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"IT IS THE OBLIGATION OF EVERY PERSON WHO CLAIMS TO OPPOSE OPPRESSION TO RESIST THE OPPRESSOR BY EVERY MEANS AT HIS OR HER DISPOSAL. NOT TO ENGAGE IN PHYSICAL RESISTANCE, ARMED RESISTANCE, TO OPPRESSION, IS TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE OPPRESSOR; NO MORE, NO LESS. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE, NO EASY OUT...."

-Assata Shakur, 1984

WELCOME,

The ways which we go about pursuing social change are unnatural. They have been developed to nullify the just desires we all have for autonomy, while placing no real threat on the structure which creates our vast universe of oppression. Our revolutionary spirits have been co-opted by fundamentally flawed methodologies, which prove unsuccessful time and time again.

When faced with oppression, is it a natural reaction to write a petition, mail a letter to your representative, lobby congress or file a lawsuit? Is it a natural reaction to organize a protest, partake in a sit-in, lock your neck to a piece of equipment or go limp while the cops beat you and drag you off to jail to be fingerprinted? When faced with the current magnitude of oppression, is it logical to even consider single-issue reform as having any vague resemblance to a solution?

Preconceived concepts of what is and is not proper action to take when pursuing social change have mutated to a level of going unquestioned. These ideas have entire movements hypnotized; they have misdirected many individuals away from legitimate struggle. These avenues have been paved by the same governmental structures which cause the oppression they pretend to be solutions for. Activism detours potential revolutionaries while reinforcing the misconception that capitalist society can be reformed. It keeps us juggling the symptoms of an illness which goes untouched, all the while smiling like clowns.

It is important to ask ourselves if the methodologies we subscribe to have any chance of success. Have they been formed through a natural and logical process of strategical utility, or have they simply been handed down to us by those who have found them self-gratifying in the past? Is it possible that our strategies have been designed and promoted by those in power in order to keep us chasing our own tails?

To argue that the limited success gained by movements, commonly represented by Gandhi, Martin Luther King and others, is attributed entirely to their practices of non-violence is an uneducated misconception. They were simply parts of larger movements which utilized a wide varieties of tactics. If we wish to gain even the limited success that these movements have gained we need to embrace an equally wide variety of tactics. If we wish to truly succeed we need to learn from their mistakes.

Along these lines of thought I have decided to make some significant changes to this publication. No longer will RESISTANCE report on the same tired voluntary arrests, which rely on a fundamental faith in the system, and which simply aren't an effective means of achieving true revolutionary change. From now on RESISTANCE will report only on legitimate struggle; struggle which has proven to be effective action against those who work daily to destroy life.

On Wednesday, July 26th Terry Turchie, Deputy Assistant Director of the FBI Counterterrorism Division appeared before the U.S. House Government Reform Subcommittee to discuss domestic terrorism and national security. Turchie testified:

"The threat of special interest terrorism.... most notably emanating from animal rights and environmental extremists.... is emerging as a significant threat in a growing number of communities throughout the United States.... During the past several years, special interest extremism.... as characterized by the Animal Liberation Front and the Earth Liberation Front .... has emerged as a serious terrorist threat."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation can easily be viewed as the defense system of the machine which these organizations struggle to destroy. For the FBI to state that these groups pose a "significant threat" is to confirm the effectiveness of their actions. Threat to what? There has been no threat to any natural form of life posed by either of these organizations, in-fact they both struggle to "liberate" life. The threat they pose is to 'national security', to the continuance of our genocidal and suicidal societal practices. A threat to those who kill and destroy everything that lies between them and profit. A threat to the power they hold over our lives and all life on earth. This "threat" sounds an awful lot like a blessing to me.

Since 1997 the Earth Liberation Front has claimed responsibility for over 19 direct actions of economic sabotage, causing well over $34,131,000 in damages. These actions are being taken against those who profit from the destruction of the natural environment. No harm has ever been brought to any form of natural life, nor have any individuals been apprehended for any of the actions which have been claimed by the Earth Liberation Front.

The Earth Liberation Front does not commit merely symbolic acts to simply gain attention to any particular issues. It is not concerned merely with logging, genetic engineering or even the environment for that matter. It's purpose is to liberate the earth.

The earth, and therefore all of us born of it, are under attack. We are under attack by a system which values profit over life, which has, and will, kill anything to satisfy its never ending greed. We have seen a recent history rich in the destruction of peoples, cultures and environments. We have seen the results of millions of years of evolution destroyed in a relative blink of an eye. We watch as our governments justify murdering millions of people for oil, and call the Earth Liberation Front special interest terrorists.

How can protecting the livability of our environment be called a special interest? How can self defense be called terrorism?

The only problems I can find with actions like these are that they aren't happening frequently enough, and at severe enough levels. That the press offices aren't so flooded with communiques and media calls that all forms of electrical communication are shut down. That entire industries aren't driven to extinction due to profit losses caused by covert direct action campaigns. That areas of North America aren't completely protected from capitalist exploitation by clandestine guerrilla organizations. That the oppressive system itself isn't brought to it's knees by the people taking direct action and fighting back. Though I can see all of this potentially becoming reality in the near future. What other choice do we have?

~lesliejames

WHAT IS THE EARTH LIBERATION FRONT?

The Earth Liberation Front (E.L.F.) is an underground, direct action organization that commits acts of economic sabotage against those who profit from the destruction of the natural environment. Modeled after the Animal Liberation Front, the E.L.F. is strategically structured in order to maximize effectiveness.

The E.L.F. has no central authority, no public meetings and no mailing list, and if you're looking to contact them to send hate mail or discuss the weather you're simply out of luck. The E.L.F. is an underground organization operating under a political and social ideology and a strict set of guidelines. These widely circulated guidelines are as follows;

~To inflict economic damage to those who profit from the destruction of the natural environment.

~To reveal and educate the public on the atrocities committed against the environment and all the species that co-habitate in it.

~To take all necessary precautions against harming any animal, human or non-human.

Any actions which fall under these guidelines could potentially be those of the E.L.F. Therefore everyone is able to create their own cell and begin taking action in the name of the Earth Liberation Front. It can be anyone; your librarian, the shit-worker at McDonalds, your little sister or even the president of the United States could be involved. Well, maybe not the president, but you certainly could become involved and take action!

This loose structure has created an organization which is potentially unstoppable, for even if all currently active members of all E.L.F. cells are captured tomorrow, someone else realizing the necessity for direct action would quite likely stumble upon the E.L.F. guidelines and begin taking action.

The various E.L.F. cells are not only anonymous to the public but are anonymous to each other as well. This secure structure effectively keeps members out of jail and free to engage in future actions. Even if a cell were infiltrated the agent would only be able to gain information pertaining to the particular cell, and would not be able to bring down the organization as a whole.

Due to this loose structure, actions could potentially be carried out against anyone who profits from the destruction of the natural environment at any time or place. This broad focus utilizes the elements of surprise and unpredictability against it's targets. With destruction of the natural environment at it's present astonishing level potential E.L.F. targets are easily found.

It is stated nowhere that it is a goal of the E.L.F. to attempt to gain public support for the tactical implication of covert direct action. This is the job of above ground support groups. For the E.L.F. to consider public opinion while planing an action designed to maximize economic damage against those profiting from the destruction of the natural environment, is to potentially sacrifice the effectiveness of the action.

With the lack of results coming from above ground organizing, and steep prison sentences and intense monitoring of those who engage in voluntary arrests, many are turning to clandestine guerrilla tactics to more effectively actualize social change. The concept of 'getting away' is gaining appeal. Those who fight and get away are free to fight another day.

If we are to actually succeed in preserving all that is sacred and which keeps us alive, then we need to engage ourselves in a manner which is most effective. We need to organize and partake in direct actions, which defend ourselves from the murderous greed that is destroying our environment, and ultimately killing us all. How much is your life and your natural environment worth to you? How far are you willing to go to protect it? If not you, who? If not now, when?

