FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: THE BEATLES

FILE NUMBER: 9-42653
To: Director, FBI
Attention: FBI Laboratory

From: SAC, Denver (9-new) (P)

Subject: The Beatles - Victims
Extortion

Office of Origin

On 8-18-64, the 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. The letter stated this letter enclosed another letter, which was addressed to the Beatles, Denver, Colorado, 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"

3-Bureau (Encls. 2) (AM)
2-Denver
JHG:1rj
(5)

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge
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.

On 8-19-64, 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.

On 8-19-64, 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.

On 8-18-64, AUDI, 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 extorsion 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. 9-42853 - 1
FBI FILE NO. 53511
LATENT CASE NO. 112

TO: SAC, Denver

September 4, 1964

RE: UNSUB.; THE BEATLES - VICTIMS
    EXTORTION

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

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.

Inc. (2)

WLB: gpt (5)

MAILED 30 SEP - 4 1964

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

Re: UNSUB; THE BEATLES —
VICTIMS
EXTORTION

OO: Denver

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

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

Result of Examination: Examination by

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 thereto to form a message beginning "I KNOW WHATS.......
ending on reverse side "BEATLE HATER" -

Q1 + Q2 treated with silver nitrate solution

Specimens enclosed.

Examination completed: 9/3/64 9/3/64

Dictated: 9/3
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Denver (9-New)
Date: September 4, 1964

Re: UNSUB; THE BEATLES - VICTIMS
     EXTORTION
     CO: Denver

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.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

DED: NL (4)
REPORT
of the
FBI
LABORATORY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Denver (9-Mev)
Re: UNSUB; THE BEATLES - VICTIMS
EXTORTION

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.

DED: NL (4)
RECORDED 8/25/64

LATENT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet
No Lab File

Re: UNSUB; THE BEATLES — VICTIMS
EXTORTION

TO: Denver

Examination requested by: FBI, Denver (9-New) Airtel 8/19/64
Examination requested: Document — Fingerprint Date received: 8/24/64
Result of Examination:

[Signature]
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"

[Signature]
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

Examination requested by:

Examination requested:

Result of Examination:

1. Qi: APH, Q2: AEF
2. Describe Qi & Q2 (see note)
3. Return signed original

Specimens submitted for examination

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Date received: 8/31/69
Examination by: 8/31/69
LATENT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

No Lab File

File #: 9-42653
Lab. #: D-458939 DJ

Re: UNSUB: THE BEATLES - VICTIMS EXTORTION

CO: Denver

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

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

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"
I won't be in the audience. I'll engage instead.

Tell ya: good for you.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE | OFFICE OF ORIGIN | DATE | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
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DENVER | DENVER | 9/21/64 | 8/18/64 - 9/18/64

CHARACTER OF CASE
- EXTORTION -

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

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.

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U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 19-70324-1
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.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:
1 - USA, Denver, Colorado

Report of: 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 latent fingerprint impressions of value developed.

- C -

DETAILS:
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent b7C

On August 18, 1964, 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. b7C 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,
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"

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.

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.

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.

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
at which time he stated he would defer rendering a prosecu-
tive 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:

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.

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.

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.

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.

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
DN 9-1419

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, Greeley, Colorado, advised that no similar letters have come to the attention of the and that she has no information which would assist in identifying the subject.

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, (National Academy), Denver Police Department, Traffic Bureau, advised Special Agent that no incidents occurred indicating an attempt to harm the Beatles during their stay in Denver.
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.
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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