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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/10/2001

To: Norfolk

From: Norfolk

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Contact: SA [redacted]

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Case ID #: 266A-NF-NEW (Pending)

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Title: [redacted]

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[redacted] OF PETA;
ET AL,
501 FRONT STREET,
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
ANIMAL ENTERPRISE TERRORISM

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Synopsis: [redacted]

[redacted] People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

[Large redacted area]

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Past FBI investigations conducted to date developed evidence that members of the ALF were connected to or directed by PETA. Such links and evidence lie in past investigations involving [redacted]. There is information in these files that PETA received faxes directly from [redacted] PETA [redacted] [redacted] (which never actually occurred).

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[redacted] for PETA

[redacted] for PETA, was also [redacted]

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PETA is also known to hire interns from Asia and other locations for the sole purpose of committing criminal acts at protests, which result in arrests, and thus bring publicity to PETA's cause.

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[redacted] are the four main decision makers at PETA who report directly to [redacted] and PETA provided funds to [redacted] of Chicago Animal Rights Coalition, which has been involved in various criminal acts relative to animal rights issues.

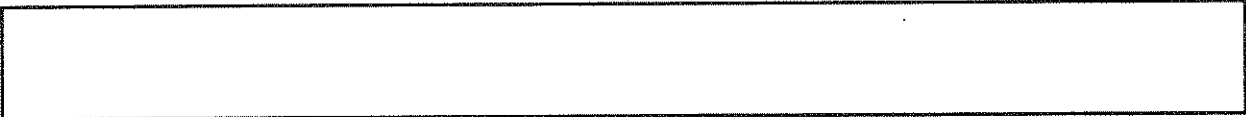
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[redacted] of PETA, is providing financial support to members of ALF and other animal rights extremists in an attempt to fund their (ALF's) direct actions.

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[redacted] performing "actions" on PETA's web page for college students who want to assist with protest and demonstration. [redacted] has been quoted in a number of interviews expressing hope

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Various businesses within the Norfolk Division territory have been targeted by animal rights activists; whereby, locks to their stores have been glued shut, graffiti has been sprayed, and anti-meat posters glued to various fast food restaurants, to include McDonalds, Hardees, and Red Lobster.

In addition to the above, a meat packaging plant in Chesapeake, Virginia, was the target of animal rights activists; whereby, the electrical circuits were cut causing the meat storage facility to lose power and meat to thaw. In all cases, PETA anti-meat posters were pasted on the various establishments. PETA is headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia; however, representatives of PETA deny any affiliation with the ALF.

Newkirk gave further insight into PETA's alliance with ALF in a 1985 interview:

City Paper Interviewer (CP): "These groups destroy and have according to their own assertion destroyed millions of dollars of equipment. Do you agree with those tactics?"

Newkirk: "We don't choose to do those tactics here. I certainly more firmly disagree with the people who destroy and mutilate living things..."

CPI: "Destroying property is violating a human right, isn't it?"

Newkirk: "Is it the human right to torture others? We don't believe so. Human beings don't have any rights to torture, harm, and to destroy. No, you don't own those animals."

CPI: "Have you corroborated with them at all in planning some raids in which they destroy property?"

Newkirk: "If we had, we wouldn't say so. We don't discuss anything to do with that. We would never place them in jeopardy."

A PETA fact sheet entitled, "The Animal Liberation Front: The Army of the Kind," suggests a collaboration between Newkirk, PETA, and ALF: "The Animal Liberation Front's activities comprise and important part of today's animal protection movement... Without ALF break-in...many more animals would have suffered..."

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[Redacted] went on to state that "PETA intends to use [Redacted] as an example to persuade other vivisectors, who were heartened by his stand on animal research, that it doesn't pay off."

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On 04/16/2001, the writer contacted SA [Redacted] regarding 266A-SE-62235. SA [Redacted] advised that PETA was [Redacted] in the [Redacted] [Redacted] received taxes directly from [Redacted] of PETA [Redacted]

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[Redacted] (which never actually occurred), etc.

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