Liberation Front

11/29/97:
Bureau of Land Management, Burns, OR - $450,000 arson.*

06/21/98:
USDA Animal Damage Control, Olympia, WA - $400,000 arson*

06/28/98:
Mexican Consulate, Boston, MA - vandalism

07/04/98:
United Vaccines, Middleton, WI - $10,000 mink release*

10/19/98:
Vail Resorts Inc., Vail, CO - $26,000,000 arson

10/26/98:
Pipkorn Mink Farm, Menominee County, MI - $100,000 mink release

12/27/98:
US Forest Industries, Medford OR - $800,000 arson

12/25/99:
Boise Cascade, Monmouth, OR - $1,000,000 arson

12/31/99:
Michigan State University, Lansing, MI - $900,000 arson

01/23/00:
Sterling Woods Development, Bloomington, IN - $200,000 arson

02/09/00
University of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN - $1,000 crop destruction

03/24/00:
Highway 55 reroute, Mineapolis, MN - $500,000 monkeywrench

4/30/00:
Ind. 46 construction, Bloomington, IN - $500,000 monkeywrench & arson

6/29/00:
Crooked Creek Road timber sales , Bloomington, IN - treespike

7/21/00:
USFS Forest Biotechnology Laboratory, Rhinelander, WI - $770,000 crop destruction & vandalism

11/11/00:
Coram housing development, Coram - Long Island, NY - monkey wrench & vandalism

11/27/00:
development mansion, Longmont, CO - $2,500,000 arson

12/1/00
luxury development site, Long Island, NY - monkeywrench & vandalism

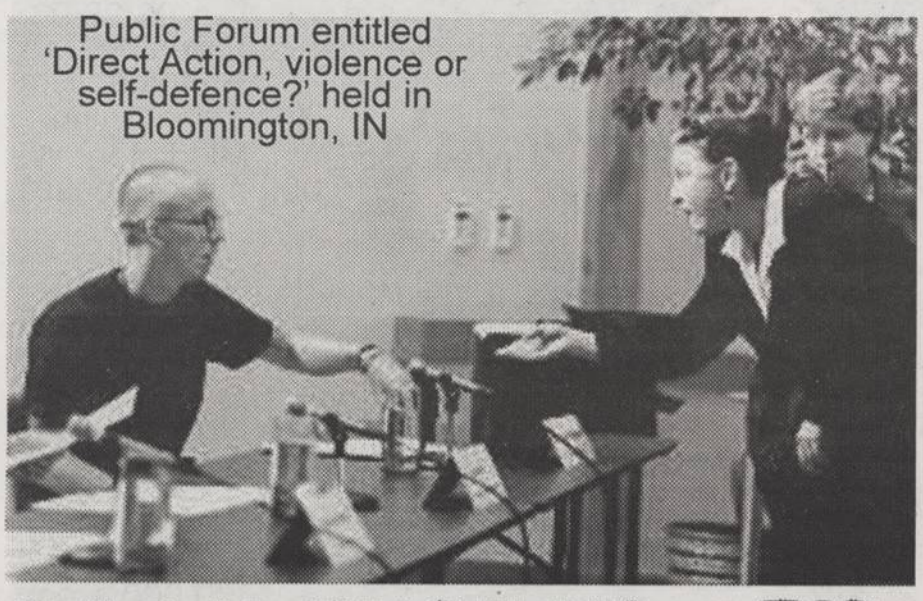
12/7/00
McDonald's corporate office, Long Island, NY - vandalism*

12/9/00
Condos at Development Site Long Island, NY - $200,000 arson

total:
over 20 actions,
over $34,331,000
in damages,
and counting....

* joint claim with the Animal Liberation Front

¡viva la revolución!



BLOOMINGTON, IN:

At the end of last June a public forum was held in Bloomington, IN to discuss the recent activity of the Earth Liberation Front in the area. It consisted of three panelists who were each given 15 minutes to state their perspectives on the issues involved, and roughly 2 hours of questions from members of the Bloomington community.

The Panelists were professor Jim Hart of the religious studies department at Indiana University, retired FBI agent Tim Pitchford and Earth Liberation Front Press Officer Craig Rosebraugh.

Lisa Spector of the Bloomington Pro-Active Committee organized the forum, entitled 'Direct Action: Violence or Self-Defense?', because of community interest in two previous Earth Liberation Front actions; the arson of a luxury home being built in the Sterling Woods development on January 23rd which caused $200,000 in damages, and the arson and monkey wrench at the construction site of Ind. 46 on April 30th causing $500,000 in damages.

Although the public showed great concern over both the issues and the tactics involved in these actions, the city's mayor, John Fernandez publicly denounced the event and encouraged the community not to participate.

"I strongly encourage the community and media not to give the eco-terrorists and their supporters the attention they seek to fuel their violent crimes and the terrorizing of innocent victims." John Fernandez, Mayor of Bloomington, IN[1]

In spite of the Mayor's statements the Unitarian Universalist Church was packed with hundreds of members of the Bloomington community and the forum was covered in depth by virtually all the media of the area.

6/00

Shortly before the day of the forum the Earth Liberation Front struck a third time in Indiana, placing hundreds of spikes in trees of timber sales in Brown and Monroe counties. On June 26th officials from the Department of Natural Resources discovered 20, ten inch long spikes driven into 17 trees in a section of the Monroe State forest slated for logging[2]. The Earth Liberation Front released the following communique claiming responsibility for the action:

"The Earth Liberation Front would like to make public that we have placed hundreds of spikes in trees in the timber sales that are about to be cut on Crooked Creek Road in Brown County and Buskirk Road in Monroe County. These spikes have been placed both high and low in the trees to prevent the cutting of the trees. The trees are now worthless at the mill and dangerous to cut down. We ask that this action be widely publicized in order to prevent injury to any timber workers who might be working in the area. It is not our intention to cause any harm to anyone. We also hope that this action will discourage companies from buying timber sales in the State Forests. This is a warning to all those who want to turn the beings of the earth into cash. We are committed to protecting every last square inch of our forests that remain. Too much has been lost, let the corporations beware, the ELF is everywhere."

9/9/00

At 5:10 am on September 9th three men on their way to eat at a chain breakfast house noticed and reported a fire at the GOP headquarters at 644 N. Morton St. in Bloomington, In. Shortly thereafter the Earth Liberation Front claimed the arson as their 4th action in the area. Damage estimates are yet to be made public. For some reason this action seemed to actually provoke

*above image taken from 11/27/00 ELF communique

response from area political representatives.

"(This action is) incredibly disturbing... Any attack or destructive action like that against any political organization is an attack against all people in all organizations that value our democratic system." -Bloomington Mayor John Fernandez[3]

"Regardless of whatever reason they are claiming, I think there is something wrong with them...They have this criminal mind that you cannot try to rationalize...They have caused way too much damage to our county and they have brought fear into people's lives. They need to be stopped." - Monroe County Republican Party Chairwoman Pat Salzmann[3]

"(this action is) incredibly shocking news... How does any reasonable human being think that premeditated arson in any way fulfills environmental or other goals they purport to aspire to?" - Monroe County Democratic Party Chairman Frank McCloskey[3]

"(The) attack is independent of political party and must be condemned by all... Frankly, the fire at the Republican headquarters potentially has great impact because it attacks our very democracy." - City councilman David Sabbagh[3]

"(it) disturbs me that we continue to have violence and violating individual spaces, as well as public spaces... This is unacceptable in a civil society for people to express their difference, whatever their political persuasions may be." - County commissioner Iris Kiesling[3]

The following is what the Earth Liberation Front had to say about this action in their communique:

"Greetings...

Late Friday night, the Earth Liberation Front paid a visit to the GOP headquarters in Bloomington, IN leaving it in flames as we left.

The fire was set as a reminder to politicians such as John Hostettler that we are watching and that we will not sit idly by as they push for plans like I-69. The construction would fill the coffers of Multinational Corporations at the expense of the environment and of working people everywhere. I-69 is just one example of the willingness of the rich to bleed the Earth and the working class to fulfill their money lust.

We have no faith in the present system of electoral politics where every candidate both Republican and Democrat is funded with corporate blood money. Because there are no viable options on the ballet, we must find another means of voting. Our non-participation in and active resistance against this system, controlled by the rich, is our means of voting.

We are everywhere and nowhere."


GOP Headquarters after ELF attack

10/18/00

Three skidders and a loader were found heavily vandalized at 3 sites at Martin State Forest. Glass gauges were smashed, seats were slashed, fuel lines and hydraulic fluid lines were cut, sand was poured into gas tanks and crank cases, and "ELF" was found spraypainted on some of the equipment. This marks the 5th major Earth Liberation Front action in Indiana.

