APPLE CORPS LIMITED

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STATUTORY ACCOUNTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1975



Arthur Young McClelland Moores & Co.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

LONDON

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APPLE CORPS LIMITED

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
DECEMBER 31, 1975

APPLE CORPS LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors submit their report and group accounts for the year splud linguisher 31, 1975.

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The loss after taxation and extraordinary items of Apple Corps Limited and the mibalilaries, excluding the US Apple Group, for the year was \$716,930. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

Principal activity

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Directors and their interests (continued)

Messrs. Harrison, Lennon, McCartney and Starkey have from the inception of the company devoted the majority of their activities to creative matters and the exploitation and promotion of their creative efforts and they have not actively been involved in the financial affairs of the company. These have primarily been handled on their behalf by various personal managers, business managers and management companies.

Auditors

A resolution to reappoint as auditors Arthur Young McClelland Moores & Co. will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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Secretary

29, St. James's Street, London, SW1.

Arthur Young McClelland Moores & Co.

CHARTERED ACCOLINTANTS

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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF APPLE CORPS LIMITED

- 1.1 We have examined the accounts of Apple Corps Limited and its subsidiaries, excluding the US Apple Group as defined in paragraph 2.1 below for the year ended December 31, 1975 set out on pages 6 to 21 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention.
- 1.2 As stated in note 11, the company has not yet agreed with H.M. Inspect of Taxes the corporation tax liabilities for the nine years ended December 31, 1975. Until such time as the corporation tax liabilities are agreed with H.M. Inspector of Taxes, we are unable to form an opinion on whether the provision for taxes is fairly stated.
- As stated in note 11 no provision has been made in the accounts in respect of the possible taxation liability on shortfall/excess relevant income which, on the basis of the corporation tax liabilities reflected in these accounts, could amount to a maximum of £3,750,000. Until such time as these tax liabilities are agreed with H.M. Inspector of Taxes, we are unable to form an opinion as to what provision, if any, might have been necessary in this respect.
- 1.4 No account has been taken of:
 - a) any additional royalties which may be receivable as a result of the claim referred to in note 18(b);
 - b) any additional amounts which may be payable as a result of the proceedings referred to in note 18(c);
 - c) any additional amounts which may be payable as a result of the claim referred to in note 18(e).
- As stated in no. 7, amounts due from subsidiaries not consolidated are included after dedu. 'ng a provision of £720,297. However we are unable to form an opinion as to the state of affairs of the US Apple Group (see paragraph 2.4 below) and accordingly we are unable to form an opinion as to whether such provisions may be excessive or whether further provisions may be required.

- 1.6 Subject to such adjustments, if any, as might have been required had the outcome of the matters referred to in paragraphs 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5 above been known, in our opinion the accounts set out on pages 6 to 21 give, under the historical cost convention, a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of Apple Corps Limited and its subsidiaries, excluding the US Apple Group, at December 31, 1975, and of the loss for the year ended on that date and comply with the Companies Acts 1948 and 1967.
- 2.1 As mentioned in note 7 to the accounts of Apple Corps Limited, the unaudited consolidated financial statements of Apple Corps Inc. and its subsidiaries (the US Apple Group) for the year ended June 30, 1975, have been presented separately on pages 22 to 29. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.
- We have been unable to obtain all the information and explanations which we required for the purposes of our examination of the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the US Apple Group in relation to our audit of the group accounts, in that adequate documentation in support of certain material assets and liabilities reflected in these financial statements and initially contained in the books of account at June 30, 1973 has not been made available. For this reason we have not been able is satisfy ourselves that the books of account of the US Apple Group were properly kept for the year ended June 30, 1975, nor has it been possible to complete an audit.
- 2.3 No account has been taken of:
 - a) any additional liability for contingent taxes relating to income derived from the Concert for Bangladesh as referred to in note 5.
 - b) any potential tax deficiencies referred to in note 6.
 - c) any additional amounts which may be receivable as a result of the claim referred to in note 11.
- 2.4 In view of the materiality of the matters mentioned in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3 above, we are unable to form an opinion on whether or not the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the US Apple Group give, so far as is relevant in connection with our audit of the group accounts:
 - i) a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the US Apple Group at June 30, 1975 or of the results for the year ended on that date, or
 - ii) the information required by the Companies Acts 1948 and 1967.

