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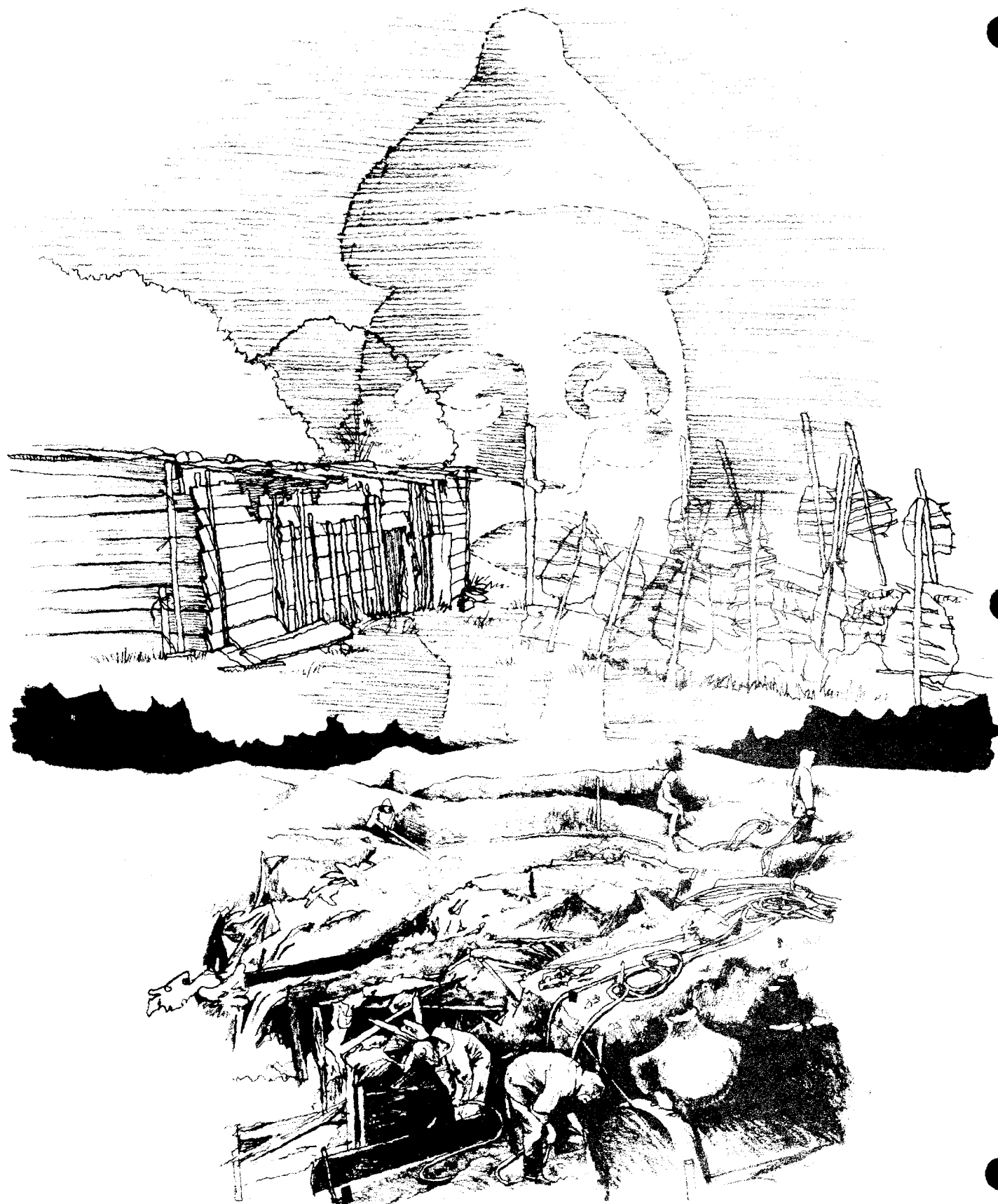
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Vanished social organization, economic systems, and cultural patterns live again through controlled archeological excavations, analysis, and interpretation.

## INTRODUCTION

This report is submitted pursuant to section 5(c) of Public Law 93-291, the Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974. It is the responsibility of the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate all federal survey and recovery activities authorized under Public Law 93-291, and to report on the the scope and effectiveness of this law in directing federal archeological data recovery activities to the Interior and Insular Affairs Committees of the United States Congress.

In fulfilling their responsibilities under Public Law 93-291 and several other preservation laws and regulations, federal agencies may undertake a variety of archeological activities. In some cases, this work is administered by the agencies themselves. In other cases, the agencies transfer funds to the Secretary of the Interior for the purpose of having Interior administer any necessary archeological work. In turn, this latter responsibility is delegated to Interagency Archeological Services (IAS), National Park Service.

In preparing this report on federal archeological data recovery activities conducted during FY 1979, IAS has attempted to accumulate data on all federal activities undertaken pursuant to Public Law 93-291. In many cases, however, appropriate data were not forthcoming from the agencies involved or the data were incomplete. Information based on work administered by the IAS on behalf of other agencies is relatively complete, but does not encompass the majority of federal data recovery activities which are undertaken by the agencies themselves. In the following report an attempt has been made to include information from both sources while eliminating insofar as possible, duplicate or overlapping data.