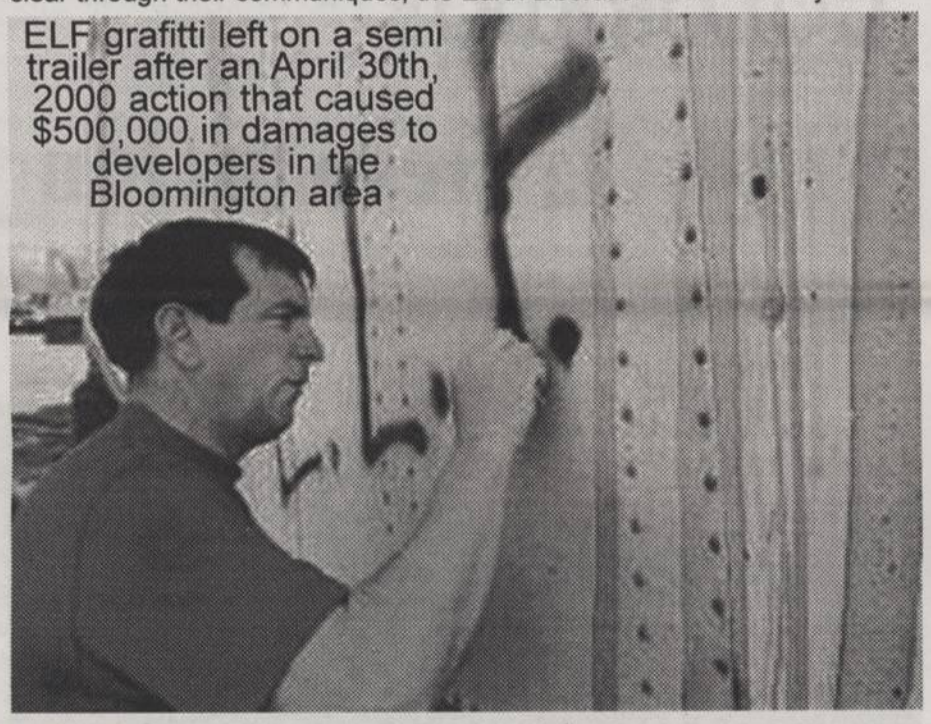
The sales, which were being logged by Tim Moffatt Logging of French and Andis Logging of Paoli, totaled about 2,350 trees on just under 300 acres of forest. The equipment damaged was being contracted out by Robert Andis, a logging contractor since 1976, who told the local media,"I was raised in the old school - I won't jack with them."[4]

The Earth Liberation Front released this communique taking credit for the action:

"Early on the morning of October 18, a small group of dedicated folks walked into the Martin State forest determined to do whatever it took to stop the cutting of the trees on our public lands. The two active cuts had already sliced and diced their way through a beautiful patch of Indiana forest, including some very large, old trees. As prevention was not possible, revenge became necessary. The price of doing dirty business in the state forests just went up. But not without warning. In an effort to be fair and give our opposition time to reconsider their wicked deeds, several warnings had been spraypainted earlier. They disregarded these well intentioned cautions and proceeded with the cut. We were forced to retaliate. Three skidders and one loader were as thoroughly damaged as we could accomplish without endangering the surrounding forest. Hoses were cut, sand poured into engines and gas tanks, seats and belts were slashed and appropriate messages were spraypainted (Earth Raper, Go Cut in Hell and We are everywhere...). Let all those who would profit from the destruction of our last wild places beware. We ARE everywhere and we are watching. This IS a timber war."

ELF"

With 5 major actions (see Resistance #3) in under a year, Bloomington has set the pace for a new form of intense, local, sustained direct action campaign against those who profit from the destruction of the natural environment. They have no doubt made a rather serious impact. And, as they have made it very clear through their communiques, the Earth Liberation Front is "everywhere."



ELF grafitti left on a semi trailer after an April 30th, 2000 action that caused $500,000 in damages to developers in the Bloomington area

1) 'Fernandez Critical of Forum on Protest', Bloomington Herald - Times, 7/27/00
2) 'Spikes Found in Trees in Morgan - Monroe State Forest', Indiana Daily Student, 6/29/00
3) 'Earth Liberation Front Takes Responsibility for GOP Headquarters Fire', Herald - Times, 9/19/00
4) 'Vandals Hit Logging Sites in State Forests', Steve Hinnefeld, Herald - Times, 10/19/00

WISCONSIN:

7/20/00

The underground Earth Liberation Front claimed responsibility for sabotaging a genetic engineering research program and ten vehicles at the U.S. Forest Service's North Central Research Station - Biotechnology Laboratory in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Beyond the vandalism of 10 USFS vehicles, this action destroyed over 500 research pine and broadleaf trees and saplings.

In their following communiqué, the Earth Liberation Front display a clear understanding of the current level of oppression being waged against the natural environment, and how single issue campaigns are not enough to stop the capitalistic greed driving the destruction:

"On behalf of native forests everywhere, we attacked the US Forest Service's North Central Research Station Forest Biotechnology Laboratory in Rhinelander, Wisconsin last night. Over 500 research pine and broadleaf trees and saplings were cut down, ring-barked and trampled. Additionally, ten Forest Service trucks were defaced and calling cards were left behind. Due to an overzealous security guard, we had to make an earlier than anticipated exit.

In Rhinelander, the Forest Service is mapping the DNA of white pine and attempting to genetically engineer them to be resistant to pine rust. Why? To aid industry in creating disease-resistant trees suitable for tree farms that will increase their profits. Despite the obvious threat of genetic pollution by GE trees, these fools, aided by industry financing, plod ahead in the name of science.

Don't get us wrong-this action is against the Forest Service, not just one particular project or research program. What they do on a daily basis is sheer genocide: putting forth the notion that they are "managing" life, running an asinine timber program that destroys the last of the old-growth and mars everything else, cutting deep into roadless areas in Idaho, spraying biocides like Btk in forests in Eastern Oregon and Washington under the guise of "pest management", treating wildlife as some numbers on a graph. The list goes on.

On that note, we strongly advise our allies to cease their quibling with the Forest Service over details of their genocidal plans i.e. roadless policy, promises of no logging on public land etc. The sooner we realize that the Forest Service, like industry, are capitalists driven by an insane desire to make money and control life, the better. Than we can start taking more appropriate action.

As for the feds- we know that you are stepping up the pressure by harassing press officers and other absurdities. What you don't realize is that we are infiltrating your ranks and gathering our own information. We could be that temp worker typing away on your disgusting computer. We could even be your secretary or intern. We are everywhere and nowhere and we are watching.

For wildness and an end to industrial society,

ELF
Earth Liberation Front"

Damages to the trees, located along Oneida County Highway K, were estimated between $750,000[2] to $1,000,000[1]. An additional $20,000 in damages were inflicted on 10 USFS vehicles through applying acid to their windows and spraypainting "ELF is watching the U.S. Forest Service."[2]

"We feel personally violated," said Jud Isebrands, a scientist from the facility targeted, who estimated the attack set back the research project by 10 to 15 years. [3]

1) 'Environmentalist group claims responsibility for vandalism', by Chris Lato, Wisconsin Radio Network, July 21, 2000
2) 2) 'Group says research-tree attack was against bio-engineering', AP State wire, July 22, 2000
3) 'Activists destroy research trees', By Peter Maller, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, July 22, 2000

LONG ISIAND, NY:

7/13/00

Under the cover of night and by pale moonlight, the ELF evaded security and destroyed two acres of genetically modified corn and several greenhouses worth of seedlings at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories on Long Island, NY. They also monkeywrenched several trucks, and spraypainted anti-genetic messages everywhere. In doing so it is estimated that two years of genetic experiments were destroyed.

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories is notorious as a hundred year old institution that has pioneered the science of genetic engineering. Its labs are responsible for research relating to the "green revolution" and identified by thousands of activists and scholars from the Global South as a root cause of the starvation and depletion of soil and biodiversity occurring rapidly around the planet.

ELF TARGETS URBAN SPRAWL ON LONG ISLAND - FIVE ACTIONS AND COUNTING!

The first action occurred sometime prior to November 11, 2000 at construction sites along Whiskey Road in Coram, Long Island. To our knowledge there was not a separate communiqué issued for this action. It is however referred to in the communiqué for the third action in this area.

Urban sprawl has undoubtedly served to alter nearly 90% of Long Island's habitats, either by physically removing them, paving them, or polluting them with toxic man-made materials; making them either undesirable or unsustainable for most species. Wildlife extinction rates are increasing exponentially, and urban sprawl helps to drive species from homes and send them in search of sustenance. The development off Whisky Road in Coram was once state protected land, which has now fallen into the hands of money-driven devel-

opers. Roughly 500 acres have been clear-cut. The ELF has made it clear that these developers who have chosen to exploit this fragile habitat have to deal with the onslaught of ongoing economic sabotage/direct action attacks for their mistakes.

