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September 10, 1976

Mr. Peter C. Byrne
Director
The Bigfoot Information Center and Exhibition
Post Office Box 632
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Dear Mr. Byrne:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 26, 1976, concerning the reported examination of hairs by the FBI Laboratory in connection with the Bigfoot phenomenon.

Since the publication of the "Washington Environmental Atlas" in 1975, which referred to such examinations, we have received several inquiries similar to yours. However, we have been unable to locate any references to such examinations in our files.

Sincerely yours,

Jay Cochran, Jr.
Assistant Director FBI
Laboratory Division

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Memorandum to Mr. McDermott
Re: REQUESTED EXAMINATION OF
UNIDENTIFIED HAIR FROM THE
BIGFOOT INFORMATION CENTER
AND EXHITION
THE DALLES, OREGON

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Mr. Byrne's request for examination of 15 unidentified hairs and tissue be granted.

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2. If examination is granted, attached letter be approved and forwarded to Mr. Byrne.

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DETAILS:

The 7/6/75 issue of the Washington Star-News carried cutline and photograph (attached) captioned, "Recognition at Last!" concerning the recently published U.S. Army Corps of Engineers "Washington Environment Atlas." The Atlas contained information regarding the possible existence of Sasquatch, aka "Bigfoot," the legendary creature of the Pacific Northwest mountains.

This Atlas reported that "a sample of reputed Sasquatch hair was analyzed by the FBI and found to belong to no known animal." Inasmuch as FBI Laboratory experts had no records or recollection of such an examination, Dr. Steve Rice, Editor of the Army Atlas was telephonically contacted in Seattle, Washington. After checking, Dr. Rice was unable to locate his source of the reported FBI hair examination.

By letter dated 8/26/76 Mr. Peter C. Byrne, Director, The Bigfoot Information Center and Exhibition, The Dalles, Oregon, inquired whether this reported FBI hair analysis was accurate. In my letter dated 9/10/76 Mr. Byrne was told the FBI Laboratory had no references to such an examination (copies attached).

By letter dated 11/24/76 Mr. Peter Byrne again corresponded with the FBI Laboratory enclosing a New York Times article dated 6/30/76 captioned, "Is it Bigfoot, Or Can It Be Just A Hoax?" (attached). The article contained a history of Bigfoot and the activities of Mr. Byrne and others connected with the mystery. Mr. Byrne's letter requested the FBI Laboratory examine and attempt to identify 15 hairs attached to a piece of skin.

According to the New York Times article, Mr. Byrne's five-year search for Bigfoot is supported by the Academy of Applied Science (AAS), Boston, Massachusetts, admission fees to his exhibit and small donations from other sources. The AAS is the chief sponsor of the current Loch Ness expedition in Scotland. AAS is listed in the Encyclopedia of Associations as being founded in 1962 and dedicated to applied science and engineering. It claims 300 members and one staff member.

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A search of Bureau indices contained no information identifiable with Mr. Byrne or the Bigfoot Information Center and Exhibition.

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1 - Mr. McDermott (Encls.)
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1 - Mr. Cochran
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TO : Mr. McDermott

FROM : J. Cochran, Jr.

DATE: 12/13/76

SUBJECT: REQUESTED EXAMINATION OF UNIDENTIFIED HAIR FROM THE BIGFOOT INFORMATION CENTER AND EXHIBITION THE DALLES, OREGON

PURPOSE:

To set out background information concerning published reports that the FBI has analyzed hair in connection with the search for Sasquatch, aka "Bigfoot" and to recommend that requested hair examination received 11/24/76 from Peter Byrne, Director, Bigfoot Information Center and Exhibition be granted.

SYNOPSIS:

Background information concerning Sasquatch, set out with request received 11/24/76 from Mr. Peter Byrne, Director of the Bigfoot Information Center and Exhibition, The Dalles, Oregon, for FBI Laboratory examination of 15 unidentified hairs and tissue related to search for Sasquatch. STS Division recommends request for examination be granted in interest of research and scientific inquiry.

CURRENT BUREAU POLICY:

This does not represent a change in Bureau policy. In addition to its primary mission of examining physical evidence in criminal matters for Federal, state and municipal law enforcement, the STS Division's Laboratory Branch has a history of making its unique services and expertise available to the Smithsonian Institution, other museums, universities and government agencies in archeological matters and in the interest of research and legitimate scientific inquiry.

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1 - Mr. Cochran
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February 24, 1977

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Mr. Howard S. Curtis
Executive Vice President
Academy of Applied Science
05 India Wharf, Suite 26A
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS AND INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE BIGFOOT INFORMATION CENTER AND EXHIBITION

Dear Mr. Curtis: OUTSIDE SOURCE

The hairs which you recently delivered to the FBI Laboratory on behalf of The Bigfoot Information Center and Exhibition have been examined by transmitted and incident light microscopy. The examination included a study of morphological characteristics such as root structure, medullary structure and cuticle thickness in addition to scale casts. Also, the hairs were compared directly with hairs of known origin under a comparison microscope.

It was concluded as a result of these examinations that the hairs are of deer family origin.

The hair sample you submitted is being returned as an enclosure to this letter.

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Sincerely yours,

Jay Cochran, Jr.

Jay Cochran, Jr.
Assistant Director FBI
Scientific and Technical
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1 - Mr. Peter Byrne
Director
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The Dalles, Oregon 97058

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Mr. Howard S. Curtis

NOTE: Mr. Curtis requested that letter setting forth examination results be directed to him since Mr. Byrne will be out of the country for several months.

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TO : Mr. Cochran

FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: REQUESTED EXAMINATION OF UNIDENTIFIED HAIR FROM THE BIGFOOT INFORMATION CENTER AND EXHIBITION THE DALLES, OREGON

PURPOSE:

To report the results of the examination of hairs from the captioned organization.

DETAILS:

By memorandum, Cochran to McDermott, dated 12/13/76, we agreed to examine a hair sample on behalf of the captioned organization. A letter to this effect dated 12/15/76, was sent to Mr. Peter Byrne, Director of captioned organization.

Recently, the hair sample (photograph attached) was delivered to the Laboratory by Mr. Howard S. Curtis, Executive Vice President, Academy of Applied Science, Boston, Massachusetts. This Academy sponsors the captioned organization.

The hairs were determined to be from a member of the deer family.

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Mr. Curtis requested that a letter setting forth the results of the examination be furnished to him since Mr. Byrne will be out of the country for several months. He also requested that the hairs be returned to him.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be furnished to Mr. Curtis setting forth the results of the examination and that the hairs be returned to him.

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