

FBI Investigation Documents Showing Urban Terrorism Connection of PETA

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NORFOLK

Subject: [REDACTED]

TEI-PI
100A-NF-35558

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As part of its financial investigation, Norfolk has subpoenaed [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] personal account. [REDACTED]

Norfolk has traced funds [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PETA.

In an attempt to develop a cooperating source, Norfolk has concentrated on identifying former disgruntled PETA employees. One such person [REDACTED] was interviewed by [REDACTED] RA, on 01/29/2004. [REDACTED] PETA. [REDACTED] Soon after [REDACTED]

performing. PETA also pressed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] personally requested her to participate in this. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that PETA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] observed references to the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) in many articles and paperwork at PETA's office. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Norfolk is awaiting the results of New York Division's interview of [REDACTED]

On 03/16-19/2004, Norfolk agents along with a DTOU supervisor debriefed [REDACTED] (protect identity) [REDACTED]

of vandalism targeting fast food restaurants, butcher and fur shops, committed by PETA employees and encouraged by President Ingrid Newkirk. [REDACTED] statements suggesting that PETA was formed as a cover for the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) and PETA and ALF were one in the same. Names of several former disgruntled PETA employees were provided and Norfolk will attempt to locate and interview any such persons in the hopes of developing a cooperating source. A lead was set for [REDACTED] to locate and interview former employee, [REDACTED]

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THREE Single-Issue Groups

Lake County

OTHER SINGLE-ISSUE

PETA, ELF,

_____ were active in the area. USPD also advised that the single-issue groups listed above are involved in economic damage, intimidation, graffiti and vandalism, including thefts from fur farms. _____

OTHER SINGLE-ISSUE

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2 Since 11/2003, Las Vegas has experienced 8
ALF/ELF-type incidents on 4 businesses

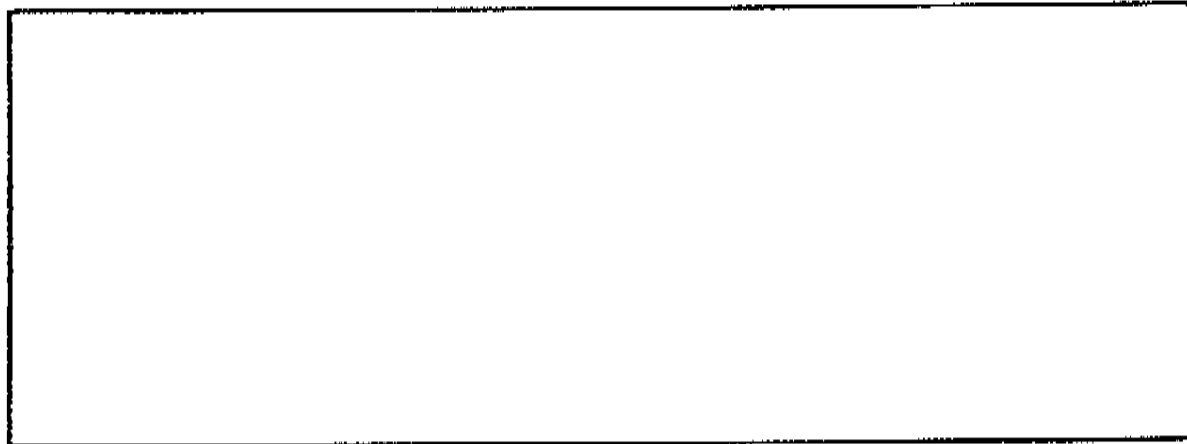
ALF/ELF
and some PETA representatives were present for the
National Finals Rodeo during December 2003. Some
individuals utilized black bloc techniques during the
protests

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OTHER: [redacted]

VI. Conclusions:

In light of the above information, the following concluding points summarize the scope and extent of ALF activity and communication:



2) ALF cells most likely utilize "front" or "support" groups for information, intelligence, instruction in methods of trade craft, and financial support. As we have seen, groups such as PETA, CAFT, NAALFSG, and the Liberation Collective all actively support ALF members in terms of ideology and finances. Additionally, these groups may even provide logistical support for ALF cells. These groups are all quick to publicize ALF activities in a favorable manner, and some of them help maintain the extensive network of electronic communication utilized by individual activists. [redacted]



Other outside scope: [redacted]

¹³ These figures are estimates of damage, and as of this writing no final figures were available. Information concerning levels of economic damage in these two cases was obtained via phone interview with FBI Portland.

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[REDACTED] While no substantive proof exists connecting PETA money to bombings, arson, or acts of vandalism on the part of ALF activists, it is reasonable to suspect that some of PETA's substantial resources have financed the activities of ALF cells.

ALF's outside groups:

CAFT (Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade)

Dallas, TX; Memphis, TN

Similar to PETA, CAFT serves in a support capacity for ALF activities nationwide. CAFT has neither the funding nor the political influence of PETA, but may actually be more intricately involved in logistical support for direct action [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Like PETA, CAFT advocates legal demonstration and peaceful civil disobedience, but publicly downplays its support for criminal activity. [REDACTED]

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To: Norfolk From: Norfolk
Re: 266A-NF-NEW, 05/10/2001

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, Hardoes, 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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From: [REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED]

Subject: CFC

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Go on line to www.bestcfc.org, and check out "the BEST Animal Charities", PETA, In Defense of Animals, Vegan Outreach and other DT targets as they collect money from federal employees for their DT objectives!

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