Communiqués for the second and third actions appeared as follows,

09/26/00

"Greetings Allies,
Members of the Earth Liberation Front are glad to announce our late night visit to the construction sites along Whisky Rd. in Coram, Long Island on September 26th. During the festivities a bulldozer and a house under construction were spraypainted and damages, and numerous survey stakes 'disappeared'. We will no longer allow urban sprawl to destroy what little of the environment we have left on Long Island, especially so close to a nature reserve. Urban sprawl has led to the virtual extinction of several animal species, such as the Blue Heron and the Box Turtle, from parts of the island. So until next time???
The elves"

11/11/00

"In the early morning hours of November 11th, members of the Earth Liberation Front paid a visit to the construction sites off Whisky Rd. in Coram, Long Island. This has been the third hit on the construction site and the worst yet. Several houses were spraypainted extensively and had their windows shattered. We here Elves are waging an unending war against urban sprawl and will fight to our last breath to protect our environment from greedy corporate interests.
E.L.F."

11/24/00

The following communiqué was sent from the ELF:

"On November 24th, members of the Earth Liberation Front did a 4th action against the construction sites along Whiskey Rd. in Coram, Long Island. During the action over 17 windows were smashed along with the spray painting of various slogans. The E.L.F. then proceeded to another site of urban sprawl in Miller Place. They then created some havoc including the decommissioning of earth raping equipment. On a property sale sign and post that was stuck through a Bulldozer, our mark was left, 'EARTH NOT FOR SALE - ELF'. Earth Liberation Front"

This was the 4th and most intense action that the ELF has taken against development in the Long Island area in recent months. The ELF is clearly engaged in a relentless campaign against development of the area, which is host to the threatened Blue Heron, Night Heron and Painted Turtle. The intensity of the ELF actions is only increasing.

12/01/00

ELF CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR DESTROYING 12 VEHICLES AND 200+ WINDOWS AT CONSTRUCTION SITE - The fifth major ELF action against urban sprawl on Long Island in recent months!!!
The communiqué from the ELF appeared as follows:
"Greetings,

On December 1st, members of the Earth Liberation Front executed a massive strike on a large construction site building over 40 Luxury houses in Middle Island, Long Island. During the action, an immense number of windows, totaling to over 200, were smashed, survey stakes were ripped out of our earth, slogans were spraypainted profusely, and various other forms of ecotage were performed on the houses. The workers were kind enough to have lined up all their vehicles the day before to facilitate our monkey-wrenching. An assortment of equipment ranging from backhoes to bulldozers sustained crippling damage. The final number ranged to a little more than a dozen. Urban sprawl not only destroys the forest and green spaces of our planet, but also leads directly to added runoff of pollutants
into waterways, increased traffic that causes congestion and air pollution, and a less pleasing landscape. These luxury homes are being built precariously close to the 320 acre Cathedral Pines County Park. Long Island has the 2nd largest pine barren ecosystem in the world. Our greedy and corrupt politicians are more than willing to provide subsidies and allow construction in any area not under current protection by the Long Island Pine Barren Protection Plan. Our forests also lay on top of our aquifer which provides a large expanse of drinking water that is easily contaminated by pollutants and runoff. We will not stand by idly while our Earth is butchered for the monetary gain and the luxury of the wealthy elite. As long as our planet continues to be raped, we will be out there.

We are everywhere .
Earth Liberation Front"

12/07/00

ELF AND ALF CLAIM JOINT CREDIT FOR ECONOMIC SABOTAGE AT MCDONALD'S CORPORATE OFFICES ON LONG ISLAND, NY

A communiqué sent by the ELF and ALF stated,

"At roughly 1:30am Friday, December 7th, members of the ALF and ELF descended upon Mcdonald's corporate offices in Haupauge. Here we smashed over 10 windows and spraypainted anti meat slogans against environmental destruction. We will not be stopped..."

The McDonald's corporation has been globally targeted by organizations for years due to its environmental destruction, animal slaughter, poor working conditions, and unhealthy food. Furthermore, McDonald's represents the core idea of America capitalism which places profit, power, and greed ahead of life.

With seven actions claimed within a six month time period the Long Island area has recently become a hotbed of ELF activity. We commend this effort, hope it continues to increase, and wish other communities would begin to feel at least the same pressure if not more from the ELF.

12/09/00

E.L.F. STRIKES AGAIN AGAINST URBAN SPRAWL; BURNS A TWO STORY CONDO CAUSING OVER $200,000 IN DAMAGES

Just as we were set to go to print the ELF thankfully struck again! The original communique from the group claimed that nearly sixteen homes were destroyed which would have placed the damage estimates at over $3.5 million. The Long Island area has had a major news blackout with regard to the prior seven ELF actions and this latest one shows little difference. According to Newsday - Long Island, the fire was spotted by a firefighter near the scene. One new condominium was already engulfed in flames. This condo suffered extreme damage and minor damage was reportedly caused to three other nearby condos.

The communique sent from the ELF appeared as follows,

"Greetings,
The Earth Liberation Front claims responsibility for the fires that ravaged the Birchwood at Spring Lake housing development in Middle Island, Long Island. During the night of December 9th, members of the ELF crept into the construction site and placed incendiaries in 4 rows of condominiums. The structures were checked thoroughly for the presence of any occupants (human or animal) before being set. All of the incendiaries ignited successfully and the resulting fires gutted almost 16 nearly completed luxury homes which were to be sold at several hundred thousand dollars each. Messages denouncing urban sprawl were scrawled on many of the remaining future dens of the wealthy elite. Survey stakes were also pulled up to prevent the planned expansion of the housing development along the border of a New York State Conservation Area. The actions of those who orchestrated the construction are absolutely intolerable, so we are now declaring an unbounded war on urban sprawl. As the stakes of the struggle continue to expand, so will our methods and tactics. Window breaking and disabling vehicles can only do so much, and in a battle with our earth in the balance we can not hold back or go soft on those pillaging the planet for profit. Hopefully, the several million dollars in destruction will provide an unmistakable message to developers that their land rape will now be more costly than ever before.
Earth Liberation Front"

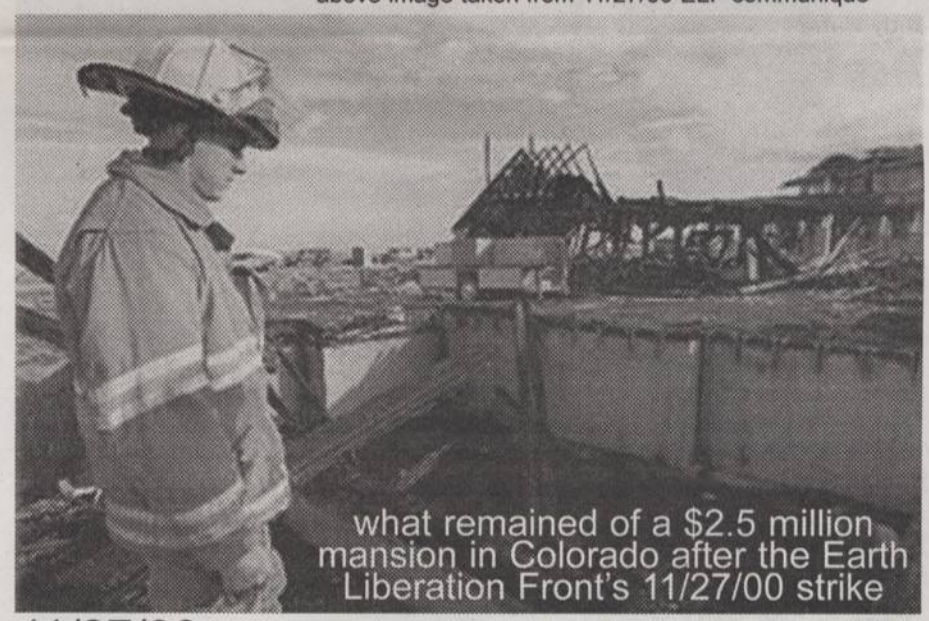
It is not suprising the media has largely chosen to ignore these heroic actions of the ELF on Long Island. The actions are working. The mainstream media and authorities do not want to publicize these actions out of fear that others may get encouraged to commit the same sort of activities. They are afraid that others may see the logic in economic sabotage. To this we have one thing to say, DIRECT ACTION WORKS! TRY IT!

