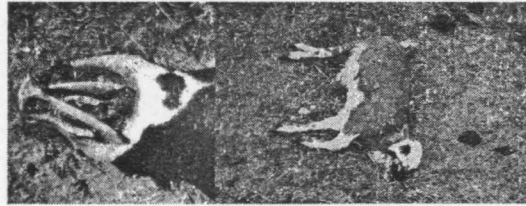


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REPORT 1

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January 10, 1979

Honorable Harrison H. Schmitt
United States Senate
1251 DSOB
Washington, D.C. 205010

Dear Senator Schmitt:

As I told you over the telephone yesterday, I have asked Philip Heymann, head of the Criminal Division, to look into our jurisdiction over the cattle mutilation problem with which you are concerned. We will be in touch with you at an early date.

I must say that the materials sent me indicate the existence of one of the strangest phenomena in my memory.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Griffin B. Bell

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bcc: w/materials to Terry Adamson

✓ Ray Calamaro
✓ Phil Heymann

- Please have someone look into this matter at an early date. Sen. Schmitt is our friend and there have been about 60 mutilations in New Mexico in recent months. GBB

HARRISON J. SCHMITT
NEW MEXICO

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United States Senate

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December 21, 1978

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

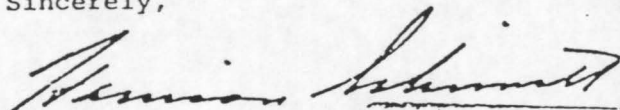
During the past several years, ranchers throughout the West including my home state of New Mexico, have been victimized by a series of cattle mutilations. As a result, these ranchers have as a group and individually suffered serious economic losses.

These mysterious killings have been the subject of at least two articles in national publications, copies of which are enclosed. Mr. Cockburn's article in the December 1975 issue of Esquire states that there had been a federal investigation into this matter, but it was dropped. Mr. Cockburn implies the investigation may have been terminated because cattle mutilation per se is not a federal offense.

While an individual cattle mutilation may not be a federal offense, I am very concerned at what appears to be a continued pattern of an organized interstate criminal activity. Therefore, I am requesting that the Justice Department re-examine its jurisdiction in this area with respect to the possible reopening of this investigation.

Enclosed are copies of my files on this subject. While awaiting what will hopefully be a favorable reply, I shall continue to gather materials that could be of help in such an investigation. If you need further information in studying this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Harrison Schmitt

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(LIVESTOCK MUTILATIONS)

DATE JULY 18, 1978

FROM MARTIN E. VIGIL, DIRECTOR

TO CAPTAIN CHARLIE P. ANAYA
New Mexico State Police
Española, New Mexico

ATTENTION OF
MAJOR M. S. CHAVEZ

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Dear Captain:

We are in receipt of correspondence from the Honorable Harrison Schmitt, State Senator, and Mr. Manuel S. Gomez, Dulce, New Mexico regarding livestock mutilations in Rio Arriba County for the past two years.

Kindly instruct Officer Gabe Valdez to submit copies of all his reports concerning this matter to this office, in order that we may forward them to Senator Schmitt's office.

Very truly yours,

MARTIN E. VIGIL, DIRECTOR

BY:



W. J. BULLOCK, CHIEF
Uniformed Bureau
State Police Division
Criminal Justice Department

cc: File
The Honorable Harrison Schmitt, State Senator

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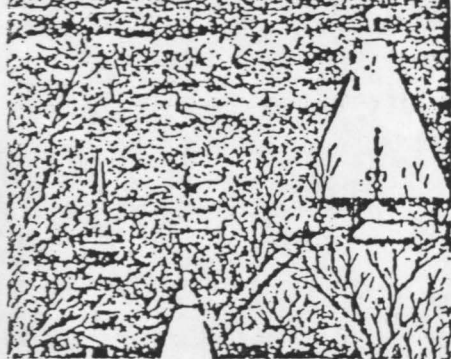
TO: Criminal Division

On December 29, 1978, John Ryan, Schmitt's administrative assistant, called OLA regarding the status of this matter. OLA only received this correspondence yesterday but we have learned that the Senator has personally discussed this matter with the Attorney General. The AG agreed to have someone in the Criminal Division look into this matter to determine whether or not there is any statutory basis for federal intervention.

