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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

We meet again, with what I hope you'll find an interesting collection of Forteana. The illustration on the front cover, if you are wondering, is explained in our chronological history of bipedal humanoid sightings. Although the creature is not humanoid, it was described as bipedal. See the October 31, 1968 entry in the above mentioned article for the particulars.

I apparently committed a grave error in my last note to you, regarding our coverage of UFO material. When I stated that we would drop the subject, I only meant we would not be devoting full issues to the subject for a while, unless, as I mentioned then, the government comes clean. Please don't worry, our investigation of UFOs will continue to be chronicled in these pages.

Linda Howe, the producer of the excellent documentary A Strange Harvest, has contributed an update on animal mutilations. Linda is one of the leading investigators of these events, and we are grateful for her contribution to this issue. Videotape copies of her documentary are available directly from her, and if you are at all interested in this subject, I would highly recommend obtaining a copy. Her address is: Linda Moulton Howe, 3208 East Fremont Drive, Littleton, Colorado 80122. She will be happy to provide anyone interested with complete details.

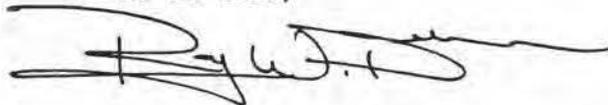
1987 promises to be an exciting year for the investigation of the unexplained. Our book review section shows two good reasons for this. And, 1987 being the fortieth anniversary of the beginning of the modern UFO age, we can only hope that forty years of coverup by the United States government with regard to this subject will be enough. Several new and promising areas of exploration have recently been opened through the Freedom of Information Act, and only time will tell if we can obtain information of significance. If we do, you will be among the first to know.

Currently in the works are two cases involving the alleged crash of a UFO, with recovery by the government. If these pan out, and something substantial can be learned, we will have full details in the Journal as soon as possible. We are also in the process of writing a series of surveys on the unexplained, to be distributed among several target groups. As we complete work on this and obtain the results we will let you in on the attitudes we discover.

Hopefully, by the time the next issue is out, we will have a ruling by the Internal Revenue Service regarding our tax-exempt status. On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I would like to ask that you please keep us in mind when making plans for charitable contributions. We hope to resume our series of conferences on the unexplained, expand our investigations into areas which we simply couldn't afford to research, and bring you bigger and better reports on our work. We can only make it with your help.

Until next time, thanks for your continued support, and let us know what you think about our efforts.

All the best,



Ray W. Boeche, Director

BIPEDAL HUMANOIDS IN NEBRASKA: A CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

This report concerns itself with what are commonly known as Bigfoot sightings. However, because of the variety of some of the types of creatures described by witnesses, I prefer to term these creatures bipedal humanoids. We will be concerned with the reports of all of these types of creatures, with the exception of entities described directly in relationship to UFO landings. It seems prudent to make this distinction.

The following listing is comprehensive to date. If any readers are aware of any incidents which may have been omitted, please let us know. We have tried to be as definitive as possible, but, alas, we are not infallible.

1895 and earlier - While no published reports exist (to our knowledge) many stories abound concerning a town called Minersville, in the southeastern corner of the state. Built in an area where coal mining prevailed for some time in the mid-1800s, the town no longer exists. However, many older residents in the area have given verbal reports over the years that stories concerning some type of large two-legged monster have been prevalent since their childhood. Many of these reports were collected by the author in the mid-1960s, when some of the reporters were already well into their eighties. A tradition of strange events surrounds this particular area.

1950s - reports over a period of several years concerned sightings of a monkey-like creature frequenting the area near Exeter; a number of tracks were also found.

1959, December 13 - Billy Hauschild, 14, of Ravenna, was hunting on his grandmother's farm east of town, when he saw what appeared to be a large, white creature with black hands and face. When he started toward the creature, it raised up and looked directly at him. He ran in a panic back to his grandmother's house. Later that afternoon, Carol Craig, 18, was in a car with several friends, and as they were about to drive over a bridge in the same vicinity as the first sighting, she observed a creature identical in appearance to the one seen earlier. The creature was seen by Miss Craig near the roadside. The reports were made independently of each other, with neither party knowing of the other's sighting. The creature was not reported again, and some ten days later, Miss Craig recanted her testimony under what appeared to be pressure from her parents.

1968, October 31 - An animal of unknown species, walking on its hind legs was struck and killed by a truck near Falls City. It walked exclusively on its hind legs, and was injured when it darted in front of the truck. It then walked off the highway into a ditch where it was shot by one of the drivers. While bearing a superficial resemblance to a raccoon, neither the game warden, nor one of the truck drivers, who was also a trapper, could identify it. The state Game and Parks Commission was also unable to determine its identity.

