



## The Beatles Collection (A166)

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### Lot 385

**Estimate:** £20000 - £30000 + Fees

#### THE JOHN LENNON LOST INTERVIEWS FROM 1969/70 CONDUCTED BY KEN ZEILIG

Incredible archive of detailed interviews lasting 91 minutes conducted by Ken Zeilig with John Lennon and Yoko Ono on three separate occasions during 1969 and early 1970. The subjects discussed are fascinating and broad ranging to include the Montreal Bed-In, their new album Abbey Road, recording methods including sound effects, the future of The Beatles, the Apple record label, the recording of 'The Wedding Album', his opinion on critics, the 'War is Over' peace movement, their involvement with Hanratty murder case, the tour of Australia, recording as a solo artist, musical influences, his favourite Beatles songs, The Beatles impact on youth movement, Christmas memories, Beatles fans and crowds at performances, giving back his MBE, his relationship with Yoko, their plans to have children and much more.

Ken was a Canadian freelance journalist throughout the 1960s-1980s who conducted interviews with many famous artists and public figures. Ken passed away in 1990 but it was only recently that the interviews were found by his children. A small section of the interviews (approximately 5 minutes) were aired on US radio via the Lost Lennon Tapes broadcast in the late 80's however the rest is thought to be previously unheard. The unedited interviews last approximately 1hr 31 minutes and in addition to those with John and Yoko there is also a tape reel containing a 7 minute 9 seconds interview from 1970 with Beatles manager Neil Aspinall. The interviews are across 12 reel-to-reel tapes and are accompanied by detailed transcripts and digital files with the recordings. 6 of the tape reels have unedited interviews with 5 others containing edited interviews complete with Beatles music etc which Ken will have put together to make the footage attractive to media outlets.

In addition to the tape reels there are 6 promotional photographs of John, Yoko and The Beatles that were sent to Ken in 1969 via The Beatles Apple Records label. The original envelope postmarked 1969 is included and features a "Fresh From Apple" label addressed to Ken Zeilig.

A truly unique and awe inspiring archive of interviews which deserve to be heard by all who love The Beatles and John Lennon.

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