

1967: A Horse Named Lady

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SIGHTINGS REPORTED

Dead Horse Riddle Sparks UFO Buffs

After sundown on Thursday, September 7, 1967, rancher Harry King said good night to one of his family's favorite horses. He did not know that would be the last time he would see Lady alive. She was a healthy 3-year-old Appaloosa who belonged to Harry's sister, Nellie, and her husband Berle Lewis. Harry had good pasture land, so Lady grazed on his ranch eating the chico bush, sage and grass that grow in the San Luis Valley of southern Colorado.

Each evening Lady went back to the ranch for water where her mother, Snippy, was corralled. But Lady didn't show up on September 8. The next day, Harry King found her lying on her side near the edge of a small, flat clearing in the chico bush. Her body had been stripped of flesh from the neck up. The exposed skele-

ton was so white and clean it looked like it had laid in the sun for days. But Harry knew he had seen her alive and well two nights before. The rest of Lady's body was untouched.

Harry said, "That neck was cut so smooth it couldn't have been done even with a sharp hunting knife."

Sunday, September 10, Nellie and Berle arrived at Harry's to see the bizarre death. Nellie was shocked and thought she smelled an odor "like incense" or something medicinal. And she agreed with Harry about the cut on Lady's neck.

"It wasn't hacked off — it was very neat and that was what was so odd," she said.

Berle Lewis said that when they searched the ground, Lady's tracks stopped about 100 feet southeast of her body.

"It looked like she jumped around in a circle," Berle said. "But there was nothing else, no tracks of any kind between there and where we found her. It was clean all around her."

There were no tracks around Lady's body, but forty feet south of her was a broken bush.

"Around the bush," said Berle, "was a three foot circle of six or eight holes in the ground about four inches across and three to four inches deep."

Late that summer there had been many reports in the San Luis Valley about strange lights in the sky. Harry's 87-year-old mother, Agnes King, said the night Lady disappeared she saw a "large object" pass over the ranch house. Her eyesight was not good, so she was not sure what flew over. One resident, Duane Martin, reported that he saw very small "jets" zoom at terrific speed and low altitudes of seventy-five feet or less in the area where Lady was killed.

"They don't look like any jets I ever would expect to see," said Duane. "They're kind of a dark color, with maybe an olive-drab or green tint."

Two weeks later, John Henry Altshuler, M.D., visited the San Luis Valley. Dr. Altshuler, a doctor of pathology and hematology who studied at McGill University, was working as a pathologist at Rose Medical Center in Denver, Colorado in 1967. He is now Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine (Hematology) and Pathology at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver and

has his own private practice. Dr. Altshuler is the recipient of several awards for his contributions to medical research concerning blood coagulation and holds seven patents for medical inventions. This is his eyewitness report of his own experiences in September 1967, written here for the first time.

"I had heard about all the mysterious lights being seen in the San Luis Valley. The stories provoked my intellectual curiosity. I was just getting started in my profession as a hematologist and did not want anyone to know I was going to investigate the reported UFOs.

"So I took a Friday off, packed my wife and three young children in the car and took off as if going on a long weekend vacation. But my true intent was to find out what was happening with UFOs in the San Luis Valley.

"We checked into a motel in Alamosa and that night I went out alone into the Great Sand Dunes National Monument park. I wanted to see for myself if strange lights were really there as reported. I knew when I went into the park that no one was supposed to be there after 10 p.m. But my curiosity was intense. I stayed out there all night.

"About 2:00-3:00 a.m., I saw three very bright, white lights moving together slowly below the Sangre De Cristo mountain tops. I knew there were no roads up on those rugged mountains, so the lights could not be cars. They were definitely not the illusion of stars moving. Those lights were below the tops of the mountain range and moved at a slow, steady pace. At one point, I thought they were coming toward me because the lights got bigger. Then suddenly, they shot upward and disappeared.

"At the time, I was both elated and disbelieving in a way. I knew the lights were not my imagination, that the stories about UFOs were true.

"When the sun came up, I was still out there. Park police found me and gave me a rough time for being in the park. They wanted to know who I was and why I was there. I begged them not to give out my name.

"I was afraid I would lose my job; my career would be finished

if my medical colleagues learned I was out investigating UFOs. I was young. I could not risk being laughed out of Denver with a wife and three kids.

“When I told the police I was a medical hematologist, they told me that a horse had been found about ten days earlier dead and strangely cut up not too far away. In fact, I believe it was one of the security police who took me to the Harry King ranch where I met Nellie Lewis. She took me into a pasture about a quarter of a mile from the farmhouse. There was the dead horse.

“The first thing I remember she told me was that Harry King never heard any noise the night something happened to Lady. Nothing woke him up and yet there was her prized horse lying dead and stripped of flesh from the neck up.

“When I got close to the horse, I could see that it was also cut from the neck down to the base of the chest in a vertical, clean incision.

“At the edge of the cut, there was a darkened color as if the flesh had been opened and cauterized with a surgical cauterizing blade. The outer edges of the cut skin were firm, almost as if they had been cauterized with a modern day laser. But there was no surgical laser technology like that in 1967. Today when we use cauterizing to control bleeding, the flesh still has a soft pliable feeling. But the edges of that horse cut were stiff, leathery and a bit hardened. I cut tissue samples from the hard, darker edge. Later, I viewed the tissue under a microscope. At the cell level, there was discoloration and destruction consistent with changes caused by burning.

“Most amazing was the lack of blood. I have done hundreds of autopsies. You can't cut into a body without getting some blood. But there was no blood on the skin or on the ground. No blood anywhere. That impressed me the most.

“Then inside the horse's chest, I remember the lack of organs. Whoever did the cutting took the horse's heart, lungs, and thyroid. The mediasternum was completely empty — and dry. How do you get the heart out without blood? It was an incredible dissection of organs without any evidence of blood.

“I begged everyone not to reveal my name or where I was from.

I was unbelievably frightened. I couldn't eat. I couldn't sleep. I was so afraid I would be discovered, discredited, fired, no longer would have credibility in the medical community. My experience in 1967 was so overwhelming to me, I denied the experience to everyone, even to myself. It was a matter of self-preservation, trying to give myself an insurance policy in the medical profession.

*"Today I have enough confidence in my reputation and ability that I am no longer afraid to say that I saw three UFOs that night above the sand dune valley in September 1967, and examined the horse that was surgically worked on with some kind of burning instrument." **

Nellie Lewis was certain that something very eerie had happened to Lady. She and her husband called Alamosa County Sheriff, Ben Phillips. He was used to thinking in terms of coyotes and lightning. So he said it must have been lightning. Sheriff Phillips never did see the horse or make a report.

Not only was the sheriff unconcerned, Berle and Nellie had a hard time getting anyone out to see Lady.

Finally, Nellie Lewis talked to the staff of the *The Pueblo Chieftain* newspaper. By that time, she was convinced that UFOs were somehow involved in Lady's death and mutilation. The result was an October 7, 1967 story headlined, "Dead Horse Riddle Sparks UFO Buffs." It was the first mutilation article reported around the world. It was also the first reporting error on Lady's name and sex. The dead horse in that first story was called "Snippy" and a "he."

Berle Lewis told me, "The newspaper got the mother mixed up with the daughter and the name Snippy stuck. We didn't bother to try to change it. Not sure why they called her a male."

So, Nellie Lewis's story that UFOs had done in Lady — also known as Snippy — made international headlines.

That's how the animal mutilation mystery began. It has

** The first significant laser use in medical surgery was not until the late 1970s to early 1980s.*

haunted ranchers and law enforcement agencies throughout Canada, the United States, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Central and South America, Australia, the Canary Islands off the coast of Africa and parts of Europe ever since.

The same autumn Lady died, there were similar bizarre horse deaths reported in Canada.* In August 1967, on the Sarcee Reserve near Twin Bridges in Alberta, a dead horse was found where a witness claimed a "domed saucer craft" had been seen earlier that day.

Then in early November, two horses were found dead near Livingston, Ontario. One had a long cut on its neck. The other had "its throat and jugular vein cut off, yet there was no evidence of blood." That was November 6, 1967. The day before, near Livingston, a person reported seeing a large UFO. After it disappeared, a sulphurous odor remained in the air.

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By THE CHIEFTAIN STAFF

ALAMOSA (C-SJ)—The death of a horse in the San Luis Valley during early September appeared Friday to have sparked a renewed interest in unidentified flying objects throughout the West.

In Houston, Tex., a group of UFO enthusiasts left Friday night for the San Luis Valley to inspect the dead horse and also to investigate many reported UFO sightings in the valley.

A Texas radio station reported a flood of calls Friday morning after broadcasting the story of the bizarre death of the Appaloosa owned by Mr. and Mrs. Berle Lewis of Alamosa.

The horse was found dead Sept. 9. The flesh and hide were stripped from the neck and skull leaving the remainder of the body intact. High levels of

radiation also were reported in the area of the animal's body.

See "Something"

Lewis, the owner of the horse, said that increased sightings of UFOs in the area have been noted during the past six weeks. "We see something — I won't say what it is—every night."

In the Houston area at 6:08 p.m. Friday, UFO seekers said they spotted two high-flying cigar-shaped objects — each about half the size of a football field—on a course "plotted" to take them over the Southern Colorado area.

In Boulder, James Wadsworth, research investigator for the University of Colorado UFO project, said an investigator will go to the San Luis Valley this weekend to investigate the horse's death.

Mrs. Charles Blundell, wife of the maintenance crew foreman at the Great Sand Dunes National Monument, Friday said the latest sightings brought back to her mind a curious incident which happened to her in late 1966.

Mrs. Blundell said she saw a crescent-shaped object over the Sand Dunes last December. Later she painted a picture of what she had seen.

"Peculiar Man"

During the past summer, a "peculiar man" approached her and asked to buy the painting. She said she did not want to sell, but did set an exorbitant price on the painting. She said the man, who said he was "not of your world," told her he would return in October to buy the painting. He has not returned.

The UFO seen by Mrs. Blundell glowed brightly. It also was seen by her daughter, Terri, 14, and neighbors. Mrs. Blundell says she does not believe in flying saucers and believes there is a logical explanation.

Similar Sighting

A week ago, scientists at the National Atmospheric Research Center near Palestine, Tex., reported seeing a crescent-shaped object in the sky, much like the object described by Mrs. Blundell.

Texas observers also have reported a sharp increase in sightings of UFOs in the area during the past two weeks.

One thing is certain in Southern Colorado. Saucers may or may not exist, but people are seeing something. Snippy the Appaloosa is dead, and the circumstances surrounding his death are far from clear.

NOTE: "Snippy" was an Appaloosa mare named Lady.

1970-1974: The Midwest Terror Begins

Newsweek, September 30, 1974

MYSTERIES:

The Midnight Marauder

Each day, just before dusk, ranchers and farmhands pile into pickup trucks and fan out across the rolling prairie of northeastern Nebraska. They park mostly on ridges or hilltops, where they can scan the pastures and the narrow roads that wind through them. With rifles and shotguns leaning against their trucks, the men watch nervously, smoking cigarettes and talking with each other over a network of citizen's-band radios. Some of the men will stand guard all night, yet none of them really knows what he is looking for. "I've never seen anything like this," says State Sen. Jules Burbach, who has represented Knox County for eighteen years. "Folks are almost hysterical."

After Lady's death, the mutilators moved on to the Great Lakes area and expanded their strange harvest into Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska.

Between 1970 and 1974, twenty-two mutilated carcasses had been reported in Minnesota. One was a heifer on the Frank

Schifelbien farm near Kimball. In December 1974, the young animal was found dead inside a perfect circle of exposed soil surrounded by snow. There was not a single track.

"That just isn't realistic," said Terrance Mitchell. He was under contract then with the University of Minnesota to lecture about the UFO phenomena. "There was something unnatural that occurred there."

So many farmers complained to congressmen and senators that the story finally appeared in the September 30, 1974 issue of *Newsweek*. The magazine reported the mutilations in an article called "Mysteries: The Midnight Marauder."

A few residents report sighting strange creatures resembling bears and gorillas, and at least one farmer claims that a shiny UFO landed in a field where a slaughtered animal was later found.

Since last May, more than 100 cattle have been found dead and gruesomely mutilated in Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa. On John Sunderman's farm outside Madison, Neb., a cow was killed with a blunt instrument last June and her udder and sexual organs were cut off. When a veterinarian examined the corpse, he found that all of the animal's blood had been drained. On the nearby ranch of Vern Stringfield, a month-old bull calf was clubbed to death. Its blood was drained off, too, and someone cut a hole in the calf's side, removing the intestines and coiling them neatly next to the head.

Rumor and anxiety have produced a host of unproved theories to explain the bizarre events. Many people, noting that some of the victims were black, suggest that devotees of witchcraft may have done the foul deeds. "It could be someone setting up a fertility cult of some kind," says Richard Thill, a German-studies professor at the University of Nebraska who teaches noncredit witchcraft courses, "or it could be someone putting you on. If they are putting you on, they are pretty sick." A few residents report sighting strange creatures resembling bears and gorillas, and at least one farmer claims that a shiny UFO landed in a field where a slaughtered animal was later found.

Rustlers: Still others think the killings may be the work of marijuana smugglers, who supposedly use searchlight-equipped helicopters to harvest the wild stands of pot known to grow in Nebraska. A helicopter often has been seen hovering over the range around the time of a mutilation, and some ranchers swear they have been chased down lonely roads by choppers. Helicopters are also said to have been used in cattle rustling, and some stockmen think the rustlers may be collecting blood and organs as lures for cattle grazing on the open range this fall.

As the tension mounted, law-enforcement officials held statewide conferences to sift the accounts and to calm the rifletoting cattlemen. They organized a posse for a fruitless search of the area. The plot thickened when autopsies were conducted on some of the dead animals. The doctors reported that most of the animals had died of natural causes, such as bacterial infections and kidney disease, or from swallowing oil that had been dropped on the range. Afterward, the medical reports concluded, the carcasses were chewed by predator coyotes, wolves, buzzards, eagles or even magpies.

Cuts: The explanation doesn't suit everyone. "Why didn't we notice this sort of thing in other years?" asks one skeptic. "The predators are not wolves," insists Senator Burbach. "They are a semidomesticated, two-legged animal called man." Noting that many of the cuts seemed to have been done with a blade, Gordon Gruber, an organizer of the patrols, remarked: "I've yet to see a coyote who can chew a straight edge."

Some officials are beginning to worry that the real danger is not some ghostly butcher, but the keyed-up vigilantes themselves. After two slugs pierced the canopy of a utility-company helicopter checking power lines, the Nebraska National Guard ordered its helicopter pilots to cruise cross-country at higher altitudes than usual—generally 2,000 feet instead of 1,000—to avoid being fired upon by frightened ranch hands. "I would hate to think what would happen," a Guard spokesman told *NEWSWEEK*'s William Schmidt, "if one of our pilots was forced to put down a disabled chopper in a pasture at night. Someone might get killed."

Newsweek, September 30, 1974*

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At first the sheriffs were baffled. And so were the ranchers. Day by day, month by month, there were more and more carcasses. No one could understand it. Healthy and alive one day, dead and mutilated the next. Cattle, horses, pigs, goats ... even deer.

The animals all looked about the same. An ear missing, an eye missing, sometimes a circle of hide taken around the empty eye socket, one side of the lower jaw stripped of all flesh, the tongue cut out from deep within the throat, the sex organs removed in cookie cutter, hide-deep precision and the rectum cored out. No blood. No tracks.

By the spring of 1973, there had been so many reports of dead or missing cattle and pigs in Iowa that U.S. Attorney Allen Donielson asked the FBI to make an "intensive investigation."

The Des Moines Register, Des Moines, Iowa
April 19, 1973

Burgeoning Losses Bring FBI Into Rustlers Probe

By Charles Harpster

Hog and cattle rustling and livestock frauds in Iowa "are now of such proportions" that they are a federal problem, U.S. Atty. Allen Donielson said Wednesday.

Donielson said he has asked the FBI to launch an "intensive investigation" into growing losses of livestock in Iowa.

Join Forces

The FBI will join the Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation and several county sheriffs in their investigations, said Ronald L. Maly, special agent in charge of the Omaha, Neb., FBI office.

