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Request No. 397209

RE: BIG FOOT

Dear Requester

- This acknowledges your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request submitted to the FBI.
- Based on the limited information you provided, we cannot make an accurate search of our records. Please furnish your complete name, alias, date and place of birth, prior addresses, employment, and any specific data that would permit us to locate the documents you seek.
- Please submit your notarized signature. This procedure is designed to insure that documents, if located, are released only to an individual having right of access to the information.
- If you want a search of our Identification Division records for any arrest record that might pertain to you, please comply with the enclosed instructions set forth in Attorney General Order 556-73. Fingerprint impressions are needed for comparison with records in the Identification Division to insure that individual's record is not disseminated to an unauthorized person.
- We are currently searching the indices to our central records system files at FBI Headquarters for any documents which may pertain to your request. Upon completion of this search you will be notified of the results.
- Provide the complete name, date and place of birth for the subject of your request. If subject is deceased, give date of death and any proof of death you have.

Your request has been assigned the number indicated above. Please use this number in all correspondence with us.

Sincerely yours,

Chief
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Information Resources Division

Enclosure

- If you desire, you may appeal any denials contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530, within thirty days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.
- The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject of your request was the subject of the investigation. There are additional references to the subject(s) of your request in files relating to other individuals, organizations, events or activities. These additional mentions or references have not been reviewed to determine if, in fact, they are identifiable with the subject(s) of your request. Our experience has shown that such references are frequently similar to information contained in the processed main file(s). We will process these references if you now make a specific request for them. However, because of a significant increase in FOIPA requests and an expanding backlog, we have given priority to the processing of main investigative files and can only complete the processing of these additional references as time and resources permit.
- See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosures (2)

Enclosed are previously processed documents which relate to "Big Foot". The enclosed are the best copies available. Serial 4 is missing from file 95-213013, the file where your release originates. Our effort to locate that document was not successful. It is possible that the number 4 was missed during the original serialization of the file.

The Bigfoot Informatic Center and Exhibition

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August 26th 1976.

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Yours very truly,



Peter C. Byrne,
Director, the BIC.

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September 10, 1976

Mr. Peter C. ~~Byrne~~
Director
The Bigfoot Information Center and Exhibition
Post Office Box 512
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Dear Mr. ~~Byrne~~:

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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
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The New York Times

Article

As It Bigfoot, Or Can It Be Just a Hoax?

By **BOYCE RENSBERGER**
Special to The New York Times

THE DALLES, Ore.—Within the vast forest wilderness of the Pacific Northwest there may live a species of shy, furry primate creatures, perhaps relict and declining survivors from a time before modern man evolved.

And then again there may not.

A remarkable body of evidence has been gathered over the last few years that points either to the reality of a species of large primates known as Bigfoot or Sasquatch that walks on two legs or to a long series of hallucinations and extraordinary hoaxes executed with anatomical and ecological expertise and with unusual restraint.

The evidence has persuaded at least one physical anthropologist of international standing that the Sasquatch phenomenon of footprints and sightings is real and in need of further study.

There is even speculation that a presumably

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Jack Cochran

Above: a logger's rendering of the creature he said he saw in an Oregon forest. Below: Peter Byrne looking for the creature near Mt. Hood in the same forest.

- The Washington Post _____
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Furtive Creature, or Hoax, Roams the Northwest

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distinct form of giant ape or hominid known as Gigantopithecus, whose fossils have been found in Asia, may have been an ancestor of a Sasquatch that migrated across the Bering land bridge to North America long before true humans.

The existence of such a surviving species seems wildly improbable and is discounted by most experts in primate evolution. A genuine find of such a creature would rank as one of the most significant discoveries of modern times.

To most Americans the idea that a giant ape man could be living in the United States in 1976 and remain so elusive is far less credible than the idea that a creature could dwell in Loch Ness, a faraway, mist-shrouded Scottish lake, or that an abominable snowman, or yeti, could exist in the remote Himalayas.

Ex-Professional Hunter

And yet, at a time when increasing sums of money are being spent by reputable scientists to investigate Loch Ness, America's own "monster," with at least as much suggestive evidence behind it, is pursued by little more than weekend amateurs, riflemen vowing to bring one back dead, an assortment of eccentric or unreliable individuals and obvious perpetrators of fraud.

