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TO: VI Full Executive Board Members

RE: Videos

Enclosed for your viewing pleasure are two European videos just reformatted to VHS for our VCR system. The first, called "The Rainbow Man" is an expose of Greenpeace and its operations. We have been advised by John Svalander of ECVI that the United Kingdom office of Greenpeace is taking legal action based on copyright infringement, so any use we make of the tape here in the U.S. should be "internal". See attached correspondence for more details.

The second is from the UK series on television called "The Big Story" (a type of 60 Minutes) called the "Battle of The North Sea". It documents the Greenpeace effort to penetrate European chemical sites in order to obtain evidence of toxic discharges. It is not particularly harmful to PVC or even chlorine, but may give us a clue as to future "direct action" in North America.

If you require additional copies, please contact VERCE at (800)-969-VINYL (8469).

Sincerely yours,

RHB/pmb
cc: J. Svalander, ECVI

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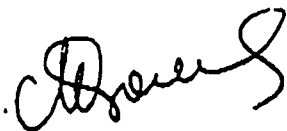
FROM : John R. Svalander

Yesterday we had a meeting with Magnus Gudmundsson the co-producer of the Danish TV2 programme (of which you have a video through the Vinyl Institute). A 55 minute programme that is very critical on GP.

This is now slowly but hopefully leading to some investigation into the Greenpeace affairs - in line with the enclosed press release.

We are doing what we can - arms length - to make sure that this matter is pursued.

Best regards.

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January 14, 1994

To: Magnus Gudmundsson

From: Cynthia Webb, PPF

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I am working on the press release Putting People First will be sending out regarding the allegations against Greenpeace revealed in the film, "The Man in the Rainbow." We are trying to get a copy of the video, but as yet, no one in our office has seen it.

Since we haven't seen it, I'm working in the dark (Well, maybe not in the dark, but in a very dimly lit room.) Because of the recent NOAH meeting, the timeliness of the story is important.

Would you help me with some of the issues and charges from the film? Specifically, we would like to know:

1) What charges can be substantiated as happening in the United States? (If most or all of the activity took place outside the US, we will just be alming the story differently.)

2) Which is the most important issue, in your opinion:

a) The bribery that went on to pack the IWC to secure a moratorium on whaling.

b) The Greenpeace leadership skimming contributions.

c) Greenpeace activists sitting in for official delegates.

So far, ten other grassroots, citizen groups have agreed to cooperate with us, which should make our first release more likely to be picked up by the national press.

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You are probably aware by now of the reports surfacing in Europe about improprieties and possible illegal actions by Greenpeace and other environmental groups over the whaling issue, associations with Earth First! and skimming of money.



Putting People First is trying to get support for our efforts to demand the government and the press investigate these serious charges. We will be sending out the following press release and we are looking for your group's sign-on.

Please FAX back your o.k. and a contact person and number. This is a dynamite issue! The investigative journalist behind all this, Magnus Gudmundsson, has given years of his life to this story. Let's not let the media or our government ignore this!

Kathleen Marquardt, Chairman
Putting People First

☐ I'm interested in supporting efforts demanding an investigation into the Greenpeace charges.

Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ FAX: () _____

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City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: () _____

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CITIZEN GROUPS DEMAND INVESTIGATION INTO CHARGES AGAINST GREENPEACE

It started in Europe. On November 15, 1993, Danish television aired a program alleging misconduct and possible criminal activity by Greenpeace and other environmental groups. Allegations were made linking the environmentalists to terrorist groups such as Earth First! and bribery involving government officials within the International Whaling Commission.

The allegations and questions raised include:

- * Greenpeace raised millions of dollars and skimmed off money into personal accounts. Were personal taxes paid on these monies?

- * Greenpeace has supported the ecoterrorist group Earth First! which takes credit for spiking trees and acts of sabotage.

- * Greenpeace worked with other environmental groups, including the World Wildlife Fund, to bribe officials with the International Whaling Commission in order to enact a moratorium of whaling against the prevailing scientific evidence which stated that such drastic measures were unnecessary. If this is true, is this "temporary" moratorium, which is still in place, illegal since it was brought about by illegal methods? What are the ramifications for the United States and its involvement in the International Whaling Commission?

"I always thought our conservation programs were based on science, reason and respect for the diversity of different peoples," stated Kathleen Marquardt of Putting People First, a people advocacy group with over 50,000 supporters. "Instead, unscientific, emotion driven, drastic measures appear to be put through by pressure tactics used by multi-million dollar fund raising groups."

If we lose our ability to analyze and choose from balanced solutions to issues, we truly will lose the battle for a healthy Earth full of free and independent people. If these allegations are true, Greenpeace betrayed the trust that its millions of supporters placed in it. We are calling upon the government and the press to investigate these serious charges."

Icelandic film maker Magnus Gudmundsson assisted with the production of the video shown on Danish television. Gudmundsson is known for his films, "Survival in the High North" and "Reclaiming Paradise?" Both films are highly critical of the tactics and results of the Greenpeace campaigns.

Gudmundsson was moved to investigate Greenpeace and its tactics after he met an old Icelandic fisherman weeping after the burial of his son, a sealer who had committed suicide. "He saw no hope," said the old man to the young film maker. The man saw Greenpeace as the demon behind the campaign that ruined the reputations and the economies of the independent people of the Arctic regions, people who depended on whaling, sealing and fishing for their way of life.

Gudmundsson spent the following years tracking Greenpeace, its financial dealings and talking with the targets of the various "Save the Whale," "Save the Dolphin," "Save the Seal" campaigns. He has been sued by Greenpeace for libel over and over. New Zealand T.V. called him the "Green Buster."

This year, stories on Gudmundsson allegations have surfaced in North America, most recently in the Washington Times and the Vancouver Province.

Putting People First is joined in this effort by the following groups.

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