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THE PROJECT STIGMA REPORT ON THE CONTINUING INVESTIGATION INTO THE OCCURRENCE OF ANIMAL MUTILATIONS

ANNOUNCING ANOTHER **STIGMATA** - SOON!

Due to the proliferation of events regarding the mutilation investigation in 1979, we feel it will be necessary to publish another edition of **STIGMATA** (#7) before October 1, 1979. We will anticipate reporting further on the Albuquerque mutilation conference - and its aftermath (see article in this issue). In fact we would appreciate hearing from attendees who might wish to submit publishable comments regarding the conference. We will delve into some of the 1979 mutilations and report on the newly-announced mutilation probe to be conducted under the auspices of the District Attorney in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Plus, **STIGMATA** #7 will also include photographs.

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HELICOPTERS - A SPECIAL REPORT

Project Stigma is currently preparing a special report to consist largely of a catalog of reports of unidentified helicopters at or near mutilation sites. We have knowledge of over 200 such sightings and we are seeking data regarding those which have yet to be reported. For those who have doubted the likelihood of a link between "mystery choppers" and the "mystery choppings", the report will serve to convincingly illuminate the connection. We would appreciate hearing whether our readers would prefer an 8½" X 11" report (or an 8½" X 11 **STIGMATA**?) rather than the current 8½" X 7" size. Watch for an announcement regarding the helicopter report and catalog in the upcoming **STIGMATA** #7.

A CONFERENCE ON MUTILATIONS

U.S. Senator Harrison Schmitt (R-New Mexico) and U.S. Attorney R. E. Thompson of Albuquerque sponsored a conference on the topic of livestock mutilations on Friday, April 20, 1979. The meeting in Albuquerque was attended by a number of law enforcement officials, the media, independent investigators (including representatives from Project Stigma) and anyone interested enough to walk in off the street. We are grateful to Senator Schmitt for hosting the event under his auspices, and thanks is to be extended to Schmitt aide Wayne Ciddio, who did most of the organizing and marshalling of forces. We personally thank Mr. Ciddio for his attentive cooperation with Project Stigma and with other agencies and investigators. As the date for the conference neared, we discovered that, due to insufficient information provided to Schmitt's office, many pertinent investigators had not been invited (many attendees received formal invitations, though the morning session on the 20th was open to anyone). So, attendance was probably not as great as it could have been.

During the "formal" proceedings, conferees of varied backgrounds and schools-of-thought offered brief observations, suggestions and opinions. In the afternoon, a closed session was held among some of the attending law enforcement officers, some of whom have an obviously profound and sincere interest in the mutilations, though the problem can no longer be thought of as exclusively being a law enforcement matter. Most conferees who were queried were disappointed in the poorly-organized and superficial public session, but felt the affair was worthwhile as it provided an opportunity for scattered investigators to meet, most for the first time, and exchange ideas.

The thrust of the conference involved pushing the ballyhooed notion that the Federal Bureau of Investigation should become officially concerned with the mutilation problem (There are those who suggest that the FBI has already been involved in an in-depth mute probe, perhaps for many years, and in the strictest secrecy). Since identical or similar mutilations have occurred in so many states, a good case can be made for the possibility that interstate transportation in order to commit the acts is involved. However, it was alleged at the conference that this is not adequate justification for FBI involvement in a probe, but that the FBI might be authorized to participate if (1) mutilations have occurred on U.S. Forest Service or Indian lands (which they have) or (2) if aircraft with no identifying markings are involved in the mutilations. In regard to the lat-

ter, Project Stigma investigators Tom Adams and Gary Massey circulated at the conference a paper summarizing selected accounts of "mystery helicopters" at or near mutilation sites. We feel that the helicopter element is an obviously relevant one which should be subject to in-depth scrutiny. Such scrutiny was allegedly undertaken by the Federal Aviation Administration as early as 1975, when the FAA announced that they were investigating the unnerving helicopter accounts from NE New Mexico. In response to Project Stigma Freedom of Information Act requests, the FAA has denied possessing any information on this, despite their having announced it in the media. The helicopter aspect is, again, obvious. In spite of this, most press reports concerning the conference (with a few exceptions) have managed to overlook the helicopter connection. The AP and UPI news accounts we have seen do not mention the chopper aspect. Too obvious to be apparent?? We think not, though we're not certain why the mystery helicopters should sometimes seem to be an even hotter potato than the mutilations themselves.

It appears at this writing that the FBI has no intention of conducting a formal (admitted) investigation into mutilations, claiming, would you believe, no jurisdiction! At this point it appears that the only really viable progress and results (if any) will come via the efforts of independent researchers and investigators, working in concert with some of the more diligent and sincere members of the media and those few law enforcement officials who possess any courage or vision relative to the mutilation problem.

An "official" investigation has been announced, by District Attorney Eloy Martinez of Santa Fe, NM, who is hiring retiring FBI agent Ken Rommel of Santa Fe (under a grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration) to head a full-time mutilation probe in New Mexico. We will support the Martinez/Rommel effort, as long as it remains sincere, objective and reasonably open.

Coverage of the 1979 mutilations will be provided in the next (Fall 1979) STIGMATA, including horse mutes in the Carlsbad, NM area, cattle mutes across a wide area of Kansas, as well as New Mexico and Colorado. We'll report on mutes on Indian lands in New Mexico and South Dakota, and the latest developments throughout the summer.