Donielson said FBI agents will cover all areas of livestock thefts, including the possibility that airplanes or helicopters are being used to aid rustlers.

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Two years later in 1975, Colorado's U.S. Senator Floyd Haskell, also asked for FBI help. But the Bureau said it had no jurisdiction to investigate, stating, "there is no evidence of interstate movements."

Gazette Telegraph, Colorado Springs, Colorado, September 24, 1975

FBI Won't Help Investigate State Cattle Mutilations

WASHINGTON — The Colorado Bureau of Investigation should do a satisfactory job of investigating cattle mutilations in the state U.S. Floyd K. Haskell, D, said Tuesday in the wake of the news that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would not enter the case.

Last month Haskell asked the FBI to enter the investigation, pointing out that there have been some similar reports in other Western states and that possible interstate connections might put the instances into FBI jurisdiction.

However the evidence of interstate activities was not strong enough to get the FBI involved, Haskell noted.

He explained: "I talked with FBI Director Clarence Kelley and also with his chief assistant in Washington, and they looked into possible grounds for the FBI to enter the case.

"But since there is no evidence of interstate movements in connection with the reported mutilations, the FBI concluded that it has no jurisdiction.

"Although the FBI assistance would have been welcome, after talking with CBI officers I am satisfied that agency is conducting a thorough investigation.

"I am hopeful that, with the co-operation of local law enforcement officials, the CBI will be able to learn who or what is behind the mutilations and put an end to the fears of rural Coloradans."

Haskell had asked the FBI to enter the case late in August, after the CBI had confirmed more than 130 cattle mutilations in the state over the last two years.

No footprints have been found near most of the carcasses, and signs of apparent helicopter rotor wash were found around several cattle carcasses in Morgan County.

In his letter to the FBI, Haskell noted that some rural residents had reported being chased by helicopters and that ranchers were apparently arming themselves to protect their stock and families. "Clearly something must be done before someone gets hurt," the letter said.

"I still think there is an urgent need to pursue this investigation, both because of the cattle losses and the fears of the people," Haskell said.

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Despite requests for official investigations and monetary rewards offered for information about the mutilators, the eerie deaths continued unabated.

In fact, the dissection of animals increased along with the sightings of unidentified flying objects. By the summer of 1974, Associated Press ran an article headlined "Mutilated Livestock, Strange Flying Objects Reported In Nebraska" (August 30, 1974, Sioux Falls *Argus Leader*).

Custer County, in the center of Nebraska, had four times as many killings as Madison County northwest of Omaha. Custer County Sheriff Larry Higgenbottom said he did not know what was behind the mutilations. At first he blamed them on natural predators. That has been a common pattern. Publicly, sheriffs and their deputies have said the deaths were caused by wild animals or cults. Privately, they told stories about strange lights, dark helicopters and something coming from the sky.

Argus Leader, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, August 30, 1974

Mutilated Livestock, Strange Flying Objects Reported In Nebraska

By The Associated Press
Mutilated livestock, unauthorized helicopters and unidentified flying objects have residents wondering and worrying in some areas of Nebraska.

"Doors are locked and guns are loaded" in rural Oakland, according to one resident.

A quarterhorse was found mutilated Sunday three miles southeast of Norfolk on the Warren Panstein farm.

This was the fifth animal killed and mutilated in Madison County under mysterious circumstances. Four head of cattle have been found with their sex organs cut out, in addition one steer had one eye, one ear, its nose, mouth and tongue chopped off.

The killings have been reported all over the state. Similar cases have been reported in Texas, Iowa and other Midwestern states.

Each case involves the removal of the animals sex organs.

In Antelope County, Omer Hoffman, four miles west of Clearwater, reported five head of cattle have been mutilated on his ranch.

Law enforcement officials are puzzled by the killings. Madison County Sheriff Marvin Adams says that the ones he has investigated have been done by people, probably a cult of some kind.

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But Robert Mavis of Wakefield, an investigator for the criminal division of the State Patrol, said, "There are a lot of trains of thought. There have been numerous discoveries of dead animals in Madison and Knox counties and there are indications that predators got several of them. We are not convinced it is a person who is doing this. We haven't even found tracks in most cases."

In Custer County, where there have been four times as many killings as in Madison County Sheriff Larry Higgenbottom says he frankly doesn't know what is doing the killings. At first he blamed it on predators.

Antelope County Deputy Sheriff Dan Hamm said that there has been no definite proof that there were people involved in the killings he had investigated.

He said, "In every case we've had, the cattle have been dead for a few days. Most of them are full of maggots and decay. It's hard to tell anything with maggots in the incisions."

The sheriffs in Holt, Knox, Antelope and Madison counties are compiling their information and sending it to an investigator to see what can be found from compilations.

There have been at least two formal meetings between the county sheriffs, State Patrol, brand investigators and the Game and Parks Commission.

The last big meeting was last Aug. 21 in Bloomfield, Knox County. About 130 farmers and ranchers attended along with sheriffs from Holt, Boyd and Knox counties, members of the State Patrol, brand investigators, representatives from the Game and Parks Commission, city police, mayors and township officials from all of the towns in the county.

Cattle killings aren't the only strange happenings in northeast Nebraska. There have been numerous reports of unidentified flying objects in both Antelope and Knox counties.

Sheriff Herbert Thompson of Knox County said that it is possible the unidentified flying objects and lights are connected with the livestock killings, but there is nothing definite to connect them.

The people were gathered on a farm near Clearwater Aug. 21. All of them said they saw a strange light in the sky.

One of the men at the gathering described the incident. "Two of the boys were out in the field to move equipment. They didn't get it all moved. They spotted a light and it came right down at them. It scared the devil out of them.

At the house they watched the light for about four hours.

Later on several gathered in town to watch. Harold Kester said the object "looked as if it had a little bluish-green light on each side with a glow surrounding it. It was behind a tree and moved from one side of the tree to the other. We couldn't tell how close it was or how fast it was moving."

About midnight the same night, Mike Kruger reported seeing another light.

He said, "I walked outside to put some calves in and saw a big ball of red fire. It raised off the ground and then went out. Since it was dark, I couldn't tell how far away it was or how high it raised."

About a month ago there were reports of UFO's in Knox County. Last week the big stir in the county was unauthorized helicopters.

Sheriff Thompson said, "We don't know if they are helicopters or strange lights for the most part. There were several reported over the weekend. The people who reported them called them strange lights. Previously we had two positive identifications of helicopters."

Antelope County Sheriff Vernon Hixson said that he doesn't think helicopters are tied in with the killings, although helicopters have been around.

He said that Sunday night he was among the many persons in the area who saw an unidentified light. "It had a lot of people spooked. We checked it out with the highway patrol and found out it was a satellite."

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On October 13, 1974, a buck deer was found in a stubble field south of Stratford, Minnesota. Brown County Sheriff Elroy Johnson reported the deer was found by a farmer. Its sex organs were cut out. No blood. No tracks.

Dr. Calvin Glenn, a veterinarian from Aberdeen, Minnesota, examined the animal and said the deer was "definitely molested and this was not by predators at all." Dr. Glenn said the sex organs had been removed by a knife. He also said that hair on the deer's stomach had been cut off.

In December, when Frank Schifelbien found his dead and mutilated heifer inside a perfect circle, an aerial photograph was taken above his Meeker County pasture. One quarter of a mile south of the mutilation site was a mysterious pattern of perfect circles.

The St. Paul, Minnesota *Dispatch* featured the photograph in an article headlined: "UFOs zapping cows?"

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The Dispatch

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UFOs zapping cows? Why that's out of this world

By Jim George
Staff Writer

Investigation of the mutilation-killing of livestock in central Minnesota has taken an intriguing new twist that, if anything, adds even stranger dimensions to the incidents.

The new direction has been furnished by Terrance Mitchell, a veteran Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) researcher, who recently began probing the livestock killings in relation to possible UFO activity.

IF THE CITIZENRY was uneasy about the original theory of some cult members prowling over the countryside, hairs on the backs of necks may stiffen considerably with Mitchell's conclusions.

Mitchell, under contract to the University of Minnesota's Department of Concerts and Lectures to lecture on UFO phenomena, has hedged in the past when asked about the firm existence of UFOs (flying saucers to some).

In his lectures he has avoided assertions about UFOs, usually conjecturing about what type of craft they might be and the type of propulsion system.

That isn't the case with the livestock killings. Mitchell states flatly, "I'm convinced the taking of ears, udders and other portions of animals is part of a scientific investigation being conducted by beings using UFOs."

MITCHELL came to that conclusion after a meeting recently in Willmar with sheriffs from affected counties, involved farmers, veterinarians who inspected the animals and the district head of the Minnesota Crime Bureau.

Mitchell strengthened that conclusion to himself after visiting the site of the most recent incident in Meeker County and viewing aerial photographs of surrounding terrain.

The mutilation-killings began back in 1970 in Lyon County with a number of incidents that year and 1971. There was a lull until July and October this year in that county when three incidents were reported. A rash this year occurred in other counties.

Since 1970 some 22 mutilated carcasses of livestock have been found in Lyon, Swift, Yellow Medicine, Redwood, Chippewa, Goodhue, Kandiyohi and Meeker Counties.

Mitchell, however, was interested in the most recent — a 400-pound heifer found Dec. 1 in the field of farmer Frank Schifelbien about four miles southwest of Kimball in Meeker County.

"ANY EVIDENCE would be the freshest at the most recent killing," Mitchell reasoned, "and the memory of persons involved would be better."

Mitchell said Crime Bureau personnel, after meeting with him, have pretty much discarded the "cultist" theory in the mutilations — and probably with good cause.

"There are just too many imponderables," Mitchell said. "They (bureau officials) talked to members of such cults and the members said marks of their rituals would be much more evident."

The heifer was found dead in a perfect circle of bare ground in a snow-covered field, with no footprints to be found anywhere in the vicinity, sheriff's deputies told Mitchell.

WHEN THE CULT theory was prevalent, one deputy said it was possible to use thin steel stilts to move without making tracks.

"That just isn't realistic," Mitchell said. "You aren't going to go charging around the field on stilts after an animal that size and kill it. There was something unnatural that occurred there."

The eyes, left ear, tongue and part of the lip were taken from the animal and there were no external signs of death.

"Veterinarians in almost all the cases couldn't determine the cause of death."
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mine what had killed the animals," Mitchell said. "They also said the removal of the animal portions was made by instruments that were not available to them."

"NOW, SOMETHING has to kill those animals — you just don't walk up to a 400-pound animal and begin cutting its eyes out."

But other mysterious signs at the Schifelbien place interested Mitchell just as much.

"In many UFO sightings of touch-down or near touch-down there has been a large amount of limb breakage high in surrounding trees," he said. "The wooded area near the cow showed heavy breakage far off the ground — all broken downward."

"These weren't dead branches either — they had been healthy limbs."

Mitchell held a gelger counter to the spot where the heifer was found and the instrument's needle went two-thirds up the scale and froze.

"THERE WAS NO radioactivity there — some type of magnetism might have frozen the needle," he said. "I should have had a compass with me — that would have indicated any magnetic field. I'm going back out there with one."

That would conform with Mitchell's theory that the UFOs are electro-magnetically propelled.

Just as strange was a small pond Mitchell discov-

ered about a half mile from the heifer. There was a perfect circle of partially melted snow and in the center a jagged hole gouged out of the ice that was then filled with water.

"Large footprints went up to the circle and ended right there," Mitchell said. "And there are no springs in the pond."

Probably the most baffling aspect of his visit was provided by Mitchell's friend, who was taking photographs from a light plane overhead and communicating with him by walkie-talkie.

THE PICTURE accompanying this article shows a mysterious pattern of perfect circles in a pasture about a quarter of a mile south of where the heifer was found.

The farmer was unaware of the circles there, Mitchell said, and he himself drove past the spot on his friend's instructions and saw nothing unusual from ground level.

"At the time I thought he was mistaken and didn't really check the area out," he said. "After seeing the picture, you can bet I'm going back. A hovering UFO could make such marks."

"Strange thing — the cow, the circles and the pond are in a straight line."

Mitchell said lawmen told him citizens were uncomfortable with the cultist idea and gun sales rose.

The 40-year-old Minneapolis UFO investigator isn't too sure they're going to be any happier with his theory.

The heifer was found dead in a perfect circle of bare ground in a snow covered field with no footprints to be found.

Rapid City Journal, Rapid City, South Dakota, November 7, 1974

Reward offered over mutilations

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A South Dakota livestock organization is offering a \$500 reward in an effort to fight a rash of cattle mutilations in eastern South Dakota.

A spokesman for the South Dakota Livestock Feeders Association said Wednesday that the group is offering the reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of anyone involved in cattle mutilations.

The spokesman said the organization authorized the reward at a special meeting in Sioux Falls.

Paul Rooney, association president said, "Although there are many thoughts as to who or what is involved in these mutilations, we must bring them to a halt."

Starbuck Times, Starbuck Minnesota, November 28, 1974

Cattle reported killed in Pope County too ...

It has been reported that two head of cattle have been killed in Pope County and their carcasses left. One was reported south of Starbuck and the other in the Sedan area. The sheriff's office would not release any further information at press time.

The animal killing started in South Dakota and now has swept into western Minnesota. Usually the animals have had their ears, tongue and sex organs cut off with the balance left on the spot.

County Sheriff Ira Emmons is in the process of investigating the incidents.

St. Paul Pioneer Press, St. Paul, Minnesota, December 3, 1974

Livestock deaths remain mystery

A preliminary report Monday by University of Minnesota veterinarians says there is "no indication of drugs or shootings" in the strange killings of a heifer and a steer on a farm near Atwater in Kandiyohi County, according to Sheriff Larry Klienhuizen.

However, there's still no

indication of what caused the deaths, and the university veterinarians are continuing their studies of the carcasses, he said.

The two animals were found Saturday. The tongues and limbs were cut off the animals and the udder was cut off the heifer, the sheriff said.

It appeared the cutting had been done with a knife, he said.

Kleinhuizen said it's a "real complicated situation" and said he has no leads or theories so far.

Similar livestock mutilation deaths have been reported elsewhere in Minnesota and in neighboring states.

Swift County Monitor, Benson, Minnesota, November 29, 1974

Heifer is mutilated

Another dead and mutilated farm animal has been discovered near Benson after it was thought those responsible had moved on. A 500 pound heifer, dead for about two days, was found Tuesday afternoon at the Rueben Herfindahl farm which is located about four miles north, northeast of Benson in Benson township.

Veterinarians and others who examined the animal say a sharp knife was used on the heifer. It followed about the same pattern as the other mutilations except this time the tail was missing, but the tongue was intact. No cause of death has been determined.

Rapid City Journal, Rapid City, South Dakota, September 29, 1974

Cattle slayings confirmed

SISSETON (AP) — Roberts County Sheriff Claude Carl has confirmed a cattle mutilation slaying 10 miles southwest of here.

Carl said Thursday that a 450-pound bull belonging to Ray Hanson of Wilmot was slain about Sept. 17 and was discovered Sept. 19. Tests performed on the animal at South Dakota State University indicated that the animal had been mutilated.

"Whoever performed the mutilation knew what they were doing," Carl said. "There was very little blood."

1975-1976: The Mutilation Panic

Great Falls Tribune, Great Falls, Montana, February 13, 1975

Weird, mysterious killing of cattle reported

1975 was the year Logan County, Colorado Sheriff Tex Graves said he started having nightmares. He was not alone. That was the year animal mutilation reports dramatically increased in the United States.

Early that spring, another sheriff in Texas drove out to Darwood Marshall's ranch to see a dead heifer. The scene was similar to the mutilation found at Frank Schifelbien's in Kimball, Minnesota the year before.

"In the field was a perfectly round circle," Sheriff Richards wrote in his Cochran County offense report. "The heifer was laying in the middle of the circle. Her head twisted straight up in the air." In his list of excised body tissues, the sheriff said the meat had not been touched and that no blood was on the ground or on the cow.

While the sheriff was investigating that heifer, Darwood Marshall called out to him, "If you think this is odd, look at that place about a quarter of a mile west!"

There was another circle about thirty feet across like the first one. A dead and mutilated steer was in the middle. Confused by it all, Darwood dragged the steer out of the circle so he could see the ground more clearly. Young wheat was four inches long outside the circle, but inside, the plants were burned to the ground.