1968, November 24 - Reports had been received daily by the Nebraska City Police Department concerning a monster seen near Minersville. The creature was described as about six feet tall, with a wolf-like face, a body resembling that of a bear, and walking upright. Several area residents had discovered footprints in the area (approximately 16" long, and 5-7" across the ball of the foot). One girl driving through the area had the trunk of her car caved in by the creature. Livestock and wildlife in the area were reported to "go crazy" at times. One 11 year old boy was grabbed by the creature and thrown into a ditch. As mentioned earlier, reports from this area have occurred since the mid-1800s, and still continue sporadically.

1969, August - A farmer (name on file) who had rented some land near Minersville was checking his crop near sunset. As he stood facing east, looking toward the field, he saw a man-like shadow approaching him, which was stretched out in front of him. Thinking it was the man from whom he was leasing the land, he turned to greet him, and saw a large, hair covered form, 6½-7 feet in height. He screamed, ran for his truck, and refused to return to the area. He turned his crop over to the owner of the land, simply to avoid having to go back and harvest it.

1972, September 26 - Several Gering residents had been hunting for a large hairy, man-like creature seen in the area for about a week. No firm traces were ever found.

1973, April 27 - Four sisters, aged 13 to 18, were outside their farm home near Crete, when they heard brush crashing in a thicket of trees about 100 feet from the house. They watched as a hairy creature broke into the open, and then crouched on the ground. It then stood, appeared to look at them and moved quickly, in a side-stepping manner, into a field close at hand, where it broke into a run, and disappeared into the distance. Creature was described as 6 to 8 feet in height.

1973, October 9 - Several individuals near Fort Calhoun reported sighting a large brown, upright animal. Washington County Sheriff Bert Spanton went to the area and found tracks he described as five-toed, and measuring about seven by seven inches.

1973, November 30 - A set of tracks of an unknown animal were found near Battle Creek, by two Madison County appraisers. The tracks appeared to have been made by some type of two-legged creature, this being judged by their spacing. The tracks measured 8½ inches long and 5 inches wide.

1974 August - Throughout the month of August, Oakland residents reported seeing a large, hair covered creature. Generally described as being about six feet tall, and about three feet wide across the chest, and making hideous screaming, screeching sounds, authorities variously tried to explain it as a bear, a mountain lion, and an elk, none of which are native to the area. Most often described as walking upright, it was occasionally seen to move on all fours.

1974, September 11 - Reports circulated around York for about a week concerning a large hairy creature seen by many area residents. Most observers described a creature about 8 feet in height, and estimated to weigh over 1000 pounds. A York city police officer saw the creature September 9, and gave his description of the creature as 3½-5 feet in height.

1975, June 13 - A trucker, driving about five miles north of Nebraska City, reported to authorities that he had observed a coal-black, furry creature, about a foot in height jumping up and down on the highway. Although the trucker was unable to see the creature's head, he did notice four sharp teeth. The thing was reportedly jumping about a foot off the ground. Authorities were unable to locate any trace of the creature.

1975, December 9 - Two twenty-three year old men were walking home about 10:00 pm in southeast Lincoln, when they saw a large man-like form, completely hair covered, standing between two houses. The creature turned and walked away, and they watched as it came to a six-foot high privacy fence, and putting its hand on top of the fence, vaulted it without breaking stride. They estimated the creature as being between 8 and 9 feet tall.

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1976, August - On a farm south of Lincoln. Woman was sitting on back porch near dusk when the birds and animals suddenly grew silent. She was facing southwest, and saw her horses acting in a disturbed fashion. She then noticed a figure silhouetted against the sky, about 300 yards away. This figure began to run through her pasture toward her position. As the creature grew closer, her dogs knocked her down in their frantic attempt to get into the house. She watched as the creature broke through the wire fence, crossed the farmyard about thirty feet away from her, run across the road toward a brush pile, and disappear. She was adamant that there was plenty of light still in the sky, and that the creature simply vanished. She was able to collect hair samples from the fence, and attempted to turn these over to the Game and Parks Commission, but they refused to investigate.

1980, July 5 - Lincoln police investigated a complaint from a motorcycle driver who had to "dump" his vehicle to avoid hitting a 7-foot tall, 300+ pound animal which ran in front of him at 26 and Fairfield streets. The frightened cyclist described the creature as having long, dark hair, looked like an ape, and smelled like a creek. Police investigated, but were unable to find any further trace of the animal.