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MUTILATIONS - 1977 & 1978

1977January

Arizona - Cochise Co.
 Kentucky - Grayson Co.

February

Colorado - Sedgwick Co.
 Texas - Montague Co.

March

Colorado - Park Co.
 New Mexico - Grant Co.
 New Mexico - Taos Co.
 Texas - Tarrant Co.
 Washington - Snohomish Co.

April

Alberta - near Calgary

May

Colorado - Costilla Co.
 Colorado - Washington Co.
 Texas - Howard Co.

June

Texas - Jim Hogg Co.
 Kansas - McPherson Co.

July

Dartmoor, England (?)
 Colorado - Logan Co.
 Texas - Johnson Co.
 Texas - Lamar Co.

August

Arkansas - Little River Co.
 Colorado - Logan Co.
 Oklahoma - Pushmataha Co.
 Oregon - Union Co.
 Texas - Lamar Co.

September

Colorado - Costilla Co.
 Colorado - Logan Co.

1977September (cont.)

Idaho - Custer Co.
 Missouri - Cass Co.

October

Colorado - Elbert Co.
 Colorado - Logan Co.
 Colorado - Washington Co.
 Iowa - Black Hawk Co.
 Iowa - Linn Co.
 Missouri - Cass Co.
 Oregon - Wallowa Co.
 Texas - Bexar Co.
 Washington - Snohomish Co.

November

Arkansas - Howard Co.
 Kansas - Montgomery Co.
 Nebraska - Adams Co.
 Oregon - Linn Co.

December

Colorado - Costilla Co.
 Missouri - Jackson Co.
 Utah - Salt Lake Co.
 Washington - Skagit Co.

1978January

Alabama - Limestone Co.
 Nebraska - Perkins Co.

February

Arkansas - Howard Co.
 Texas - Duval Co.
 Washington - Skagit Co.

March

Virginia - Goochland Co.
 Wyoming - Big Horn Co.

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1978April

Arkansas - Benton Co.
 Mississippi - Copiah Co.
 Missouri - Lincoln Co.
 New Mexico - Rio Arriba Co.
 Texas - Webb Co.
 Virginia - Goochland Co.
 Wyoming - Big Horn Co.
 Wyoming - Natrona Co.

May

Arkansas - Benton Co.
 Arkansas - Logan Co.
 Kansas - Johnson Co.
 Kansas - Rice Co.
 Mississippi - Copiah Co.
 New Mexico - Rio Arriba Co.
 Oregon - Linn Co.
 Texas - Van Zandt Co.
 Arkansas - Washington Co.
 Washington - Snohomish Co.

June

Colorado - Huerfano Co.
 Kansas - Russell Co.
 Missouri - Lincoln Co.
 Missouri - St. Charles Co.
 New Mexico - Rio Arriba Co.
 New Mexico - San Miguel Co.
 Texas - Deaf Smith Co.

July

Arkansas - Washington Co.
 Missouri - Lincoln Co.
 New Mexico - Rio Arriba Co.
 Texas - Deaf Smith Co.

August

Arkansas - Benton Co.
 California - Riverside Co.
 Colorado - Douglas Co.
 Colorado - Garfield Co.
 Colorado - La Plata Co.
 Colorado - Washington Co.

1978August (cont.)

Missouri - Lincoln Co.
 Missouri - Maries Co.
 Missouri - Miller Co.
 Missouri - Pulaski Co.
 Washington - Pierce Co.
 Wisconsin - Lincoln Co.

September

Idaho - Boundary Co.
 Kansas - Johnson Co.
 Kansas - Wilson Co.
 Missouri - Jackson Co.
 New Hampshire - Grafton Co.
 New Mexico - Taos Co.
 Washington - Pierce Co.

October

Arkansas - Benton Co.
 Colorado - Logan Co.
 Montana - Cascade Co.
 Missouri - Maries Co.
 New Mexico - Rio Arriba Co.
 Washington - Pierce Co.
 Washington - Snohomish Co.