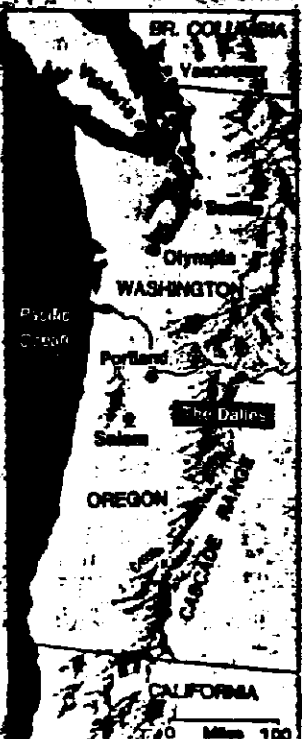
One of the few exceptions is Peter Byrne, a 38-year-old former professional hunter for beaver and fox, who switched from tiger

hunting and yeti hunting to bear conservation and Bigfoot hunting.

He operates the modest Bigfoot Information Center here in The Dalles, a small town in the heart of Bigfoot country, and he describes himself as the "only man alive who has made a profession out of this extraordinary search."

He has been doing it for five years, supported by admission fees to a small exhibit here and by small donations from various sources, including the Academy of Applied Sciences, which is also the chief sponsor of the current Loch Ness expedition.

The center receives reports of Sasquatch sightings or of 16-inch footprints from all over the Northwest and investigates



The New York Times/June 23, 1976
Bigfoot country is the mountainous area of the Pacific Northwest shaded on map, with information center at The Dalles.

94 Credible Sightings

Most are eventually discounted as insubstantial or faked, but a handful hold up and are given high credibility. So far Mr. Byrne, though he has never seen a Bigfoot himself, has collected the details of 94 reported sightings that seem believable. There are many more reports of tracks.

An example was that of Jack Cochran, a logger from nearby Parkdale, who on May 12, 1974, was working with a crew in the Hood River National Forest. Mr. Cochran, who operates a crane that picks up logs, was taking a break in the cab of the crane and happened to look across the clearing. Fifty yards away he says he saw "this big hairy thing" standing silently.

"A chill went up my back," Mr. Cochran recalled.

When he determined that it was not one of his co-workers, Mr. Cochran, a hunter and amateur artist who sketches wildlife, studied the creature. He said it was covered with thick black hair and stood about six and a half feet tall and had massive shoulders. He

looked and did not try to run. Other forest animals that he knew well.

Walked Away Quietly

Then it walked away quietly like an elk, and he appeared over a hill into the forest.

The next day, May 23, at about the same time, 39 A.M., the same loggers were again taking a break. Mr. Cochran sat in his crane and kept his eyes on the forest but saw nothing unusual. His two companions, however, said that they walked into the woods for a little shade and were startled to see a big creature rise up out of the bushes and stride quickly away on two legs. One of the two men, Fernan Osborne, gave chase and even picked up some rocks to throw.

Later investigators from the Bigfoot Information Center conducted a thorough search of the area. They found the creature's track—indistinct impressions of a soft but heavy foot leading from the edge of the clearing off across some wooded hills.

Paralleling them for part of the way were deep bear prints and even holes in the ground where rocks had been removed.

As in virtually all Sasquatch reports, the creature does nothing spectacular. It does not charge or roar or act ferocious in any way. In report after report the animal simply walks along or watches people until it senses it has been seen, and then it walks away.

So Tame a Story

Many people have said that hallucinations or hoaxes would be unlikely to yield so tame and dull a story.

Another group of sightings took place within a two-square-mile area just outside The Dalles. In 1967 four people said they saw a Bigfoot. The following year another four people reported another sighting. In 1969 there was no report. In 1970 two people saw one. And in 1971 there were four sightings by a total of nine people. Again the creature was said to be simply standing or walking. Eventually it, or they, simply walked away.

Tame or not, could a population of seven-foot-tall hominids be living in the United States and remain unknown to science?

To those who have not seen the immense, uninhabited and almost impenetrable forests that cover the mountains of the Pacific Northwest and British Co-

lumbia, it may seem just as unlikely that there are thousands of square miles of wilderness where hardly anyone ever goes.

Reports Date From 1850

Research reports, which date from 1840, all come from a large but well-defined area that includes the mountains of southern British Columbia and the Cascade ranges of Western Washington, Western Oregon and Northern California.

The area covers about 250,000 square miles and could easily hide thousands of Sasquatches, particularly if one assumes, as the evidence suggests, that they are nomadic. If the Bigfoot is only a fantasy, it is strange that with one or two obviously faked exceptions, no reports have come from other parts of the country, not even from other wilderness areas in the West that are similar to the Cascade Mountains.

Still, skeptics argue, naturalists have explored the entire world and have surely catalogued all of the larger animals. But in fact new species are still being discovered. Within the last century Westerners looked for the first time of the pygmy hippopotamus, the Okapi, the Komodo lizard, the giant Panda, two species of large monkey, the pygmy chimpanzee and the mountain gorilla.