1982, December 11 - A man and his fiance were returning to Utica from a friend's wedding, at about 1:00am. While driving along the highway, they observed a creature described as being about six feet tall, with the appearance of a human from the waist up, but appearing to be "goat-like" from the waist down. Both described it as looking like depictions of Pan. It was described as having long hair, and self-luminous glowing yellow eyes. After passing the creature, they stopped the car, turned around, and observed it again through the back window of the automobile. Neither individual drinks, and their credibility is above reproach.

1986, June 13-20 - Macy area residents reported sightings of a creature about 8 feet tall, which left three-toed tracks 15 inches long, and 7½ inches from the largest to smallest toe. Authorities who examined the tracks could offer no definitive answers. Police seemed satisfied that no hoax had occurred.

The accounts listed above have been thoroughly investigated, and exist as the true anomalous residue which cannot be explained. Some forty other incidents which were explained as being simple misidentifications of animals, or their tracks, or simply an imagination working overtime, have been discarded.

We would like the reader to be aware that when reports are made in this Journal, they have been thoroughly investigated, unless otherwise noted. Readers may remember the mention in our first issue, concerning something called Milo Man. Well, in the ensuing year, we have been unable to collect any further sighting corroboration, so for the time being, we do not feel justified in including those events in this catalogue.

If a case is brought to the reader's attention, and they can provide further information which may reverse our decision on a particular incident, please feel free to contact us. We hope to provide the public with the most accurate information we can, and your assistance in doing this will be greatly appreciated.

If we can successfully separate the wheat from the chaff, we are that much closer to a final answer in any question concerning the unexplained.

FORTEAN NEWS FLASHES

Marine patrol officers have towed to sea the decomposed body of an elephant found in a canal near the Florida Keys town of Marathon. How the elephant got there remains a mystery. None are known to live in the area.

"We had no missing elephant reports," said Marine Patrol Capt. Mike Long. Officials speculated that the animal may have died on a ship and been thrown overboard. (The Lincoln (NE) Star, August 7, 1986)

A frustrated, lovesick ape, apparently seeking a mate, has been terrorizing women at Sonapat in the northern Indian state of Haryana for the past few weeks, the United News of India news agency reported. The beast regularly pursues women through the main street of the town, and has sunk its teeth into at least two dozen women so far. All attempts by police to catch the animal have failed. (The Lincoln (NE) Star, November 18, 1986)

A 14 year old Nebraska boy playing at Arnolds Park in northwest Iowa stumbled across an alligator skull on Monday. Curtis Marti of Lincoln, NE, unearthed the alligator skull while playing in the sand. Officials say the skull is in excellent condition. The scene was a little different for three fishermen at Black Hawk Creek near Waterloo, Iowa. Jeff Ny of Waterloo said he and two others, Dennis Rokusek of Waterloo and Rokusek's brother-in-law, Todd Kramer, were fishing in the creek when they spotted what appeared to be an alligator. Ny said the 6-foot critter opened its mouth, showed some teeth, and went back under the water. (The Lincoln (NE) Star, August 13, 1986)

Geologists will have to do some digging to determine what happened to Cedar Lake, a 75-acre manmade lake that vanished in early November. The water drained through a long crevice in the lake bed Friday night and traveled about a quarter mile underground before coming out the side of a hill. "We need an inspection trench to really see what happened," said Cecil Bearden, state senior water resources engineer. "We have some ideas, but they're just ideas." A cavern in the dry lake bed is large enough to "bury a bus in", said Dale Phenis, one of the 600 stockholders who own the lake. "It gives you the willies when you look at it," Phenis said. (The Lincoln (NE) Star, November 11, 1986)

A man discovered an object identified by a pathologist as part of a human finger in his plate of a canned Mexican stew after his family had already consumed some of the food for dinner, police said. The discovery of the 2-inch body part with a fingernail prompted a supermarket to pull cans of Juanita brand menudo - a Mexican stew made with tripe - from its shelves. (Omaha (NE) World-Herald, January 6, 1987)

Astronomers have discovered the largest structures ever seen in the universe: mysterious glowing blue arcs that may be bands of new stars arching through distant clusters of galaxies. The arcs are about 1.9 million trillion miles long. That's more than three times the diameter of the Milky Way. The arcs are 19 billion trillion miles from earth, curving through galaxy clusters Abell 370, Abell, 2218 and 2244-02. (The Lincoln (NE) Star January 8, 1987)