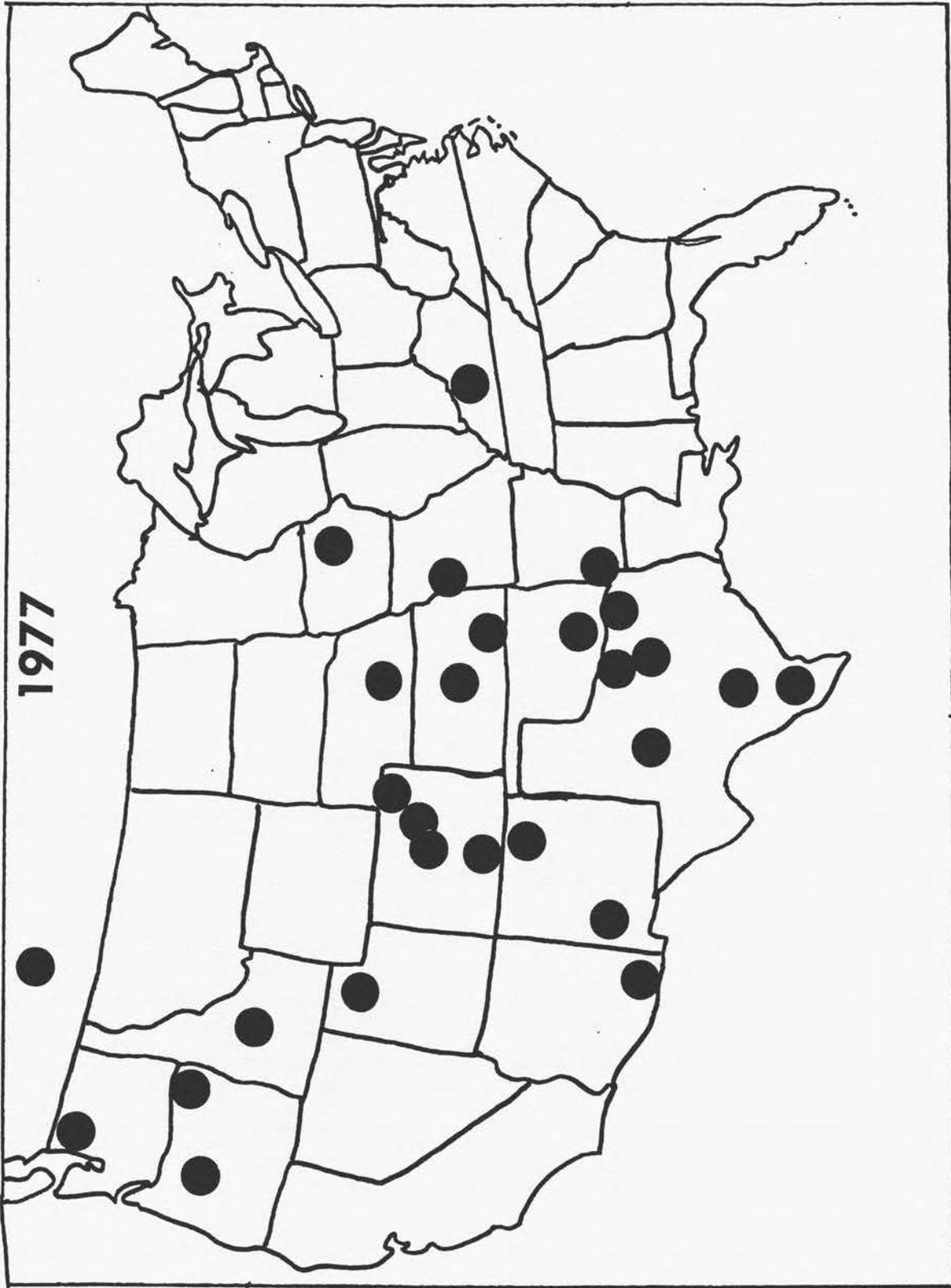
November

Arkansas - Benton Co.
 Arkansas - Washington Co.
 New Mexico - Rio Arriba Co.
 New Mexico - Santa Fe Co.