Indian Legends

Bigfoot believers say that the creature should not be considered unknown. Most of the Indian tribes in the area have legends and stories about such creatures; Sasquatch is one tribe's name for the creature but there are many others.

Scattered reports of giant manlike footprints or of actual sightings also occurred in the early writings of white settlers and down through the years. There are scores of reports from the last decade, when people like Mr. Byrne started soliciting them.

While newspaper accounts frequently make it appear that a Bigfoot report involves only a single, large blurry footprint, the more typical discovery is of a long track of footprints that can sometimes be followed for miles. Where the ground is soft the prints are sometimes detailed enough that anatomists can analyze the structure of the foot that made the print.

Dr. John Napier, a British anthropologist who is a specialist in the anatomy of ape human feet, has for 20 years studied yeti and Sasqu

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In Dr. Napier's view one of the most persuasive sets of footprints was found in 1969 near Bossburg, Wash. The half-mile-long track contained 1,080 prints, and the right prints appear to have been made by a crippled foot. At one point whatever made the prints stepped easily over a 43-inch-high fence.

Look Very Human

In the deformed print Dr. Napier can see not only obviously abnormal outlines but also shifts in weight distribution from one part of the foot to another, all of which suggest that the creature suffered a crushing injury of the foot in youth. The prints look very human, Dr. Napier says, except that they are 17 1/2 inches long and 7 inches wide.

"It is very difficult to conceive of a hoaxer so subtle, so knowledgeable and so sick who would deliberately fake a footprint of this nature," Dr. Napier wrote in his book "Bigfoot." "I suppose it is possible, but it is so unlikely that I am prepared to discount it."

After examining the Bossburg tracks and many others, Dr. Napier concludes that "they are not the footprints of modern man" but "could conceivably be the footprints of unknown members of the human family."

One of the most controversial pieces of evidence is an 18-second film that shows a furry creature striding along a creekbed in a California forest and then disappearing into the trees. It has been examined by various experts, and no one can conclusively prove that it is either a fake or authentic. Mr. Byrne has declared other film fakes, but he says of this one that he is 95 percent certain it is real.

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It has been argued by some that there is not enough food to support a creature of Bigfoot's size in the typical sun-drenched forests of the Northwest. While there are not nearly as many edible plants as, for example, in the gorilla's tropical habitat, the woods do support bears of considerable size.

While some Sasquatch believers feel that the only way to convince the world of the creature's existence is to shoot one and bring back its corpse, Peter Byrne shuns such thoughts.

"There probably aren't all that many to begin with," he said. "I think that with a decent effort we could get photographic proof. They should be protected."

One recent evening Mr. Byrne took his cameras, two volunteer investigators and a visitor and drove out of The Dalles and onto logging roads that wind through the Hood River National Forest, a region where Sasquatches have been sighted.

At a high clearing Mr. Byrne set up a night observation device, on loan from the Army. With only starlight to illuminate the landscape, its battery-powered light amplifiers project almost the equivalent of a daylight scene onto a small viewing screen. After a few turns scanning the distance and waiting for a Bigfoot that might have been drawn out of curiosity, everyone crawled into sleeping bags for the night. No Sasquatch came.

When Mr. Byrne got back to his office, the telephone-answering device had recorded a call from a man in Seattle who said he had seen a Bigfoot on May 17.

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Mr Jay Cochran, Jr.
Assistant Director, FBI.,
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FBI. Washington DC 20535.

November 24th 1976.

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Mr Cochran :

I thank you for your letter of September 10th., 1976.

I am writing again to ask if you could possibly arrange for a comparative analysis of some hairs that we have here which we are unable to identify.

You may know something of the program in which we - through the part sponsorship of the undermentioned academy - are engaged. Should you not, I am enclosing an article which will partially explain what it is that we are trying to do.

Briefly, we do not often come across hair which we are unable to identify and the hair that we have now, about 15 hairs attached to a tiny piece of skin, is the first that we have obtained in six years which we feel may be of importance.

Please advise if you are able to perform this task for us.

Yours very truly,



Peter Byrne
Director, the A.I.C.

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Memorandum

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- 1 - Mr. Moore (Encls.) (Info.)
- 1 - Mr. Cochran
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
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TO : Mr. McDermott

DATE: 12/13/76

FROM : J. Cochran, Jr. *[Signature]*

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

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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. *[Handwritten: 1-1, 9-1]*

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. *[Handwritten: CP]*

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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Memorandum to Mr. McDermott
 Re: REQUESTED EXAMINATION OF
 UNIDENTIFIED HAIR FROM THE
 BIGFOOT INFORMATION CENTER
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 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 outline 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.

