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SUBJECT: THE BEATLES

FILE NUMBER: 157-6

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Evans	
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
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11:45 PM PDST URGENT 8-19-64 RJO

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (157-273)

RACIAL MATTER, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ATTENTION CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION.

RE APPEARANCE OF THE BEATLES, COW PALACE, DALY CITY, CALIFORNIA, EIGHT NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. APPROXIMATELY SEVENTEEN THOUSAND PERSONS, PREDOMINANTLY JUVENILES, JAMMED COW PALACE TO SEE PERFORMANCE. CROWD WHICH WAS GENERALLY ORDERLY, BECAME EXTREMELY NOISY AND EXCITED ON APPEARANCE OF BEATLES. NUMEROUS SPECTATORS TREATED FOR FAINTING, EXHAUSTION AND MINOR INJURIES. SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND DALY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT HANDLED MINOR LOCAL VIOLATIONS AND ISSUED TWO JUVENILE CITATIONS FOR DRUNK AND SWITCHBLADE KNIFE. BEATLES PERFORMANCE ENDED APPROXIMATELY TEN P.M. BEATLES DEPARTED SAN FRANCISCO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PERFORMANCE, REPORTEDLY ENROUTE LAS VEGAS. NO INCIDENTS WITH RACIAL RAMIFICATIONS OBSERVED OR REPORTED TO SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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8:35 PM PDST URGENT 8-18-64 RJQ

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (157-273)

RACIAL MATTERSSAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIF., ATTENTION CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION,
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION. RE ARRIVAL OF THE BEATLES, SAN FRAN-
CISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AUGUST EIGHTEEN, INSTANT.

REBUTEL CALL TODAY.

BEATLES ARRIVED VIA PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS APPROXIMATELY SIX THIRTY-
FIVE P.M. AND WERE BROUGHT BY LIMOUSINE TO AWAITING CROWD ESTIMATED
BY SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AS OVER FIVE THOUSAND. CROWD
CONSISTED MOSTLY OF TEENAGERS AND YOUNGER, SOME ACCOMPANIED BY
MOTHERS. WAS GENERALLY ORDERLY. HOWEVER SEVERAL PERSONS WERE IN-
JURED AND ARRESTS OF AT LEAST EIGHT PERSONS WERE MADE BY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE FOR DISORDERLY PERSON, DISTURBING THE PEACE AND MOLESTING.
NO RACIAL OR SUBVERSIVE OVERTONES OBSERVED IN CROWD.

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Person in Belmont
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: August 19, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: APPEARANCES OF "THE BEATLES"
LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO
DIVISIONS
RACIAL MATTERS

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Trent

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Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
Casper	✓
Callahan	✓
Conrad	✓
DeLoach	✓
Evans	✓
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Sullivan	✓
Tavel	✓
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Tele. Room	✓
Holmes	✓
Gandy	✓

The San Francisco and Los Angeles Divisions were on August 18, 1964, alerted to the fact that the thousands of teenagers gathering for the appearances of "The Beatles" in Los Angeles and San Francisco could be a perfect vehicle for riots if racial elements or organization, subversive or otherwise, would decide to capitalize on this vehicle. Los Angeles and San Francisco were instructed that in this connection they should very carefully determine whether any element or organization, either local or from the outside, might be present endeavoring to create a disturbance.

SAC San Francisco has advised that "The Beatles" arrived via Pan American Airways at about 6:35 p.m., West Coast Time, August 18, 1964. They were brought by limousine to an awaiting crowd estimated by the San Mateo Sheriff's Office as over 5,000. The crowd consisted mostly of teenagers and younger, some accompanied by mothers. Although conduct was generally orderly, several persons were injured, and arrests of at least eight persons were made by the Sheriff's Office for disorderly person, disturbing the peace, and molesting.

San Francisco has advised that no racial or subversive overtones were observed in the crowd.

ACTION:

We will continue to be alert for elements which may endeavor to capitalize on the emotional pitch of crowds of teenagers in connection with this appearance tour in view of the potential of such a situation.