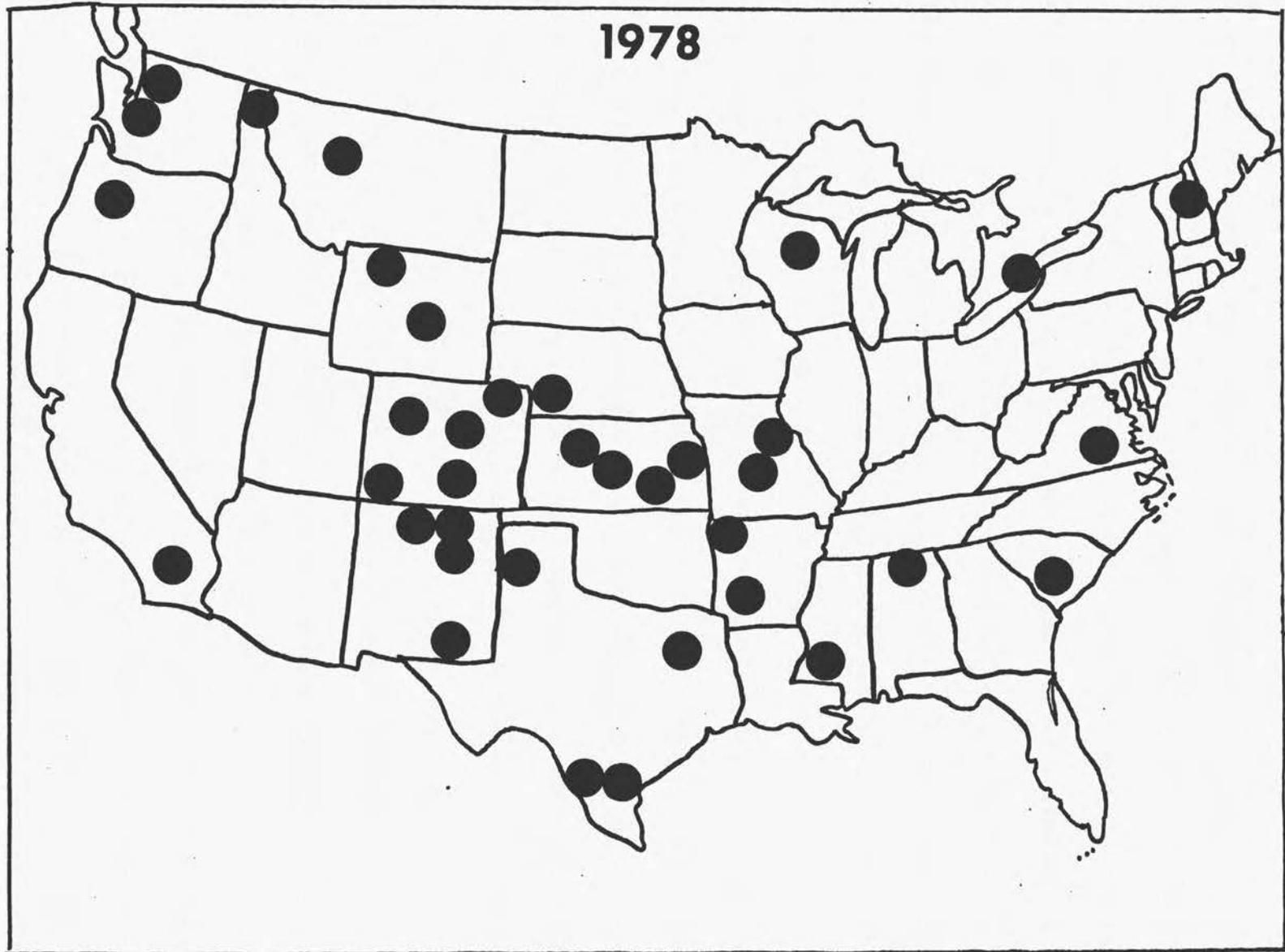
December

Arkansas - Benton Co.
 Colorado - Logan Co.
 New Mexico - Eddy Co.
 Ontario - Lincoln Co.
 S. Carolina - Orangeburg Co.
 Texas - Deaf Smith Co.

The above chronology represents areas in which mutilations have occurred, including single and multiple cases.



As in the accompanying chronological listing, the areas indicated on both maps are those in which mutilations have occurred. The true intensity of the phenomenon in a given area is not reflected here.



A CLOSER LOOK

1977 - January

Kentucky - Grayson County: Clifford Large found five of his cattle dead and two were mutilated. Local vet Dr. William Payne declared that humans were involved. In another case, a single mutilated cow was found on the Don White farm. The cow was reportedly killed by a shotgun blast though it was also classically mutilated. Don White's son, Allen, told Indiana investigator Don Worley that he and his brother observed a high-intensity light illuminating the farm a few nights before the mutilation. The victim calf was found at the bottom of a cliff with a 600 or 700-lb. rock laying on the carcass, from which the rectum and sexual organs had been removed.

1977 - October

Washington - Snohomish County: We are indebted to Jacob Davidson of Seattle for providing us with a series of consistently fine reports by investigator Jerry Phillips of Everett, Washington. Phillips interviewed rancher and horseman Jack Henning regarding the mutilation of one of his colts.

At 1:00 AM on October 14, 1977, Henning checked on one of his mares and the two colts she had 5½ months earlier - all was well. Henning then went out to feed the horses at 10:00 that morning and found one of the colts dead and mutilated, with a heart-shaped hole extending from the base of the tail and halfway down to the hip section. The rectum, genitals and about 40-lbs. of flesh were missing. A vet, Dr. John Carr, was called to the scene and he declared that the colt died from loss of blood via some unknown procedure. There was no blood on the ground and only a small amount in the heart and chest cavity. There were no tracks or signs in the 3-inch grass in the area. It looked "as though the colt had been dropped out of the air". In the same field, 30 to 40 feet of electric fence was down, with two fence posts snapped off at the base. There were no tracks around the fence. Henning left the carcass in the field so he could keep an eye on it. Then, (quoting from Phillips' report):

On the second day a cobweb-like material developed over the open wound. Later the second day a large German shepherd dog was observed coming into the field. When he spotted the dead animal he stopped, smelled the air, made a circle around it and continued on its way. The third day, a coyote which had been seen in

the area several times in previous months, came into the field, circled the animal several times, then began eating on the head and neck. He would not go near the rear of the horse. Mr. Henning went out to have a look and found plenty of evidence on the ground and in the grass to show where the coyote had dug his paws in when pulling at the neck hide.....Mr. Henning brought the mare and her other colt out and tried to get them near the dead colt. Neither one would come within 50 feet of it. He tried laying hay next to it and they still would not approach it. Mr. Henning has two labrador dogs.....he turned them loose to see what they would do. They circled the animal, but would not get within 20 feet of it.

Henning told Phillips that he had been working with the surviving colt before the killing and she was fairly gentle. After the mutilation she stood in the barn and quivered. Henning had difficulty even approaching her for a week. The mare was very possessive and protective of her colts, and she would become very upset if anyone even walked between them. There was no evidence that she tried to interfere when the victim colt was in danger that morning. Afterward, "she acted as if the colt had never existed".