"I thought this is a mystery, so I went back to town and got a Geiger counter," wrote Sheriff Richards. "I checked the circles and it showed that there was radiation present. I called Reese Air Force Base (AFB) and they sent a team to check this out."

Radiation was confirmed, but the Air Force told the sheriff the levels were low and not to worry about it.

"What I want to know," said the sheriff, "is how it got there in the first place? I have had reports of UFOs in this area, but have not seen any myself. The people that have been reporting this all tell the same story. It (UFO) is about as wide as a two lane highway, round and looks the color of the sun when it is going down and has got a blue glow around it. When these people see this thing, in two or three days we hear about some cows that have been mutilated. I don't know what is doing this, but it sure has got every one around here uptight."

**"The mutilations are one of the greatest outrages
in the history of the western cattle industry."**

—Colorado Governor Richard Lamm—

That same spring of 1975 in Puerto Rico, the "Vampire of Moca" was scaring people. Moca is a town in the northwestern corner of the island. The local newspaper, *El Vocero*, appealed to the government on March 15 to investigate strange animal killings.

First, it was cattle. Then farmer Hector Vega Rosado was shocked to find two of his goats dead on March 18 with wounds from something very sharp under the thorax and above the haunches. The next day he found ten more dead goats, seven wounded goats and ten missing altogether. There was no blood around any of the one-inch deep holes in the carcasses.

The mutilations increased throughout 1975. In Colorado, there were so many that Governor Richard Lamm met with his state's Cattlemen's Association in August and spoke angrily.

"The mutilations are one of the greatest outrages in the history of the western cattle industry. It is important that we solve this mystery as soon as possible. The cattle industry already is hard hit from an economic point of view. From a human point, we cannot allow these mutilations to continue."

But they did ... and still do.

For me, it all started with a telephone call one night in October 1975. I knew nothing about the mutilation panic that summer. I was producing medical programs for WCVB-TV in Boston (ABC) and was typing a script when the phone rang.

"A UFO has set down on the base!"

It was my brother and he was excited. He had been at a wing party at Malmstrom AFB near Great Falls, Montana where he flew helicopters. Everyone there carried "bricks," two-way radios to keep in touch with the base command post that is manned twenty-four hours a day. Suddenly all the alarms sounded and there was a scramble for phones.

Remote sensors at the Kilo 7 missile launch facility indicated something was violating site security. Two launch control officers ordered a Sabotage Alert Team (SAT) to investigate. Those men radioed the Command Post that an orange glowing disk the size of a football field was illuminating the missile site "brighter than daylight." They refused orders to advance further toward the intruding disk.

My brother was then ordered to pilot a helicopter with security police to the site. Meanwhile, the frightened SAT team radioed

back that the object was starting to rise. When it reached an altitude of about 1,000 feet, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) detected the moving UFO on radar.

Two F-106 jet interceptors were scrambled from Malmstrom AFB and headed toward the K-7 area as the UFO continued to rise. As soon as the SAT team saw the jets, the large, orange light "blinked out." The SAT team told launch control they were sure the UFO was still there. The jets were told to keep circling, but the object remained invisible.

When the jets left the K-7 area to return to base, the SAT team reported that the orange light blinked back on and continued to rise. At about 200,000 feet, it disappeared from NORAD's radar.

Afterward, my brother called me in Boston.

What happened the next day is even more startling. Targeting teams and computer specialists went to K-7 to examine the missile and its warhead targeting. The investigators found that the computer's information had been changed. The missile was removed from its silo and returned to Malmstrom for further examination. Later, a different missile was put in Kilo 7.

I was unaware that what happened at Malmstrom AFB was also occurring repeatedly along the United States and Canada border at Strategic Air Command (SAC) bases that fall. Nothing about those UFO intrusions of our missile bases was made public until 1980. That year some documents about the "border invasion" were released under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Four years later, a police officer and a writer put their FOIA research into a book called *Clear Intent, The Government Coverup of the UFO Experience*. (1984, Prentice-Hall.) Larry Fawcett, the policeman, is now publisher of *Just Cause** and Barry Greenwood is the editor. Four times a year they distribute a newsletter to Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS).

After the incident at Kilo 7, my brother told me the commander of his helicopter unit was working with the Cascade County Sheriff's office in Great Falls, Montana to investigate many cattle

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mutilation reports in the area. One day a rancher brought a mutilated cow to the base. A flight surgeon examined it and told my brother that the incisions were precise and surgical. He also said that the cow had been so thoroughly drained of blood that the muscle tissue was a pale pink-white.

The unit commander had a map with a color legend to identify mutilation locations. Pink was on the legend, but there was no pink on the map. My brother asked what the pink color specified.

"Humans," the Colonel answered, "but we haven't come up with any yet." Perhaps he was referring to top secret reports about human mutilations. The Colonel might have been briefed about bizarre human deaths which resembled what had happened to animals. See Chapters 4 and 8.

By the summer of 1975, there were so many animal mutilations that sheriffs reported some carcasses were still warm to touch with bloodless, cookie cutter cuts.

The Washington Post, Washington, D.C., January 19, 1979

U.S. Reports Visits Of UFOs to Bases

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WASHINGTON—During two weeks in 1975, a string of the nation's supersensitive nuclear missile launch sites and bomber bases were visited by unidentified, low-flying and elusive objects, according to Defense Department reports.

The sightings, made visually and on radar by air and ground crews and sabotage-alert forces, occurred at installations in Montana, Michigan and Maine, and led to extensive but unsuccessful Air Force attempts to track and detain the objects.

Air Force and Defense Department records variously describe the objects as helicopters, aircraft, unknown entities and brightly lighted, fast-moving vehicles that hovered over nuclear weapons storage areas and evaded all pursuit efforts.

IN SEVERAL INSTANCES, after base security had been penetrated, the Air Force sent fighter planes and airborne command planes aloft in unsuccessful pursuit. The records don't indicate if the fighters fired on the intruders.

The documents also give no indication that the airspace incursions provoked much more than local command concern.

But a Nov. 11, 1975, directive from the office of the secretary of the Air Force instructed public information staffers to avoid linking the scattered sighting unless specifically asked.

The Defense Department position cited in that memo and reiterated Thursday by a departmental spokesman, is that formal investigation of unidentified flying object ended in 1969 and that there were no plans for renewed Air Force investigation.

Yet another Air Force intelligence report indicated extensive interest in a 1976 incident over Iran, when two Iranian Air Force F-4 Phantom fighter planes were scrambled to encounter a brightly lighted object in the skies near Tehran.

The object was tracked by Iranian ground radar, seen independently by the crew of a commercial airliner and pursued by the F-4s, which, according to the report, experienced a breakdown of their electronic communications devices when they neared the object.

THE REPORT, COMPILED by American officials, said that the electronic weapons system of one of the planes went dead when its pilot prepared to fire an AIM-9 missile at a smaller object that appeared to roar out from the larger vehicle.

The planes' electronic equipment reportedly became operative after they veered away from the smaller object, which had returned to the larger light, the report said. Iranians described the larger object, with colored, fast-flashing lights, as the size of a Boeing 707 jettliner.

The information on the 1975 and 1976 sightings—records from the Air Force and the North American Air Defense Command—was turned over to Ground Saucer Watch, a Phoenix-based organization that monitors UFO reports.

The GSW obtained the information through a Freedom of Information request to the Air Force, one of a number it has made to government agencies involved in UFO investigations.

A similar request to the CIA, made by both GSW and The Washington Post, resulted in the CIA's turning over almost 300 pages of documents related to its monitoring of UFO reports since the 1950s.

The CIA was directed by a U.S. District Court judge here last year to turn over to Ground Saucer Watch UFO data unrelated to national security.

THE CIA'S POSITION, reiterated Thursday by a spokesman, is that it has had no involvement with UFOs since 1953, when a special study panel concluded that they presented no threat to national security.

While memos from as recently as 1977 are included in the 879 pages, the CIA spokesman said the agency continues to be "a passive recipient" of UFO data, even though none of the material is analyzed.

Todd Zechel, a GSW investigator and director of another organization, Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, and William Spaulding, a Phoenix engineer and director of GSW, said the Defense Department, the Air Force and the National Security Agency have refused to turn over certain other information that would shed more light on military encounters with unidentified flying objects.

One July Sunday in Boise, Idaho, the newspaper even put a bold headline and story about the mutilation mystery above its own name plate.

The Idaho Statesman, Boise, Idaho, July 6, 1975

JULY 6, 1975

Who, Or What, Mutilates Cattle?

By TIM WOODWARD
The Idaho Statesman

COUNCIL — The killing and mutilation of six cattle near Council have Idahoans talking about the bizarre world of witchcraft, Satanism and theories of visitors from the stars.

Six mutilated cattle have been found in an area 40 miles north of Council in the last week. All the animals' tongues, sexual organs and udders had been removed. The killings are identical to others that have occurred in Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska and Kansas. All remain inexplicable — baffling law officers and men of science.

The Council killings were one of the most perplexing aspects of cattle mutilations in other states — a complete absence of blood.

In Colorado, carcasses appeared to have been drained entirely of blood. Adams County Sheriff Jim Hileman did not speculate on whether this could have happened at Council. All he knows is there wasn't any blood.

"We didn't find any at all," he said. "It could have been washed away by rain, but I'd have to say that not finding any blood in this sort of a case is highly unusual."

It isn't the only unusual aspect of the killings.

Hileman said there were no lethal wounds on the animals, no evidence of

how they were killed prior to being mutilated. He theorizes the cattle may have been killed by darts containing some sort of lethal agent, but this cannot be proved since the carcasses were too old (about two days) by the time they were discovered to reveal presence of poison or an overdose of tranquilizers.

With the exception of "a little bit of chewing" on one of the cattle, none had been bothered by predators, a highly unusual occurrence, Hileman said.

Robert Simmons, a veterinarian with the Idaho Sheep Commission, discounted earlier speculation that a poi-

son, if used to kill the animals, would deter predators.

"That would only be the case if the poison was such that it could be tasted, and this is not likely," Simmons said.

He said the only way predators would not bother a fresh carcass is if they already had enough other food to simply not be interested. Hileman said this is not the case in the area where the killings occurred. Local predators, the sheriff said, include bears, coyotes and mountain lions, in addition to small scavengers such as magpies.

Killings in other states have been complicated by a total absence of tire tracks or footprints in areas where dead cattle have been found. Hileman

found some tire tracks, but it has not been proven whether they are related to the crimes. No footprints were found, he said.

One of the more bizarre characteristics of the actual mutilations is they appear to be done with considerable precision. Hileman said extractions of organs were "very neatly done," not the work of an unpracticed hand.

Who, or, according to some, what, kills cattle without leaving a trace of a lethal wound, removes organs with almost surgical precision and without leaving a drop of blood, and disappears

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DEPUTY CORONER KEN BYERS INSPECTS FATALITY SCENE NEAR KUNA ... Ed Withrow of Boise died Saturday in a one-car accident

3 Idahoans Killed Saturday

Public Funds Used to Hire Private Help

By BROOKS JACKSON

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some federal tax dollars intended to create public service jobs are going to pay staff workers for private groups such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army and church and charitable organizations.

Two high Labor Department officials disagree over whether this use of federal money is proper.

The Labor Department's chief investigator, Frank Yeager, says the practice violated department regulations and the spirit of the law when it was begun several years ago. The law has since been changed but he says it is "an open question" whether the practice is now proper.

Yeager also criticized the Manpower Administration, which administers fed-

erated group distributing food to the needy. Four Seattle workers were getting federal salaries to work for the same groups that had employed them earlier.

Yeager's report is based on a review of employment records from 1971-72 and 1973. The review was completed in April, 1974, preliminary versions of the report were circulated privately in the Labor Department in December, and the final version was completed this year and cleared for public release June 10, although no public release was made. The Associated Press sought and obtained a copy from Yeager, who did not criticize the agencies themselves, but rather use of federal money to support them.

The next day there were more stories about a mutilated deer and three dead cows.

The Idaho Statesman, Boise, Idaho, July 7, 1975

Death of Deer Near Idaho City Resembles Mutilations of Cattle

Without any signs of blood, cause of death or drag marks, a field-dressed deer was found this weekend east of Idaho City by a Boise couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred "Scottie" Johnson, of 915 Krall, were camping at a site about 17 miles east of Idaho City in the Rabbit Creek area when they reported finding a dead deer laying flat on its back with the entrails cleanly removed.

At first glance, the incident appears to be similar to the bizarre killings of the six cattle near Council, Johnson said. As was the case with this deer, no signs of blood or death wounds were present.

However, circumstances surrounding the deaths are different. The cattle were untouched except for the removal of the tongues, sexual organs and udders, but the deer's entrails had been removed entirely and the tongue had not been cut out, according to Johnson.

"It was a professional job," said Johnson, who added the breast bone of the deer was cleanly cut with a very sharp knife.

Johnson said he has hunted deer for many years and described the deer as "about a two-year-old doe." He examined the deer for cause of death and found no bullet holes or other wounds.

Earlier in the day, Mrs. Johnson saw

a man walk by their camper coming from the direction where they found the deer, Johnson said.

"About 3:30 that afternoon, we were taking a nap in the camper," Johnson said. His wife awakened and "saw a guy walking down the draw carrying a plastic bag," he said. She did not see what was in the bag, however, he said. "We didn't pay much attention to it."

"We didn't see anyone go up. Why

would he go up there?" Johnson asked. Mrs. Johnson said the man wore nothing out of the ordinary; a young fellow, but not a hippie, she said.

There are a lot of deer in that area and often come to two salt licks near the camp, Johnson said. The Johnsons found no other dead deer.

"It was just a terrible thing. We couldn't stand it so we came home early," he said.

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Three Cows Found Dead In Cascade Reservoir

CASCADE - Three dead cattle were found floating in Cascade Reservoir halfway between Tamarack and the West Mountain Lodge Sunday afternoon, the Valley County sheriff reported.

During the past three weeks, six cattle have been found mutilated near Council. However Sunday's incident was in no way connected to the previous cattle killings, Sheriff Darold Lynskey said.

He said an autopsy was being performed on the cattle to determine the

exact cause of death. The cattle had not been shot nor were there any signs that they had been driven into the water and died there, he said.

The three cows were part of a large herd grazing in a pasture on the west side of Cascade Reservoir, the sheriff said. All the cattle were grazing near the water and "some were still doing so," he said.

"It may have been a poisoned weed or grass." The cause of death will not be known until after the autopsy is completed, Lynskey said.

By October, when the big orange UFOs were setting off alarms on SAC bases, ranchers began arming themselves. People kept seeing silent, dark helicopters and large, bright lights. Continually baffling everyone was the absence of tracks around the dead animals.

One night, a few miles southwest of Sterling, Colorado, two ranch cowhands decided they would stake out a feed lot where there had been three mutilations in one week.

The feed lot was well lighted. About 4 a.m., the cowhands saw three "human-like figures" glide over the feed lot fence. The men called the sheriff. Two cars with officers got to the feed lot in minutes. But the gliding figures could not be found. What really puzzled the cowhands was the mud. It had been raining, so the ground was soaked. But there were no footprints in the feed lot and none leading up to the fence.

