

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: THE BEATLES

FILE NUMBER: 9-42653

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Date: 8-19-64

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, DENVER (9-new) (P)

Unknown Subject

UNSUB; THE BEATLES -
VICTIMS

EXTORTION

OO: DENVER
Office of Origin

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On 8-18-64, [REDACTED] Chief's Office, Denver, Colorado, Police Department, advised that on this date he had received a threatening letter in the mail from the office of Mr. VERN BYERS, May D&F Company, Denver, Colorado, who is promoting the appearance of the BEATLES at the Red Rocks Amphitheater, Jefferson County, Colorado, 8-26-64.

[REDACTED] stated this letter enclosed another letter, which was addressed to the BEATLES, Denver, a.m., and marked urgent and important. The envelope was postmarked 8-17-64, Greeley, Colorado, a.m., and the letter was comprised of cut out letters from a magazine pasted on plain white paper, which reads as follows:

"If you know what's good for you cancel Denver engagement. I'll be in the audience and I'm going to throw a hand grenade instead of jelly babies.

"Beatle Hater"

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2-Denver
JHG:lrj
(5)

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ENCLOSURE

and 9-4-64
WHR: jptApproved: SW
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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[REDACTED] further advised that this letter had been handled by all personnel of the Chief's Department as well as other executive officers of the Denver Police Department. b7C

On 8-19-64, [REDACTED] made available the above described letter and advised that the Denver Police Department will have approximately 200 police officers assigned to handle the crowd when the BEATLES perform and that they are all being advised of the receipt of this letter. He further advised that the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Golden, Colorado, was also supplying police personnel to handle the crowd. He stated that the Sheriff has not been advised of the receipt of this letter. b7C

On 8-19-64, [REDACTED] National Academy, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Golden, was advised regarding the receipt of this letter at which time he stated he was supplying approximately 50 police personnel to assist the Denver Police Department in handling the crowd when the BEATLES appear at the Red Rocks Amphitheater and he will advise them regarding receipt of this letter. b7C

Assistant United States Attorney

On 8-18-64, AUSA, JAMES A. CLARK, Denver, was contacted and advised of the details of the receipt of this letter threatening the BEATLES at which time he stated he would defer rendering a prosecutive opinion until it can be determined whether subject can be identified, however, he believes that the threat does fall within the purview of the Federal extortion statute. Investigation continuing.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory for fingerprint examination is one envelope postmarked 8-17-64, at Greeley, Colorado, and one letter signed "Beatle Hater."

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

**REPORT**

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO.

REC-120

9-42653-1

52511

September 4, 1964

TO:

SAC, Denver

RE: **UNSUB.; THE BEATLES -
VICTIMS
EXTORTION**

REFERENCE: **Airtel 8-19-64**EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Denver**

SPECIMENS: **One envelope and accompanying sheet of paper bearing
message, Q1 and Q2**

**No latent impressions of value developed on the
specimens, which are enclosed.**

Laboratory report separate.**Enc. (2)**

WHB:gpt
(5)

MAILED 30
SEP - 4 1964

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
DeLoach _____
Evans _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Recorded 9-1-64/4:00PM Received 9-1-64/dab
Laboratory Work Sheet

No Lab File

Re: UNSUB; THE BEATLES -
VICTIMS
EXTORTION

File # 9-42653-1
Lab. # D-456939 DJ
1c# 52511

OO: Denver

Examination requested by: FBI, Denver (9-New) Airtel 8/19/64

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint Date received: 8/24/64

Result of Examination: Examination by: [redacted] b7c

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Envelope postmarked "GREELEY, COLO. AUG 17 1964 AM" bearing hand printed address "The Beatles Denver, Colo." marked "URGENT IMPORTANT"

Q2 Accompanying sheet of paper to which there have been attached words and letters cut or torn from a magazine and attached thereon to form a message beginning "I YOU KNOW WHATS....." ending on reverse side "BEATLE HATER"

*Q1 & Q2 treated with iodine, ninhydrin & Silver nitrate
no latent of value - 9/3
specimens enclosed.
Sabn/1 ref.
encl 9-4-64
W.H.C. rpt*

Examination completed: 9:00 AM 9/3/64

Dictated: 9/3

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To: **FBI, Denver (9-New)**

Date: **September 4, 1964**

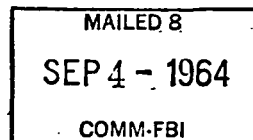
Re: **UNSUB; THE BEATLES -
VICTIMS
EXTORTION
OO: Denver**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **9-42653**
Lab. No. **D-456939 DJ**

Examination requested by: **Denver**
Reference: **Airtel 8/19/64**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks:

**The result of the latent fingerprint examination
will be forwarded separately at which time you will be advised
of the disposition of Q1 and Q2.**



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SEP 10 1964

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
DeLoach _____
Evans _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

DED:NL (4)

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

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*0-1 to Mr
9-28-64
re status
of subject
of memo
[Signature]*

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Denver (9-New)**

Re: **UNSUB; THE BEATLES -
VICTIMS
EXTORTION**

Date: **September 4, 1964**
FBI File No. **9-42653**
Lab. No. **D-456939 DJ**

Specimens received **8/24/64**

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "GREELEY, COLO. AUG 17 1964 AM" bearing hand printed address "The Beatles Denver, Colo." marked "URGENT IMPORTANT"**
- Q2 Accompanying sheet of paper to which there have been attached words and letters cut or torn from magazines or newspapers forming message beginning "I YOU KNOW WHATS....." ending on reverse side "BEATLE HATER"**

Result of examination:

The questioned hand printing on the submitted evidence was compared with the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification.