- 3.1 The attached accounts of Apple Corps Limited and its subsidiaries, excluding the US Apple Group, set out on pages 6 to 21, together with the unaudited consolidated financial statements of Apple Corps Inc., set out on pages 22 to 29, form the group accounts.
- In our opinion the group accounts have been prepared on the bases stated in the notes and give the information required by the Companies Acts 1948 and 1967 to the extent that it is practicable in the light of the foregoing matters. However, in view of the materiality of the matters referred to in this report, we are unable to form an opinion on whether or not the group accounts:
 - i) give, so far as concerns members of the holding company, a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group at December 31, 1975 or of the results for the year ended on that date. or
 - ii) comply with the Companies Acts 1948 and 1967.

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CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975

	Notes	10) 75	1974
	•		£	£
Turnover - Third parties Subsidiaries not consolidated	1		2,540,979	3,770,014 (10,887)
			£2,540,979	£3,759,127
		£	£	£
Operating profit after charging:			395,579	593,488
Depreciation Directors' remuneration Auditors' remuneration Interest on long term debt Other interest	2	14,403 600,000 26,000 14,851 27,952		27, 142 806, 576 26, 000 14, 992 93, 933
after crediting: Profit on disposal of investm Interest Income from trade investmer Compensation for termination of management agreement	nt 5	196, 821 696, 205		12,449 1,626,400 857,929
Share of profits less losses of associated companies	8	and an and an analysis of the second	144,976	(55,816)
Profit before taxation and extraordinary items			540,555	537,672
Taxation	11		279,480	362,228
Profit before extraordinary ite	ems		261,075	175,444
Extraordinary items	12		(778,005)	(183,726)
Loss for the year after extraordinary items of which loss of £(576,672) (1974 - a profit of £116,275) is dealt win the accounts of the holding company	vith		(516, 930)	(8, 282)
Retained profits af January 1,	1975		4,793,568	4,801,850
Retained profits at December 31, 1975	13		£4, 276, 638	£4,793,568

The notes on pages 9 to 21 form part of these accounts.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31, 1975

<u> 1</u>	Votes	19'	<u>75</u>	1974	
		£	£	£	
Fixed assets	2.		430,083	1,164,851	
Due from former Receiver and Manager of The Beatles and Co.	5		4,344,452	7,007,544	
Investment in subsidiaries not consolidated	7		4	4	
Interest in associated companies	8		264, 806	187, 379	
Current assets Due from subsidiaries not consolidated less provision of £720,297 (1974 - £621,690) Advances to directors Accounts receivable Cash and short term loans	7 9 10	45,412 212,220 1,469,112 2,889,382		42,414 236,821 2,217,267 1,872,150	
Cash and short town		4,616,126		4,368,652	
Current liabilities Bank overdraft Accounts payable Due to subsidiaries not consolid Promissory notes Loan Current protion of long term debt Corporation tax due July 1,1977 Current taxation	14 15	2,342,483 312,179 225,000 196,589 84,191 2,218,291 5,378,733	(762,607)	346,985 4,023,526 616,479 302,250 225,000 2,273 249,887 1,971,773 7,738,173 (3,369,521)	
Net current liabilities					
Long term debt	15		4, 276, 738 - £4, 276, 738	4,990,257 (196,589) £4,793,668	
Representing: Share capital Retained profits	lb	rs	£ 100 4, 276, 638	£ 100 4,793,568	
The notes on pages 9 to	21 forn	n part of these	£4, 276, 738	£4,793,668	

APPLE CORPS LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31, 1975

	Notes	19	<u>75</u>	19.74
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Fixed assets	2		430,083	1,164,851
Due from former Receiver and Manager of The Beatles and Co.	5		4,344,452	7,007,544
Investment in subsediaries	6		17,711	17,711
Interest in associated companies	8		171,700	171,700
Current a sets Due from subsidiaries Advances to directors Accounts receivable Cash and short term loans	6 9 10	169,230 212,220 1,460,699 2,711,486		158,185 236,821 2,191,066 1,721,061
		4,553,635		4,307,117
Current liabilities Bank overdraft Accounts payable Due to subsidiaries Promissory notes Current protion of long term debt Corporation tax due July 1,1977 Current taxation	15	2,230,101 312,179 		239,168 3,939,885 616,479 302,250 2,273 249,837 1,961,759
		5,933,629		7,421,791
Net current liabilities			(479,985)	(3, 104, 584)
			4,483,941	5,257,222
Long term debt	15		*	(196,589)
			\$4,483,944	\$5,060,633
Representing:		night William	£,	<i>§</i> ,
Share capital	16		100	004
Retained profits		,	4,483,861	5, 040, 533
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			14,483,961	£5, 640, 453

The notes on pages 9to 21 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975