With eight actions claimed within a few month time period, the Long Island area has recently become a hotbed of ELF activity. We commend this effort, hope it continues to increase, and wish other communities would begin to feel at least the same sort of pressure if not more from the ELF.

COLORADO:

viva la revolution!

*above image taken from 11/27/00 ELF communique



what remained of a $2.5 million mansion in Colorado after the Earth Liberation Front's 11/27/00 strike

11/27/00

ELF TORCHES A $2.5 MILLION MANSION IN COLORADO .

The following communiqué was issued by the ELF,

"Viva la revolution! The Boulder ELF burned the Legend Ridge mansion on Nov. 27th. We know that the corporate developers No on Amendment 24 campaign is guilty of a $6 million election buyout."

The fire occurred in the 160 acre Legend Ridge neighborhood subdivision Niwot. The Amendment 24 campaign referred to in the communiqué was a measure known as the "Responsible Growth Initiative" that appeared on the local ballot in November. Voters defeated this Amendment after the group Coloradans for Responsible Reform raised $5.7 million to fight the measure. The communiqué from the ELF makes reference to the near $6 million raised as a mere buying of politics by the corporate development firm.

Judging by monetary damage estimates, this is action is the second largest ever of the underground Earth Liberation Front, next to a series of arsons at Vail Resorts Inc., which was also in Colorado (see Resistance #3). The group has been very successful at optimizing the effectiveness of their actions taken in the area. The target at hand was burned entirely to the ground, leaving only the cement of the foundation recognizable. This type of large-scale action is the calling card of the Earth Liberation Front, and is what has really pulled the urgent issues behind the actions of the ELF into the otherwise blinded view of the public.

THE REAL TERRORISTS

PORTLAND JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE
FORMS TO TARGET ELF/ALF ACTIVITY

On November 25, 2000 the NAELFPO received notice that a terrorism task force had been approved in Portland, Oregon by the City Council. This new force involves both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Portland Police Bureau. Here is the ordinance as it appeared during the Portland City Council Meeting on November 22, 2000.

"Ordinance # 1697
*Portland Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to participate in the Portland Joint Terrorism Task Force (Ordinance.)
The City of Portland ordains:
Section 1. The Council finds:
1. This agreement establishes and delineates the mission of the Portland Joint Terrorism Task Force (PJTTF), as a joint cooperative effort.
2. The agreement formalizes a relationship between the Portland FBI Domestic Terrorism Squad and the Portland Police Bureau in order to better address criminal extremist activity which would fall under the investigative responsibility of either agency.
3. The mission of the PJTTF is to identify and target for prosecution those individuals or groups who are responsible for Right Wing and/or Left Wing movements, as well as acts of the anti-abortion movement and the Animal Liberation Front/Earth Liberation Front.
4. The PJTTF will enhance the effectiveness of coordinated initiative seeking the most effective of federal/state/local law enforcement resources through a well coordinated initiative seeking the most effective investigative/prosecutive avenues by which to convict and incarcerate offenders.
NOW THEREFORE, the Council directs:
a. The Mayor and Auditor are hereby authorized to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Federal Bureau of Investigation attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because delay in the enactment of this Ordinance would cause delay in the mutual benefits of this project; therefore, this ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after it's passage by the Council.

Passed by Council:
Mayor Vera Katz
Lt. Randy Kane
October 25, 2000

Gary Blackmer
Auditor of the City of Portland

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) / Intergovernmental Agreement is being executed by the below listed agencies:
Federal Bureau of Investigation - Portland (FBI)
Portland Police Bureau (PPB)
Nothing in this agreement should be construed as limiting or impeding the basic spirit of cooperation which currently exists between the participating agencies as listed above.
I. Purpose
This agreement establishes and delineates the mission of the Portland Joint Terrorism Task Force, herein after referred to as PJTTF, as a joint cooperative effort. Additionally, the agreement formalizes as relationship between the Portland FBI Domestic Terrorism Squad and the Portland Police Bureau in order to better address criminal extremist activity which would fall under the investigative responsibility of either agency.
II. MISSION
The mission of the PJTTF is to identify and target for prosecution those individuals or groups who are responsible for acts of criminal terrorism within the traditional criteria of the Right Wing and/or Left Wing movements, as well as acts of criminal terrorism committed by special interest groups, such as the anti-abortion movement and the Animal Liberation Front/Earth Liberation Front. The PJTTF will enhance the effectiveness of federal/state/local law enforcement resources through a well coordinated initiative seeking the most effective investigative/prosecutive avenues by which to convict and incarcerate offenders.
III. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
A. Composition
The PJTTF will consist of a combined enforcement body of agencies participating in the agreement. These participating agencies will provide full time and part time assigned personnel, as set forth below:
Portland Police Bureau
full time - Lt. Randy Kane or replacement
full time - Sgt. Dave Famous or replacement
full time - Officer Karl Sprague or replacement
full time - Officer Dan Liu or replacement
full time - Officer Rae Klein replacement
full time - Officer Mathew McDonald or replacement
full time - Officer Richard Miller or replacement
full time - (PASS) Anne Fredrickson or replacement
Beaverton Police Department
Part time - Detective Terry Merritt
Eugene Police Department
Part time - Detective Terry Willis
Oregon State Police
Part time - Detective Griff Holland
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Full time - SSA Kevin Favreau
Full time - SA Daniel Feucht
Full time - SA Frank Heckendorn
Full time - SA Michael Swinhoe
Full time - SA Thomas Durham
Full time - SA John Jeffries
Full time - SA Edward Marshman
Full time - IRS Edward Higgins
Full time - IRS Blaine Yauger
Part time - SA John Ferreira - Eugene RA
Part time - SA Darold Hessel - Salem RA
Part time - SA Kerry Larsen - Medford RA
B. Direction
All participants acknowledge that the PJTTF is a joint operation in which all agencies act as partners within the operation of the task force. Day to day supervision of the task force will reside with the Portland Domestic Terrorism Squad Supervisor. A Management Board made up of the appropriate supervisory personnel at each listed agency will meet quarterly in order to provide policy oversight, case review, and future direction relative to shifting crime problems.
C. Supervision
The day to day operation and program coordination of the PJTTF will be the responsibility of Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) Kevin Favreau of the Portland FBI. The daily management of the PJTTF will be closely monitored with the appropriate supervisory personnel of the listed agencies. Responsibility for the conduct of PJTTF members, both personally and professionally, shall remain with their respective supervisors.
IV. PROCEDURES
A. Personnel
Continued assignment of personnel to the PJTTF will be based upon performance and will be at the discretion of the respective agency supervisors. Each participating agency, upon request, will be provided with an update as to the program, direction, focus and case specific accomplishments of the PJTTF.
B. Deputization
All local and state law enforcement personnel assigned to the PJTTF either in a full time or part time capacity will be subject to a limited background inquiry, will be sworn as deputized Special Federal Officers, with the FBI securing the required deputization authorization. These deputizations will remain in effect throughout the tenure of each investigator's assignment to the PJTTF or until termination of the task force.
C. Investigations
All PJTTF investigations will be initiated in accordance with United States Attorney General Guidelines on General Crimes, Racketeering Enterprise and Domestic Security/Terrorism Investigations (AG Guidelines). The investigative methods employed will be consistent with the policies and procedures of the FBI and the AG Guidelines. However, in situations where the statutory or common law of Oregon is more restrictive than comparable Federal law, the investigative methods employed by state and local law enforcement agencies shall conform to the requirements of such Oregon statutes or common law.
D. Prosecution
The criteria for determining whether to prosecute a particular violation in Oregon or United States District Court will focus upon achieving the greatest overall benefit to the community. Any question which arises pertaining to prosecutive jurisdiction will be resolved through discussion with participating PJTTF agencies and the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office as well as the appropriate state prosecutors and/or United States Attorney's Office.
V. ADMINISTRATIVE
A. Case Assignments
The FBI SSA assigned to the PJTTF will oversee the prioritization and assignment of targeted cases and related investigative activity in accordance with the stated objectives and direction of the PJTTF. Cases will be assigned to investigative teams based on experience, training, performance, expertise, and existing case loads.
B. Records, Reports, Evidence
All investigative reporting will be prepared in compliance with existing FBI policy. Subject to pertinent legal and/or policy restrictions, copies of all pertinent documents created by each member of the task force will be made available for all agencies for inclusion in the respective agencies' files as appropriate. The investigative files of the PJTTF will be housed in the Portland FBI office. Again, where appropriate, copies of any investigative reports will be shared among all agencies.
All evidence and original tape recordings (audio and video) acquired during the course of PJTTF investigations will be maintained at the Portland FBI. The FBI's rules and policies governing the submission, retrieval and chain of custody will be adhered to by the PJTTF personnel.
C. Investigative Exclusivity
Matters designated to be handled by the PJTTF will not knowingly be subject to non-Task Force law enforcement efforts. Each participating agency will make internal notification regarding PJTTF existence, including its primary areas of investigative activity.