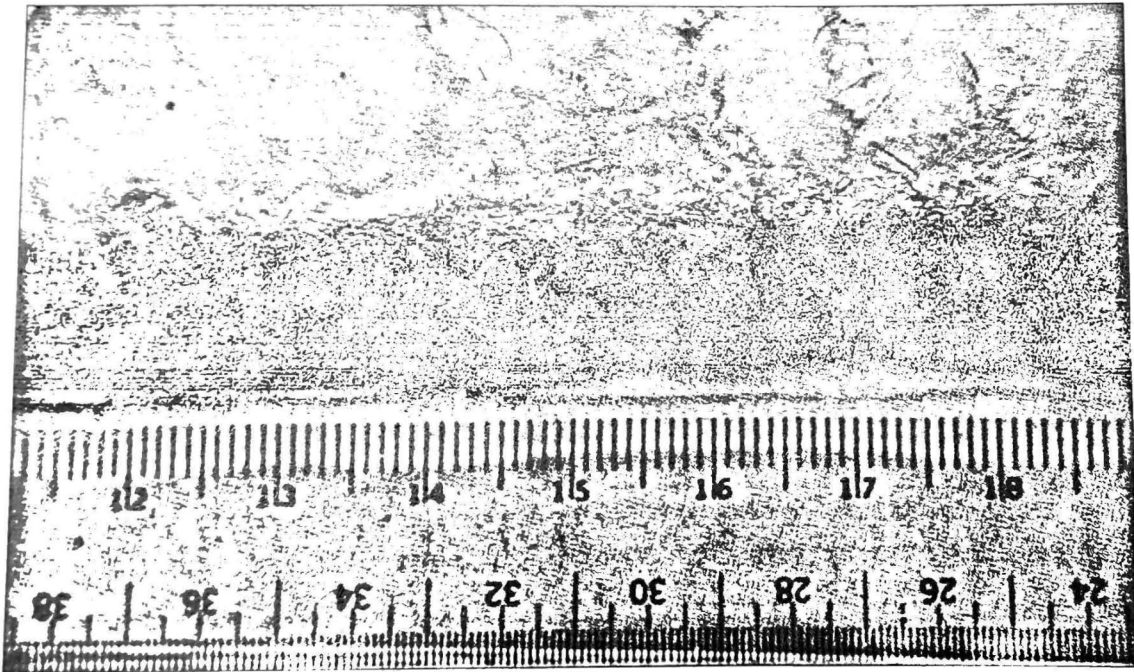
Around that same time, two girls from Sterling told the sheriff they fired a .22 at a "hairy beast" who walked into their yard. The bigfoot-type creature ran off. Investigators found four branches burned off in the area where the creature ran, but no tracks.

**The feed lot was well lighted.
About 4 a.m., the cowhands saw three
"human-like figures" *glide over the feed lot fence.***

In Great Falls, Montana where my brother's Wing Commander was cooperating with Deputy Sheriff Keith Wolverton, helicopters and strange little fixed-wing planes were being reported by day and deputies were chasing lights at night. Wolverton also examined several mutilated animals. He was the first law enforcement officer to coin the phrase "cookie cutter" cuts. He assembled a book called *Mystery Stalks The Prairie* from his sheriff's files.* There is a photograph of a mutilator's cut that shows an unusual and symmetrical pattern in the cowhide as might be found on the edge of a fancy cookie cutter. See photo below.

Wolverton also had several "bigfoot" reports. According to his book, one man called the sheriff's office to say he had just shot one of the creatures from six feet away with a double barrel shotgun.

*Photograph of mutilator's "cookie cutter" excision
by Cascade County Sheriff's office, Great Falls, Montana, 1975.*



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Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083-0023.*

"It disappeared in a flash of light," the astonished man told Wolverton.

During that fall of 1975 in Colorado, Sheriff George Yarnell in Elbert County said one frustrated rancher actually shot at a Fort Carson helicopter that was flying over his ranch east of Colorado Springs. Sheriff Yarnell said after that, Fort Carson changed its flight plans to avoid the mutilation panic.

Record Stockman, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, October 2, 1975

Wyoming New Victim Of Mutilation Panic

By Pat Kalahar

DENVER — As the tide of reported cattle mutilations continues to rise, daily (primarily in Wyoming and Colorado), a few precious clues have come to the surface.

The three color photographs of a blue helicopter with an unusual V-type tail system and a plain white spot on the side marking out all identification, that were taken by citizens between Cripple Creek and Florissant, Colo., are being studied closely. The Teller County sheriff's department is convinced that this chopper is involved in mutilations in that area. The 'copter is believed to be working closely with a ground crew.

In the same locality, a green helicopter with red gasoline tanks has been repeatedly spotted. No photos have yet been obtained on this suspect chopper.

A green helicopter has been habitually described by ranchers in the ten state area hit by the mutilators.

Helicopters have been chased in Colorado and Idaho, but in both cases the copters escaped in the dark.

Three Colorado State University veterinarians have concluded that five of the eleven mutilated carcasses brought into their pathology labs, were cut with knives or other sharp instruments by humans, after the animals died of natural causes.

Dr. William J. Tietz, dean of the college of Veterinary Medicine and Biological Sciences, Dr. A. F. Alexander, chairman of the department of pathology, and Dr. A. E. McChesney, a pathologist in the diagnostic lab at CSU, reported that five of the 16 carcasses studied in the post mortem exams have conclusively been mutilated by humans. Eleven of the animals were too far decomposed to tell anything.

Colorado Springs Sun, *Colorado Springs, Colorado, October 5, 1975 (ceased publication)*



UPI telephoto

Reuben Olson looks at a dead bull calf on his ranch in Kiowa in August

Colorado Springs Sun, Colorado Springs, Colorado, October 5, 1975 (ceased publication)

Cattle mutilations

. . . ranchers arming themselves

DENVER (UPI) — There have been more than 150 cases of cattle mutilation in Colorado this year and at least 11 other states have reported grotesque attacks on livestock.

If something isn't done quickly to end the bizarre slaughter, a Colorado legislator warns, someone may get hurt by aroused ranchers.

In many cases, the sexual organs have been neatly removed. As a result, Satanic cults and space creatures have been blamed, as well as predators such as the fox or buzzard.

Other states reporting incidents are Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon, South Dakota, Montana and Minnesota. Officials in Texas and South Dakota, however, do not say the mutilations were done by humans.

"Ranchers and other residents in these areas are understandably upset," said Sen. Floyd Haskell, D-Colo. "It now appears that ranchers are arming themselves to protect their stock and their families. Clearly something must be done before someone gets hurt."

For one investigator, there is no doubt humans are responsible for many of the mutilations. Another blames the outbreak on persons hoping to give the government a hard time.

Dr. A.E. McChesney, a veterinarian at Colorado State University, said the majority of the 15 animals he checked were definitely victims of human mutilation.

"There is no question but that there has been willful mutilation on many of these," McChesney said. "Obviously, predators have been involved, too, but you can't hide a knife wound very well."

David L. Waldron, Utah deputy agriculture commissioner, blamed the incidents on a cult bent on protesting federal government policies.

"Some think it's being done by people other than from this planet," Waldron said. "Of course, I don't buy that myself at all."

"I think there's a group of people — call them a cult if we want to. I think we've just got some people just the same as the Manson gang or the Symbionese Liberation Army. They just think this is the way to get their feelings across to the government."

But Dr. Herman Hancock of the University of Wyoming Veterinary Laboratory said natural predators may be responsible for many of the cases.

"A fox can go down a cow's mouth and

remove its tongue," Hancock said. "They even sometimes pluck out the eyes."

Keith Perkins, a rancher outside Murtaugh, Idaho, said a mare was mutilated less than a quarter-mile from his house, but he "never saw nothing nor heard nothing." He said "they needed sophisticated equipment to do this work."

Carl Whiteside, a Colorado Bureau of Investigation agent heading the state mutilation study, said he had been unable to determine how or why the mutilations were being done.

A large number of mutilations occurred in Texas last year, but Texas Rangers and Texas Cattleraisers Association investigators finally decided bad weather caused an unusual number of range deaths and predators removed the sex organs from cows. Veterinarians from Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory said predators are attracted to a carcass' softer areas and can make cuts as cleanly as a knife.

Even earlier mutilations in the Midwest prompted claims on television that the deaths were caused by extraterrestrial beings. In South Dakota a months-long investigation and promise of rewards turned up nothing and the mutilations eventually lessened.

Often there are no tracks around the carcasses, leading some to believe the culprits arrive by helicopter.

The situation became so volatile in Colorado earlier this year that a federal agency planning to make aerial surveys from a helicopter asked farmers and ranchers not to fire on the aircraft. The Colorado Air National Guard is using its training flights to look for suspicious activity.

To stop the problem in Colorado, a reward of \$11,000 has been offered by cattle groups for the arrest and conviction of persons responsible.

Donald Ostensoe, executive secretary of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, said his organization is offering a \$1,000 reward. The first case in that state was reported in July and there have been at least 25 since then, with the loss estimated at \$10,000.

H.L. "Tex" Graves, Logan County sheriff from Sterling, Colo., said he and several other officers trailed a suspicious helicopter into Western Nebraska earlier this year before it disappeared. He said theories on those responsible for the mutilations ranged from Satanic worshipers to unidentified flying objects.

"You can let your imagination run wild," Graves said. "You pick one and you could be just as right as anybody else."

The UFO Factor

Gazette Telegraph, Colorado Springs, Colorado, April 24, 1977

Cattle Mutilations, UFOs Are Talk of Logan County

I moved to Colorado from Boston in the summer of 1976. Channel 7, the CBS station in Denver, hired me to work as Director of Special Projects. My films and live studio programs were about water and land use problems in a state struggling to balance population growth with an environment no one wanted to pollute. But air and water contamination were serious threats to that balance. The first program I did was called *Colorado On Trial*. The debate was about Colorado's future character and economy.

While I was working on that two hour broadcast, I did not know that Colorado was still enduring the mysterious mutilators. That subject was no longer news, so there was little media coverage. The Denver public was unaware, but northeast in the ranching community of Sterling, Colorado, people got together almost nightly between November 1976 and the spring of 1977 to watch a big, hovering, white light. Little lights were seen leaving and enter-

ing the large, unidentified object. Pretty soon, the locals called the lights "Big Mama and Baby UFOs."

Logan County Sheriff Tex Graves was certain there was a connection between the lights and the mutilations. He went up in a small plane at night trying to get near the strange light, but it always maintained distance.

"Several times," Tex said, "we observed smaller lights come out of this (Big Mama) and then come down toward earth. This huge brilliant light would hang in the air and then when it would move, it could move up and down, backwards, forward, travel very rapidly and after awhile these smaller lights would join up with the larger one and then they would disappear."

Reporter Bill Jackson with the *Sterling Journal-Advocate* rented a high powered lens and a strong tripod to capture Big Mama on film. Bill said he had never encountered anything like the mutilations and unidentified lights. He was frightened one night while trying to get a camera out of his car trunk. A white flash of light sped upward from the ground near him with a "whoosh" sound and disappeared as it rose.

Another night, he was driving on Colorado Highway 61 near Yuma to Sterling when he saw something that has haunted his memory since.

"The night was real cloudy, low ceiling about 400 to 500 feet. Driving north about 30 miles outside Sterling, I saw what I thought was a big airplane with landing lights coming down.

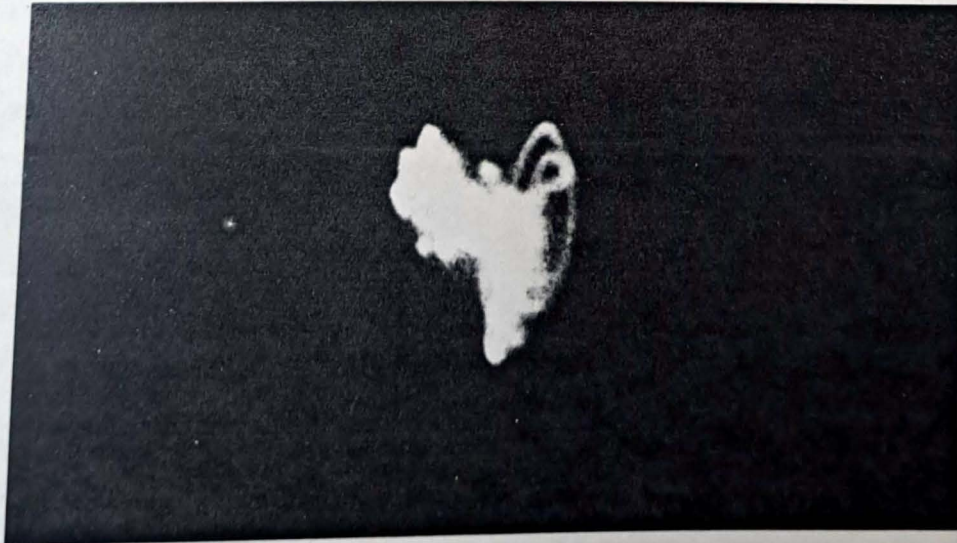
"I pulled to the side of the road thinking I was really going to be on a big story — maybe a 747 coming down in the prairie. I stood outside my car and watched it fly right over me. It was completely silent, not a sound. I could hear the crickets chirping. There were all kinds of lights — green ones, white ones, red ones, orange ones — maybe a hundred of them. I couldn't see any definite shape. But the lights seemed to run in lines, maybe like a rectangle or an oval. It was as big as a football field, at least 300 feet long, and moving slowly below the clouds."

In those months that Bill worked to capture Big Mama and Baby UFOs on film, he said the big light's size was "half way between bright Venus and the full moon, an arc welder white. It

would change to red, orange and green. Little lights came out of the bottom that were like Venus size and brightness. Most of the time it would be visible for a half-hour or an hour at a time."

Bill used a Pentax Honeywell camera SP1000 with Kodak 2475 high speed film, ASA 6400, and 1250mm and 260mm lenses. Exposure times ranged from 15 seconds to 1 minute.

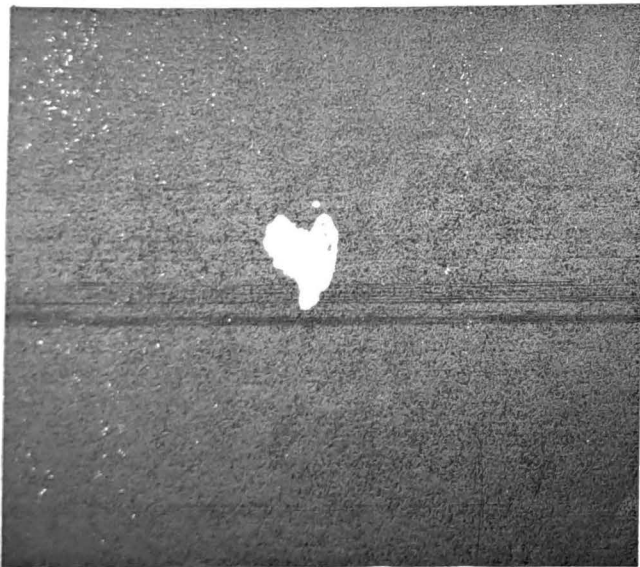
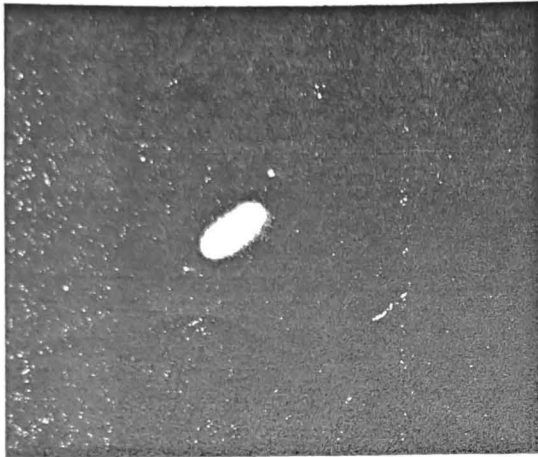
"Big Mama and Baby UFO" time exposures with 1250mm lens, December 1976 to February 1977, by Sterling Journal-Advocate reporter Bill Jackson.



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The Logan County UFO

Bill Jackson, reporter for the Sterling Journal-Advocate, took these pictures for the Gazette Telegraph during December, January and February. He used a Pentax Honeywell camera SP1000 and Kodak 2475 high speed film with 1250mm and 260mm lenses with various time exposures. Above right: Big Mama creates a double streak while her babies create single lines as they move away

from the area. Above left: the UFO appears as an elongated light in a 15-30 second time exposure. Left: a pinwheel effect showing the UFO's motion;

Gazette Telegraph, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Sunday, April 24, 1977

A baby UFO and its "Big Mama", a soundless, illusive flying object, have become the focal points in Logan County for a devoted audience of nighttime viewers.

Those monitoring the strange objects since their appearance in northeastern Colorado in late November include the Logan County Sheriff's Department, which views them as a new dimension of its investigation into cattle mutilations.

The unexplainable deaths and confirmed mutilation of 72 cattle in the county since August 1975 prompted Sheriff Harry L. "Tex" Graves to pursue every possible lead that may result in uncovering those responsible for the senseless slaughter.

Reports of strange lights over Logan County began coming into Graves' office toward the end of November, about the time he found peculiar "pot marks" he attributed to "possibly an unknown type of aircraft" near the scenes of mutilations.

