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TO

JOHN A. CAMPBELL

SUBJECT:

EARTH FIRST!

Enclosed is a Press Democrat article on the environmentalists internal split over Mississippi Summer. Also enclosed is a flyer with the Earth First! logo, however, as Daryl's name is misspelled, we are not to sure who put it out.

The other "Hike in the Woods" was handed out by a New York crazy.

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EARTH FIRST!

FIGHT BACK: SOME THOUGHTS ON STRATEGY

We're at war. It's not a typical war, where all sides are fighting for power. No, we are fighting against power, against domestication. We don't want to rule anything, we just want to live wild and free. Unfortunately, there's a whole damn civilization trying to keep us from doing so. And we haven't been fighting this civilization very well.

Some of us beg it for table scraps, with our petitions, giving them our names and addresses. Some of us go out in big herds, marching in line, chanting slogans, written by Darrell Cherney and Judi Bari of Garberville, Earth First! Some of us carry signs, demanding that our enemies do what we want. Some of us publicly and peacefully disobey the law in order to get arrested for the publicity. Some of us do acts of monkeywrenching in attempts to break the system.

We have been very visible in foolish ways, excessively organized and very serious—and we've been botching it. If we were interested in gaining power, rather than destroying it, then visibility, organization and seriousness would be just what we need. But since we are out to destroy power, then invisibility, apparent randomness, and playfulness are much better weapons.

We know who the powers are that are trying to destroy all wildness, (Pacific Lumber Co. and Louisiana Pacific to name a couple), we know what they're doing and where they're doing it. In sabotaging their activities, we can't give them this same advantage. We need to be invisible. We are interested in FUCKING up and domesticating the activities of our targets.

If the target can be hit in such a way as to make an explanation unnecessary, that's ideal. It's best not to do frequent repetitions of the same graffiti in association with more intense forms of sabotage. And don't forget that an imaginative graffiti campaign may itself be effective in at least getting people to think.

Another worthwhile skill to develop is the ability to act in an apparently random way. Demonstrations, civil disobedience, even most battles with the cops are well ordered. In some sense, they are orchestrated by the very forces we are fighting, because in these acts, we are fighting on the enemies' terrain, we are merely reacting to them. Our acts of sabotage need not be this way. We can strike targets when they least expect it, when they think they are off the hook. There is no need to be systematic, at least not from the perspective of our enemies, with their rigid militaristic mindsets.

We live best when we live in this world as wild and merry pranksters, playfully mocking civilization and those who unquestioningly accept it. To dance, play, laugh, to avoid work as much as possible and to steal from the rich and powerful, to undermine authority and domestication every chance we get, this is the life we choose. Unseen by our enemies, we do whatever we can to FUCK UP the workings of the megamachine with an apparent randomness that confounds their orderly plans.

Please send donations to EARTH FIRST! c/o Darrell Cherney, P.O. Box 34, Garberville, California 95437