1. Accounting policies

a) Historical cost convention

The accounts of the group have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

b) 'Turnover

Turnover comprises: -

- (i) Royalties from the sale of records recorded by "The Beatles" which are accounted for when the royalties would normally become due and payable to the company or its subsidiaries.
 - No provision is made for any reduction in royalties receivable in subsequent periods as a result of the return of records sold in respect of which royalties would normally have become due and payable during the period.
- (ii) Administration fees to an associated company, interest receivable, and income from investments held by the former Receiver and Manager of The Beatles and Co. on behalf of the company.
- (iii) In the year ended December 31, 1974, share of profits from the trade investment in a partnership, as disclosed in that partnership's annual accounts, which have been prepared on the same basis as the group accounts except as stated in note 5(v)(a) below, and which are coterminous with the group accounts.

(c) Depreciation

The group policy is to provide depreciation on all fixed assets other than on freehold land and buildings. The rates used are calculated to write off the cost of each asset by equal annual instalments over its expected useful life, as follows: -

Short leasehold - over the unexpired portion of the lease Vehicles and equipment - over 4 years.

(d) Preliminary expenses

Preliminary expenses in setting up subsidiary companies are written off in the profit and loss account in the period in which they are incurred.

(e) Subsidiary companies

Apart from the unaudited consolidated financial statements of Apple Corps Inc., and its subsidiaries to which reference is made in note 7, the consolidated accounts include the audited accounts of all subsidiary companies all of which are made up to December 31, 1975.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975 (continued)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

(f) Associated companies

The consolidated profit and loss account includes the proportion of the results of associated companies attributable to the shareholdings of Apple Corps Limited and its subsidiaries. In the consolidated balance sheet the investments in associated companies are shown at the aggregate of cost and the group's share of post-acquisition profits less losses.

(g) Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies during the year are converted at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Receivables and payables in foreign currencies are converted at the rate of exchange on the balance sheet date. Differences on conversion are taken to profit and loss account.

The accounts of the overseas subsidiaries that have been consolidated have been translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

2.	Fixed assets	Group and Company				
		Freehold land and buildings	Short leaseholds	Vehicles and equipment	Total	
		£	£	£	£	
	Cost less provision At January 1, 1975 Additions Disposals Less provision for	1,137,085 58,480	4,320 -	151,396 2,464 (7,934)	1,292,801 60,944 (7,934)	
	permanent dimunition in estimated market value	(776,707)	(4,320)		(781,027)	
	At December 31, 1975	418,858	-	145,926	564,784	
	Depreciation At January 1, 1975 Provided during the year Disposals Adjustment for permanent	-	2,590 432	125,360 13,971 (4,630)	127,950 14,403 (4,630)	
	dimunition in estimated market value	-	(3,022)	_	(3,022)	
	At December 31, 1975		••	134,701	134,701	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975 (continued)

2.	Fixed assets (continued)	Group and Company				
		Freehold land and buildings	Short leaseholds	Vehicles and equipment	<u> Total</u>	
	Net book amounts					
	December 31, 1975	£418,858	£	£11,225	£430,083	
	January 1, 1975	£1, 137, 085	£1,730	£26,036	£1,164,851	

During the year the company decided not to complete the redevelopment programme of the company's premises at 3, Savile Row, London, W.1., which had continued since 1971. The directors, on professional advice, have made provision in these accounts for the difference between the estimated open market existing use value of £400,000 at December 31, 1975 and the accumulated development costs to that date. Consequently £776,707 has been charged as an extraordinary item in the profit and loss account for the year ended December 31, 1975 (see note 12).

3. Directors' remuneration	<u>1975</u> £	1974 £
· Fees Other emoluments	600,000	806,576
	£ 600,000	£806,576

The emoluments of the highest paid director were £150,000 (1974 - £400,000).

The number of other directors whose emoluments fell within the ranges below were:

£ 2,501 - £ 5,000
£ 147,501 - £150,000
£ 397,501 - £400,000

4. Employees' emoluments

The number of employees whose remuneration during the year exceeded £10,000 fell within the following range:

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£395,001		£397,500	-	2

The employees included above were appointed as directors during 1974 and their emoluments for the purpose of this note relate solely to the period prior to their appointment as directors.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975 (continued)

5. Due from former Receiver and Manager of The Beatles and Co.

- (i) The company had an 80% interest in the partnership, the Beatles and Co. Under the terms of the partnership the company was entitled to an 80% share of the partnership's profits and losses and this has been included as income in the company's accounts for the year ended December 31, 1974, based on the audited accounts of the partnership for the year then ended.
- (ii) High Court proceedings seeking, inter alia, the dissolution of the partnership and the appointment of a Receiver were commenced by one of the partners on December 31, 1970. The court appointed a Receiver and Manager of the partnership on April 15, 1971. At that date the control of the assets and liabilities of the partnership was vested by the court in the Receiver and Manager, and the assets and liabilities were no longer at the disposal of the partners.