Five people have been charged in the death of an eight year old girl who authorities said was strangled during an exorcism intended to cure her of Down's syndrome. Judge Richard Haik said Gloria Walker Porter Evans, 30, of Jeanerette, Louisiana repeatedly squeezed Takietha Phillips neck "to remove the demons from the child's body and make her normal." (Lincoln (NE) Journal-Star, January 11, 1987)

A jury ordered two Transcendental Meditation organizations to pay nearly

\$138,000 to a man who contended the movement falsely promised he could learn to fly. The World Plan Executive Council-United States and the Maharishi International University of Fairfield, Iowa, were found guilty of fraud and negligence in federal court. (Lincoln (NE) Journal, January 14, 1987)

Tallahassee, Florida police were working with the FBI to locate the parents of four boys and two girls age 2 to 7, found in a park with two men thought to be members of a cult known as the Finders. The children were dirty and insect bitten, and more than one showed signs of sexual abuse, said Tallahassee police investigator Cheryl Weigand. Meanwhile, photographs of three children and three white-robed men dismembering two goats were included in a Virginia state police affidavit seeking a search warrant for two farms linked to the Finders. The photo album had been seized in an earlier search of Finders property in Washington, D.C. Among the pictures were those of a crying child looking at a decapitated goat, another captioned "Ben finds Henrietta's womb," and three others showing children playing with goat fetuses. (Lincoln (NE) Journal, February 10, 1987)

A Bengal tiger was shot and killed on Interstate 75 as it charged law enforcement officers who had hoped to tranquilize it. The animal, which weighed between 250 and 400 pounds was shot about two hours after it was first spotted by Georgia State Patrol officer Mike Reese. Reese said the tiger darted in front of a truck, then crouched in a ditch. "He seemed nervous and scared, and we kept our headlights on him the whole time and blew our horns at him when he looked like he was getting restless," said Sgt. Gerald Moses of the state patrol. When the tiger charged, veterinarian Dennie Bassham tried to shoot it with a tranquilizer gun but failed. Moses then used a shotgun loaded with buckshot to kill the tiger. Authorities did not know where the tiger came from. (Lincoln (NE) Star February 10, 1987)

A tall slender man, wearing boots was arrested in New Orleans when he tried to kick a woman, and police were checking to see if he was the one who had stomped on at least eight other women's feet. Meanwhile, in Boulder, Colorado two people had been injured by 5-inch darts shot through a blowgun on the University of Colorado campus. "While it may have the fingerprints of a prank, I don't imagine having a steel dart in your side makes you feel it's much of a prank," said David Grimm, a Boulder police spokesman. Police had no suspects. (Lincoln (NE) Journal, February 12, 1987)

For the second time in a little over two years, two sisters have delivered babies on the same day, at the same hospital, and with the same doctor. "It's almost embarrassing," Gail McClure said Wednesday. But Yeah, we did it again." McClure delivered an 8-pound, 15-ounce son, Benjamin David, Tuesday at Mesa Lutheran Hospital, In Mesa Arizona. Forty-five minutes later, Dr. Craig Seal performed a Caesarean section on Carol Killian, delivering a 9-pound, 13-ounce daughter, Christi, also at Mesa Lutheran. On November 7, 1984, McClure and Killian both gave birth to daughters within an hour of each other at the same hospital. (The Lincoln Star February 12, 1987)

A colorful streak of light flashed across the night sky from eastern New York to Massachussetts, puzzling sky watchers and making telephones light up at police and TV stations. The reports described an orange light with a green tail that zipped southward about 8:45pm February 26. The light lasted three or four seconds. Authorities speculated that the object was either a fireball or a piece of space debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere. No satellite's had been targeted as due to break up, however, according to Space Command officials at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado. (Lincoln (NE) Journal February 27, 1987)

STRANGE HARVEST: ANIMAL MUTILATION UPDATE

Linda Moulton Howe

Mysterious animal mutilations go back to at least 1967 and the famous "Snippy" the horse case. Snippy was the Apaloosa mare found stripped of flesh from the neck up in the sand dune valleys near Alamosa, Colorado. That story went world-wide, and linked UFOs with the horse's strange death.