"These were the same type of tracks found by lawmen last September near the site of an animal mutilation in New Mexico," he said.

Big Mama, which can change shape and color, has been observed by numerous residents of the county, according to reports in the sheriff's office. Those who have frequently observed her include Undersheriff Jerry Wolever, chief deputy Tom Bohannon, deputies Bev Stone and Gary Cure; Bill Jackson, news reporter for the *Sterling Journal-Advocate*; and Jake Gronseth, news director for Radio Station KGEK in Sterling. All agree they've seen the following:

Do UFOs Fly In Colorado?

By DOROTHY ALDRIDGE
GT Staff Writer

Big Mama can be likened to a pencil eraser and her little one to the size of a pin head in comparison. You can be looking at the stars and five minutes later Big Mama will be there. If she's close or low in the sky you can see one large white light underneath with red and green lights on either side of it. At a distance the lights flash white, turn green, then red, like one revolving colored light. For the most part, she just hovers.

Suddenly a stream of light bounces from beneath the large craft and the baby UFO with a single brilliant light comes from Big Mama and starts to move off slowly. As though it has kicked in an after burner, it then moves out of sight rapidly. Mama just sits there for a time, then either disappears or turns out her lights.

None of the viewers have heard either craft make a sound and no one has reported seeing the little craft go back in the big one or even rejoin it.

Graves, who exchanges information with law enforcement officials in 20 other states where cattle mutilations have occurred during past years, recently received information concerning Big Mama and her baby from Capt. Keith Wolverson of the Cascade County Sheriff's Department in Great Falls, Mont. Wolverson also has conducted an intensive investigation into all leads concerning cattle mutilation.

"He watched Big Mama on radar, just hanging there at 21,000 feet, and in 3½ seconds she had moved to 44,000 feet," Graves said. "We know of no chopper in the United States that has this much speed. The fastest one is the Cheyenne, which has a top speed of 290 miles an hour."

The lights of Big Mama are brilliant and hover in the sky from half an hour to an hour.

"If you look lower in the sky you can sometimes see from two to five of them," he said. "Suddenly, they'll all join in a group and disappear."

According to Jackson: "The undersheriff and I watched Big Mama one night when she was really bright. The light went to a pinpoint, then got larger and brighter. After awhile she wasn't there. She either turned off her lights or moved out."

Jackson and Undersheriff Jerry Wolever, who is accumulating hours toward his private pilot's license, have taken a number of night flights after spotting Big Mama in the sky in an effort to get closer to her.

"We flew up to 10,000 feet and she was further away from us than when we started," Wolever said. "We can never get close to her because she plays games. She always paces us, just so far away, or disappears altogether."

In an effort to bring her into closer range, they used infrared binoculars and star scopes.

"One night when she was considerably closer than usual we were on the ground and looked at her through a 60-power zoom telescope," Wolever said. "We could see her change shape and color. At first she was a round shape, then we lost her for 15 minutes. When she appeared again she was a rectangular shape like a pear or a tear drop. The color of the entire thing turned from white to a red, then to green and back to white again."

The first instance of unexplainable "pot marks" noted by Graves near two mutilated cattle were five feet apart, forming a triangular pattern. They were seven inches across and 2½ inches deep and looked as though made by a round bottom plate. There was no prop wash and no burn marks that might come from a conventional aircraft.

In the second occurrence of the marks they were too numerous to determine a pattern since they were found north, east and west of the animal's body, spreading out to an area as far as 50 feet from it.

The sheriff returned two days later and discovered a new set of similar tracks that hadn't been there when he first investigated the mutilation. These were three circular shaped indentations in the ground which formed a triangle with the sides of the triangle about 13 inches apart.

In all instances of the peculiar tracks, he said, reports of

strange lights in the sky had been reported the night before the mutilated animals were discovered.

Another unexplainable circumstance in conjunction with an earlier mutilation, the sheriff said, involved strange skid marks that looked as though somebody had dragged a bag of feed over the grass approximately 50 feet from the animal.

One of the more mysterious incidents reported to the sheriff involved three cattle mutilations during the first week of August 1976 in the same feed lot seven miles southwest of Sterling.

On successive nights three animals died and were disfigured with no clues left behind. Two of the ranch's cowhands decided they'd stake out the feedlot for the next two nights, sitting on the grain elevator.

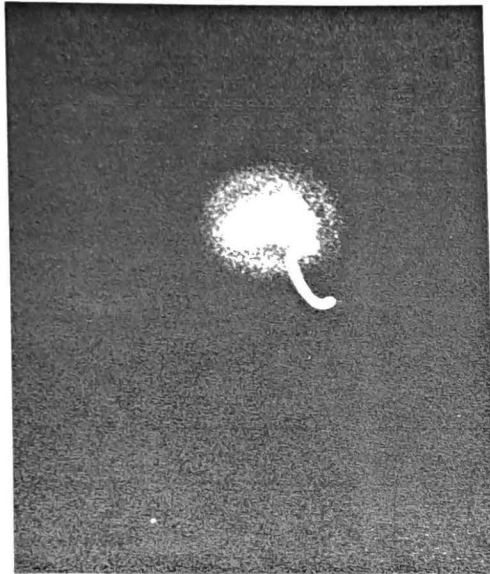
The second night about 4 a.m. the feedlot was well lit and there was plenty of lighting when they saw three "human-like figures" go over the feedlot fence, they told the sheriff later adding that the figures didn't move like humans; they seemed to glide. They called the sheriff's office and within six minutes two cars of officers were there, but the "figures" were nowhere to be found, although there were no cars in the area they could have escaped in.

So far, no cattle mutilations have been reported in Logan County this year, according to the sheriff who finds that the incidences slacken off during colder weather.

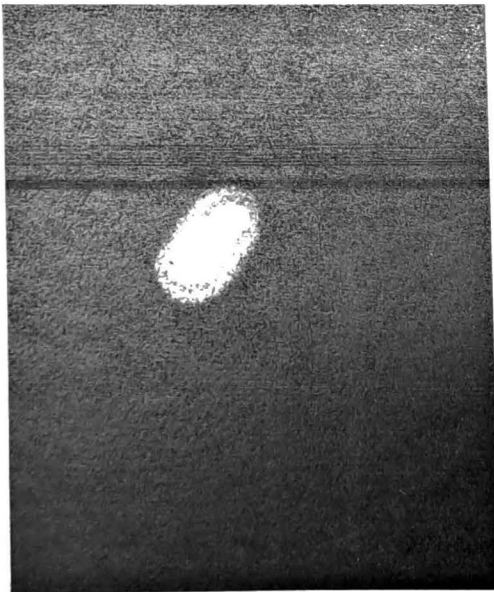
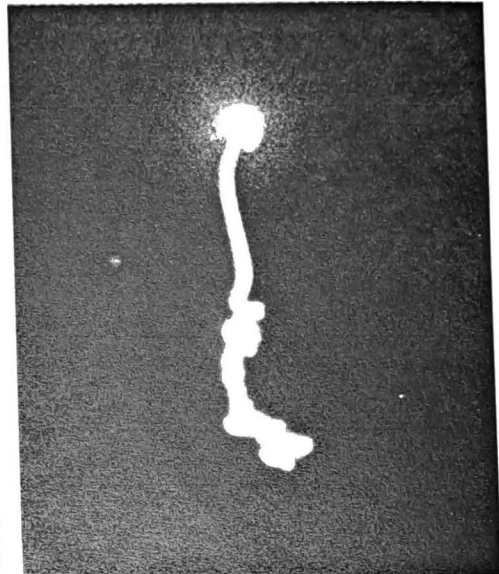
"On the other hand, there could be mutilated animals lying out there," he said. "Maybe their owners just haven't found them yet."

For comparison, here are two black and white Big Mama photographs next to color photos of another unusual light that haunted Ashdown, Arkansas from January 18 to April 1988.

*1976 Logan County UFO
by Reporter Bill Jackson,
Journal-Advocate
Sterling, Colorado.*



*1988 Ashdown UFO
by Editor Jim Williamson,
Little River News
Ashdown, Arkansas.*



I was drawn into the story in September 1979. Mutilation stories had flared up again in Canadian and western U.S. newspapers. It had been five years since my brother's experience at Malmstrom AFB and five years of mysterious animal deaths without any answers.

Globe-News, Amarillo, Texas, May, 1978

Cattle mangled by UFO's?

*Edmonton Journal, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada,
October 9, 1979*

Cattle-killing puzzle spread across border

I dug through old Boston files and found some of the Montana and Idaho articles my parents and brother had sent me in 1975. That Malmstrom AFB incident and all the Montana mutilations — could UFOs really be involved?

Since I was a child, the night sky had been a friend. In grade school, I asked my parents to buy me a telescope. When the four and a half inch Dynascope reflector came in the mail, I was about nine years old. That long black tube with its three lenses and awkward wooden legs was my treasure. Even in cold winter, I would stand on a chair shivering, neck cricked, so I could look through the eyepiece at stars, planets and the moon. I put a sign in the Boise Public Library asking anyone interested in forming an astronomy club to call me. Six boys did, and we spent hours and whole nights with our telescopes. But I never saw anything I could

not identify. The sky was beautiful and predictable.

Those newspaper clippings about strange animal mutilations possibly connected with unidentified lights troubled me at a deeper level than curiosity. Running like a dark, cold river through me was a sense of threat from the sky that was unknown, unpredictable and frightening.

When I started my investigation, one of the first people I went to see was former sheriff Tex Graves in Sterling. It took two hours to go from Denver to that remote ranch community in northeastern Colorado. In some places there is nothing but open land, a few cows or horses here and there. No houses, no buildings, no people. Only the wind and grass. Perfect country in which mutilators could operate undetected.

Tex Graves is a big man who worked in law enforcement for twenty-four years throughout sprawling Logan County. The mutilations upset him because they weren't like anything Tex had encountered before. No evidence, no suspects, no arrests. Only dead animals with cuts that gave him nightmares.

I spoke to him in his vacuum cleaner repair shop shortly after he retired. At first, he didn't want to talk much. He handed me a big stack of color Polaroids he had taken of mutilated animals when he was sheriff. While he repaired a vacuum, I sat down on the floor in a nearby room and arranged the photos in chronological order. There were at least two hundred, some different angles of the same animal. Over and over, the same cuts. One poor bull had apparently been mutilated while still alive. An eye, an ear, the tongue, genitals and rectum had been removed while he dug a deep hole with his head.

"Those feet didn't move a quarter of an inch," Tex said in both disgust and awe when I asked him about the picture.

I told him it made me angry. The cruelty of it, the arrogant way the bodies were left to be found. Why?

At the end of the day, Tex sat down next to me at a welding bench. He was smoking a cigarette. He inhaled, exhaled, looked down. He wanted to talk, but couldn't.

"Tex, did you ever see a light down in a pasture?"

He inhaled, exhaled.

"No, but I sure tried to track them in the sky. We flew up there after Big Mama. No matter how we tried, we could never get closer than five miles to it. Like it tracked us, too, keeping its distance."

"Did you ever come to any personal opinions about what it could be?"

He puffed on the cigarette and looked down at his work bench.

"One night a deputy and me was out late. We'd been at mutilations that day and those lights was in the sky. I asked him, 'How many of them do you think are comin' here to do this?' The deputy looked at me sideways. He was drivin'. He knew exactly what I meant."

That's the closest Tex Graves ever came to saying he thought they were dealing with extraterrestrials.

Tex, like other sheriffs, was puzzled about how the mutilators got in and out of pastures without leaving tracks. He had talked with Deputy Sheriff Keith Wolverton in the Cascade County Sheriff's office in Great Falls, Montana about it.

Deputy Wolverton not only had strange, silent helicopter reports, but people had called his office about small fixed-wing "planes" that hovered and then dissolved away.

Texas researcher Tom Adams who published a *Stigmata** report about animal mutilations also investigated the helicopters. He summarized some findings for a conference on April 20, 1979 in Albuquerque organized by then U.S. Senator Harrison Schmitt of New Mexico and United States Attorney R.E. Thompson. Senator Schmitt had angry constituents demanding something be done about the mutilations (Page 411). Tom wrote:

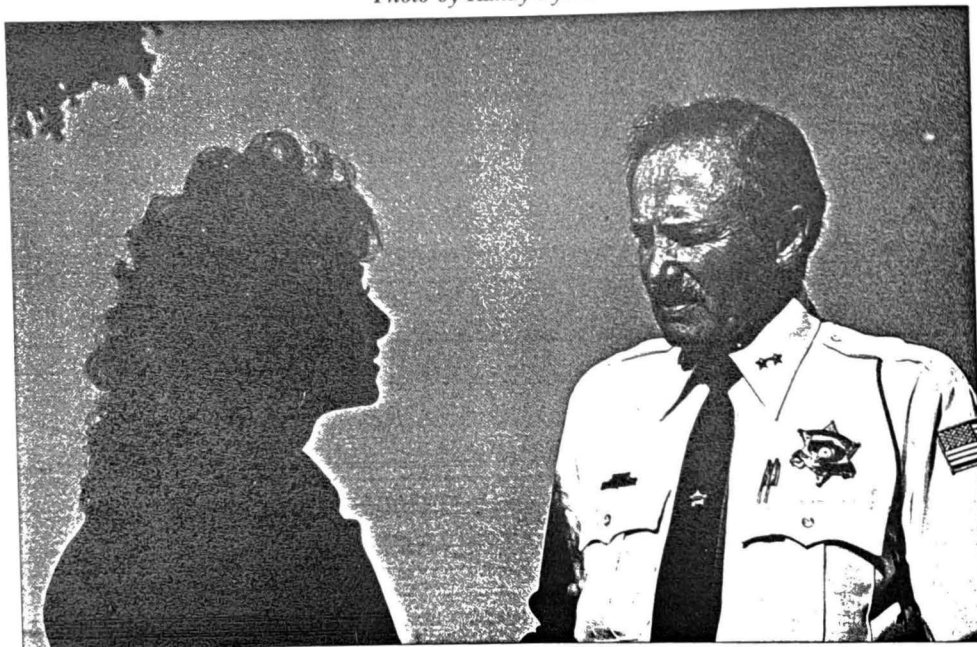
"These 'mystery helicopters' are almost always without identifying markings, or markings may appear to have been painted over or covered with something. The aircraft are frequently reported flying at abnormal, unsafe or illegal altitudes. They may shy away

* Project Stigma, P.O. Box 1094, Paris, Texas 75460.

if witnesses or law officers try to approach. But there are several accounts of aggressive behavior on the part of the helicopter occupants, with witnesses chased, 'buzzed,' hovered over or even fired upon.

At times these choppers appear very near mutilation sites, even hovering over a pasture where a mutilated carcass is later found. They may be observed shortly before or after mutilations occur — or within days of a mutilation."

*Linda Moulton Howe with Sheriff Lou Girodo, Las Animas County, Trinidad, Colorado, 1988.
Photo by Randy Byers.*



Another law officer was also confused about the dark, silent helicopters. Lou Girodo was chief investigator of mutilations in the District Attorney's office in Trinidad, Colorado when I first met him. One night late in his office with a film camera running, I asked him, "Who or what do you think is doing the mutilations?"

He paused as if thinking how to choose his words. Then he surprised me.

“Who is doing this now is very possibly creatures not of this planet... It’s possible that these mutilations are being done by creatures from outer space.”

Lou was the only law enforcement person to go on record with what others only confided or alluded to off the record. He also said he thought the strange helicopters could be spacecraft “camouflaged as helicopters” so they could sneak in and get their work done in an undercover fashion.

After that late night interview with Lou Girodo, my film crew and I drove to Raton, New Mexico. We had been on the road for over two weeks. I felt I was drowning in all the confusion and contradictions. The story was quicksand; it had no bottom, no hard answers. I kept thinking about the rancher we filmed in Wyoming who said “an orange glowing disk the size of a football field” came close to him several nights when he was watering his barley fields. Then he discovered mutilated cows. One night there was a knock on his trailer door, but no one was there. Later he woke up and could not move, as if paralyzed. He didn’t know what was happening.

Neither did I. At 4 a.m. that sleepless night in Raton, I reached for the *Bible* in the bedside drawer. I had nothing specific in mind. It was simply one of those actions a person sometimes does under stress.