The dispute between the partners was settled by an agreement dated December 29, 1974 and by an Order of the High Court dated December 31, 1974 the parnership was dissolved and the Receiver and Manager was discharged.

Under the terms of the settlement agreement

- (a) the tangible assets and liabilities of the partnership reflected in the partnership accounts at the date of dissolution vested in the partners individually in accordance with their current accounts as at the date of dissolution and the right to receive income from Beatle group recordings vested in the partners individually in accordance with their respective entitlements to share in partnership profits.
- (b) income arising from recordings by the partners individually received by the partnership prior to October 1, 1974 was agreed to be treated as income of the partnership, and thereafte the income of the individual concerned.
- (iii) The group and company interest in the former partnership at December 31, 1974 and due from the former Receiver and Manager at that date, is made up as follows:

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975 (continued)

iii) (continued)	<u>1974</u>
	£ ,
Capital at cost Less acquisition costs written off	816,000 (8,000)
	808,000
Share of profits before taxation At January 1, 1974 For the year (see note 5(v) below)	9,067,813 1,626,400
At December 31, 1974	10,694,213
Current account	(4,494,669)
Total interest at December 31, 1974	£ 7,007,544

(iv) Following the dissolution of the partnership the former
Receiver and Manager has retained, with the permission of the Court,
funds due to the partners in order to meet any liabilities that might
be payable by him in respect of the former partnership. At December
31, 1975 the funds held by the former Receiver and Manager and due
to the company were represented by the following:

	1975	1974
	£	£
Investments at cost (Market value £4,773,302, 1974 - £4,285,037)	4,521,973	4, 222, 633
Cash at bank	291,462	3,529,393
Less: Provision for income tax Due to other former partners	(247, 593) (221, 390)	(547,593) (196,889)
Due from former Receiver and Manager at December 31, 1975	£4,344,452	£7,007,544

The former Receiver and Manager released to the company on August 2, 1976 £943,000 in cash and on August 10, 1976 investments valued at cost at £2,025,000.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975 (continued)

5. Due from former Receiver and Manager of The Beatles and Co. (continued)

- (v) Profits of the partnership for the year ended December 31, 1974 are stated after taking account of the following matters:
 - In accordance with the terms of the dissolution of the partnership royalties repayable for returns prior to December 31, 1975 on individual recordings are the responsibility of the partnership. Consequently, the accounts of the partnership at December 31, 1974 include a provision for such royalties repayable amounting to £242,606 which has been offset against royalty income in the period ended December 31, 1974.
 - (b) Following the dissolution of the partnership on December 31, 1974 the goodwill not amortised at that date amounting to £229,658 has been written off in the period then ended as an extraordinary item.

6. Subsidiaries

The company has the following principal subsidiary companies: -

	Country of	capital owned			
	incorporation	Direct	indirect	Total	
Apple Corps S.A.	Switzerland	100	-	100	
Apple Corps Inc.	USA	**	100	100	
Apple Records Inc. (California)	USA	-	100	100	
Apple Records Inc. (New York)	US.A.	-	100	100	
Apple Music Publishing Co. Inc.	USA	-	100	100	
Apple Films Inc.	USA	-	100	100	
Apple Management Limited	United Kingdom	100		100	

The company's investment in subsidiaries is included in the accounts at December 31, 1975 at cost less preliminary expenses written off.

Amounts due from subsidiaries are stated after deducting provisions for irrecoverable amounts of £45,700 (1974 - £45,700).

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975 (continued)

7. Subsidiaries not consolidated

It is insidered that it could be miss ading to consolidate with the accounts of Apple Corps Limited the unaudited consolidated financial statements of Apple Corps Inc. and its subsidiaries (the US Apple Group), all of which are incorporated in the United States of America, and which for local fiscal reasons make up their financial statements to June 30 annually. Accordingly these unaudited statements, which are expressed in US dollars, are presented separately on pages 22 to 29 and form part of the group accounts.

As mentioned in the notes to these financial statements on pages 25 to 29, certain significant matters relating to the financial position of the US Apple Group at June 30, 1975 have not yet been established, or are in contention, and adequate documentation is not presently available to the directors of the company to support the information contained in the books and records of the US Apple Group. Consequently, it has not been practicable to complete an audit of the US Apple Group without excessive further costs and further undue delay in the presentation of the group accounts of Apple Corps Limited and its subsidiaries.