1977 - December

Utah - Salt Lake County: Mrs. Gloria Dow (s pseudonym) pastured her horse in a field owned by an adjoining radio station in Salt Lake City. On December 27, 1977, a passer-by reported that the horse (one of two in the field) was down. The sheriff's office investigated and an autopsy was performed by Dr. Craig White, a veterinarian with the Utah State Department of Agriculture, who found that "the horse had been severely mutilated with both blunt and sharp instruments". Quoting further from White's necropsy report:

The skin and superficial muscles were removed from the face from the caudal (ed.note: toward the tail) portion of the left occipital bone (ed.note: at the rear of the skull) to 2 cm. interior the left nostril; from the midline of the skull to the left facial crest. The incision included complete removal of the left eye and pinna (ed.note: external part of the ear). There was a small slab fracture 2 cm. in diameter midway between the eye and nostril in the left facial bone (ed.note: Dr. White later told an investigating deputy that he

suspected this was an old fracture, unrelated to the death of the animal). The damage on the face was done with a sharp instrument.

The genital organs were mutilated severely. The penis had been removed. The anus was completely removed. The colon was intact. On the abdomen at the location where the penis had been removed there was a large opening into the abdomen which had been gouged with a blunt instrument. There were also several areas of skin where small areas of tissue had been gouged out.....the anal sphincter had been removed with near surgical precision.

Investigating Salt Lake County sheriff's deputy Franson reports that Dr. White informed him that:

The animal had been definitely alive while being mutilated, that the cut marks on the face of the animal, where the left side of the face had been skinned off, including the eye, muscles and the ear - that the animal was definitely alive after that point, due to the fact that the head had been swinging back and forth and blood had been deposited on the ground...

Franson interviewed Mrs. Dow, the owner of the horse, who told the deputy she suspected a satanic cult was the culprit. She recounted an incident which occurred a few months previously, when she went to visit the home of a girlfriend. The friend and her husband were present and had what appeared to be tarot cards spread out on a table. Mrs. Dow commented that she thought the cards were not good and that they should get rid of them. The man then flew into a rage and said he and his wife were "satan worshippers" and they felt that Mrs. Dow was generally evil to their cause and that they or Satan himself would get even with her for opposing them. While raging about this, the man's eyes turned blood-red; "even the color portion of the eye was red". The man left the room and shortly returned in a calm and normal state, though he still suggested to Mrs. Dow that she would be subjected to satanic retaliation.

Two weeks later, Mrs. Dow visited her girlfriend again when she knew the husband was not at home. The "fortune-telling cards" were still on the table and Mrs. Dow again stated how evil she thought the cards were. Her friend became as angry as the husband was before and her eyes became just as blood-red as the man's. Mrs. Dow quickly left but remained extremely frightened, even when interviewed on December 30th. A dog of hers had turned

up missing the night before, and on January 9, 1978, Mrs. Dow and her children were reportedly injured in an automobile accident.

1978 - May

Washington - Snohomish County: One of 30 Herefords owned by William Hordyk was found dead and mutilated on May 16, 1978. The pregnant, 3-week-old, 900-lb. cow had probably been dead for a week. Hordyk told Everett, Washington investigator Jerry Phillips (in Phillips' report, provided by Jacob Davidson) that a perfect 3 X 5-inch cut had been made where the left ear had been. The left eyeball was missing completely, but there were no cuts around the eye. Hordyk told Phillips that he:

...lifted the leg up and discovered a perfect cut from the tail to the middle of the belly. The rectum, sexual organs and the complete udder had been neatly taken out. On closer examination, a hole about 1½ inches in diameter was discovered right in the center of the area where the udder had been. This hole went straight into the unborn calf. You could see the calf's hair at the bottom of the hole. Mr. Hordyk describes the cut as very professional (he has butchered a lot of animals). It was cut in a perfectly straight line like with one continuous motion. The hide seemed to be beveled inward from the cut. There was no blood on the animal or on the ground...the cut around the udder was just skin-deep. Not once had the instrument used penetrated the stomach lining.

The Hordyk's two dogs would not go within 25 feet of the carcass. The carcass exuded a terrible stench and Hordyk could not bury it soon enough, so unfortunately the remains were not subjected to autopsy or detailed analysis. On May 19th, Phillips visited the mutilation site. When he held a compass over the grave of the mutilated cow, "It (the compass) would not settle down. Moving around the grave, the needle always wanted to go to the cow".

1978 - April through August

Missouri - Lincoln County: By now we assume that most readers of this publication are aware of the reports of livestock mutilations, UFO and unidentified helicopter sightings, anomalous odors (and even a June encounter with a 4-ft.-tall "ape") - all in Lincoln County (with some "spillover" into adjoining counties), and especially around the community of Elsberry.