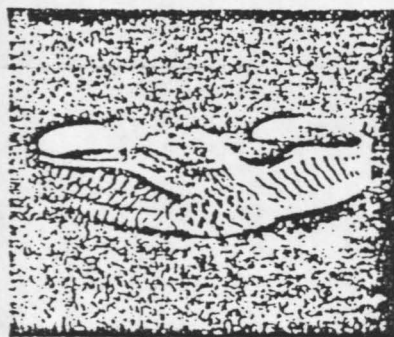
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ALEXANDER COCKBURN

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Rippers of the range

As so often happens with crime, it's a question of viewpoint, really. Given the rate of human slaughter in any large American city, it might not seem too important that between April and September of this year 129 cattle were mutilated in the state of Colorado. As a matter of fact, in 1974, there were about 3,750,000 cattle grazing in Colorado and around 37,000 of these died of natural causes, so we are not talking about an event of prime importance to the ranching business.

But no rancher in Colorado is taking this comfortable view of the matter. What the ranchers dislike is the idea of driving across their pastures and finding, as one did last August, a dead bull with its penis, rectum, testicles, tongue and an eye excised with surgical deftness and absolutely no trace visible of the surgeon or surgeons involved.

Over the past couple of years, hundreds of such mutilation have occurred in Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Wyoming, South Dakota, Montana, New Mexico and Texas. In fact, if you follow this kind of thing, you may have noticed the odd item in the newspapers about the cattle-cutting craze. I'd seen such items myself but not taken too much of an interest till my good friend Ed Sanders told me last fall that some anonymous person in Sacramento had sent him a cow's tongue in the mail. Now, Sanders is the author of *The Family*, a fine and eerie book about the Manson group. Like myself, he had taken only a passing interest in cattle mutilations. The arrival in June of what he likes to call the *lingua bovina excisa*, packed in a shoe box, at the office of his literary agent escalated his attention remarkably. In June, you may remember, Sacramento was rendered the more colorful by two young Mansonian ladies called Squeaky Fromme and Sandra Good strolling about in their red robes.

Back in 1970, when Sanders was compiling material about the Manson group, ritual murders, and other diverting practices in California, he'd examined the case of a ritual de-

capitation of a goat in Topanga Canyon. Five years later the question seemed to be whether excised animal parts had, so to speak, become part of the currency of satanic groups; whether a sliced cow's tongue was now an essential part of the ritualist's working equipment.

So far, after some investigation, Sanders has found nothing to connect the tongue from Sacramento with the mutilations in the Midwest. But he did, in the course of a drive across the country, find himself standing in the office of the sheriff of Elbert County, Colorado, looking at a Polaroid photograph. It showed a cow with its udder bag and rectum removed. The cow had been pregnant and the photograph also showed a



long, thin, unborn calf's neck and head, which the mutilators had cut and pulled out of its mother's uterus. The calf's tongue had been cut out. As Sanders later remarked to me, he could understand why the ranchers were getting upset.

The mutilation case histories make for depressing reading. In Minnesota, in the fall of 1974, a young cow was found dead with its sexual organs, one ear and the udder removed. The incision to remove the udder was made in the form of a diamond. The previous spring, the mutilation mob had turned up in Nebraska. Among its victims, a calf with its sex organs removed and its body drained of blood. On we go to Oklahoma to find reports of a Hereford cow killed by strangulation or a blow on the neck,

and with the tip of its nose, its tongue, left ear, udder and vagina all removed with a knife. And on and on, from Texas to Colorado to Montana. Behind them the mutilators always leave county sheriffs and veterinarians saying they have never seen anything like it before, and local authorities on black ritual discouraging on the importance of always using fresh warm blood, if drinking the stuff is called for.

A survey of newsclips and other literature on cattle mutilation seems to indicate that the whole business started with the mysterious death of Snippy. Snippy was a horse whose mutilated body was found on a ranch near Alamosa, Colorado, eight years ago. Snippy's throat had been cut and flesh from the head and neck removed. Also removed were Snippy's brain and stomach. Snippy's owner was convinced that his horse had been "zapped by a flying saucer." Snippy's bones may still be viewed in the museum at Adams State College in Alamosa.

U.F.O.'s are still being blamed for the cattle mutilations. Some students of the craze simply see no other explanation. Carl Whiteside, of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, evidently felt it necessary to contest this hypothesis, since he told me seriously, "We do not feel these people have any magical quality that puts them in the realm of the supernatural or some alien planet civilization."