Amounts due from subsidiaries not consolidated are stated after deducting provisions for irrecoverable amounts of £720, 297 (1974 - £621, 690) which take into account part of the losses incurred by the US Apple Group to June 30, 1975

8. Interests in associated companies

The group and company were beneficially interested in the following associated companies: -

associated companies: -		ountry of orporation	ord	ing of inary capital
			(70
Maclen (Music) Limited Subafilms Limited		ted Kingdom ted Kingdom	20 23.9	
	Gr	oup	Com	pany
	1975	1974	1975	1974
	£	£	£	£
Cost of investment in associated companies Share of retained profits	171,700	171,700	171,700	171,70
less losses since acquisition	93, 106	15,679		L
	£264, 806	£187,379	£171,700	£171,70
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975 (continued)

8. Interests in associated companies (continued)

The profit and loss account of the company includes income for the year ended December 31, 1974 of £191,808 in respect of administration and management fees receivable from Maclen (Music) Limited (Maclen). There was a dispute between Maclen and the company as to the validity and the date of commencement of the management agreement, under which the company claimed these fees. This dispute was settled by an agreement dated December 29, 1974 under which it was accepted that the management agreement was validly entered into and that the above mentioned fees were payable by Maclen. The management agreement was terminated as at January 15, 1975 in consideration of the payment of £1,650,000 by Maclen to the company, representing £792,071 in respect of administration and management fees accrued but not paid at that date and £857,929 in respect of the termination of the management agreement. The termination element has been included as income in the profit and loss account for the year ended December 31, 1974.

9.	Advances to Directors	Mr. J.O. Lennon	Mr. J.F. McCartney	Mr. R. Starkey	Total
		£	£	£	£
	Advances under Section 190(1)(a) of the Companies Act 1948	10,697	51,284	113,253	175,234
	Other advances prior to January 1, 1975 whilst a director	28,869	-	-	28,869
	 in period prior to appointment as director 		200	16,389	16,389
	Total advances at January 1, 1975	39,566	51,284	129,642	220,492
	Advances (reductions) during the year	(2, 480)	(2,896)	(2,896)	(8,272)
	Total advances at December 31, 1975	£37,086	£48,388	£126,746	£212,220

Mr. G. Harrison resigned as a director on December 5, 1975. Advances to Mr. Harrison at December 31, 1975 amounted to £13,433 after reductions of £2,896 during the year.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975 (continued)

10. Accounts receivable

Included in accounts receivable are record royalties amounting to £1,022,097 (1974 - £101,482), due and payable to the company, which have been withheld in the United States of America as a result of court attachment orders pending the resolution of litigation with ABKCO Industries Inc. mention in note 18(a) below.

11. Taxation

The taxation charge is made up as follows: -	1975	1974
Based on the profits of the year: -	: 40	£
Of the company and its subsidiaries		
Corporation tax at 52% (1974 - 52%) Less double taxation relief	210,192 51,806	350,000 69,013
United Kingdom tax Overseas tax	158,386 53,545	280,987 70,864
·	211,931	351,851
On the share of profits of associated		
companies	67,549	10,377
	£279,480	£362, 228
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The high taxation charge in relation to profit before taxation is due to certain lamounts having been treated in these accounts as not being allowed as deductible expenditure for tax purposes.

The company has not yet agreed with H.M. Inspector of Taxes the corporation tax liabilities for the nine years ended December 31, 1975. Until such time as the corporation tax liabilities are agreed with H.M. Inspector of Taxes it is not possible to determine whether the provision for taxes is fairly stated in these accounts.

The UK companies within the group and the group's associated companies are close companies within the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970. As such, they are liable to income tax under Schedule F, surtax and, for 1967/68 a special charge, on any amount by which its distributions fall short of the "required standard" or "relevant income". The "required standard"/"relevant income" has not yet been determined for Apple Corps Limited nor Subafilms Limited

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975 (continued)

11. Taxation (continued)

in respect of the period from April 6, 1966 (for Apple Corps Limited) and from January 1, 1967 (for Subafilms Limited) to December 31, 1975. The maximum contingent liability for taxes mentioned above on shortfall/ excess relevant income in respect of the periods to December 31, 1975 is estimated at £3,700,000 (1974 - £3,700,000) for Apple Corps Limited and at £50,000 (1974 - £50,000) for Apple Corps Limited's interest in Subafilms Limited's contingent liability.

However, in the opinion of the directors the payment of dividends by Apple Corps Limited and Subafilms Limited in respect of each of the years concerned would have been prejudicial to the requirements and development of the companies' businesses and accordingly it is the directors view that no material liability should arise.