Q1 is a white social-type envelope measuring approximately 6.50 inches by 3.62 inches by .0044 of an inch. The eight-cent airmail stamp on the upper right corner of the front of Q1 was torn from a sheet of stamps.

Q2 is white bond paper measuring approximately 8.47 inches by 10.92 inches by .0032 of an inch.

Q1 and Q2 contain no watermark, indented writing of value or any other identifying marks which would assist in determining the origin of this material.

Q1 and Q2 will be returned separately. Appropriate photographs have been made.

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
DeLoach _____
Evans _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

DED:NL (4)

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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8/25/64
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

No Lab File

Re: UNSUB; THE BEATLES -
VICTIMS
EXTORTION

File # 9-42653 - 2
Lab. # D-456939 DJ

OO: Denver

Examination requested by: FBI, Denver (9-New)

Airtel 8/19/64

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 8/24/64

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED]

See attached -

57/c

9/1/64

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "GREELEY, COLO. AUG 17 1964 AM" bearing hand printed address "The Beatles Denver, Colo." marked "URGENT IMPORTANT"
- Q2 Accompanying sheet of paper to which ^{newspapers} have been attached words and letters cut or torn from ~~magazines~~ and attached ~~thereon to form~~ a message beginning "I - YOU KNOW WHATS....." ending on reverse side "BEATLE HATER"

*ALF - HP up
+ Lower - H
Ariz, N. Mex, Colo.*

Waterbury

3.62-2.00

24.3 air mail Trans time from west of Trans

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$$2.47 \times 10.92 = 0.0032$$

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

File # 942653-2
Lab. # D456939 DJ

Examination requested by:

Examination requested:

Date received: 8/24/64

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]
SEA 8/31/64

1. Q1 7th Street ALF.
2. Describe Q1 & Q2 (see over)
3. Return and report. Photos made

T.F.: Result of LFP exam furnished report at same
time you will be advised of disposal of Q1 & Q2.

Specimens submitted for examination

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>SIGNED</u>	<u>BANK</u>
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

No Lab File

Re: **UNSUB; THE BEATLES -
VICTIMS
EXTORTION**

File # **9-42653**
Lab. # **D-456939 DJ**

OO: Denver

Examination requested by: **FBI, Denver (9-New)**

Airtel 8/19/64

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Date received: **8/24/64**

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **[REDACTED]**

*LFPVS to
return Q1 & Q2
to Denver
from*

*Examined by L-FPS
Released to contributor
- 9/4/64 UH-3*

b7C

Rec. Q1 & Q2 2:15 PM 9/1/64

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "GREELEY, COLO. AUG 17 1964 AM" bearing hand printed address "The Beatles Denver, Colo." marked "URGENT IMPORTANT"
- Q2 Accompanying sheet of paper to which there have been attached words and letters cut or torn from a magazine and attached thereon to form a message beginning "I _ YOU KNOW WHATS....." ending on reverse side "BEATLE HATER"

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I *You* **KNOW**

WHAT'S **GOOD** *FOR YOU*

CANCEL *DEMAND*

ENGAGEMENT, *I'LL*

BE *IN THE* **AUDIENCE**

and *im* **GOING TO**

THROW A HAND

grade **INSTEAD**

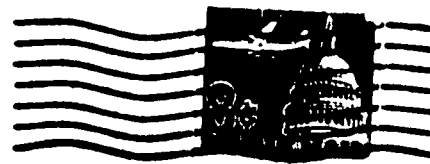
OF

JELLY • BABIE

BEATLE Hate *R*

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URGENT



The Beatles AIRMAIL

Denver, Colorado

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IMPORTANT

Q1 D-456939 DJ



Q1 D-456939 DJ

FBI
LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE DENVER	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DENVER	DATE 9/21/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/18/64 - 9/18/64
TITLE OF CASE UNKNOWN SUBJECT; THE BEATLES - VICTIMS		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY nll
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCES:

Denver airtel to Bureau dated 8/19/64;
Bureau letter to Denver dated 9/4/64.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Inasmuch as investigation at Greeley, Colorado, where the letter was postmarked, has not resulted in developing any suspects or subjects in this case, no further investigation is being conducted and the case is being closed upon authority of the SAC.

APPROVED [Signature]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
COPIES MADE: 1 - Bureau (9-42653) 1 - USA, Denver 1 - Denver (9-1419)		9 + 412653 + 3	REC- 19
		SEP 25 1964	
DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT		NOTATIONS STAT. SECT.	
AGENCY.....			
REQUEST RECD.			
DATE FWD.			
HOW FWD.			
BY.....			

