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Dear Friend of BCI,

Bat Conservation International is moving into Network Prime Time! On Friday, May 29, 1992, CBS has allotted its premier evening viewing period (8 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time; check local listings for your area) to BCI's documentary, *THE SECRET WORLD OF BATS*.

As you know, this ground-breaking natural history film was nearly two years in the making. With renowned cinematographer Dieter Plage, Merlin Tuttle traversed the globe to produce the world's first in-depth film about bats and their worldwide importance. All aspects of bat behavior, from courtship to flower pollination and prey capture, will be seen in breath-taking slow motion.

Already, *THE SECRET WORLD OF BATS* has been a huge success. It won the Great Prize at the Grenoble Film Festival and was selected Best Science Documentary at the Paris' 8th International Television Festival. Last week, it also won the top four awards at the Missoula Wildlife Film Festival.

This is our chance. Never before has there been such an opportunity for those of us involved with bat conservation to advance our cause. Coming at the midpoint of BCI's Tenth Anniversary year, this nationwide Friday evening screening is a truly unique occasion -- a time to invite friends in for an impressive introduction to the world of bats.

One of the most important things you can do this year to help bats is to encourage everyone you know to spend Friday evening, May 29, sharing the enthralling experience of *THE SECRET WORLD OF BATS*.

Let's take advantage of it!

Sincerely,

Cynthia J. Lind
Director of Development
and Public Information

P.S. Your friends will have a convenient opportunity to join BCI, as operators will be standing by at 1-800-538-BATS. New members are vital to progress.

James J. Butts

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Press 11:00 am

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14th June