12. Extraordinary item

This comprises: -	<u> 1975</u>	<u> 1974</u>
	£	£
Provision for permanent dimunition in		
estimated market value of freehold land		
and buildings	776,707	•••
Provision for permanent dimunition in		
estimated market value of short leasehold	1,298	=-
The group's share of goodwill of the		
partnership, The Beatles and Co., not		
amortised by the time of dissolution		
of the partnership and consequently		
written off in the period to December		
31, 1974 (see note 5(v)(b))	_	183,726
	£778,005	£183,726

13. Retained profits

Profits (losses) retained at December 31, 1975 were as follows: -

	1975	1974
	£	£
By the company By its subsidiaries By associated companies	4,483,861 - (300,329) 93,106	•
	£4,276,638	£4,793,568

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975 (continued)

14. Loan

This represents a loan of £225,000 (1974 - £225,000) to a subsidiary, interest being payable at 1% above the Bank of England's minimum lending rate. There are no fixed terms for repayment.

15. Long term debt

At December 31, 1974 there was an amount of £196,589 outstanding on a loan to the company, with a further £2,273 included in current liabilities as due within one year. This loan was secured upon the company's freehold premises at 3, Savile Row, London, W1. Interest was payable at the rate of $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum on the full amount of the loan until December 1, 1974. From that date the company commenced repayment of the capital by half yearly instalments of £1,136, interest at the same rate being calculated on the reducing balance. In 1975 the company was notified that repayment of the loan would be demanded if the redevelopment programme of the secured premises was not completed. As the redevelopment programme had been abandoned the loan outstanding at December 31, 1975 has been included as a current liability. The loan was repaid on March 31, 1977.

16. Share capital

At December 31, 1974 and December 31, 1975	Authorised	Issued and fully paid
Ordinary shares of £1 each	£100	£100
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17. Capital commitments

At December 31, 1975 amounts contracted for but not provided in the accounts of the group and company amounted to £23,000 (1974 - £3,000).

No amounts had been authorised by the directors but not contracted for (1974 - nil).

18. Contingencies

In 1973 a dispute arose between the company and ABKCO Industries Inc. (ABKCO), who acted as business manager of the company and its subsidiaries from May 8, 1969 to March 31, 1973, as to the validity of an agreement under which ABKCO claimed commission on certain past and future income of the company and of the partnership, The Beatles and Co. (the partnership). The amount claimed by ABKCO as payable by the company on its income and on the income of the partnership amounted to £141,538 in respect of the year ended December 31, 1975 and £2,650,148 in respect of prior years. At December 31, 1975 £1,157,598 had been paid to ABKCO by the company or on its behalf (1974 - £1,157,598).

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975 (continued)

18. Contingencies (continued)

(a) (Continued)

This dispute was settled by an agreement dated January 8, 1977 under which it was accepted that amounts already paid to ABKCO by the company or on its behalf should be retained by ABKCO and that a further final payment of £2,912,664 should be made by the company to ABKCO. Amounts paid to ABKCO have been included in the accounts as expenditure in the accounting period in which the payments were made or the liability; dmitted. The profit and loss account of the company for the year ended December 31, 1975 includes £nil in this respect (1974 - £nil).

Certain subsidiary companies and an associated company were likewise involved in this dispute with ABKCO. The group's share of the amount claimed by ABKCO as payable by these companies on their income amounted to £nil in respect of the year ended December 31, 1975 and £38,284 in respect of prior years, of which by December 31, 1975 £17,427 had been paid to ABKCO or on its behalf (1974 - £17,427). Under the settlement of the dispute it was agreed that amounts already paid to ABKCO by these companies or on their behalf should be retained by ABKCO and that no further payment was due to ABKCO. As above, amounts paid to ABKCO have been included in the accounts as expenditure in the accounting period in which the payments were made. The profit and loss account of the group for the year ended December 31, 1975 includes £nil in this respect (1974 - £nil).