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On 8/25/64, [REDACTED] of the
Denver Office, advised he has no information as to who
might have prepared or mailed the extortion letter.

b7C
b7D

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Denver, Colorado

Report of: [REDACTED] **b7C** Office: Denver
Date: September 21, 1964

Field Office File No.: 9-1419 Bureau File No.: 9-42653

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
THE BEATLES -
VICTIMS

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis:

Letter postmarked at Greeley, Colorado, 8/17/64, directed to The Beatles, who were appearing at Denver, Colorado, 8/26/64, threatening to throw hand grenade from audience, comprised of cutout letters from a magazine pasted on plain white paper. Investigation at Greeley, Colorado, does not identify individual who mailed or prepared letter. No identification made in FBI anonymous letter file. No latent fingerprint impressions of value developed.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by **b7C**
Special Agent [REDACTED]

On August 18, 1964, [REDACTED] **b7C**
Chief's Office, Denver, Colorado, Police Department, advised that on this date he had received a threatening letter in the mail from the office of Mr. VERN BYERS, May D&F Company, Denver, Colorado, who is promoting the appearance of The Beatles at the Red Rocks Amphitheater, Jefferson County, Colorado, August 26, 1964. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] stated this letter enclosed another letter, which was addressed to The Beatles, Denver, a.m., and marked urgent and important. The envelope was postmarked August 17,

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1964, Greeley, Colorado, a.m., and the letter was comprised of cutout letters from a magazine pasted on plain white paper, which reads as follows:

"If you know what's good for you cancel Denver engagement. I'll be in the audience and I'm going to throw a hand grenade instead of jelly babies.

"Beatle Hater"

[REDACTED] further advised that this letter had been handled by all personnel of the Chief's Department as well as other executive officers of the Denver Police Department. **b7C**

On August 19, 1964, [REDACTED] made available the above-described letter and advised that the Denver Police Department will have approximately 200 police officer assigned to handle the crowd when The Beatles perform and that they are all being advised of the receipt of this letter. He further advised that the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Golden, Colorado, was also supplying police personnel to handle the crowd. He stated that the Sheriff has not been advised of the receipt of this letter. **b7C**

On August 19, 1964, [REDACTED] National Academy, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Golden, Colorado, was advised regarding the receipt of this letter at which time he stated he was supplying approximately 50 police personnel to assist the Denver Police Department in handling the crowd when The Beatles appear at the Red Rocks Amphitheater and he will advise them regarding receipt of this letter. **b7C**

On August 18, 1964, Assistant United States Attorney JAMES A. CLARK, Denver, Colorado, was contacted and advised of the details of the receipt of this letter threatening The Beatles

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at which time he stated he would defer rendering a prosecutive opinion until it can be determined whether subject can be identified; however, he believes that the threat does fall within the purview of the Federal Extortion Statute.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] at Greeley, Colorado: **b7C**

On August 18, 1964, [REDACTED] Superintendent of Mails, advised that he had no information which would be of assistance in identifying the subject in this case. He stated that no similar incidents had been reported to his office. **b7C**

On August 20, 1964, [REDACTED] United States Postal Inspector at Greeley, Colorado, stated he has had no similar letters reported to him and he could furnish no information as to the possible identity of the subject. **b7C**

On August 20, 1964, [REDACTED] at Greeley, Colorado, advised that he could not identify the individual who prepared this letter and that no similar incidents had been reported to his office. **b7C**

On August 20, 1964, [REDACTED] Detective Division, Greeley, Colorado, Police Department, advised that no similar letters had been turned over to the Police Department and that no threatening letters of any nature had come to his attention during the past year. He stated he could not furnish any information which would be of assistance in identifying the subject. **b7C**

On September 17, 1964, [REDACTED] Greeley, Colorado, High School, Greeley, Colorado, advised that during the past school year, and in fact during the past several years, no letters similar to **b7C**

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the one sent to The Beatles have been found among the students at the high school. He stated that he has no information which would be of assistance in identifying the subject.

On August 20, 1964, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Greeley, Colorado, advised that no similar letters have come to the attention of the [REDACTED] and that she has no information which would assist in identifying the subject. b7C b7D

On September 4, 1964, the FBI Laboratory advised that the handprinting on the submitted evidence was compared with the appropriate sections of the anonymous letter file without affecting an identification.

On September 4, 1964, the FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, advised that no latent impressions of value were developed on the specimens.

On August 27, 1964, [REDACTED] (National Academy), Denver Police Department, Traffic Bureau, advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that no incidents occurred indicating an attempt to harm the Beatles during their stay in Denver. b7C

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
8/25/64

Local authorities have been notified concerning this threat and investigation has been instituted by our Denver Office in attempt to identify sender of letter. The Bureau will be kept advised of all pertinent developments.

[Handwritten initials]
[Handwritten initials]
SFM

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GENERAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

Appearance tour of "The Beatles" was noted as possible vehicle through which riot condition might be brought about by outside organization.

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