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**REPORT ON REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI FROM A CAVE ON THE HILLSIDE EAST OF HIGHLANDS LODGE MOUNTAIN RETREAT, WABOOMSKRAAL, GEORGE DISTRICT, 11 JULY 1999**

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Following a report on graffiti on rock art in a cave on the property known as Highlands Lodge Mountain Retreat near Waboomskraal in the George District (west of the Outeniqua Pass towards Oudshoorn), Mr Peter Blaine and his daughter, Joanna Blaine, from Somerset West, and Melissa Heckler from New York, and I cleaned the graffiti on 11 July 1999.

The following charcoal graffiti were decipherable:  
Two skulls and crossbones

- Danger
- American
- Baseball
- Mr Sex
- Het pyl en boe
- 'Ontdek' written next to a ring encircling a group of painted human figures
- Antelope encircled with charcoal

- Marshall oenna
- Boesak
- Freek
- P S
- S P K
- Ulrich
- Andrew
- Riaan
- Vegter
- G T C
- Dielkop
- Seppie
- Kosie
- Dusty
- Jamima
- Eugene
- Frieda
- At die EAD
- Blondie Boesak empreerm
- G T O was hier

The graffiti were removed as far as was possible with a rolling poultice of cottonwool, and water.

The owners of the property, John and Bobby Sklenarz [P O Box 9016, George, 6530, tel/fax 044 886 0045], have made a path up to the site and to a lower cave, also with graffiti but with less well preserved paintings, in the hopes of creating an interest in rock art for tourists and visitors to the lodge. Unfortunately it was not possible to clean the lower cave during our visit.

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