There should be no unilateral action taken on the part of any participating agency relating to PJTTF investigations. All law enforcement action will be coordinated and conducted as a cooperative matter. PJTTF investigative leads outside Oregon will be communicated to other FBI offices for appropriate investigation and report submission back to the PJTTF.

D. Informants and Cooperating Witnesses

The United States Attorney General Guidelines and the FBI's guidelines regarding the operation of informants and cooperating witnesses will apply to all informants and cooperating witnesses directed by members of the PJTTF. The FBI agrees, subject to funding availability, to pay informants/cooperating witnesses' expenses in accordance with FBI policies and procedures and which are determined by the FBI to be reasonable and necessary. An appropriate FBI informant/cooperating witness file will be opened wherein all information furnished by the informant/cooperating witness will be maintained. In addition, any recommendations for payments to this informant/cooperating witness will also be documented therein. Each handling officer/agent in the PJTTF will determine what is an appropriate payment for the informant in coordination with the Portland FBI Domestic Terrorism Supervisor.

E. Staff Briefings

Periodic briefings on PJTTF investigations will be provided to the heads of participating agencies or their designees.

VI. MEDIA

All media releases pertaining to PJTTF investigations and/or arrests will be coordinated and made jointly by all participants of this MOU. No unilateral press releases will be made by any participating agency without the prior approval of all participants. No information pertaining to the PJTTF itself will be released to the media without mutual approval of all participants.

VII. EQUIPMENT

A. Vehicles

The Portland FBI has requested four lease vehicles.

B. The Portland FBI has requested radios, pagers, and cellular telephones for each full time or part time participant.

C. Computers including laptops will be made available where funding is available.

All equipment is subject to funding availability. The PJTTF has been approved by FBIHQ for operation for the period through September 30, 2001.

VIII. FUNDING

Each participating agency agrees to provide full time or part time services of its respective personnel for the duration of this operation. Participating agencies agree to assume all personnel costs for their task force representatives, including salaries, overtime payments and fringe benefits consistent with their respective agency. Subject to funding availability and legislative authorization, the FBI will reimburse to the Portland Police Bureau and the Oregon State Police the cost of overtime worked by PJTTF members assigned full time to the task force, providing overtime expenses were incurred as a result of PJTTF related duties. Separate Contract Reimbursement Agreements (CRAs) will be executed by the FBI and each participating agency consistent with regulations and policy.

IX. DURATION

This MOU/Intergovernmental Agreement shall remain in effect until terminated on September 30, 2001. Continuation of this MOU/Intergovernmental Agreement shall be subject to the availability of necessary funding in federal fiscal year 2001. This agreement may be modified at any time by written consent of all involved agencies. This agreement may be terminated at any time by any of the participating agencies, including the Portland FBI. The participating agencies may withdraw from this agreement at any time by providing a thirty day written notice of its intent to withdraw to all other participating agencies. Upon the termination of PJTTF and the MOU/Intergovernmental Agreement, all equipment will be returned to the supplying agencies.

Signed,
David W. Szady
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation

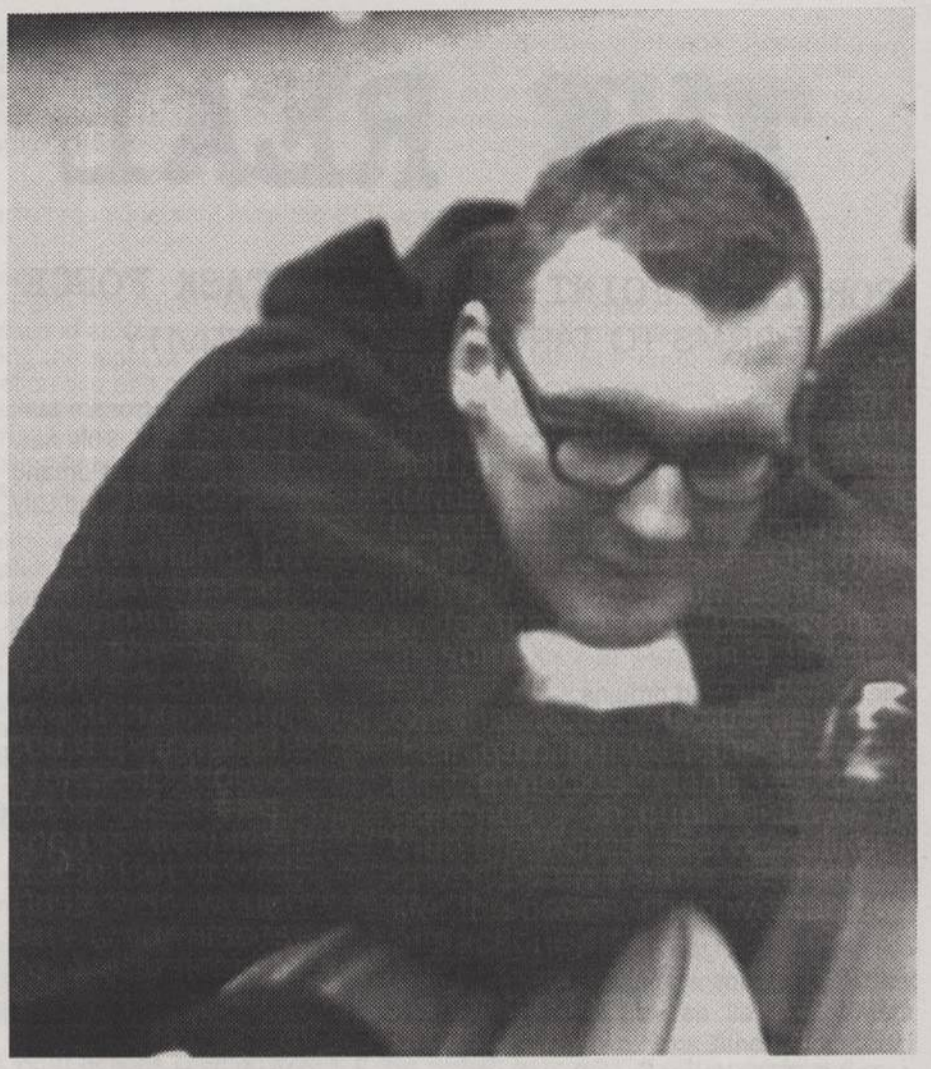
Mark Kroeker
Chief
Portland Police Bureau

Vera Katz
Mayor
City of Portland

Approved as to form
Jeffrey L. Rogers
City Attorney"

The Portland City Council objected to one minor detail of this ordinance. In Section 1, Part 3, the terms "Right Wing and/or Left Wing movements" made at least one Council member feel uncomfortable. Reportedly the terminology was then simply altered and the ordinance passed. This appears to be an attempt to stop the work of the ELF/ALF and the NAELFPO. One of the cited targets of this task force was anti-abortion terrorism. This is interesting since no one we have talked with in the Portland area is aware of any recent anti-abortion action at all. What there have been are growing numbers of successful direct actions around the country publicized by a press office in Portland.

On a side note, some of the names listed above in the PJTTF membership include agents who have for years targeted people in Oregon. Some including Daniel Feucht and Frank Heckendorn were among many other federal agents who took part in the February, 2000 raid on ELF spokespersons home, Craig Rosebraugh. Terry Willis of the Eugene Police Department has worked on the case against Free and Critter in Eugene. These players have obviously come together for one reason, to ensure the disease nicknamed America is not seriously threatened. Good luck to them.



GRAND JURY

Josh Harper Arrested by Feds; Faces Criminal Contempt Charges

Josh Harper was arrested in Seattle on September 27 for his refusal to cooperate and testify before a federal grand jury in Portland investigating the actions of the Earth Liberation Front (E.L.F.) and Animal Liberation Front (A.L.F.). Immediately after speaking to high school students about animal liberation and resisting grand juries, Harper was surrounded by federal agents and taken into custody. He was held at the SEATAC Federal Detention Center until Friday, September 29 when he was released on bail. Upon his release Harper was commanded to appear in Portland on October 27 to face criminal contempt charges.