The occupants of U.F.O.'s have not so far appeared to refute slanderous allegations about their attitude toward terrestrial livestock. People associated with occult groups, on the other hand, have been vehemently trying to distance themselves from the unknown slicers. Back at the start of the year, after twenty-three mutilations in Texas, a self-professed witch in Dallas told a local reporter she thought they were the work of "a satanist group from Fort Worth." These Texas cattle had been drained of their blood, which the witch thought was consonant with satanic addiction to blood. "They give witchcraft a bad name," she added.

A writer in *Gnostica* was even more alarmed. "Despite the obvious illogicality of it," said Isaac Bonewits, a former member of the Church of Satan, "the favorite theory right now among state and federal investigators is that occultists of some sort are involved. This of course is sheer scapegoating, since only a rank amateur would believe it possible to get usable psychic energy out of such mutilations, and a rank amateur would not be able to (a) levitate so as to leave no footprints or drag

without leaving evidence of a pumping machine, (c) make the neat 'surgical' incisions that were used to remove organs and extremities, or (d) teleport so as to be able to perform two such operations on the same night, hundreds of miles apart."

It would be interesting to know what Bonewits would consider the talents of a professional; but he was right in thinking that at one point federal and state investigators did think that occultists were involved. For a time, indeed, they thought a solution to the great mutilation wave was at hand.

Early in 1974, a student at Kilgore Junior College in Texas wrote a paper on "The Sons of Satan," which contained detailed descriptions of how this group would mutilate cattle between midnight and sunrise. The ritual would be completed just as sunlight started to filter down on the animal through the branches of a tree. (In the absence of trees, the adepts would hold a branch over the beast and proceed as usual with this substitute.)

The teacher at Kilgore Junior College was sufficiently revolted by the theme's details to destroy it forthwith. The student said he had heard the story from a friend familiar with the satanists. An English professor from Pennsylvania told John Makeig of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* that he was familiar with the Sons of Satan group, had some of its members in his class, and had seen "some girls who'd cut off their fingers and pieces of their ears and things like that." Their "primary thrill," he added, was to eat their own flesh.

All this information was passed on to Don Flickinger, an Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent in Minneapolis. Early this year Flickinger became the main federal investigator of the mutilation phenomenon, for somewhat bizarre reasons. Cattle

mutilation is not, as a spokesman in the Justice Department stiffly informed me, a federal offense. Flickinger became involved because three prisoners in federal institutions suddenly wrote to various authorities announcing that not only did they know the satanic cult practicing the mutilations, but that this same group had compiled a "death list" of intended assassination victims. Among the alleged targets were Senator Hubert Humphrey and a federal judge in Minneapolis.

The U.S. attorney in Minneapolis, Robert Renner, put A.T.F.'s Flickinger on the case because, as he put it to me, "We thought it was the only agency freewheeling enough really to do something." The informants continued to pour out their stories: a small city near the Gulf Coast would have its water deliberately poisoned; two people in another Texas town would suffer dismemberment in the near future. Just enough of the informants' stories checked out to cause Flickinger and investigators in several states to continue the hunt for the allegedly four-hundred-strong band of rich cattle-mutilating satanists. Reputed leaders of the group in Texas were polygraphed. All survived such examinations. One of the claims was that the group was escalating from animal to human mutilations and police earnestly scanned all cases of ritualistic murders that occurred. Flickinger himself was threatened and his door daubed with blood.

Sometime in the summer of this year the federal investigation came to an abrupt end. All that a person in the Justice Department associated with the case would tell me was, "We were looking into alleged threats to elected officials from the same type of people involved in cattle mutilations and we were unable to come up with anything at all." This was not particularly illuminating, but John

WIDOW PRICE

*Oscar Price died with a hunk of steak in his throat,
dining among friends at Top of 21, a restaurant
for people on top of it all. His friends thought
him laughing, then mildly miffed, red-faced
at his wife, who salted her potato and missed his going.*

*Where she lives now (on top of a hill),
she wonders about choking. This is on days
when rocks shift place and daisies are spineless
with west wind at their backs. She watches birds,
how flycatchers take food and are gone.
It is frightening: all this shifting and bending
and flying. The thing about choking, too.
She misses Oscar, she says.*

Makeig at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram had also been receiving letters from two of the informants—convicted armed robbers in the Marion federal prison—and was able to conclude that the federal investigators had become convinced that the informants were putting out a lot of bogus information in an attempt to get moved to prisons from which it would be easier for them to escape. This view was strengthened by the fact that all three informants had indeed made escape attempts.