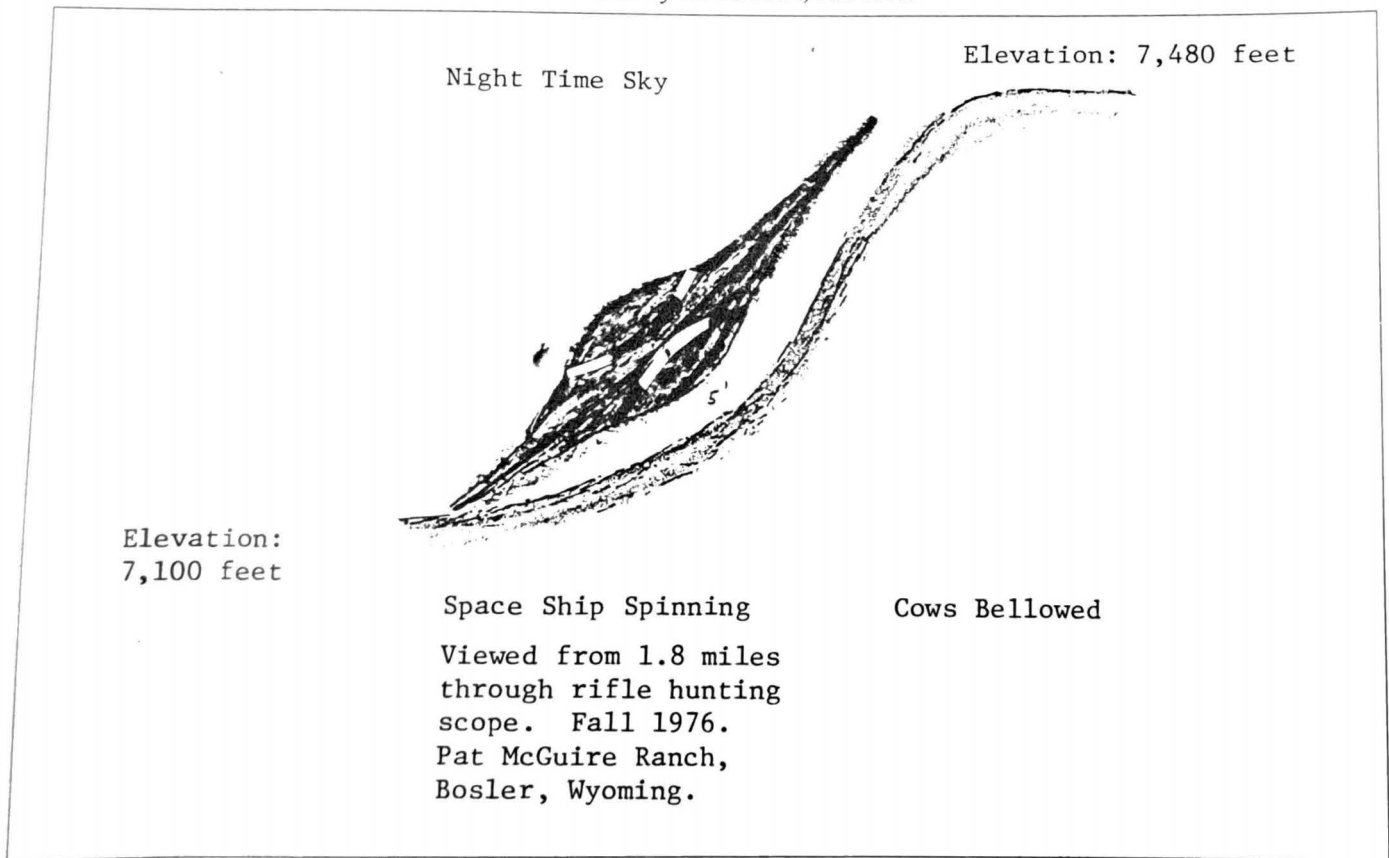
I turned to the end chapter of Revelations. Some words in Verse 14, Chapter 14 stood out: “Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.”

I did not know who was giving the directions to reap or who would do the reaping, but I got up and wrote in my script file: Film title — *A Strange Harvest*. When the sun came up, I was still reading that end chapter of the Bible. And wondering how far the mutilation story extended? If “creatures from outer space” actually were involved, as Lou Girodo speculated – why? To what end?

Below is a sketch that rancher Pat McGuire drew in 1976 of the large, orange glowing craft that he and his cousin, Mark Murphy, observed one night through the hunting scope on his rifle. They heard cows bellowing loudly on a ridge about a mile and a half from Pat's trailer house. The two men could see a large, orange light hovering near the ridge. In the hunting scope, they could also see red, yellow, blue and white lights rotating around the top and bottom of the object. Suddenly, the cries of the cows stopped. The silence scared Pat and his cousin. They did not go up to the ridge to find out what was wrong until the next morning.

"We waited until it was damn good daylight," Pat said during the filming for *A Strange Harvest*. "There we found a lone calf without its mother. We never did find the mother."

Sketch drawn by Pat McGuire, Fall 1976.



Later in 1982, author John Keel* suggested that the UFO phenomenon is "operating outside or beyond the human race, manipulating us constantly. That's the part we should worry about. ...The phenomenon does not really seem interested in our mundane, day-by-day affairs except where they may influence the mysterious long-range plan. Darwin was partly right, perhaps, when he speculated about a process of evolution. But he did not see it as a completely controlled process.

"It has taken a very long time and required the careful conditioning of billions of people. Now the nature of that conditioning is slowly being revealed to us, perhaps as a first step toward revealing the entire master plan."

An alien intelligence setting in motion and secretly controlling and manipulating *Homo sapiens*** evolution is a chronic theme in UFO literature. But what *is* the long range plan? Why would any controlling intelligence harvest biological tissues from earth animal life, especially in such quantity?

I asked Carl Whiteside, head of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, about government involvement with the mutilations. He pointed out,

"If you're talking about the CIA or some government spy agency, it just doesn't make sense to me that they would be involved in random mutilation of cattle on individual ranches or farms. If they were involved in something like that, they would have the resources to do it under controlled conditions. No one would ever know."

* Source: "The Endless Procession," by John A. Keel, Pursuit Magazine, Third Quarter, 1982.

** *Homo sapiens* is the genus of primates comprising modern man and several extinct species of man.

I think what persuaded me to seriously consider that extraterrestrials might actually be the mutilators was an "eyewitness" named Judy Doraty. I qualify "eyewitness" because the information was gained through hypnosis. However, her story began in full consciousness with four other family members.

On a clear moonlit night in May 1973, Judy was driving back from a bingo game in Houston, Texas. She and her mother, her teenage daughter Cindy, her sister-in-law and brother-in-law watched a bright light hover in the sky. They all argued about what it could be. Her brother-in-law thought it was a helicopter going to the Galveston airport. But Judy wasn't sure. Finally, after the light stayed with them for several miles, she pulled the car over to the side of the road near a pasture. She got out and walked to the back of the car.

At that point, she and her family simultaneously lost time. It was as if everyone were put in suspended animation. When Judy got back in the car, she was thirsty and nauseous. She complained to her family she did not feel well, but no one was aware they had lost time until they arrived home later than expected.

After that night, Judy suffered from terrible headaches and anxiety. In 1978, she underwent her first hypnosis session with a doctor. That brought out part of her unusual experience, but not all of it.

Sometime after that hypnosis session, she recalled a strange face, drew it and mailed the sketch to Dr. Leo Sprinkle, then Director of Counselling and Testing at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. He was one of the few professionals at the time trying to help people who had encountered UFOs. Dr. Sprinkle showed me a copy of the sketch when I interviewed him for *A Strange Harvest*.

Over a period of two months, I spoke with Judy by long distance phone calls. I explained that I had listened to the first hypnosis session in which she saw an animal taken up in a pale, yellow beam of light. I said her experience might help me understand my film subject. I suggested that hypnosis by Dr. Leo Sprinkle might bring out more details of her experience, relieve some of her pent-up anxieties and reduce the headaches. She welcomed an opportunity to work with Leo, but she was extremely

nervous about any publicity. She did not want me to reveal her married name or where she lived. She was also afraid to travel. So I had to get Dr. Sprinkle, myself and a film cameraman to Judy.

Finally, on March 13, 1980, we all met in a southwest city. Judy is a small woman with dark hair and very large brown eyes. I thought she looked like a wounded deer.

Television colleagues had helped me find a room where we could work uninterrupted. It was quiet and Judy had a reclining chair to lie on. My cameraman, Richard Lerner, and I set lights while Leo talked quietly with Judy. On the plane going down, Leo told me that in the first hypnosis transcript, he thought there was significance in Judy's statement that she saw both outside and inside the light. He felt that exploring the outside and inside perspectives might move her further into the repressed 1973 experience.

As we finished lighting, Judy wanted to smoke a cigarette. I walked with her to the bathroom. It was my first chance to talk with her alone.

"Judy, Dr. Sprinkle has asked us not to film during his relaxation work with you. I hope that makes you feel better when we get started. We're ready to go whenever you are."

She paused and picked some tobacco from the end of her tongue with her thumb and third finger, the cigarette in between. She looked at the floor, then quickly back at me. Her dark eyes glistened.

"I just want to know what happened to me. Sometimes when I'm washing dishes or working around the house, I remember something about contamination, medical, lives will be lost. I don't know. Sometimes my hands shake, it bothers me so much."

"Do you still have dreams or nightmares?"

"Yes, not as much as I used to. But I still have the headaches."

"Leo says that when people relive their repressed experiences under hypnosis it helps. Like lancing a boil."

Judy smiled nervously. "Sometimes I'm not sure I want to know."

Judy Doraty was a good subject who relaxed easily and soon we

were filming. At first the material was a repeat of the first tantalizing hypnosis session in 1978 when she saw a pale beam of light containing an animal. Leo went back and forth in time, taking Judy deeper and deeper into relaxation, helping her to explore her sense that she was both outside and inside the light. As he did, she finally began to have a more complete recall of that late evening drive in May 1973 outside Houston, Texas.

The following excerpts are a summary I have selected that are relevant to the mutilation mystery, not a literal sequential order. The entire unedited transcript is included in Appendix 12.

DORATY: *It's like a spotlight shining down on the back of my car. It's a pale, soft yellow. And it's like it has substance to it ... like dust particles, like if you see through the sunlight. And as I move closer, I can see it moving, moving, swirling. A brown and white calf is near the top, squirming almost being like — sucked in.*

It's taken into some sort of chamber. It's a little round, tiny room. And I get nauseated at watching how they excise parts. It's done very quickly, but the calf doesn't die immediately. For some reason, the calf's heart isn't taken. They work very quickly. It has to be done right away. They take the probes and insert them in the different areas. Sometimes skin, sometimes teeth, sometimes tongue. There's eyes, there's ears. Tail sections. Reproductive organs. Cow udders. This is not done in only cattle. This is done in almost every animal you can think of.

SPRINKLE: Is this information given to you? Or shown to you?

DORATY: *It's just mentally given to me. ... I was curious. I kept asking about the animal and they found it insulting, I guess, by the way they responded, that to sacrifice*

an animal was nothing compared to what it would bring, you know, the knowledge they could gain from it.

SPRINKLE: And do they verbalize? Do they talk?

DORATY: *No. They talk, but not with their mouth. You can hear them (inside mind.) And they talk with an accent. They talk like someone talking through their nose, holding their nose and talking and they talk in a higher pitch, but it has a funny sound to it.*

SPRINKLE: A nasal quality?

DORATY: *A nasal quality, but it has kind of a Chinese sound. And speeded up.*

SPRINKLE: What else did they tell you?

DORATY: *They've been testing, they've been here for quite some time and they test the soil as well as our water as well as our animal life and vegetation. ...There's a lot involved. More than just pollution. (Something) is poisoning. Their concern is loss of life, there is going to be a big loss of life due to this.*

SPRINKLE: Do they say how they know there will be a loss of life?

DORATY: *Because it's already passed a certain stage. ...There's so much of this poison in the water that people are going to die from it. And it has to do with somehow nuclear waste or testing, causing a change in the chemical composition of something.*

It's like if we continue like we are now, it's going to involve not only us but possibly others. We're not the only ones to be concerned. They're trying to stop some-

thing that could cause a chain reaction. And maybe involving them.

They're stationed here and they're testing to see how far along this whatever it is, is.

SPRINKLE: What are the parts of the animals used in the tests?

DORATY: *Every part at some time or another. The most important being the reproductive system. They keep a closer watch on that because they can tell how far down (the poison) is. With each offspring they say it gets more prevalent.*

SPRINKLE: The poison is more prevalent or the changes?

DORATY: *Changes, there are all kind of changes. They're bad. And it affects them, too.*

Later, Judy sees the calf being lowered back down the beam of light to the ground.

DORATY: *When it's on the ground, it's dead. I can see that it's not moving. I feel very sick to my stomach at what I witnessed. I was allowed to see it because I happened to stumble on to it. I remember them laughing that I would not recall it anyway. I wasn't supposed to be there, but they just allowed me to be there. Like they were busy doing whatever they were doing and just didn't want to bother to take the time to make me go away.*

At one point in the hypnosis session, Judy doesn't understand why she can see her daughter Cindy in the car one minute and gone the next. Leo relaxed her more deeply and asked her to be aware of where Cindy was.

DORATY: *I know I have a feeling of fear.*

SPRINKLE: OK, let yourself go on through the experience. Let yourself go on through the fear. What impressions come to mind?

DORATY: *I just visualize her on a table.*

Judy's voice cracked as if she were holding back tears. I was watching her face, sensing a fellow human being about to scream.

SPRINKLE: What happens next?

There was silence. Then Judy's right hand began to slap on the arm of the chair. At first, lightly. Then harder and harder. It was fear. It was anger. It was attack. She cried out and then she sobbed.

DORATY: *I'm just afraid they're going to do to her what they did to the animal!*

I looked at Leo. I could hear him breathing faster. Leo tried to bring Judy away from what she was seeing.

SPRINKLE: Let yourself relax deeply ...

But Judy had seen what she could not stand to see and tore loose from the hypnosis, yanking her head up, eyes flaring with anger.

DORATY: *No, I don't want to!*

Leo hung on, trying to force her back into the hypnosis.

SPRINKLE: You can tolerate ...

But Judy was afraid to look at her own memory.

DORATY: *Not yet!*

Leo's voice grew louder. He was in a struggle. He did not want her to be left in this terrified state, prematurely tearing herself out of the hypnosis unable to confront the scenes in front of her. For Leo, that moment was the essence of everything he believed about abductions. It was important for the person to face up to the trauma, to relive it so that it would be diffused, weakened, neutralized. Leo spoke strongly.

SPRINKLE: You know it's all right. Just let yourself go on through. Just relax deeply. You know that everything's going to be OK. You see Cindy on the table. What happens next?

He had been in similar struggles with other pained and crying people under hypnosis. It was his experience that pulled Judy through her resistance.

DORATY: *I'm just afraid they're going to hurt her.*

Judy was still crying, her nose running. Leo took a handkerchief out of his pocket, leaned toward Judy and pushed it into her hand. She was conscious and she wiped her nose and tears. Then she lay back, giving in to the strength of Leo's voice, to her own conflict of wanting to know what had happened, but not wanting to see her daughter hurt.

SPRINKLE: You're afraid, but you let yourself go ahead. Let yourself go on through the experience, let yourself be aware. Let yourself relax deeply. You can be aware of what happens next.

DORATY: *They put her to sleep, I guess.*

Judy's voice became softer, a resignation to continuing. Leo exhaled as if he had been running.

SPRINKLE: They put her to sleep. OK, what's happening now?

DORATY: *They're just examining her, I guess. ... just scrapings like ... they go inside her mouth.*

Then she cried out one more time to rescue her daughter from the table and the grey beings.

But I'm so afraid they're going to cut her or something!

SPRINKLE: Do you say anything?

DORATY: *They don't listen. They just ignore me and just go about their work as if it's nothing. They don't seem to have any emotions. They don't seem to care. I thought they were going to harm her. That they were going to do to her what they did to the animals.*

They couldn't seem to understand why I would even be upset.

SPRINKLE: Just like it was routine ...

DORATY... Yes.

SPRINKLE: ... routine business for them?