He then released the following statement:

"Dear Supporters,

As many of you may have heard, I was arrested on a warrant September 27 by agents from the FBI, US Marshalls office, and local police. The warrant stemmed from my refusal to appear before a grand jury convened in Portland investigating the actions of the Animal and Earth Liberation Fronts.

I was taken to a federal detention center and was expecting to be transported to Portland to await trial. Then, last Friday, a small miracle happened. The prosecutor in Portland and the one in Washington both tried to block me from getting bail. Federal agents were flown in to convince the magistrate not to release me, but due to overwhelming support from the animal, environmental, and anarchist communities I was released on bail! The court room was overflowing with supporters, and they managed to raise more than the amount needed for my bail in less than 20 minutes! I am overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone who helped me, and can not begin to express my gratitude.

Now that I am on the outside again I am preparing to fight the charge of criminal contempt. It is not likely that I will win however, and chances are fair that I will be spending at least a year in federal prison, possibly more.

We must first put this in perspective. The crime I am accused of basically amounts to missing a court date. So why such a serious penalty? I say it is because they are afraid. All across the world people are rising up. Small cells of committed activists are fighting for human freedom, ecological sanity, animal liberation, and autonomy. Large protests are finally going past the tired, ineffective marches and sign holdings that kept the government safe from us all these years, and now are actually becoming a threat again! People are ignoring electoral politics and taking action themselves. We are sick of the lie that tells us 4 minutes of action every four years will change the world. We are sick of watching as the last of the wild dies, as the animals nations

are massacred, and as our communities become devoid of real life, happiness, freedom and personality. We don't want to live in a world owned by Starbucks, we don't don't want to work our existence away making profit for the rich bastards we all despise, and we don't want to be beaten down and arrested for finally speaking up! As we rise, they must try to knock us down. The grand jury system is being used all over this country to keep the power in the hands of the elite few.

We can not let this happen without resistance! On Friday the 27th of October I am to appear in Portland at 9am before a judge. Let us show him that I am not alone. Come to the courthouse (1000 SW 3rd Ave, Portland, OR 97204)at 8am to show your support. To make a donation to my defense fund, please send a check to the address below ear marked for Josh Harper. And of course, the best thing you can do to support me is keep the resistance growing."

On October 27, over 100 people showed up outside the U.S. Courthouse in Portland to give support to Harper and resist the grand jury and government repression. At this arraignment date, Harper successfully asked for a postponement so he could obtain an attorney. The Court then re-scheduled his arraignment for November 17, 2000.

The following statement was then allegedly released by Josh Harper, which provoked legal reprocussions against his first amendment right to free speech:

"Hello again,

I am writing this update about my case to inform everyone of new developments and to thank all of those people who have helped me thus far. This is a very trying time for me, but it is made easier when I think that I am not alone. People from all over the world have written and sent donations. The Animal Liberation Front have shown support for me as well by breaking windows at a McDonalds and a Neiman Marcus in Long Island and Beverly Hills. All of this activity is inspiring, but sadly it doesn't change the facts of this case.

I am being charged with criminal contempt, a federal felony, for failure to appear before a grand jury. Criminal contempt carries no maximum sentence, so any amount of jail time is possible if I am convicted. This case is a first in our movement, and will set a *precedent that could be very harmful*. The government is essentially saying, "Snitch on your friends or go to jail." Failure to cooperate with a grand jury is going to start costing people years of their lives. That is why we must fight this charge to the best of our ability.

I have finally found counsel in this case, but I still need funds to pay for their assistance. We are working on making some support fund merchandise, but we need help setting up benefits elsewhere. Please contact us below if you can do anything, a vegan bake sell, a show, anything at all. We also need to fight back on another front, and the ALF has certainly taken the lead. The prosecution in this case planned to have this grand jury be an end to underground direct action movement by knocking out the above ground support structure. Craig Rosebraugh was targeted and had his home raided because he speaks so eloquently on behalf of those with compassion and respect for the earth. I have been targeted because of my video productions and speaking tours, as well as my association with militant above ground action groups. The government fears that people like Craig and I are increasing the level of direct action in this country simply by telling people that it occurs. I don't know how true that is, but I do know that is difficult to argue with the success of direct action. In one night an earth raper can be forever put out of business. With a few hundred dollars in equipment, animals can be freed from a life time of slavery at the hands of a vivisector. With long term planning and security, a new movement could emerge to cast off the oppressive state and it's industrial masters. If this charge of criminal contempt puts me away for the next few years, I at least hope that the grand jury doesn't reach it's goal of crushing direct action.

I see so many people fighting for a day when the earth is wild again, and we live peacefully with each other and the animal nations. Right now it seems like such a far away dream, and I am at times frustrated when I think how impossible it all seems. But then I am given hope when I remember our radical history, and all of the wonderful things we have already accomplished. It remains to be seen whether or not we will be willing to do what is necessary to bring about the changes that are so desperately needed on this planet, but I see a spark of hope in every broken window, every torched police car, and every mink running free as their hearts desire. I cheer every time I hear that our movement has created a safe space for wimmin, fed the hungry, or cast off one more boss. Let us increase the momentum. Thanks for your support.

Josh"

The arraignment was then postponed again on November 17 due to Harper's then attorney not being licensed in Oregon. The Court at this time placed another release order on Harper, which prevents him from ideologically voicing support for the E.L.F. and/or the A.L.F. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Stephen Piefer, pleaded with a federal judge to place these extra restrictions on Harper after submitting into evidence a copy of an email allegedly sent by Harper discussing his support of illegal direct action. If Harper violates this order he would be subject to arrest and held until his trial.

On December 1, Harper was officially charged with criminal contempt. His attorney acting on his behalf entered a not-guilty plea and the case was set for trial on January 3, 2001.

Criminal contempt differs from civil contempt in the sense that in the former you have the possibility of a jury trial and the sentence has no legal upper limit. Upon a guilty finding a Judge may sentence an individual up to six months in prison without a jury trial. If the prosecution or Judge sees fit to try for a longer sentence a jury must legally be used. Most often civil contempt is considered before criminal contempt is used. Civil contempt does not involve a trial and commonly has an upper sentencing limit of eighteen months or the remaining length of the grand jury.

Let Harper's plight and the growing government repression be a motivating CALL TO ACTION. Harper was arrested for not cooperating with a government witch hunt attempting to stop the courageous efforts of the E.L.F. and the A.L.F. Now is the time for more direct action than ever before. It is up to all of us to show this murderous government that it is impossible to stop the ideology of the E.L.F and the A.L.F., the idea that there is more to life than killing anything and everthing for profit.

"YOU CAN JAIL A REVOLUTIONARY....
BUT YOU CAN'T JAIL THE REVOLUTION!"
-Fred Hampton,
just shortly before he was
murdered by the Chicago Police

Please Support the Josh Harper Defense Fund
Money is desperately needed to assist with Harper's legal defense. If he does get a prison sentence, he will need funds for every day necessities and to maintain a vegan lifestyle. Please send financial donations to:

for immediate donations
(Checks payable to)
JOSH HARPER SUPPORT FUND
P.O. BOX 45275
Seattle, WA 98145
nevergivein@hotmail.com

for large tax-deductible donations
JOSH HARPER SUPPORT FUND
c/o
(checks payable to)
ANIMAL RIGHTS AMERICA
P.O. BOX 469
Caldwell, NJ 07006
ara@superlink.net

BLOOMINGTON RAID

By Marie Mason and Frank Ambrose

On July 19, 2000 at 6:30 am, five Indiana Conservation Officers (CO's) and one FBI agent knocked on our door and announced they had a warrant to search our apartment and car. They came in and showed us the warrant and proceeded to search through every inch of our apartment looking for implements of tree spiking. The warrant authorized them to take any nails, nail heads, hammers, metal cutting tools, boots, computers, and any communication linking Frank Ambrose to the ELF.

During the raid, the majority of the items the State seized were not listed on the warrant. The vast majority of the material taken was organizational literature and address books belonging to Marie. They also took some spray paint, a crow bar from our car, Marie's family photo albums, a couple of household hammers, tin snips and a leatherman multi-tool. They left Frank's boots on the floor without even looking at them, though they photographed the soles of all the shoes in the closet. When they were confronted about taking items that were not on the warrant, they claimed that they could do it, and there was nothing we could do to stop it.