(b) An audit has been carried out on royalites payable by EMI Records Limited and its subsidiaries (EMI) to the company and to The Beatles and Co., the partnership in which the company has an 80% interest, and included in these accounts, and additional royalties have been claimed by the company and the partnership. At present negotiations are in progress with EMI but the outcome of these negotiations cannot yet be determined. Therefore it is not possible to quantify any additional royalties which may be receivable by the company in respect of the year ended December 31, 1975 or prior periods. Accordingly no account has been taken in the accounts of the company or the partnership of any additional royalties which may be receivable for EMI in this respect.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975 (continued)

18. Contingencies (continued)

- (c) Proceedings have been commenced against the company in which it is claimed that further royalties are payable to an individual as produces of certain recordings by "The Beatles". The amount claimed is material to the financial position of the company. The company is vigorously contesting these proceedings but the outcome of them cannot be foreseen. No provision has been made in these accounts for any additional amounts payable in this respect.
- (d) A claim has been lodged against, inter alia, the company and certain of its subsidiaries, that the copyright of a certain composition had been infringed and that certain profits arising from sales in the United States of America should be forfeited. The claim for infringement of copyright has been upheld by the courts in the United States of America but this decision may be the subject of an appeal. It has not as yet been possible to quantify the amounts, if any, that might be payable by the company and its subsidiaries in this respect, but it is considered that there would be no material effect on the group's and company's financial position at December 31, 1975. Accordingly no provision has been made in these accounts for any amounts payable in this respect.
- A claim has been made on behalf of the publishers of certain (e) songs that have been recorded, and from which record royalty income has been received by, and included in the accounts of, the company or the former partnership. The Beatles and Co., asserting that royalties due to the publishers, arising from record sales in the United States of America and Canada, have been incorrectly reported and that further amounts are due to the publishers. Royalties due to publishers arising from record sales in the United States of America and Canada are payable out of the record royalty income received by the company or the former partnership. Any further amounts due to publishers arising from the claim would therefore reduce the income of the company and/or the former partnership. The claim is being vigorously contested on the grounds that no further royalties are due, but it is not possible to determine the outcome of the matter at this time. Accordingly no account has been taken in these account of any additional royalties which might be payable to publishers by the company or the former partnership in this respect.
- (f) The company was a member of an unlimited partnership and is therefore, liable jointly and severally with its partners for partnership debts incurred in the course of the business, including income tax assessable on the shares of profit applicable to the individual partners.

APPLE CORPS INC.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1975

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CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1975

(Expressed in US Dollars)

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	Notes		1975	1974
Turnover	2(b)		\$1,118,452	\$1,548,649
		\$	\$	\$
Profit (loss) before taxation			(149,829)	341,762
after charging:				
Depreciation	3	6,659		1,664
and after crediting:				
Interest income		337,995		321,743
US state and federal taxes	6		(99,700)	80,250
Net profit (loss) after taxation			(50, 129)	261,512
Accumulated deficit at July 1, 1974			(2,452,905)	(2,714,417)
Accumulated deficit at June 30, 1975			\$(2,503,034)	\$(2,452,905)

The notes on pages 25 to 29 form part of these accounts.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT JUNE 30, 1975

(Expressed in US Dollars)

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	Notes	<u>.</u>	1975	1974
		\$	\$	\$
Fixed a sgets	3		•	84,403
Current assets				
Stocks of records and tapes		821,974		776,546
Due from ultimate holding company		1,530,293		1,631,965
Advances to director	4	490,972		532,511
Accounts receivable Cash		3,600,778 4,500,826		3,791,609 3,962,180
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		10,944,843		10,694,811
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable		5,834,756		6,280,014
Due to UNICEF	5	6,053,385		5,378,002
Current taxation Due to fellow subsidiary companies outside the	6	19,300		24,079
US group		1,540,426		1,550,014
		13,447,867		13, 232, 109
Net current liabilities			(2,503,024)	(2,537,298)
			\$(2,503,024)	\$(2,452,895)
Representing:			\$	\$
Share capital	9		10	10
Accumulated deficit			(2,503,034)	(2, 452, 905)
			\$(2,503,024)	\$(2,452,895)
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The notes on pages 25 to 29 form part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT JUNE 30, 1975

(Expressed in US Dollars)

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1. Basis of preparation

These unaudited consolidated financial statements at June 30, 1975 are based on the books of account and records of Apple Corps Inc. and its subsidiaries. Adequate documentation is not presently available to the directors of the company to support certain information reflected in these financial statements and initially contained in the books and records of the group for periods to June 30, 1973. Consequently it is considered impracticable to complete an audit of the group without excessive further costs and further undue delay in the presentation of the group accounts of the ultimate holding company.

2. Accounting policies

a) Historical cost convention

The financial statements of the group have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

b) Turnover

Turnover comprises: -

- (i) Gross sales of records and tapes less actual returns.
- (ii) Music publishing revenue and royalty income accounted for in the period in which notified to the group.
- (iii) Income receivable from the distribution of films.

c) Depreciation

The group policy is to provide depreciation on all fixed assets. The rates used are calculated to write off the cost of each asset by equal annual instalments over its expected useful life.

d) Subsidiary companies

The consolidated financial statements of the group include the financial statements of Apple Corps Inc., and all its subsidiaries all of which are made up to June 30, 1975.

e) Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies during the year are converted into US dollars at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Receivables and payables in foreign currencies are converted at the rate of exchange on the balance sheet date. Differences on conversion are taken to profit and loss account.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT JUNE 30, 1975

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

f) Stock

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost (on a first-in first-out basis) or market value.

