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Paul's Next Hit

"It was late, and Brian Epstein came in with a cable to tell them 'I Want to Hold Your Hand' was No. 1 on the American charts, and that they were going to America to be on *The Ed Sullivan Show*," photographer Harry Benson told Lira, recalling the origin of this famous shot, taken at Paris's George V hotel. "They were obviously excited by the news. I had heard them talk about a pillow fight they had had earlier, and I suggested one that night. Three said O.K., but John said no—that would be childish and stupid. So that was that. Then John casually came up behind Paul, who was holding a drink in his hand, and whacked him across the head. That's when the fun began."

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