It was clear which police agency was there and why. The CO's largely stood around and watched us to make sure we didn't flush the foot long tree spikes they were looking for down the toilet, while the FBI agent, Rob Woesner, did

the bulk of the work looking through our file cabinets and car. Whenever the CO's had a question about an item, they went to him for advice. He almost always advised them to take the items. It was clear the FBI is targeting us because of our political beliefs and our involvement in the takeover of a State Forest office in protest of the logging they were planning, and the CO's were there just because the crime being investigated was a state-level crime and therefore their jurisdiction under the law.

Towards the end of the raid, the CO's separated us and tried to get both of us to talk. They told Frank that he should cooperate with the State so that the Fed's would not get involved. They said that the Fed's were much worse and would not give me any deals. Meanwhile they argued with Marie to have her try to convince me to turn myself in and throw my life to the mercy of the law and courts. She and I merely reminded them that we did not want to talk and that if they had evidence to lock me (or her) up, they would have just done that along with raiding our place.

The police promised us that they would be back later in the day with an arrest warrant for Frank (he was the one actually named on the warrant). They never showed. They also promised that they would talk to "everyone" (actually only a few individuals were harassed) in the environmental community and that someone would "rat" on him eventually. They have since visited several community members and tried to get them to say that he has been involved in illegal activities. They also have more concretely shown that they are not just interested in framing Frank, but also in framing Marie. They approached Heartwood, a local forest protection group where Marie had recently been employed. When their director Alison Cochran was asked questions about Marie, she cooperated, and in the end agreed to give the FBI Marie's old computer. There was no warrant for this computer.

The raid and subsequent round of visits came in the wake of a series of Earth Liberation Front actions that have occurred in the Bloomington area this past year. Before the raid, there had been numerous earth destroying machines destroyed, a partially built mansion burned to the ground, a wood chip truck burned, and trees spiked in two state forests. After the raid, the ELF took responsibility for attempting an arson at the County's Republican headquarters, and for destroying more forest destroying-machines in the Martin State Forest.

Beyond the E.L.F.;

by Craig Rosebraugh

Creating a new direct action movement against capitalism and industrialization

While the Earth Liberation Front has shown to have had quite an impact in the United States since 1997, its targets have arguably been limited in nature. As the E.L.F. is at least in theory an organization focused on environmental issues, its actions have stayed largely within that social movement. To their credit, the E.L.F. has demonstrated a knowledge and understanding of a larger problem in society, the drive for profit and capital. Using economic sabotage the group has inflicted well over $34 million in damages since 1997 in the United States on entities profiting off the destruction of the environment. But is this enough? The E.L.F. is definitely on the right track as far as tactics of economic sabotage are concerned. Yet there is a clear difference, strategically speaking, between burning a building completely to the ground and causing minor damage through various forms of vandalism. Granted I am under the assumption that the basic motives for all of these actions would be the same and therefore would applaud the brave and heroic individuals for working to save the environment and smash corporate greed.

The main difference in my mind though lies in not only the monetary amount of damage done to the given target, but also in the target itself. The idea being that if an individual desires to engage in economic sabotage she/he should pick the best target possible at any given time. Then the best tactic should be chosen at each given time to ensure the most damage will be done. So how is this done? How are the best targets selected?

In my mind the best targets are those which will have the most effect in stopping the exploitation, destruction, and deaths of the natural environment and all life coexisting on the planet. One must make every effort to look beyond individual social issues, be it human, animal, and/or environmental, to the higher cause of these problems. The desire, or manufactured desire, of the need for profit, material items, and ownership is at the heart of arguably many of these social issues. Yet, instead of concentrating on fighting this desire most activists largely of the leftist persuasion appear content with continuing the exhausted state sanctioned legal means of protest which have little effect. Underground organizations such as the E.L.F. and the Animal Liberation Front have at least demonstrated a greater understanding of the role desire plays in the environmental and animal liberation movements. They have taken concrete steps to fight this desire within their own movements. Yet the real desire, the desire taught to us along with the American Dream, Apple Pie and Baseball is most often overlooked or clearly unseen.

There needs to be a direct focus on fighting the desire created by industrialization and the westernized way of life. It needs to be a direct action focus using not state sanctioned forms of protest but underground guerrilla tactics in the form of economic sabotage and beyond.

So how do we go about combating this desire? How do we go about choosing targets that will have the most impact? The idea in the United States is to look at just what makes the country what it is. What symbols, what propaganda, what physical objects are involved in creating the atmosphere of desire? What makes the United States economically operate? Who and what are the information sources in the U.S. that push and create the propaganda? Are there targets that could be selected which involve and effect many corporations? Are there symbolic targets that if destroyed would place a major blow to the false reality?

Think big. Wall Street, the stock market, Statue of Liberty, U.S. Capitol, Mt. Rushmore, Disneyland, media conglomerates, military installations, governmental agencies (CIA, FBI, BATF, USFS, etc.), large multinational corporations, automobile manufacturers, etc. Realize the difference between pulling up an acre of G.E. crops and destroying Monsanto. The difference between sabotaging logging equipment and destroying MAXXAM/Pacific Lumber. The difference between spraypaint and fire.

When the E.L.F. torched Vail Resorts, Inc. in 1998 the organization was on the right path toward targeting desire. Vail is known worldwide as the ritzy, only for the rich, ski resort. A perfect symbol of desire. If you begin with nothing, work hard all your life, you too can become wealthy, powerful and can visit the planets premiere facilities including Vail. Those who can't are supposed to desire it.

The idea for a movement against capitalism and industrialization directly is nothing new. The Luddites, 1811 - 1813 in England, used direct action with some success to combat the beginnings of the industrial revolution. Before the revolution hit many people for centuries worked out of their cottages and small shops in villages on machines which could be run by one person. Suddenly an industrial society appeared with new complex machinery commonly housed in multiple story buildings. This new way of working threatened and eventually killed the means by which livelihood had been achieved for years. The Luddites fought back using similar economic sabotage tactics seen today. Over an estimated $1 million in damages were inflicted on business owners during this two year time period. Some manufacturers agreed to actually stop using the new complex machines due to the Luddite threat of action.

The tactics of the Weather Underground in the U.S. in the late sixties to early 1970's also appeared to be focused against the ideology existing in the United States. While their operations appeared somewhat reactionary and their group politics arguably questionable, they did succeed in demonstrating that symbolic and real targets like those mentioned above are not impossible to hit.

Here is a summary of the Weather Underground bombings from 1970-1972,

· Haymarket Police Statue, Chicago, October 1969 and October 1970
· Chicago Police Cars following the murder of Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, December 1969
· New York City Police Headquarters, June 1970
· Marin County Courthouse, following the murder of Jonathan Jackson, William Christmas and James McClain, August 1970
· Long Island City Courthouse, in Queens, in solidarity with prison revolts taking place in New York City, October 1970
· Department of Corrections in San Francisco and Office of California Prisons in Sacramento, for the murder of George Jackson in San Quentin, August 1971
· Department of Corrections in Albany, NY, for the murder and assault against the prisoners of Attica, September 1971
· 103rd Precinct of the New York City police, for the murder of 10-year old Clifford Clover, May 1973
· Harvard War Research Center for International Affairs, October 1970
· U.S. Capitol, after the invasion of Laos, March 1971
· MIT Research Center, William Bundy's office, October 1971
· The Pentagon, after the bombing of Hanoi and mining of the harbors of North Vietnam, May 1972
· Draft and recruiting centers
· ROTC buildings
· ITT Latin America Headquarters, following the fascist revolution in Chile, September 1973
· National Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C., after the murders at Jackson State and Kent State, May 1970
· Presidio Army Base and MP Station, San Francisco, July 26, 1970
· Federal Offices of HEW (Health, Education, and Welfare), San Francisco, March 1974
· Liberation of Timothy Leary from California Men's Colony, San Luis Obispo, September 1970

The above actions are presented here to demonstrate the possibilities of direct action against the idea of desire. The Luddites and Weather Underground are just two examples of earlier organizations targeting capitalism and industrialization through direct action.

The thought behind all of this is not to get discouraged but rather encouraged to get active and stay active in a way that will produce results. If the goal is to end environmental destruction, and the suffering and murder of life on this planet then a clear look must be taken at the real enemy. Whether the group is the Earth Liberation Front or some new organization, the importance lies in re-thinking targets and choosing those which will produce the greatest success and damage. In either case the actions must not only become more strategic and of an intensified scale but they must also occur with a much greater frequency.

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