In the early '70's, mutilations were reported in the Great Lakes area, and in Pennsylvania. Then something caused a dramatic shift of these events to the midwestern and western United States. Beginning in 1975, Sheriffs in Logan and Elbert counties in Colorado were investigating as many as three mutilations a day. Many of these animals were still warm to the touch, dead for only minutes or hours, but the bodies were carved in strange ways. Usually an ear, an eye, and the tongue were removed. Many of the eyes had a neat, round patch of hide about three inches in diameter removed, beginning at the lower eyelid, and extending onto the forehead. Often, one half of the face was stripped so cleanly, the exposed bones appeared sun-bleached. In almost every case, the rectum was "cored out", leaving about a 4 inch by 6 inch hole. Usually the udder and/or teats of a female animal were cut away, and the penis and/or scrotum of male animals were removed.

In spite of these extensive wounds, there wasn't any blood at the scene. This was one of the first signals to ranchers and law enforcement officers that something bizarre was happening. The "cookie cutter" appearance of many of the cuts, and the lack of blood are quite unnatural. I have seen seven mutilated animals, including a horse that looked as if it could get up and walk away - even though it had been killed and mutilated three weeks earlier.

It has been twenty years since the Snippy case, and about ten years since the unexplained, intensive harvest of animal parts began in the 1970's. The strange harvest continues:

1986

August 25, 1986, near Trinidad, Colorado. A yearling bull seen alive by its owner the evening of August 24 was found dead and mutilated the next morning. The nose, upper and lower lips had been removed in a clean cut that made a 360° circle about four inches back from the tip of the cow's nose. The tongue had been cut out from deep inside the throat. One eye was missing. A long, straight cut had been made from one side of the rib cage to the other. From the ends of this cut, on either side, two more straight cuts had been made, which extended to the rectum. The result was a large, triangular section of missing tissue which included the genitals and rectum.

The Trinidad Sheriff's office sent Deputy Mike Bailey to take photos and make a report. Following this, Lou Girodo of the Trinidad District Attorney's office visited the site, along with Trinidad mayor, Dr. Ron Sanders.

In September, 1986, I drove to Trinidad to talk with Girodo and Sanders. Lou Girodo had been working in the District attorney's office for several years, and had been the chief investigator of animal mutilations during the period of 1975-1979, when law enforcement agencies were trying to cope with investigations of many mutilation cases each month. I first met Lou when I was producing the documentary film, A STRANGE HARVEST in 1979 for the CBS affiliate in Denver. Lou and I had sat across from each other late one night in his office with a camera running. When I asked him who he thought was behind the mutilations, he startled me by saying, "... who is doing this now is very possibly creatures not of this planet."

Talking with Lou seven years later, he hadn't changed his mind. He said that unexplained red lights had been seen three nights before this most recent mutilation, by neighbors of the mutilated animal's owner. Three weeks later, on September 18, 1986, two teenagers driving home around 8 pm saw a "silent light hovering over their house." Sarah Gerald and Dino Rino each drew a fuzzy circular object with two red lights and one blue light in a triangular pattern, to show Lou Girodo what they had seen.

Concerning the mutilated bull, Mayor Dr. Sanders said as a medically trained professional (he is a dentist), he knew he was looking at cuts made with a sharp instrument.

In 1986, there were also mutilation reports from Escalante, Utah; Guntersville, Alabama; Oja Sarco and Chimayo, New Mexico. When Oja Sarco rancher Orlando Sanchez found his six-year-old Black Angus cow missing her udder, rectum, left eyeball, and lip, from bloodless cuts, he said, "I didn't even think it (the mutilation phenomenon) was true until I seen it." He had seen the cow alive at 7 pm on June 6, and found her mutilated carcass twelve hours later, at 7 am, June 7, 1986.

1985

My 1985 files contain only a handful of cases from ranchlands as diverse as Corpus Christi, Texas; Chimayo, New Mexico; and Ogallala, South Dakota. It was, however, the town of Scenic, South Dakota that had a mix of several UFO reports and a mutilation.

Mike Heathershaw was born and raised on his ranch at the northern edge of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. On March 8, he found an 8-year-old cow dead and mutilated. She had given birth to a calf two days before on March 6.

"I've seen a lot of dead animals eaten by buzzards and coyotes," said Heathershaw, "but not with these characteristics. No blood whatsoever." As a matter of fact, the only blood visible on the animal consisted of two odd tracks, "crying" from the eyes, a short distance down the nose. The cow was found in a grassy pasture with no tracks around her. The whole udder had been cut out cleanly, "like with a knife." The rectum was also cleanly removed, leaving a four-inch wide hole.

I asked Heathershaw if he had seen any other mutilations on his ranch before. "No," he said. "I laughed at them before. But this has nothing to do with coyotes. They chew and eat more." Heathershaw never found the dead cow's two-day-old calf.