Memorandum to Mr. McDermott
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THE DALLAS, OREGON

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 Dallas, 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.

Memorandum to Mr. McDermott

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

1 - Mr. Cochran

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February 24, 1977

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Mr. Howard S. Curtis
Executive Vice President
Academy of Applied Sciences
65 India Wharf, Suite 20A
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Dear Mr. Curtis:
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LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS AND
INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE BIGFOOT
INFORMATION CENTER AND EXHIBITION

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, **EX-113** **4-12**
Jay Cochran, Jr. **REC-57**

Jay Cochran, Jr.
Assistant Director FBI
Scientific and Technical
Services Division

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Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. Cochran
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TO : Mr. Cochran *KH* *b7C*

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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Memorandum to Mr. Cochran
REQUESTED EXAMINATION OF
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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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- 1 - Mr. Moore (Information)
- 1 - Mr. Cochran
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December 15, 1976

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LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS AND
INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE BIGFOOT
INFORMATION CENTER AND EXHIBITION

Mr. Peter Byrns
 Director
 The Bigfoot Information Center
 and Exhibition
 West Sixth Street and Hostetler
 The Dalles, Oregon 97053

~~THE DALLES OREGON~~
 (SAS QUATCAD)

Dear Mr. Byrns:

I have received your letter of November 24th requesting an FBI Laboratory analysis of 15 unidentified hairs and tissue.

The FBI Laboratory conducts examinations primarily of physical evidence for law enforcement agencies in connection with criminal investigations. Occasionally, on a case-by-case basis, in the interest of research and scientific inquiry, we make exceptions to this general policy. With this understanding, we will examine the hairs and tissue mentioned in your letter.

They should be submitted to the FBI Laboratory, Scientific Analysis Section, J. Edgar Hoover Building, Washington, D.C. 20535, Attention: Special Agent M. S. Clark. In your reply please include available background information concerning the source of the specimen.

Sincerely yours,
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(S) Jay Cochran, Jr.

Jay Cochran, Jr.
 Assistant Director FBI
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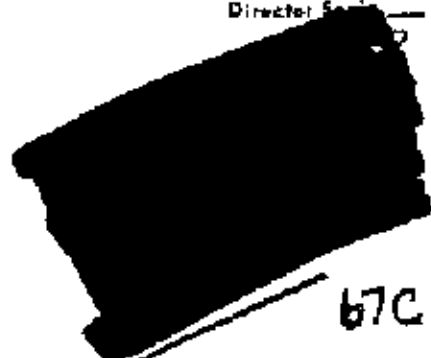
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Recognition at Last!

Though conceding that his existence is "hotly disputed," the Army Corps of Engineers has officially recognized Sasquatch, the elusive and supposedly legendary creature of the Pacific Northwest mountains. Also known as Big Foot, Sasquatch is described in the just-published "Washington Environmental Atlas" as standing as tall as 12 feet and weighing as much as half a ton, covered with long hair except for face and hands, and having "a distinctly humanlike form." The atlas, which cost \$200,000 to put out, offers a map pinpointing all known reports of Sasquatch sightings, and notes that a sample of reputed Sasquatch hair was analyzed by the FBI and found to belong to no known animal. The whatzit is reported to be extremely shy.

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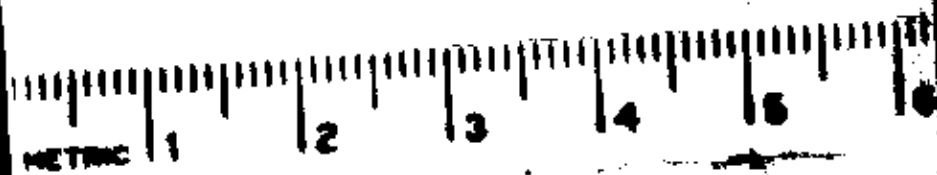
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March 8, 1977

Mr, Jay Cochran, Jr.
Assistant Director FBI
Scientific and Technical
Services Division
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

95-213013

Dear Mr. Cochran:

Thank you very much for sending the analysis of hair and skin which had been sent to us by Mr. Peter Byrne. We are most appreciative of your work and that of Special Agent [redacted]. My conversation with him was most pleasant and informative.

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Mr. Byrne is expected back from Nepal within a week or two and will receive copies of our correspondence.

Cordially,

Howard S. Curtis

Howard S. Curtis

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cc Peter Byrne

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