Letter of Provenance for autographed Beatles album from 1963.

I met The Beatles at a studio in Manchester in late August 1963 during the filming of 'The Mersey Sound' - a BBC North Region Film Unit production. I was introduced to the Band by my then partner who was the Unit Cinematographer. It was the height of the first 'wave' of 'Beatlemania' and the Band were touring the North of England playing to audiences of screaming teenagers who drowned out their music.

We met between 'takes' back stage. John was snoozing in a chair in a corner of the room and greeted us with a sleepy "Hi". Ringo was seated at a small table playing a solo card game and also said a friendly "Hi". Paul came in and out again very briefly - so it was George who chatted to us. He was charming and friendly and very keen to discuss cameras with my partner.

Shortly after this meeting - the next day as I recall - my partner presented me with the signed album.

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