3.	Fixed assets	Studio and equipment
	Cost	
	At July 1, 1974	90,427
	Disposals	77,744
	At June 30, 1975	12,683
	Depreciation	
	At July 1, 1974	6,024
	Charge for the year	6,659
	At June 30, 1975	12,683
	Net book amounts	
	At June 30, 1975	\$
	At July 1, 1974	\$84,403

4. Advances to director

Storling advances to Mr. G. Harrison at June 30, 1975 were made up as follows:

Advances at July 1, 1974	532,511
Advances during the year Exchange differences	(41,539)
Total advances at June 30, 1975	\$490,972

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT JUNE 30, 1975

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5. Due to UNICEF

All income derived from the Concert for Bangladesh and the album, tape and film relating thereto after deducting expenses, reserves for returns and any contingent liabilities, are to be paid to the US Committee for UNICEF. These financial statements reflect the establishment of the estimated liability for returns and contingent expenses. However, no estimated liability for contingent taxes has been recorded since this matter continues to be a subject of review by the Internal Revenue Service.

6. Taxation

The group's consolidated income tax returns for the six years ended June 30, 1975 are currently being examined by the Internal Revenue Service. Although field work on the examination has not yet been completed, the examining agency has questioned the deductibility of certain expenses and the proper year of deduction for other expenses. If the examining agency was to continue its assertion on these issues the potential tax deficiences would be material to the group's consolidated financial statements.

7. Dispute with ABKCO Industries Inc.

In 1973 a dispute arose between the group and ABKCO Industries Inc., (ABKCO), who acted as business manager of the company and its subsidiaries from May 8, 1969 to March 31, 1973, as to the validity of an agreement under which ABKCO claimed commission on certain past and future income.

These financial statements include a provision for the group in respect of the amounts claimed by ABKCO as payable by the group on its income amounting to \$13,958 in respect of the year ended June 30, 1975 and \$1,191,963 in respect of prior periods.

At June 30, 1975, \$705,654 had been paid to ABKCO by the group or on its behalf (1974: \$693,176).

The dispute was settled by an agreement dated January 8, 1977 under which it was accepted that amounts already paid to ABKCO by the group or on its behalf should be retained by ABKCO, that no further payment was due to ABKCO and that an amount of \$315,000 should be repaid by ABKCO to Apple Records Inc., of California.

The excess of the amounts provided in these financial statements over the net amounts paid to ABKCO by the group or on its behalf will be credited to income in the year ended June 30, 1977.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT JUNE 30, 1975

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8. Subsidiary companies and group transactions

The company has the following principal subsidiary companies all of which are wholly owned by Apple Corps Inc., and incorporated in the United States of America.

Apple Records Inc., (California)

Apple Records Inc., (New York)

Apple Music Publishing Co. Inc.

Apple Films Inc.

Apple Corps Inc., is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Apple Corps Limited, a United Kingdom company and is affiliated (through common shareholders) with a number of United Kingdom and other companies.

The group has material transactions with Apple Corps Limited and certain of its subsidiary and affiliated companies and these financial statements reflect these transactions on the bases determined among the parties concerned.

9. Share capital

At June 30, 1975 and 1974 the authorised and issued share capital consisted of .200 shares of no par value.

10. Rates of exchange

The rates of exchange with sterling were:

		os dollars per a sterling
December 31,	1975	2.02
June 30, 1975		2.20
December 31,	1974	2.35
June 30, 1974		2.39

IIS dollars per f sterling

11. Contingencies

An audit has been carried out of amounts payable by Capitol Records Inc., (Capitol), to the group and included in the financial statements of the company at June 30, 1975 and additional amounts have been claimed by the group.

At present negotiations are in progress with Capitol but the outcome of these negotiations cannot yet be determined. Therefore it is not possible to quantify any additional amounts which may be receivable by the group in respect of the year ended June 30, 1975 or prior years.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT JUNE 30, 1975

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11. Contingencies (continued)

Accordingly no account has been taken in the financial statements of the group of any additional amounts which may be receivable from Capitol in this respect.

12. Ultimate holding company

Apple Corps Limited, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom, is regarded by the directors as the group's ultimate holding company.