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SUBJECT: THE BEATLES

FILE NUMBER: 157-6
FBI WASH/DC

FBI SAN FRAN

11:45 PM PDT URGENT 8-19-64 RJO

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (157-273)

RACIAL MATTER, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ATTENTION CIVIL RIGHTS
SECTIONS, 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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FBI SAN FRAN
8:35 PM PDT URGENT 8-18-64 RJO
TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (157-273)

RACIAL MATTERS: SAN 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.

END

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Memorandum

TO  Mr. Belmont

FROM  A. Rosen

DATE  August 19, 1964

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

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.
FBI

Date: 9/18/64

Transmit the following in (Type in plaintext or code)

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

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

Date Forw. SEP 21, 1964

How Forw. 

By C.L.C.6

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Approved: Special Agent in Charge

Sent M Per SUB: CONTROL
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.

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.  It was 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.  It was 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.
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.

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.
Transmit the following in

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAL (Priority)

To: Director, FBI

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

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.

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

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Agency G-2, ONI, CSL, CRD

Date Forw. SEP 9 1964

How Forw. REC 10

By REC 10 187-6-23-171

1 - Bureau (Enclosures)

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Sent M Per
Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, informed on September 2, 1964, that possibly 40,000 persons may crowd the Kansas City, Missouri, Municipal Stadium at 8:00 PM, September 17, 1964, where the Beatles, a quartet singing group on tour here from England, are to perform at 9:25 PM under contract to Charles O. Finley, owner of the Kansas City Athletics (baseball club). It said all leave for Kansas City, Missouri, police officers have 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.

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.
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 Region III, 113th Intelligence Corps Group, Kansas City, Missouri.

This matter will be followed closely.