These events received a relatively substantial amount of nationwide publicity. We wanted to refer interested readers to a couple of published accounts regarding these incidents:

International UFO Reporter (1609 Sherman Ave., Suite 207; Evanston, Illinois 60201 - \$12.00 per year). This publication and its editors (Dr. J. Allen Hynek and Allen Hendry) are allied with the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS). The August 1978 issue of the IUR features an account of a UFO sighting in the Elsberry area (p. 3) and a separate article on the UFO and mutilation activity there throughout the summer. The latter article labors to downplay both the UFO activity and the mutilations, not to mention any possible "link" between them. We have been aware of CUFOS' grimly opaque attitude toward the mutilation phenomenon. A CUFOS staff member once advised one of their many volunteer investigators scattered across the country not to "bring cattle mutilations into the picture". The staffer claims, in his letter to the investigator, that "this is a personal opinion", then insolently directs the investigator to "be careful not to relate UFOs with mutilations, when you are speaking as a Center representative, before you have consulted the Center about its opinion in this matter". We have become weary (and wary) of attempts to refute the validity of classic mutilations (and some of the peripheral phenomena often associated with them) by referring to bits of information excised from the total body of data (of course, we recognize the possibility that CUFOS may simply be the victim of bad information and/or indifferent investigation). The UFO/mutilation link remains valid circumstantially. Beyond that, it cannot be proven or disproven. Meanwhile, we heartily recommend objectivity between and among mature and consenting adults.

Pursuit (R.F.D. 5 - Gales Ferry, CT 06335 - subscription/membership for one year is \$10.00; Pursuit is the journal of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained). "Mutilations: The Elsberry Enigma" by editors R. Martin Wolf and Steven N. Mayne appears in the Winter 1979 edition. This is more like it: a simple recounting of the evidence, anecdotal and otherwise, gathered by the authors during their investigation in the Elsberry area. And where conclusions are not warranted, they are not drawn. The article includes a chronological listing of extramundane events (beginning with a mutilation in 1975) and details on diverse Fortean occurrences. The interesting thing is, Project Stigma has since become aware of many other unusual events in the Lincoln County area which are not recounted in the Pursuit article, thanks primarily to the investigations of David

Perkins, Cari Seawell and Bill McIntyre. There is more to be heard, and read, regarding the Lincoln County happenings.

1978 - December

South Carolina - Orangeburg County: Around 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 6th, farmer Richard Fanning, accompanied by his wife and another couple, drove out to feed Fanning's several hundred hogs. As they approached the hog pen, all four saw a circle of light along with four smaller lights (two red, two green) hovering over nearby treetops. The four were frightened by the noiseless apparitions and decided that the hogs could be fed later. As the witnesses drove from the scene, they were followed by the large white light and the red and green lights for about 300 yards. Suddenly all five lights returned to hover over the area of the hog pen. After three or four minutes, all of the lights went out.

Fanning did not return to feed the hogs until Friday morning, December 8th. He found one hog "standing up dead. I kicked him and he fell over". Fanning told reporter Roberta G. Boman of the Times and Democrat (Orangeburg, SC) that a second dead hog lay nearby with its jawbone removed. He told Boman that "the body was sort of like sponge, with all the weight gone, kind of like jelly (Fanning said the hog, normally weighing 200 lbs., weighed no more than approximately 50 pounds). In my opinion, no animal got that hog."

Fanning went on to exclaim that "I was scared, and I'm not scared of many things. I go hunting and fishing a lot. Never seen anything like it. It's the weirdest thing I've ever seen in my life. I'm an outdoorsman, and I wouldn't have said nothing unless the other three people saw it too." (Our thanks to Leonard Stringfield for advising us of the Fanning case.)

LETTERS

We are always eager to hear from readers who have reports or details about specific mutilation cases, but we appreciate receiving commentary, criticism and general observations. We may be interested in publishing all or part of your letter - please advise if you'd rather we didn't or if you would prefer your name and/or address withheld. We reserve the right to edit letters for publication with space in mind. If this should become necessary, we ask you to trust us not to quote you too far out of context nor overly "mutilate" your observations.

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Thank you for issue no. 5; it was great! I especially enjoyed the guess-work about evanescent forms and government conjurers. My hunch is that this group of evil sorcerers has been around for centuries. They've unleashed what the beneficent sorcerers had chained. I say this because there have always been "killing ones" on the periphery of human experience but they were confined by a force field erected by sorcerers who believed in submitting their egos to the wisdom of nature. Thus we read in Scottish folklore about the Cearb and Baobhan Sith who killed men and cattle and drained them of blood. But they were never allowed to gain the upper hand.

I believe that the pre-Christian European nature religions were keeping the "killing ones" under control until the advent of Christianity. Then Europe slowly became saddled with a Faustian notion of perfecting and superceding nature. And with this deadly philosophy came a form of Black Magic which actively cooperated in the attack on people and animals just as technology actively attacks the biosphere. These evil sorcerers use not only animal viscera but also the blindness of a group-mind drunk on alcohol and the boob tube. The immense force of repressed psychic intuition which recognizes the paranormal quality of the animal mutilations in the sub-cellar of consciousness but refuses to invest it with a similar recognition in the waking state, can also be "farmed".

Michael A. Hoffman
Geneva, New York

Editors note: Mr. Hoffman was one of several readers who sent in brief items about the "muti" or "multi" (according to one's source) human and animal killings in South Africa. Body parts such as tongues, hearts, livers, lungs and strips of flesh are "ground into a powder" and the resulting "muti" is considered powerful medicine to be used to cure madness and other ailments. Body parts were taken from a cow near Durban, South Africa, possibly by someone desiring "muti". However, natives in the area were decidedly shaken by the event. They suspected "evil powers" were at work.

