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Bill Groethe photograph of winter solstice
moon over Badlands, South Dakota, 1994

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Bill Groethe photograph of winter solstice moon over Badlands, South Dakota
Date:	1994
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.2002-02
Creator:	Groethe, Bill, 1923-
Extent:	1 Panoramic print (1 panoramic color print)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Gift of Ameer and Bill Groethe, 1996.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Groethe's photographs of survivors of the Battle of Little Big Horn held in National Anthropological Archives Photo Lot 92-14.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

William M. Groethe (b. 1923) is a professional photographer from Rapid City, South Dakota, known for his photographs of Mount Rushmore and his portrait of the last survivors of the 1876 Battle of Little Big Horn. Both Rapid City and the state of South Dakota declared September 2, 2009 as William M. Groethe Day in honor of the 61st anniversary of the Little Bighorn photo.

Scope and Contents

Signed panoramic photograph entitled "Lakota Moon of the Longest Night" that depicts a full moon rising over several buttes. According to Bill Groethe, the photograph was made on December 22, 1994 (the winter

solstice), 45 minutes after sunset over the Coffin and Cedar Buttes located near the Stronghold Table in Badlands, South Dakota. The photograph is part of Groethe's series of Lakota seasonal moons.

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NAA Photo Lot 2002-02

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Types of Materials:

- Panoramas
- Photographs

Places:

- Badlands National Park (S.D.)