That same week, Phyllis Clifford of Porcupine, South Dakota saw a light over the Badlands "change colors from all red to all green to all white." There was a red light on top and a greenish haze around the center of it. Phyllis said she could not hear any sound associated with the light.

In March, David Brewer with the Pine Ridge Bureau of Indian Affairs, reported sighting red and green lights dropping down into a village west of Pine Ridge.

At Slim Butte, several miles west of Pine Ridge, Tommy LaDeaux said he saw the "biggest light I've ever seen" moving along the ground. He estimated the diameter of the light to be 300 feet.

Pine Ridge Judge Nancy Perez saw a light sit down in her yard and called police who came and saw nothing. As soon as the police left, the light "came back on and took off."

While all this was going on in South Dakota, a five-year-old Hereford cow in Chimayo, New Mexico, was attacked by mutilators. Rancher Tony Martinez found her udder had been cut out in a circle and so had her rectum. She had been alive the day before. The other cows in the pasture were spooked. "It seemed like they were scared by something," said Martinez.

By May, more was happening in South Dakota. In Ogallala, on a very remote pasture 15 miles north of Pine Ridge, rancher Eldon Lessert found his six-year-old Black Angus cow dead with the "udder completely removed very smoothly in one cut, almost a circle or oval that sagged away from the belly." A little further outside that cut, the hide had half a dozen very small holes "punched out - sort of in a line." The rectum was taken with a "very neat cut", which formed one large hole with intestines extruding. This is one of the few cases where the rancher reported "a little blood on the hide, but more on the ground." Lessert said, "Some very sharp knife was used to cut these wounds, nothing jagged. Just smooth cuts."

Lessert's cow had a three-week-old calf that would stand about 300 yards away from its dead mother and bawl - it refused to approach any closer.

WHO? WHY?

My files get much thicker as we go back to 1984 and the years before. The association of mutilations with unidentified flying objects is strong and dramatic in many cases. As Deputy Sheriff Bill Waugh said in Elbert County, Colorado: "Those big orange balls of light was always associated with the mutilations."

If extraterrestrial biological entities (EBEs) are harvesting odd parts from our animals, what are they doing with them? One speculation is the harvest of DNA to create biological robots. In the context of that speculation, the work of Dr. James Womack at Texas A & M University is perhaps pertinent. In February 1984, Dr. Womack reported in the national journal Genetic Maps, that big chunks of cattle chromosomes are identical to large sections of human chromosomes. "We must have more in common than previously believed," said Dr. Womack. Humans carry 23 pairs of chromosomes which contain all hereditary factors. Cows have 30 pair.

Further, in 1986, it was reported from Texas Tech University that cow's blood can be used as an emergency blood transfusion substitute because the hemoglobin so closely matches human blood. These unexpected and recently discovered similarities about cows and humans might offer some clues about the mutilations.

If the EBEs are using cow parts because the DNA is close to that of humans, what kind of biological robots are they makin? Are they secretly among us - an invasion from within?

Why was there such intense "harvesting" activity between 1975 and 1980? It has steadily dropped off, but not disappeared. Did something special happen in the cosmos then? Or was the harvesting in anticipation of some alien need?

From the human point of view, it's a one-way trade route. Whatever is taken is not paid for. And what's left behind is fear, anger, and dead animals.



From Stan Gordon, Director of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained (6 Oak Hill Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601) comes this update on animal mutilations in Pennsylvania:

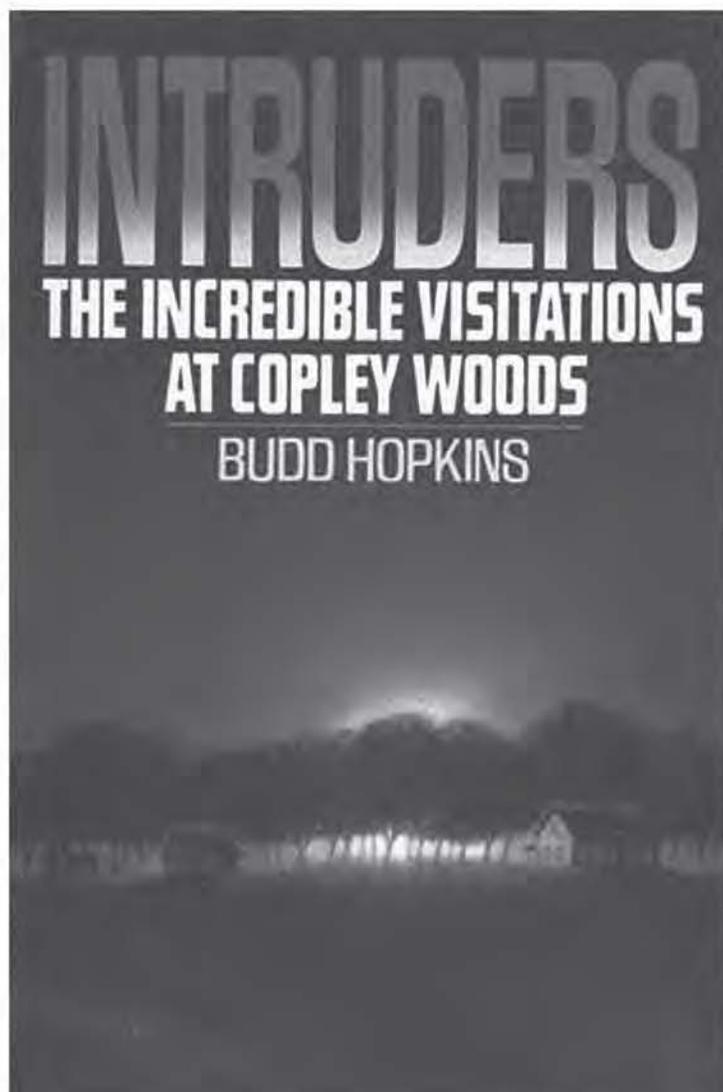
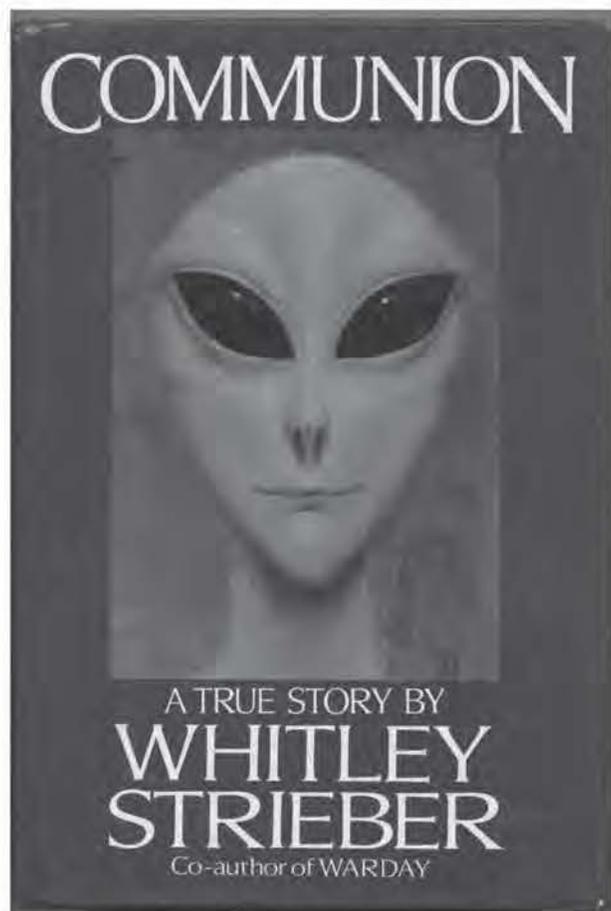
"A classic cattle mutilation case occurred on November 3, 1986 in a rural area near the city of Uniontown in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. These types of cases are very rarely reported in this section of the country. Coincidentally (or is it?) this case occurred in a very active 'window' area where at least two famous UFO and Bigfoot incidents have occurred. In this case, a 700 pound cow was found dead, by it's owner. The end of the tail was sharply cut off. The left ear was removed along with a small section of skin from the head area. All of the teats were missing from the udder. the carcass appeared to have been drained of all blood. there was also no sign of blood in the field where the animal was found. Neither the owner nor the police who investigated had secured the opinion of a veterinarian to determine the cause of death. It was stated that the killing was likely associated with a satanic cult in the area, yet no evidence was ever forthcoming to prove this point.

Another multiple cattle mutilation case which occurred in the same general area as the previous incident was uncovered while investigating the first situation. It was learned that on a large farm near Perryopolis, 11 cows were found dead in an unusual manner within a one-week period in mid-June of 1985. The actual mutilation wounds varied from animal to animal. In some cases the tail was removed. One cow was found with both ears cut off. Common to all of the killings was the fact that a hole about 8 inches in diameter was found in the chest area of each carcass. Once again, neither the land owner, nor the police attempted to follow up with a medical opinion. The police had assumed that the large holes indicated that the cows were probably shot before the mutilations occurred. We question why someone would go to the trouble of shooting these large animals in the chest, when they could easily have shot them in the head. (Not to mention the fact that an 8 inch diameter hole would seem to indicate an extremely large caliber weapon—a bazooka for instance/RWB) When we interviewed the police, they indicated that they were unfamiliar with the classic mutilations, and are now unsure of their opinions. They say that what they found gave no evidence of a cult killing.