DORATY: *Like a laboratory animal or something.*

Judy described a sensation that she was pulled back to her body standing beside the car. She got back into the driver's seat complaining of thirst and nausea. But her family was not aware that she had been gone for any length of time nor that anything unusual had happened to Cindy. As Judy drove home, everyone in the car saw the strange light again.

After we filmed the hypnosis session, I kept in touch with Judy by phone. She told me her terrible headaches subsided. She also told me that she and her mother talked about that 1973 light. Her mother remembered arguing about what it was. She remembered Judy stopping the car. She also remembered the trip back home and seeing the craft follow them and land in a pasture near a relative's house. Judy's mother remembered the object shot straight up toward the moon, and then hung motionless like a star.

Judy's mother also remembered strange experiences from her own youth. She said that her mother, Judy's grandmother, also had strange experiences. It's possible that at least four generations of these women, including Judy's daughter, Cindy,* have been tracked by and have communicated with the alien, grey creatures.

If so, perhaps it was not an accident that the light followed the car and that Judy stopped and got out. Perhaps the beings wanted some part of Judy to watch exactly what they were doing to the calf. Maybe an alien motive for leaving the mutilated carcasses to be found throughout the world is to make sure that humans pay attention. But why? Do they want to reinforce human perceptions that the aliens are superior? Is it vital to their work that they give an impression of omnipotence? Our challenge is to discern who they really are and why they are here, and to separate reality from the illusions they plant in human minds.

In the hypnosis session, Judy Doraty described the two grey creatures who were dissecting the calf:

"Their hands look funny. They have long, claw nails and large heads.

"They are like a midget. Probably three feet tall. Their bodies are thin. They have a grey body suit on. But I can see part of their skin. You can almost see through it. It's pasty looking and

**Dr. Leo Sprinkle and I wanted to do further hypnosis with Cindy in 1980, but she was hesitant. To date, no follow up with Cindy has been done.*

thin like if you would touch it, it might pop.

"And they had very long nails. They were dark, almost like an animal's nails.

"Their bone structure wasn't very good, not very strong.

"They had very, very large eyes. They were piercing and frightening. It's almost like they were transparent. They're very hypnotic. And they don't blink. The eyes do not blink. It's almost like a snake? Something about the eyes are very, very different. Other than being big, there's something almost like they change. They (lines in the eyes?) move in and out real fast. (Judy made a fist and then extended her fingers in and out several times.)

"If they had a nose, I didn't notice. If they did, it was very small. But I did see a mouth.

"They have a small chin, rather pointed."

If those grey-skinned, small creatures with "cat eyes" are the mutilators, the still unanswered question is why are they assaulting animals and abducting humans? Judy Doraty has the impression that the animal parts are being used for research that affects both the extraterrestrials and humans.

The 1980's

TV Guide, Wks 24-31, 1980



A Strange Harvest was broadcast on KMGH-TV (CBS) in Denver, Colorado between 8:30 and 10 p.m. on May 25, 1980. In both Arbitron and Nielsen, it had a 19 rating and a 37 share which translated into about a quarter of a million Colorado and Wyoming viewers that night.

The next day at the office, the phones never stopped ringing. Then the mail came. A Littleton businessman said he had been on the phone in his kitchen looking out a window that faced the mountains and some pasture land west of Denver. He could see

what looked like a helicopter, large and dark, coming straight toward his house no more than 100 feet above ground. That low altitude held his attention. While still on the phone, he called his mother-in-law to go outside and see it. The "chopper" came within about a mile of his house, stopped in mid-air and started rising very slowly. The object was silhouetted against the late afternoon sun as it rose. The man could clearly see there were no whirling rotor blades. And there was no sound.

His mother-in-law said that as it rose, "the object turned first into a 'ball shape' and then transformed into a 'square shape.' The whole thing shot straight up out of sight in less than a second."

Another man called me from Colorado Springs and told me about the night several ranchers armed with guns patrolled a pasture where there had been several mutilations. A light came toward them. A beam like a helicopter search light came out, but there was no chopper sound. The "helicopter" descended to the pasture. The men were frozen in their tracks with the hair literally rising on the backs of their necks. They had guns, he said, but they didn't move. After awhile, the odd helicopter rose in the air silently and reversed its flight path, moving away exactly as it had come. The men went to their trucks and back home. The next morning after sun up, they returned to the pasture and found two mutilated cows within yards of each other.

Lynn Lauber from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police called. His office in Calgary had 38 mutilation reports at the end of December 1979. He was still coping with mutilations in 1980 and wanted to see *A Strange Harvest*. He said he was trying to confirm that cults were responsible, but UFOs weren't totally discounted either.

A high school science teacher named Iona Hoepfner called me from Briggsdale, Colorado. The sheriff there had investigated two calves found mutilated next to each other. The soil was "baked hard" by something. Liquids would not soak into the ground.

The sheriff cut part of the hide out from around the mutilator's
 with a scalpel for examination. The science teacher used a
 to cut the hide from around both the sheriff's and the mutila-
 tor's. She talked me with great concern in her voice. She said
 that with a dissecting microscope, the sheriff's scissors cut and her own
 scalpel cut showed with disrupted and destroyed. But she insisted
 that the mutilator's cut was perfect cell to cell, no broken cell walls.
 She said she had never seen anything like it before and wanted to
 know if I had ever heard of such a thing. I told her that there were
 other investigators that the mutilators separated cells
 instead of cutting through tissue, but I had no proof.

I had been asked to speak at a university in Greeley, Colorado
 about the mutilation phenomenon shortly after Iona Hoepfner
 called. She wanted to meet me and deliver tissue and fluid samples
 from the cubs to send to a lab that had agreed to analyze them.
 After the talk, we walked to my car. She handed over a neatly
 wrapped box containing cochide and fluid samples. We shook
 hands and said good night. I got in the car and put the box on the
 seat beside me. As soon as I shut the car door, a very high-pitched
 sound surrounded me. Puzzled, I opened the door and shut it again.
 The sound continued uninterrupted. I got out of the car and walked
 around it. There was no sound outside.

Back in the car, the high-frequency sound was still there. I
 looked at the box on the seat. Then I picked it up and held it to my
 ear. The sound inside the car was so loud I could not detect its
 source. So I got back out of the car with the box. No sound.

People were walking past me from the auditorium. They recog-
 nized me from the talk and said hello. Suddenly I felt foolish. How
 could I ask someone to listen for a high-frequency sound in my ear?
 It was hard enough talking to a crowd about a subject as controversial
 as animal mutilations. I wasn't going to embarrass a stranger and
 myself with questions about a weird noise in my ear. I got back in,
 turned the radio on and drove off.

The drive from Greeley to my home in Littleton takes nearly two
 hours. That entire trip, the high-pitched sound was in my ear.

I kept looking up into the dark sky expecting to see a glowing disk. At exactly the moment I entered my garage, the high-pitched sound stopped. The sudden silence was jolting. I sat there with my headlights on and stared at the package. Was there a connection? Did someone or something monitor me that night?

I left Iona Hoepfner's samples in the garage and mailed them to chemist Robert Schoenfeld at the Schoenfeld Clinical Lab in Albuquerque, New Mexico early the next morning. He had performed some tests for the New Mexico State Patrol office and had agreed to do other mutilation tests. Bob told me the box got to his lab. But when he was ready to do the analyses, he could not find the box or samples.

I resolved to push on through the bizarre murk to firmer, saner ground. By 1982, I had done several *Colorado on Trial* TV programs about environmental and social issues and had started another documentary called *A Prairie Dawn*. I was thinking less and less about UFOs and more about laser technology and astronaut training in Colorado. In that film, the future was bright and alive with science, discovery and the space frontier that was emerging through NASA's efforts.

Then one day, I got a call about a mutilation which introduced a new and chilling factor into those sunny days. Bill and Linda Dzuris grew up on ranches east of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Raising cattle had been their life. They had never seen anything like the cow they found September 9, 1982. The six-year-old pregnant female was alive and well at noon and found dead and mutilated five hours later.

Linda Dzuris explained that "about noon we went out to check the cows. We had some about to calve. Everything was OK. So we went back to the house and had lunch. We worked outside on the truck all afternoon. It was a pretty day and we hadn't seen or heard anything." The ranch house is about half a mile from the pasture.

At 5 o'clock, Bill Dzuris got in his semi-truck to go for a load of hay and saw a black and white cow lying down in the pasture. He called his wife from a phone down the road and asked her to check

on it.

Linda Dzuris was stunned by what she found.

"Half of the udder was gone. You could see into the stomach cavity. The eyes were bulging out. I was horrified at the thought of what could do this in broad daylight when we had checked the cows only a few hours before!"

The rectum was also cut out in an oval about 18 inches wide. Was the unborn calf removed through that large opening? There was no examination of the cow by a veterinarian.

Deputy Kelso from the El Paso County Sheriff's office had no answers either. He got to the cow the next day and wrote in his report: "... cut by some type of instrument."

Two years earlier the Dzurises reported two other mutilations on their ranch, but the El Paso Sheriff tried to convince them they were done by a natural predator. The mutilation that occurred on September 9, 1982 baffled both owners and the deputy.

Did a UFO hover unseen and silent over the Dzuris ranch that afternoon, send down a pale yellow beam, take up the pregnant cow, excise parts and then let her back down into the pasture as Judy Doraty described in her 1973 Texas experience?

EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
OFFENSE / INCIDENT REPORT

82-3063

OFFENSE / INCIDENT (INCLUDE CASE NUMBER)		LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE	
INFORMATION - 2-10 ANIMAL		SWEET RD. 3.5 MILES EAST OF PEYTON HWY.	
CRIME	DATE REPORTED	DATE OCCURRED	OFFENSE CODE
4	9-10-92	9-7-92	1230
VICTIM # 1		RESIDENCE ADDRESS	
N/A			
BUSINESS ADDRESS		DOB	SEX RACE HT. WT. SSAN
N/A			
VICTIM # 2		RESIDENCE ADDRESS	
N/A			
BUSINESS ADDRESS		DOB	SEX RACE HT. WT. SSAN
N/A			
REPORTING PARTY		RESIDENCE ADDRESS	
LINDA L. AZURIS		SWEET RD. 3.5 MILES E. OF P.H.	
BUSINESS ADDRESS		DOB	SEX RACE HT. WT. SSAN
SAME		9-23-45	F C 5'7" 120
BUSINESS VICTIM		ADDRESS	
DZURIS RANCH		SWEET RD. EAST OF PEYTON HWY.	
NAME OF OWNER OR CORPORATION		ADDRESS	
WILLIAM + LINDA AZURIS		SAME	

SUMMONS ISSUED	ARREST MADE	NAME OF ARRESTED PERSON (S) EXCEPT JUVENILES (ATTACH CUSTODY REPORTS)
YES () NO (x)	YES () NO (x)	
WEAPON INVOLVED () FIREARM () KNIFE/CUTTING INSTR. () OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPON () HANDS-FIST FEET ()		
LINK		
PREMISE TYPE () HWY. STREET, ALLEY () GAS OR SERVICE STATION () RESIDENCE () COMMERCIAL () CONVENIENCE STORE () BANK (x) MISC. FIELD		
PROPERTY INFORMATION A. STOLEN B. RECOVERED (x) DAMAGED () D. FOUND E. CONFISCATED		

TYPE	DESCRIPTION	I.D. NO.'L	\$ VALUE
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The animal's body was badly swelled and it was lying on its left side. It was noted that there was a hole with about a two foot diameter where the animal's rectum once was. The udder area had also been damaged as a 1 1/2 foot wide by one foot long hole was evident. Two (2) teats were missing, along with a majority of the udder bag, while the two left teats were still in place. It would seem that these areas were cut by some type of instrument rather than being torn away by some type of animal. None of the meat areas of the animal were disturbed. However, it did seem as if blood and fluid had exited from the left side of the animal's head.

The animal is valued at \$600.00. No further information at this time, case #82-3063 is considered inactive by Patrol.

Note: There are no suspects in this matter and there was absolutely no evidence at the scene.

Since I began research into the mutilation mystery, I have often wondered why some geographic areas report mutilations more than others. The Dzuris ranch was in a favorite stalking ground for the mutilators east of Colorado Springs. Like the Dzurises, other ranchers in Elbert and El Paso Counties have reported several mutilations. One rancher was so frustrated by finding a dead cow with the strange cuts each spring on the same hill that in 1984 he kept his cows out of that pasture. It worked. No mutilation that year.

Elbert County law officers also encountered UFOs while investigating mutilations. Former Deputy Sheriff Bill Waugh slammed his brakes and jumped out of his patrol car once when a large ball of orange light sped straight toward his windshield. Lying on the ground, Bill saw the light make a ninety degree turn right at his car and disappear. He told me, "Those big orange balls of light were always associated with mutilations here."

October 22, 1982, one month after the Dzuris cow mutilation, the Daggett County Sheriff's office in Utah had a similar series of bizarre cattle deaths. On the next pages are one of the reports with accompanying photos.



OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT
Daggett County Sheriff's Office

PAGE NO. 1 OF 1 PAGE

NO. _____
DATE OF REPORT 10-22-82

Criminal Mischief
CLASSIFICATION

NO. 102282A

1 COMPLAINANT OR FIRM <u>Modesto Mendicora</u>		AGE RACE SEX	2 PHONE (BUSINESS)	
3 COMPLAINANT'S ADDRESS <u>Rural Rt</u>		4 CITY <u>Manila, Utah</u>	5 PHONE (RESIDENCE)	
6 COMPLAINT'S BUSINESS OR SCHOOL <u>Ranch</u>		ADDRESS <u>Schofield</u>	JOB TITLE (GRADE) <u>Owner</u>	WILL COMPLAINANT PROSECUTE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
7 OFFENSE/INCIDENT (AS REPORTED) <u>Criminal Mischief</u>		8 LOCATION <u>Ranch</u>		9 TYPE PREMISES <u>Meadow</u>
10 DAY DATE & TIME OF OFFENSE <u>10-20-82</u> <i>EARLY MORNING</i>		11 REPORTED BY <u>Modesto</u>	12 REPORTED TO <u>11N1</u>	13 HOW REPORTED <u>PERSON</u>
14 BODILY INJURIES YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		15 TRANSPORTED BY		16 DESC INJURIES
18 M/O HOW DONE <u>Bull calf mutilated</u>		FORCE USED <u>(Hereford)</u>		OTHER ACTS OR TRADEMARKS
19 VEHICLE INVOLVED? OWNER NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/>		20 YEAR COLOR MAKE MODEL BODY STYLE LIC NO YEAR STATE VIN NO.		

21 PROPERTY SECTION	S--STOLEN PROPERTY				D--DAMAGED PROPERTY		L--LOST PROPERTY		F--FOUND PROPERTY	
	CODE	QTY	DESCRIPTION (SIZE, COLOR, MODEL, STYLE, MATERIAL, CONDITION)	SERIAL NO	WHERE PURCHASED	VALUE				
	D	1	Bull CALF 600 #			\$380.00				
22 DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY										
23 TOTAL VALUE										

24 WITNESSES NAME		BEST CONTACT ADDRESS	AGE	BEST PHONE	OTHER PHONE
1					
2					
25 NAME AND ADDRESS OF SUSPECT(S) (AGE, RACE, DESCRIPTION, RELATION TO COMPLAINANT OR WITNESS)					
1					
2					

26 DETAILS NOT COVERED ABOVE

Left ear cut off flush w/head, penis had been remove by cutting a perfect circle where penis was. Testicles had not been bothered. This animal had some blood in the nose & mouth. The area immediately around the head had some traces of blood on the grass. Neck of animal swollen. No apparent cause of death. Modesto claims this is his 8th - not verified.

27 INVESTIGATING OFFICER(S) _____ 28 REPORT MADE BY _____ DATE 10-22

29 CASE FILED YES NO 30 THIS CASE IS Cleared by arrest Unlound Inactive Other 31 APPROVED BY [Signature] BADGE NO 11N1

Use supplementary report for additional information not covered above

In November 1982, a Wyoming veterinarian, who wishes to remain anonymous, examined a Charolais brood cow found mutilated on a ranch just over the Colorado border. His professional assessment was requested by the investigating sheriff's office. He told me later, "I never believed there was anything to the mutilations until I examined that cow near Carpenter. The eyeball, optic nerve and eye tissue were so thoroughly removed and so clean that I still wonder how it was done. But he did not report it because he felt his "reputation could be damaged" if he got into discussions about tissue removal he could not easily explain in normal veterinary terms. He wrote in his official report:

"Necropsy report - rt front and rear mammary glands missing. Left front and rear teats missing. Vulvular area missing approximately 5" into pelvis, leaving rectum intact.

