted your writing. I would like to advise you, however, that the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency, and it is not within the scope of our authority to make suggestions as to legislative matters.

I am most grateful for your generous remarks concerning the FBI and assure you of our desire always to merit your confidence.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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April 11, 1956

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

By way of introduction to you, will say that I knew Don Hostetter when he was in Memphis, and thought a great deal of him. Believe he will remember me, in our association together on occasions.

Am attaching a few clippings for your perusal. They are sent to indicate a trend with which you may already be familiar.

It is essential that some agency with sufficient organization and influence do something toward better censorship in our country. There are minds who will scarcely stop short of complete indecency to exploit their wares upon the public, and youth is not able to discriminate between the right and wrong of it.

We have had a struggle here on the local front in Memphis, a city of 455,000 people, in retaining a censorship, when a committee appointed had suggested that it was not necessary.

Have personally talked with members on the local censorship board, and have their testimony of the terrible pictures that would be released for showing here, had it not been for censorship.

Most of this entertainment becomes interstate, and hence should become a Federal Government problem. The fine work that our Churches and some of our schools are attempting to do is offset by the freedom exercised in this country of licentiousness. The Apostle Peter warned in his 1st letter about our not using the new liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

If there is something that your excellent and very fine organization is able to do concerning these problems facing us today, you will find that many citizens will deeply appreciate your effort.

May I take this occasion to thank you most sincerely for your own exemplary record and for preserving a great America for us at the risk of your life and that of your agents.

Cordially yours,

[redacted]

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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Tamm
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CRIME RECORD

TV News and Views

Our Elvis Presley—In Vista Vision!

By ROBERT JOHNSON
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Elvis Presley, the 21-year-old Humes High youngster who has popular music like a guided missile within the past year, has been signed to a long-term contract by Paramount Pictures, it was announced in Hollywood today.



Johnson

Producer Hal Wallis screen-tested Elvis several weeks ago, after "Heartbreak Hotel" and "I Was the One" began to hit, after bobby soxers had begun to scream about him on the Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey Stage Show.

But it wasn't until after three appearances in San Diego that Wallis signed him.

The first was on the Milton Berle show. The other two were in the San Diego Arena, where turnaway audiences of 3800 paid $15,000 to hear him sing eight songs.

Elvis' first RCA-Victor album is now third best-selling album in the country, with well over 300,000 issues, just behind Victor's Belafonte album and Decca's "Man with the Golden Arm" sound track.

In San Diego, the effect on bobby soxers was like that of Frankie Sinatra's old black magic in the early days when screaming fans mobbed him. The arena manager had to call out police and a platoon of Shore Patrol to handle the mob which pursued Elvis to a barricaded dressing room.

A Hollywood columnist said Elvis "looks a little like Marlon Brando and sings like Johnny Ray with the St. Vitus dance."

Just a little over a year ago, Elvis was just another fellow with a guitar, until he made his first record, "That's All Right, Baby" and "Blue Moon," for Sam Phillips of Memphis' Sun Records.

Elvis had never made more than $30 or $40 dollars a week. Then, boom!

His climb has been so rapid that recently when a Midwestern newspaper called Paramount to check a report that Elvis had died, the studio publicity man said: "Who the hell is Elvis Presley?" It seems girls in the Midwest high school had been so upset by the rumor that they weren't going to classes.

Another rumor, which has no foundation but which has spread all over the country, is that Elvis has cancer of the throat. The same rumor, for some reason, crops up about every fast rising singer.

Elvis is controversial. There's no middle ground. People are either violently for him, or equally violently against him. Letters have poured into this column since some critical letters were printed recently. Teen-age fans, whose approval is close to adulation of their idol, said evil to him who evil thinks, that they didn't see a thing wrong with Elvis. Surprisingly, quite a few adults took the same position.

Main complaint is against his movements. He was rising fast on the strength of his records alone before tv made his dance known. One columnist said he "sings with sensual movements not unlike those of a burlesque queen." Steve Allen and Sid Caesar have done savage take-offs

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on him. But Elvis keeps right on climbing, breaking about three strings on his guitar every performance and lighting a fire in his audience.

Here are some letters:

A Central High Student writes: "I am a high school senior and have never considered myself a goody-goody. I do all the things most boys my age do . . . I'll tell you and everybody that I think what he does on television and wherever he sings is a pretty rotten thing. I don't want my mother or my sisters to see such things . . . I sure as heck don't like it."

Jane Vickers, Memphis: "I guess that I'm pretty much of a square, but I think that Elvis Presley stinks. I think that his acting and squirming around is too suggestive and disgusting . . . I thought you might be interested in hearing from one teen-ager who thinks he's horrible."

Worried Mother writes: "I wonder what it is going to take before people wake up to what exactly he is doing. All the men and women in my civic clubs are up in arms about it. . ."

I don't see how anyone, whether they like the music or not, can watch Elvis without sensing the magnetism about him. Whether they approve or not is something else.