MUTILATION - FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEBRASKA, NOVEMBER 1976

BOOK REVIEWS



If the first few months are any indication, 1987 would seem to be a bumper year for UFO-related books. January saw the release of COMMUNION (Morrow Books, N.Y. \$17.95) by Whitley Strieber. Strieber, the author of such well-known novels as Warday, Wolfen, The Hunger, and Nature's End, has written a compelling story of his own abduction by the occupants of a UFO.

The consciously remembered events began for him in December of 1985. Subsequent investigation through hypnotic regression indicated, however, that he may have undergone a series of abductions beginning in childhood. This is typical of many such cases. There is also evidence that his wife and son may have been abducted as well.

His initial reaction to these memories was to suspect his sanity. After undergoing a complete course of neurological tests, it was clear that no pathological cause (brain tumor, epilepsy, etc.), was responsible. Psychological testing revealed a very normal individual, in good mental health, and completely sane. The only viable explanation remaining was that the events were real.

Strieber is obviously risking a great deal by publishing this book. His reputation and credibility as a serious writer could suffer greatly. His courage in revealing

this story, and his obvious need to make the public aware of the reality of these events are commendable.

Whether these events are the result of actual intervention by extraterrestrials, or some heretofore unrecognized psychological aberration, the evidence for the reality of these events is overwhelming. Hundreds of these cases have been thoroughly investigated by competent researchers and thousands more are yet to be uncovered. Regardless of the causal agent, this phenomenon represents an important area of study. (I might also state that the physical evidence in the form of scars borne by many of the abductees, for example, argues compellingly, and I believe, convincingly, against a purely psychological delusion.)

Having worked with several abduction victims myself, I am acutely aware of the psychological trauma they suffer, and the social stigma attached to their claims. As I write this, COMMUNION is number two on the New York Times Bestseller List. Hopefully, the thousands who are reading this book will gain an appreciation of the reality of these events. More importantly, they may grasp the need to study these events further, and will also see the danger in dismissing these claims out-of-hand.

While COMMUNION will focus public attention on the abduction phenomena, the real meat is to be found elsewhere.

On the night of June 30, 1983, Kathie Davis arrived home around 7:15 pm, ate supper, and put her two young boys to bed. It was the beginning of what seemed to be an ordinary evening. Before the night was over, Kathie Davis would experience something so terrifying, so extraordinary, that it would be months before she remembered - and only under hypnosis - the full story of what actually happened. INTRUDERS: The Incredible Visitations at Copley Woods (Random House, \$17.95) is Kathie's story - a story that constitutes one of the most thoroughly researched and documented cases of UFO abduction on record and suggests an astounding explanation behind this phenomenon: human beings are being abducted by aliens for what author Budd Hopkins feels is an ongoing series of genetic experiments.

Impossible? That's what Budd Hopkins initially thought too. Even after investigating more than 125 cases over the past 12 years, he still finds it hard to believe. But the evidence is overwhelming. In INTRUDERS, the author of Missing Time leads us through rational, intelligent investigations, asking only that we not prejudge. In the Copley Woods case Hopkins enlisted the skills of chemists, radiologists, medical practitioners, psychologists and other specialists. Kathie was subjected to in-depth psychological tests, interviews, and "lie detection" in the form of voice stress analysis administered by a professional in the field. And she spent many painful, emotional hours under hypnosis reliving a series of abductions that had taken place over the course of her lifetime. Her story is corroborated by neighbors, friends, family and - most convincingly - by hundreds of other abduction victims who have had no contact with each other and who come from every walk of life in every part of the country.

I have known Budd for several years, and can attest to his credibility and ability as an investigator. I am convinced that Budd Hopkins has produced one of, if not the most important book ever written on the UFO phenomena. What comes across most vividly in INTRUDERS is the sense of shame, fear and confusion experienced by abduction victims and Hopkins' meticulous, compassionate search for the truth. What he hears from them is, "I can't believe this is happening to me." No matter what you think, says Hopkins, hear their stories. Examine the evidence. What you ultimately decide may surprise you.

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