I received your bulletin this morning regards to mutilations; anyone who believes this BS has got to be out of their tree. This is nothing but animals and birds doing this. I was born and raised on a ranch most of my life and whenever an animal

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died we never took a close look at them; all we ever saw was coyotes, magpies, etc. eating on the carcass. When this mutilations BS started here, I was contacted by a rancher who lost ten head of heifers one night do to the little green men in flying sausers plus a little poison alfalfa. Anyway I checked these animals twice a day and took pictures of the progress of mutilations. All I ever saw was coyotes, magpies, etc. working on them. We all with any sense know that these animals pick the eyes out and start on the sex organs, tongue, etc. first as this is the most tender area.....No doubt with all the publicity this has received there may be cases where drugers, etc. have carved up an animal but in my book this is all there is to it. Our Sheriffs Association has reached the same conclusion as stated in this letter.

Bill Damm, Sheriff of Custer County
Miles City, Montana

...I have recently been poring over the aviation trade journals to examine the current state of the art in helicopter warfare and technology. As a general conclusion, I don't think even reasonably informed people appreciate the awesomely sophisticated tactics, aircraft and operational exercises currently in practice. Almost all of this is to confront Warsaw Pact forces in a European theatre. Very sophisticated aircraft and tactics are now in existence.

How does this relate to cattle mutilations? There are two aspects to this: the capabilities of advanced fighting-choppers themselves and the means and motivations of our government. An advanced Huey Cobra is an awesome machine. With night-goggles they can operate in effectively total darkness. They can creep along at a few miles per hour inches off the ground in very congested terrain. If they do not want you to see them you often cannot at a distance. They can hop-skip-jump along in Indian-advancing style until they're where you never expected them. They are so armored a farmer taking pot-shots is quite unlikely to do any serious damage. They are also much quieter than one might expect, especially under certain low-performance conditions. Without identification and running lights these I believe are most of the mystery choppers in mutilation areas. Why? I take as a fundamental axiom that our government has pulled out nearly all the stops (constitutional and otherwise) to study UFOs and associated activities. The agencies empowered

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with this responsibility want to know badly and exactly what the mutilation phenomenon is about. I believe logically that our government knows a great deal about this - all retrievable in split-seconds out of some ultra-secret data bank somewhere. In other words, I'm partially expressing hypothesis no. 5 (p.22, Fall-Winter 1978 STIGMATA).

Logically some of the cultist phenomena is financed, stimulated, simulated and so on as part of counter-intelligence misdirection and mis-information. This is what I would do if charged with counter-intelligence regarding mutilation studies. In fact one may anticipate increased efforts of this sort as the UFO-related aspects gain publicity as a frantic effort to continue to confuse the "public".

Vincent R. White
Kansas City, Missouri

Editor's note: Late last summer, reporter Bob Pratt of the National Enquirer spent some time in Colorado investigating mutilations and associated phenomena. A newspaper in Douglas County, Colorado, published an item about Pratt's presence in the area. The Enquirer reporter then received the following anonymous letter. While we are not terribly inclined to publish unsigned and anonymous letters, this one seems of sufficient interest to warrant its inclusion here. The letter was dated October 12, 1978:

Dear Mr. Pratt:

Having been residents of Douglas County for nine years, we feel that we ought to pass on to you what we know about the cattle mutilations. My husband is an aerospace engineer and I am a college-educated homemaker. We are of the opinion, after having read all the newspaper accounts, spoken with special deputies who are our friends, and with other citizens, that the cattle mutilations are highly skilled excisions, performed under the auspices of the United States Government, to determine the amount and extent of plutonium spill (and/or other noxious materials) from the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, near Denver. We hope that the following information will explain to you why we have come to this conclusion. Unfortunately, we did not save all the newspaper articles at the time, so the following is to the best of our recollection:

(1) There have been a number of plutonium "spills" at the Rocky

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Mountain Arsenal. These have been reported in the Denver newspapers, along with some doctor's allegations of higher incidences of cancer among workers there (and concomitant denials by the health department); one residential area near the plant was declared unfit for human habitation, due to the contamination.

- (2) The parts usually taken from the cattle are reproductive and/or mucous tissue, where a concentration of plutonium poisoning would be likely to show up.
- (3) One of the mutilations was a buffalo, at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Colorado Springs.
- (4) One of the mutilations took place inside the fence of the NORAD (ed.note: North American Air Defense Command) installation on Cheyenne Mountain.
- (5) A military surgical instrument was found at the site of one of the mutilations.
- (6) Many qualified veterinarians, including some from the school of Veterinary (Science) at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, have expressed the opinion that the missing parts were removed surgically, and that the damage was not the work of four-footed predators.
- (7) A co-worker of my husband's, who does a little ranching, saw, with his own eyes, a helicopter on the ground in one of his pastures, with men in army uniforms performing excision of tissue on one of his cattle (he quickly absented himself, without revealing his presence).
- (8) Sheriff Yarnell of Elbert County (east of Douglas County) and his deputies were quite active at first in trying to apprehend the culprits, even to the extent that the sheriff sighted a helicopter at the scene of one crime and gave chase.
- (9) A number of citizens sighted helicopters hovering near mutilation sites. The three teen-age children of one Elbert County rancher, out horseback riding, were chased away from one area of their own ranch by a helicopter which dived at them, and then chased them back towards their dwelling.
- (10) Most of the helicopters sighted were described as being small, one-or-two-man craft. Very few organizations have the resources to fuel, service and hide helicopters in complete secrecy.
- (11) After quite a lot of coverage in the Douglas County papers,

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the coverage suddenly stopped. Editor George Kobalt personally gave us permission to read through all the back issues, but we never got around to it. He has since sold the paper and moved to another state.

