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Re Charlotte letter to New York 7/23/63.
New York letter to Bureau 7/22/63 captioned
"CAMP SUMMERLANE, INFORMATION CONCERNING."

Referenced Charlotte letter set forth that Summerlane School and Camp has the address of 225 Lafayette, Room 811, New York 12, New York, and that the director is GEORGE VON HILSHEIMER of New York. Charlotte letter also set forth the information that local North Carolina newspaper articles on Saturday, 7/13/63, indicated that the campers and staff members from Summerlane Camp, Brevard, North Carolina, had left after an outbreak of violence and had gone to Camp Midvale at Ringwood, N.J.

The 7/15/63 issue of the Paterson Evening News, a Paterson, N.J., daily newspaper, on pages 1 and 10, contain an article captioned "Driven Out By North Carolina Mountaineers, Group Finds Refuge in Ringwood". The article reflected that nearly 70 summer campers and counselors of Summerlane Camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina found rest and refuge in Ringwood arriving at Camp Midvale last night (7/14/63). The article claimed that one of the buses that transported the Summerlane campers to Camp Midvale bore gunshot holes from a mountaineer raid on the camp last Thursday night and early Friday. According to a newspaper article, the camp near Rosman, N.C., was raided by local residents enraged over the reports of free love, nudity and integration at the site. The article quotes the Rev. GEORGE VON HILSHEIMER as blaming the shooting and burning of a camp building on "drunken young hoodlums" incensed over integration.

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