Rock 'n' roll has come under vigorous assault, and now it gets some strangely assorted defenders.

A nationally known psychiatrist termed it "a communicable disease . . . appealing to adolescent insecurity. . ."

Sammy Kaye, Benny Goodman and Paul Whiteman say posh.

Kaye: "Some years ago when the teen-agers began to Lindy Hop there were persons who called them lunatics and delinquents. I have no doubt the same reception greeted those who first danced the fox trot."

Goodman and Whiteman both invited the psychiatrist to compare scrapbooks, showing how similar charges were made against them years ago for allegedly "corrupting the youth" of their day, first with jazz then with swing.

Red Foley makes an interesting point on the strange wedding today of country, blues and pop music. Country music as we knew it is gone, he said. "Presley and Perkins, why they're basically more rock 'n' roll than country, but they're making the kind of records the juke boxes want. And as they say—if you can't fight 'em, jine 'em. There'll be no turning back. What has happened is that things like TV and radio have brought the country closer together. The fellow in the hill country sees the same program as the man in the city."

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You can go, eat go, but don't step on "Mes Souliers Bleus!"

Carl Perkins' rock 'n' roll hit, "Blue Suede Shoes," has been recorded in French—the 13th recording of the Perkins composition other than his own.

Sun Records of Memphis has been informed that RCA Victor made the French version in Montreal for release first in Canada.

Perkins' Sun release, still climbing, has hit No. 7 position in Billboard's list of the 200 best-selling records nationally. Presley's "Heartbreak Hotel" is No. 1.



ELVIS PRESLEY—He needs a police escort to get to his dressing room. He still gets home as often as possible, has bought a nice place for himself and folks over on Audubon, phones home to friends like Dewey Phillips every few days. Controversy flares, and his records keep right on selling.

major radio network known for its strictness in barring suggestive or double entendre lyrics.

An amusements trade publication asked the chief censor about it, and he said:

"It's possible there was something wrong with the record, but I couldn't understand a word of it."

"Long Tall Sally"

No. 1 record best-seller in Memphis, according to WMPS Top 40 survey last week, is something called "Long, Tall Sally," sung by Little Richard.

Teen-age talk is that there is something bluer than suede shoes about some of the words, but they don't know what.

"Long, Tall Sally" was recently cleared for playing by a

In the Movies

Censorship May Go to Surgery

Hollywood Considers Operation on Code

By ERSKINE JOHNSON
Press-Scimitar Special Writer

HOLLYWOOD. — Behind the screen: Hollywood's censorship code is on the operating table for what may be major surgery. A sweeping study of the rules recently under fire as old-fashioned is the controversy over "The Man With The Golden Arm," was voted by the Motion Picture Association's board of directors.



Johnson

The film code dates back to 1922, and there's considerable talk about making the regulations more flexible to meet the needs of a changing society. There's also a movement among independent film distributors to establish a special code seal for foreign movies "too hot" for Hollywood.

Memphi
April

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/12/68

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (178-1) (C)

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Harassing Phone Call
From Louisville, Kentucky
To Phone of Mrs. [redacted]
Memphis, Tennessee
9/7/68
INTERSTATE OBSCENE OR
HARASSING PHONE CALLS
OO: LOUISVILLE

b7C

Reference Louisville airtel to Director of 9/10/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to captioned matter, along with one copy for the Memphis Division for information.

A copy of this letterhead memorandum is being furnished the U. S. Attorney, Louisville.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Post Office Box 1467
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

September 12, 1968

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
HARASSING PHONE CALL
FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY,
TO PHONE OF MRS. [redacted] b7C
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
SEPTEMBER 7, 1968
INTERSTATE OBSCENE OR
HARASSING PHONE CALLS

On September 9, 1968, [redacted] b7D
[redacted] South Central Bell Telephone Company, Louisville, Kentucky, advised that his office had received a report from Louisville Chief Telephone Operator, [redacted] b7C
that on September 6, 1968, at 1:19 PM a telephone operator placed a call for an individual who appeared to be, by the sound of his voice, a male, to Memphis, Tennessee, 901-[redacted] b7
He gave the number from which he was calling in Louisville as 778-9341. Upon connecting the caller with the Memphis, Tennessee telephone number, she contacted [redacted] switchman b7C
in the Plant Department of the telephone company, to seize the line or hold it open and trace the call to the Louisville telephone number, inasmuch as the phone number given by the caller related to a pay telephone booth, particularly as the last four digits of the Louisville telephone number were a series designated for commercial pay telephones. She felt that the caller was attempting to defraud the telephone company through his submission of a false telephone number as to the phone from which the call was originating.

Shortly thereafter, a second call was placed to Memphis, Tennessee, [redacted] by an unidentified male caller b7C
who furnished the telephone from which he was calling as Louisville telephone 778-9341, which was the same number furnished in connection with the phone call to Memphis [redacted]

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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
SEPTEMBER 7, 1968

The Plant Department of the phone company had not seized the line. The call was not completed to Memphis, Tennessee, as there was no answer by the telephone at Memphis.