(12) Sheriff Yarnell, his deputies, and all the special deputies, who had spoken to us freely before, suddenly shut up.

(13) Nos. 10 and 11 above led us to conclude that they had been told to shut up.

(14) An editor from a small Texas newspaper who had been investigating mutilations in other parts of the U.S. disappeared after coming to Colorado and making inquiries in Douglas County and Denver. This was reported in the Douglas County newspaper. (ed.note: the writer undoubtedly refers to the scarce Dane Edwards, late of the Brush, Colorado, BANNER)

(15) We surmise that the plethora of "devil cult" scare stories in the local and Denver newspapers were smoke-screen plants to divert the public's attention away from the real culprit...the U. S. government.

(16) A young woman friend of ours was hovered over by a helicopter which shone a spotlight on her, so blinding she could hardly see to drive, when she was coming home late one night, near the pasture of another friend of ours - the pasture where his prize bull was mutilated.

(17) I myself (the wife of the family), coming home late one night, observed a helicopter (judged to be such by the distinctive noise it made) hovering over a pasture near our home and slowly playing a spotlight systematically over it.

So, we are afraid we cannot give you any substantiation of the connection of UFOs with mutilations. All the incidents we know of have involved helicopters. Indeed, at one point, the citizens of Douglas and Elbert Counties were so incensed against the craft, all area military personnel had orders to fly detours, or higher than usual, to avoid being shot at.

However, in a different set of circumstances, we have sighted what we believe to be UFOs; both of us twice, together; and my husband once, alone. As I have said, he is an aerospace engineer, a pilot and was an aircraft mechanic in the Marine Corps; so he is an expert on re-entry trajectories, and on how sub-orbital and orbital vehicles behave.

Letters (cont.)

Unfortunately, we have decided to remain anonymous. We realize that this will be a stumbling block to you but, since the Myron Farber decision (ed.note: Myron Farber is the newsman who was jailed for refusing to identify his information sources), we think this is the wisest course at present. There are many people in Douglas and Elbert Counties who know all the same things that we do, and we think this area would be a most fertile ground for investigation, if you have the time to get past the citizens' (and especially the law enforcement officers') reticence.

Very truly yours,
Two worried parents

Editor's note: Elbert County and Eastern Douglas County have been one of the areas hardest hit by mutilators, especially in 1975. However, we should point out what should be obvious to those familiar with the mutilation problem: In the letter above, the writer's perspective suffers from a narrowing, geographically, based on events confined to her area. She does not, for instance, "explain" all the mutes nationwide as she "explains" those in her own region (re: Rocky Mountain Arsenal plutonium spills). In this sense her theory is simplistic. But that does not mean that we at Project Stigma entirely eschew the pertinence of "plutonium spills" or other similar environmental ordeals, especially keeping in mind the mute/nuke-link research being conducted by David Perkins in Colorado.

The mystery helicopters are only a small part of the incredible array of "peripheral" phenomena which sprang up around the time of some of the mutilations. And, just because some things that look like helicopters and/or sound like helicopters have been reported in the vicinity of mutilation sites, does this automatically enable us to conclude that they are indeed U.S. military helicopters and that they are directly involved in the mutilations? Well, maybe yes and maybe no, or perhaps a little of both. For a discussion of the diverse possibilities involved, we would refer the reader to "Choppers" in STIGMATA #5 (Fall-Winter 1978) as well as to our upcoming special report and catalog of mystery helicopter incidents linked with mutilations and livestock rustlings and disappearances. (See front cover, this issue).

MUTES IN THE MEDIA

***Sandler International Films of Hollywood, California has been gathering new material to be used in updating "UFOs Past, Present and Future", a documentary film which was originally released in the mid-1970's. The Sandler crew has filmed interviews in Colorado and New Mexico as part of a segment on animal mutilations to be included in the new film. It is understood at this writing that the film is to be distributed via syndication to television stations across the country, beginning in the fall of 1979. The "on-camera spokesman" or narrator for the new film is Dr. Jacques Vallee, author of the controversial new book, Messengers of Deception (see STIGMATA #7).

***At press time, ABC-TV News has, for several weeks, been filming an investigative report on animal mutilations, to be aired (possibly in two parts) on the "20-20" news-feature program in the early summer ("20-20" will apparently be seen weekly on Thursday nights during the summer). Project Stigma investigators conferred with correspondent Dave Marash and his crew in early May, and we were impressed with their sincerity and in-depth approach. Assuming the story is aired, watch for impressive eye-witness accounts of UFOs and mystery helicopters in mutilation-prone areas.

***Project Stigma has been in touch with reporters from the National Enquirer and Weekly World News (a separate new publication from the Enquirer people). Both publications are working on mutilation-related articles. A free-lancer has been working for several months on a proposed piece for Look. And, a typically fine and in-depth update article by Fritz Thompson appears in the May 22, 1979 issue of IMPACT, the magazine of the Albuquerque (NM) Journal.

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