Hole in center of skull approximately 2 mm dia. in surface of skull and 1 mm dia. on inside of cranium. No evidence of outright gunshot trauma to cerebral hemispheres or remainder of brain. Some hemorrhage in pia mater as if something was injected into brain. Remainder of body showed normal postmortem decomposition of all tissues and organs.

Cause of death - possible injection of material into brain with unknown object without causing cerebral trauma. Lab results on brain, awaiting."

On the next page is the original report. Blank spaces protect the veterinarian's identity.

That same year I learned about the early twilight and dawn sightings of creatures connected with a mutilation that I have encountered so far in my research. A rancher near Waco, Texas had talked ranch for over four years. One morning in April 1980, he was heading for a meeting now ready to calve. He had left his truck and was climbing a hill on foot when about one hundred yards away in a clearing between mesquite trees, he saw two four foot high "creatures".

"They was wearin' some kind of tight fitted green clothes like the color of mesquite leaves in the spring," the rancher told me on the phone.

"Like a leopard?" I asked.

"I guess so," he answered. "Even the feet was covered. The heads was shaped like eggs with the pointy end down toward the ground. Between them they was carryin' a calf. Their arms swing back and forth right together. The hands was the same color as everything else, all sort of greenish. No other color on them." Perhaps, I wondered, it was not a leopard, but naked hide.

**"The heads was shaped
like eggs with the pointy end
down toward the ground. Between them
they was carryin' a calf."**

The rancher said the creatures looked like small adults that were neither fat nor skinny, but slightly muscular. He could not see any hair or noses. Suddenly, the heads of the creatures turned in unison and the rancher could see what he thought were eyes angled upward and pointed at the end.

"How eyed," he said, "like big, dark almonds. I was afraid of them seemin' me. I've read all about them abductions and I didn't want them takin' me away in some flyin' saucer! I took off down the hill pretty fast to my truck."

For two days, the rancher was so bothered by what he had seen that he couldn't talk about it with his family. Finally, he confided his secret and went back to the site with his wife and son. On the hill, they found what he thinks was the calf he saw swinging between the creatures' arms. The only thing left was the calf's hide pulled back over the skull and folded inside out on the ground.* There was no blood anywhere and no buzzards. About a foot from the empty hide was a complete calf backbone without ribs.

Then in 1984, east of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, UFOs and cattle mutilators focused on the same ranches for several weeks. The Grass family suffered five mutilations between January and April that year. In February, their neighbor Clayton Merchen had a UFO visit his ranch repeatedly.

"Those lights moved real fast toward me," he said. "Guess they came from three miles out to just a quarter of a mile from me in a couple of seconds. Scared the hell out of me. Stopped about four hundred to five hundred feet up. It moved a little unstable like a kite. It looked like landing lights on a plane."

The UFO at the Merchen ranch chased a car driven by his daughter and traveled along a fence toward two law enforcement officers from Martin, South Dakota who were asked to stake out the nightly UFO visitors.

"We were curious about who was going to such expense, especially in the awful winter cold, to make a farce with these lights," Bennett County Deputy Sheriff Tom Jensen told me. "We didn't take it very seriously. We stopped and got some popcorn and coke on the way out. Wish now we'd had a camera and binoculars."

What the deputy sheriff and Martin police officer Gary Meyers saw were two lights moving toward them, the left one slightly larger and brighter than the right. In between was a flashing red light

* See page 88.

about half the size of the white lights. The object moved parallel with their patrol car about one hundred yards away and about one hundred feet up.

"The strangest thing," Deputy Jensen said, "is that the lights shining at us did not give off any halo like car lights. It was as if the light was in some kind of tunnel. The light never illuminated the ground, the car, us or anything. Never saw such lights and there was no sound. I was spooked."

In 1985, the mutilators were still working their favorite haunts in Colorado. That fall there were reports in Elbert County again. Further south near Trinidad, a young rancher named Myron Scott said he saw lights hovering above a pasture two miles away. The next day he found a dead cow. Denver's *Rocky Mountain News* wrote on December 23, 1985:

"Scott said he is used to death. He loses a few head to lightning and disease each year. But he said he had never seen anything like this. The six hundred pound steer's hide was pulled up over its body 'like you'd roll a cigarette paper;' its tongue was cut out and its horns and spine were broken as if it had fallen from a considerable height.

Yet there was no trace of blood, no footprints. Coyote tracks stopped about thirty feet from the body."

**The 600-pound steer's hide
was pulled up over its body
'like you'd roll a cigarette paper...'**

Beginning in January 1988, mutilated dogs, cats, sheep, ducks, goats, chickens and deer were found on Long Island, New York. John Ford and Richard Stout from the Long Island UFO Network* investigated. John has been a senior court officer on Long Island for 15 years; Richard works for the sanitation department in Brookhaven.

According to John Ford, no photographs of the dead animals were taken because the Suffolk County police and other law enforcement officials removed the animals from public view within twenty-four hours due to concern about alarming citizens.

**“There was something in that ground
that was either so significant it was taken away
for evidence or so dangerous it couldn't be left there.”**

Here is a partial list of specific mutilation sites the two men visited with another investigator, Mark Landers.

1) Long Island Avenue - Deer skull with cranium open and lower jaw missing.

2) Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, Site 1 - Carcass of a lamb was found skinned and turned inside out. Police cordoned off area with black and yellow crime scene tape. A two foot by two foot by three inch deep square of soil had been dug up with a shovel.

“There was something in that ground that was either so significant it was taken away for evidence or so dangerous it couldn't be left there,” said Mark Landers.

3) Mott Lane, Brookhaven Hamlet - Goat mutilated, lower jaw stripped of flesh.

4) Dunton Avenue, Site 2 - Several cats and dogs found with

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HOTLINE: (516) 286-3212.

vital organs removed and all blood drained.

5) Patchogue-Yaphank Road - Police cordoned off area in trees with black and yellow crime scene tape. Animal fur on ground. A helicopter was seen over the area the night before with a searchlight shining down into the trees.

6) Martha Avenue - Bodies of four deer found in a neat row with heads and legs removed. Nearly 30 deer legs had been piled near the row of bodies.

7) South Hampton - In February, police found a number of mutilated dogs. Heads had been surgically removed along with legs, eyes, ears and tongues. Sex organs were cut out in smooth, oval skin-deep excisions. Rectums were cored out. A local reporter at the *South Hampton Press* told John Ford that when he saw the cuts, they were so precise there was no other description but "surgically removed."

UFOs had been seen over Fire Island and on April 16, 1988, Stout and Ford saw and heard for themselves an unusual phenomenon over Moriches Bay. John Ford wrote in his report:

"... a large blue white elliptical object crossed the Bay. (It) radiated a blue light circle which radiated a blue light flash that lit up the sky for an arc of at least ten miles. This object and light flash lasted about three to four seconds in duration.

"Immediately after the incident, the fire sirens in Shirley, Moriches and Center Moriches went off for at least two full minutes. There was no apparent or reported reason for the sirens going off."

UFO reports on Long Island were reported throughout 1988. Some are dramatic. On August 27, several people watched an orange disk as large as a football field rise out of an abandoned boat basin near Mastic Beach and take off at great speed. John Ford and the Long Island UFO Network have files on each case, many confidential to protect the witnesses.

South Shore Press, Mastic Beach (L.I.), New York, February 2, 1988

FREE

A Newspaper all about
Bellport, Brookhaven, Eastport, East Yaphank, Manorville, Manor Park
The Mastics, The Moriches, Shirley

FREE



Animal Mutilations Still Puzzle Officials

by Marie Smith

Over three weeks have passed and there is still no answer to the cause of the mutilated, abandoned animals found at North Dunton Avenue in North Bellport.

A total of 18 animals — puppies, dogs, sheep, ducks, goats and chickens — were found dead over the past few weeks in a vacant area. It started out as a regular complaint reporting abandoned animals in a lot, according to the Brookhaven Animal Shelter. First, four dead puppies were found by an animal-control officer and later a variety of other animals were found.

Acting on complaints from local residents and routine investigations dating back to December 28, town offi-

cial found dead animals at the site on three separate occasions. A pit bull mix was found with its front legs shaved and marks that appear to be a type of injection. Officials also found a mutilated fox, a litter of mixed shepherds, a headless sheep, and a goat head. Some of the animals appeared to have been subjected to surgical procedures and some had their blood drained.

"We're not ruling out the possibility that these animals were killed in some sort of Satanic ritual, given the manner in which they were killed," said Brookhaven Department of Public Safety Commissioner Thomas Liguori.

Steve Ramsland, who works at the

town animal shelter, agrees that the motives could be demonic in nature: "We're not quite sure...there are so many theories. Maybe there was satanism being practised. We're really not sure at this time. We're trying to research and are investigating now. We've got some leads from people who called us."

The Suffolk County police have been called into the investigation and believe that the animals were not killed at the location they were found. One theory has it that the animals have been used to train pit bulls.


The area is under surveillance as the investigation continues.

On May 14, 1988, Weld County Deputy Sheriff Mike Stark investigated a mutilation on the William McKay Ranch outside Greeley, Colorado — another favorite stalking ground for the mutilators. The pasture was far from town.

"This mutilation really got to me," Deputy Stark told me, "because it was so strange and bloodless. There are some like this I've seen that just can't be explained. I've been trained to look for evidence at crime scenes. In this mutilation, there was nothing. No blood. No tracks. The cuts were precise. What would do this? And why?"

Below and on the next pages are his report and photographs taken at the scene in May.

PHONE RECONTACT *under sheriff K. Dill*

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26. Address: 22110 W. #76 SEVEN		27. Date of Birth: 47082840		28. Occupation: SELF EMPLOYED		29. Telephone: 436572	
30. Bus: SAME		31. Sex:		32. Race:		33. Date of Birth:	
34. Address:		35. Name (Last, First, Middle):		36. Sex:		37. Race:	
38. Address:		39. Name (Last, First, Middle):		40. Sex:		41. Race:	
42. Phone:		43. Clothing, Scars, Marks, Facial Hair, ETC.		44. Area:		45. Arrested:	
46. Description, Trademarks, ETC.: CATTLE MUTILATION, RURAL PASTURE, NO EVIDENCE, EYE, TONGUE, THROAT REMOVED.							
47. Deputy Signature: M. Stark		48. Date: 1206/115		49. Date: 05/14/88		50. Page: 1/2	

STATE OF COLORADO		CONTINUATION/ FOLLOW UP SHEET		1. Reporting Agency WELD S.O.		2. Case Report Number 880514061	
4. Initial Offense Classification Cause to Animals				28. Victim Wm McKay		27. Date This Report 05/14/88	
36. IF PROPERTY ITEMIZATION, USE THE FOLLOWING FORMAT:							
Section	Item No.	40. Quantity	41. Brand Name	42. Property Description (Include Serial Number)	43. Stolen (S)	44. Recovered (R)	45. UCR Property Type
<p>Property Damage: A 300 lb. calf found dead with no obvious cause of death. The right eye was missing along with the tongue, throat and skin on the lower right jaw.</p> <p>Statements: (RP) McKay called the S.O. to report this 'dead' calf. (RP) says his father found the calf about 1500 hrs on 05/14/88. RP is not sure when this calf was alive last. (RP) could provide no further information.</p> <p>Narrative Myself and Deputy Shyock met with the (RP) at his residence and followed him to the scene. This very remote pasture is 4/10 m. E of WCR 49 or WCR 86 then about 3/10 m. due north. This area is fenced with four strand barb wire. This calf is found recently dead and on its left side. No obvious cause of death is seen. No blood was seen in the area. No evidence or tracks of any kind are seen. The calf is not bloated, chewed on and little maggot formation is seen. Distinct cut marks are seen removing the right eye and skin and tissue on the lower right jaw bone. The tongue is missing and the throat is opened with the windpipe missing.</p>							
46. Officer Signature (Ink) and Unit M. STARK 7206				48. Supervisor Initials and Date MS CARLETON 05/16/88		51. Page of 2/3	

Around Canada and the United States, mutilated animals have been reported in Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico, Brazil, parts of Europe, the Canary Islands and Australia.



In his 1980 *Sigmatica* issue Number 10, Tom Adams summarized some of the international reports. One example was a 1975 case in which a mutilated cow was found dying on a farm near Santa Victoria in southern Brazil. "Its udder was gone and the veins near the udder had been removed, all with perfect surgery. This occurred within one hundred meters of the farmhouse, but no noise was heard and the dogs did not bark. There was no blood on the ground nor near the animal."

Another Brazilian account appeared in the 1980 issue of the French journal *Ouvroir*. Sixty-six year old cattle rancher Pedro Trajano Machado was working in a corral with his twenty-three year

old son, Euripides. The men separated a month old calf from its mother to care for the cow. While the men's attention was on the mother, they heard the calf bawl. The men were shocked to see the animal suspended about three feet in the air as if standing on an invisible structure. Still bawling, the calf moved through the air parallel to the ground toward the fields. Then the calf rose vertically, stopped crying and "suddenly disappeared as if behind a curtain."

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In the Spanish possessions called the Canary Islands off the northwest coast of Africa, many people watched a "brilliant, ascending light" around 8 p.m. on March 5, 1979. The light was described as "cylindrical," "pyramid-shaped," or "cup-shaped" and left a discernible "V-shaped wake" as it moved. Shortly thereafter, in the first week of May on the island of Tenerife, there were strange dog mutilations near the small town of Taco.

"Six trained, ferocious German Shepherd guard dogs were enclosed on the ground of a factory." One of the dogs was found dead on the morning of May 1 and another the morning of May 3, both outside their enclosure. "There were no tracks, no evidence of struggle and no sign of bleeding. However, each dog had a hole in its chest through which it was thought the heart and lungs had been removed."

A few days later near Taco, the carcasses of two goats were discovered beheaded and drained of blood.

Sunday Times, Perth, Australia, July 15, 1984

Cover-up alleged over UFO-linked animal slaughter

ADELAIDE: Farmers in the Adelaide Hills have discovered mutilated animal corpses and burn marks on the ground which UFO researchers claim indicates alien spacecraft have landed in the area.

The latest claims follow rumors of dozens of sightings of UFOs in the rural areas of Mt Barker and Mt Sterling, about 20km south of Adelaide.

UFO researchers claim the bizarre killings have been covered up by the military in a bid to quash a UFO scare in the area.

In one incident, researchers say, a farmer discovered four cows with holes drilled into their skulls and the brains removed.

According to the reports, farmers have been warned to "keep quiet"

Hushed up

Other discoveries, researchers say, include egg-shaped "pod" marks near the property. These indicate a craft had landed, they claim.

Rocks in the pod holes were crushed, tree tops burnt and dozens of birds found dead nearby.

Police in both areas said they had not been told about the animal mutilations, but many people in the area had reported seeing UFOs and strange lights in the sky.

'Many reports of UFOs and strange lights in the sky'

Adelaide UFO researcher, Mr Colin Norris, said he had been told to "drop off" after making inquiries into the sightings.

Mr Norris, a director of the Australian International UFO Research Society, said: "The area where the bodies of the cows were found is often used by the army and is closed off."

"I have been told they asked the farmer to remain quiet about the animals and that they would cover the whole thing up."

"If it is all true - and I have no reason to doubt it is not - then it must be checked out because it tallies with similar incidents which have happened all over the world."

"Most of these kinds of incidents are hushed up in one way or another."

Mr Norris said the pod marks and the burnt tree tops indi-

cated a craft had landed in the area - but the discovery of the dead animals suggested "extraterrestrials" had left their ship.

He said: "These beings would have to have left the craft to get at the animals."

Spacecraft

"There was a similar report in the United States a few years ago where a farmer tied a calf to a tree by the leg."

"He returned to the calf some time later and claims it was being pulled into a spacecraft. He cut the rope around its leg because it was squealing in pain."

"Later he told UFO investigators he discovered the skin of the animal - minus its carcass."

"And there have been dozens of similar incidents of animal mutilations reported across the world."