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Date: 9/18/64

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI

From: SAC, Kansas City (157-404) C

Subject: 40,000 CROWD ANTICIPATED FOR APPEARANCE OF BEATLES, MUNICIPAL STADIUM, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, SEPTEMBER 17, 1964

BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Confidential sources contacted and alerted in connection with captioned matter are

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Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

Date Forw. SEP 21 1964

How Forw. R.A.

By C.W.C.H.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Kansas City, Missouri
September 18, 1964

40,000 CROWD ANTICIPATED FOR
APPEARANCE OF THE BEATLES,
MUNICIPAL STADIUM,
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI,
SEPTEMBER 17, 1964;
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to prior memorandum dated
September 3, 1964. b7c

[REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department,
informed on the afternoon of September 17, 1964, that no
additional information has been received specifically
indicating any possible violence involving racial aspects
in connection with the appearance of the Beatles, a quartet
singing group on tour from England, at Municipal Stadium
the night of September 17, 1964. [REDACTED] said that a few
apparently baseless and unverifiable rumors had come to
his attention suggesting that one or two Muslims or
ex-Muslims, unidentified, had been overheard to say "some
trouble might occur" at the stadium in connection with the
appearance of the Beatles. [REDACTED] said that his inquiry
had indicated that these rumors were disconnected, were
untrue and no credence should be given to them. He said,
however, that police security measures at the stadium,
including assignment of 350 police officers, cover any
potential for, or actual violence.

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40,000 CROWD ANTICIPATED FOR APPEARANCE OF BEATLES, ETC.

[REDACTED] was informed that confidential sources of the Kansas City FBI Office had been alerted to any possible potential for violence involving racial and Muslim aspects and these sources not only had no information as to any potential for violence, but definitely understood that no Negro or Muslim organization or individual will be involved in any demonstration or incident in connection with the Beatles appearance. b7c

Late on the night of September 17, 1964, [REDACTED] informed that the appearance of the Beatles at Municipal Stadium had terminated that night without incident.

The above information was telephonically furnished in substance on the morning of September 18, 1964, to [REDACTED] Region III, 113th Intelligence Corps Group, Kansas City, Missouri.

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Date: 93-64

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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To: Director, FBI

From: SAC, Kansas City (157-New) [P]

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BEATLES, MUNICIPAL STADIUM, KANSAS CITY,
MISSOURI, SEPTEMBER 17, 1964;

BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

There has been no indication from FBI sources and contacts, who have been alerted concerning captioned matter, that there will be any racial demonstration, reaction or involvement in any action which might attend the appearance in Kansas City of the Beatles.

The two major sources contacted are

[REDACTED]

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Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

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Approved: *F91* Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

September 3, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
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40,000 CROWD ANTICIPATED FOR
APPEARANCE OF THE BEATLES,
MUNICIPAL STADIUM,
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI,
SEPTEMBER 17, 1964;
RACIAL MATTERS

[REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, informed on September 2, 1964, that possibly 40,000 persons may crowd the Kansas City, Missouri, Municipal Stadium at 8:00PM, September 17, 1964, where the Beatles, a quartet singing group on tour here from England, are to perform at 9:25PM under contract to Charles O. Finley, owner of the Kansas City Athletics (baseball club). [REDACTED] said all leave for Kansas City, Missouri, police officers has been cancelled to enable assignment of 350 officers in and about the stadium and about 100 officers elsewhere to cover the Municipal Airport, Hotel Muehlebach, and other places, respectively, arrival, sojourn and travel points and areas of the Beatles in Kansas City, Missouri.

[REDACTED] stated there has been no indication violence will occur that will involve racial aspects; however, since the ball park (Municipal Stadium) is located in a Negro residential neighborhood, the possibility of Negro involvement in any spontaneous action is recognized and Police Department plans cover this possibility.

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40,000 CROWD ANTICIPATED FOR APPEARANCE OF BEATLES, ETC.

- An article in the Kansas City Times, daily Kansas City, Missouri, newspaper, September 3, 1964, reflects the detailed police plans to cover the stadium on September 17, 1964, in order to render any necessary first aid, to prevent crowding, accidents, excitable action, any participation or presence of the audience on the baseball field, approaches to the stadium, and other points in the city where the Beatles may be present.

The above information was telephonically furnished in substance on September 3, 1964, to [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] Region III, 113th Intelligence Corps Group, Kansas City, Missouri.

This matter will be followed closely.