[redacted] switchman, Plant Department, was able to seize the line from which the second call from Louisville to Memphis, Tennessee, was made, and it was traced to Louisville telephone [redacted] This was determined to be a non-published telephone with subscriber [redacted] Street, Louisville, Kentucky. This was a residence phone. b7C

A telephone call by the Louisville telephone operator to [redacted] shortly after the phone calls to Memphis, Tennessee, transpired, resulted in a woman answering who indicated that she had just returned to her residence address and that she had tried to make a phone call, however, her telephone line appeared to be open and the telephone was possibly inoperative. This individual denied use on her part or any other individual at her residence of her telephone in connection with any phone calls to Memphis, Tennessee. b7

Louisville telephone 778-9341 was determined to be a pay telephone booth situated outside of a Convenient Food Market in the West End of Louisville.

Memphis, Tennessee telephone [redacted] was established as being a non-published telephone with subscriber Elvis Presley, 3764 Highway 51 South, Memphis, Tennessee. Memphis, Tennessee telephone [redacted] was determined to be a non-published telephone with subscriber Mrs. [redacted], Memphis, Tennessee. b7C

Subsequently, the telephone company received a complaint from the Manning-Dunn Funeral Home at 518 North 26th Street, Louisville, Kentucky, phone 775-6414, relating that the funeral home had received a long distance telephone call from an individual who was purportedly the [redacted] of nationally prominent singer Elvis Presley, who noted that the uncle of Elvis Presley, had received a long distance telephone call wherein an unidentified male caller announced that Elvis Presley was killed in an airplane crash at Louisville, Kentucky, and that his body was at the Manning-Dunn Funeral Home.

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This was a complete hoax and the aunt of Elvis Presley appeared to be extremely distraught over the matter.

[redacted] b7D pointed out that the Manning-Dunn Funeral Home, which is a prominent establishment in the Louisville, Kentucky area, with various branches in the city of Louisville, and Jefferson County, Kentucky, in the recent past had been subject of numerous local harassing telephone calls by an unidentified individual who by voice was possibly a male, who represented himself as [redacted] b7C, and requested that the funeral home pick up bodies of deceased persons at specific locations in Louisville. These calls were hoaxes and harassing in nature as the funeral home dispatched its personnel to locations given without finding any substantiation to the presence of any deceased persons.

The matter relating to the Manning-Dunn Funeral Home had been handled jointly by the South Central Bell Telephone Company, as well as the Louisville Police Department, which has been conducting intensive investigation in connection with this matter. The telephone company has developed as suspect in connection with the harassing calls to the Manning- Dunn Funeral Home, the son of the owner of the establishment who has a radio telephone in one of the company limousines. The telephone company is conducting an investigation into the matter of the call to Memphis, Tennessee, as a telephone fraud.

Sergeant [redacted], Detective, Louisville Police b7C Department, advised on September 9, 1968, that his agency had investigated the matter relating to the harassing phone call to Memphis, Tennessee, by an unknown individual from what was purported to be Louisville telephone [redacted] on September 7, 1968. He advised that [redacted] a white female, age 51, who operates a trucking business out of her residence at [redacted] Louisville, Kentucky, DOB 1917 related that Louisville telephone [redacted] is the telephone at that address and that she had been absent from her residence

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on a job and upon returning to her home in mid-afternoon of September 7, 1968, found that her telephone was inoperative. She declared that she had been living in a common-law relationship with [redacted] who, at that time, was working on a farm out of the State of Kentucky. She denied any knowledge of any phone calls from her telephone by any party to Memphis, Tennessee, on that date. Investigation by the Louisville Police Department Detective Bureau determined that a window in the back door of the residence of [redacted] was broken and anyone could have readily entered this residence and utilized telephone therein, in the absence of [redacted] b7C

Sergeant [redacted] further commented that his agency staked out the [redacted] residence for several days without noting anyone entering the premises during the absence of [redacted] A neighborhood inquiry established that [redacted] was away from her residence at approximately 1:30 PM on September 7, 1968, and that her boy friend had been away for approximately one month. No individuals were observed entering the residence at [redacted] at the time the calls to Memphis, Tennessee transpired. b7D b7C

Sergeant [redacted] advised that his agency will continue to pursue the matter relating to the phone call from the phone at [redacted], in connection with an intensive investigation that it has been conducting relative to a series of harassing telephone calls being made to the Manning-Dunn Funeral Home on 26th Street and other locations, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, in cooperation with the Jefferson County Police Department, as well as the South Central Bell Telephone Company in Louisville. b7D b7C

On September 10, 1968, Assistant United States Attorney Philip I. Huddleston, Western District of Kentucky, Louisville, Kentucky, advised that he was deferring prosecution in connection with this matter to local authorities, in view of of the local handling of the matter and the single interstate

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SEPTEMBER 7, 1966

b7C

call which appeared to be related to harassing calls received by the Manning-Dunn Funeral Home in Louisville.

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