Thus ended federal involvement in the investigation of cattle mutilations and thus also ended the last convincing series of leads anyone has yet come up with.

What are we left with? In the hundreds of cases of cattle mutilations, no one has ever been seen at or near the scene of the crime. No trace of the perpetrators—footprints, car tracks or even evidence of the use of helicopters—has ever been detected. Many ranchers believe that helicopters have been used, partly because a large number of sightings of unidentified helicopters have been reported, partly because it seems this is the only form of transport allowing easy access to remote rangeland. Some investigators believe that such furtive use of helicopters would ex-

plain the large number of U.F.O. sightings in the affected states.

Cynics say that small predators are responsible for many of the alleged mutilations. This may sometimes be the case, but Carl Whiteside, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation officer, told me that out of all the dead animals sent to the veterinary school at Colorado State University six were fresh enough to be amenable to autopsy. One had been the victim of a predator, five had definitely been mutilated by humans. In all cases, he added, the animals had died of natural causes and the mutilations had occurred post-mortem, which he said produced curious questions: "Are the cattle being killed and mutilated by the same people, or do the mutilators come upon them and do the cutting?"

Out of all the investigations only one clue has emerged. In the late summer a Colorado rancher found a blue plastic valise on his land. In it were a cow's tongue, an ear and a scalpel.

The day I spoke with Whiteside he had just returned from a meeting of three hundred ranchers in Kiowa, Elbert County. Elbert County suffered sixty-three cases of mutilation over the summer. Whiteside said the ranchers "were literally up in

arms.... The thing that's scary and frightening to them is that the body can get onto their ranch and actually cut up an animal and no trace. What we're afraid of is we are going to have a homicide on our hands. A person runs out and wanders onto a ranch and the first thing you know these people who are spooked become involved in a murder."

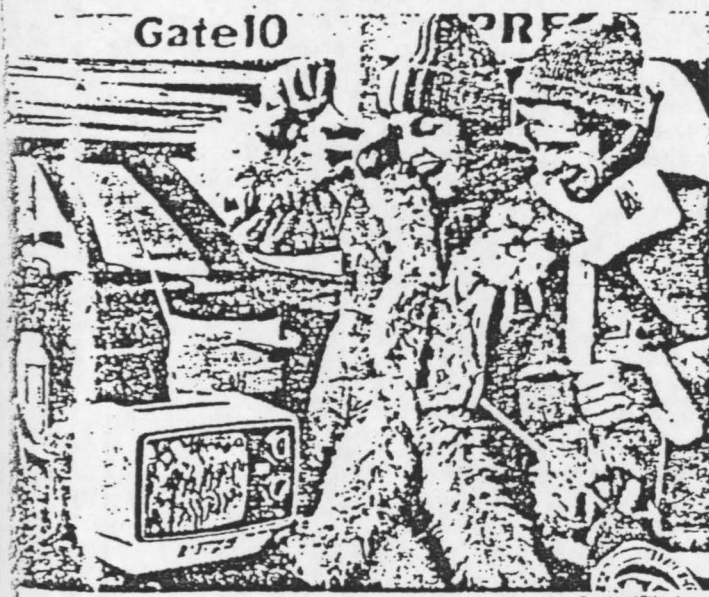
So be careful about road stops. Every time you drive around the mountain states. Ed Sanders, who is a veterinarian, told me that one of the ironies of driving around mutilation country was seeing trucks trundling cattle to orthodox slaughter. You can eat steak for a lifetime and still get rattled over the fate of one animal whose organs have been sliced off by unknown cow molesters. It's this ironic tension between homicidal statistics versus humdrum death on the roads. As I said at the start, it's a question of viewpoint. Crime is what you care to see.

And how to solve the case? A jolly A.T.F. official told me the answer is "to get two guys dressed as a bull with specially large testicles stand them on the range and wait. It could work, I suppose, but you see that the investigators are getting desperate. ##

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most of them adopted a wait-and-see attitude. And some of the Stateside fugitives had grown downright paranoid after years on the lam. "How do I know they won't lock me up and put me back in the Army?" asked a diehard deserter in New York.

When the Clemency Board—headed by an outspoken critic of the war, former New York Sen. Charles Goodell—begins its work, some of the resisters' fears may be eased. Goodell's dovish views will be bolstered by those of other board members, including National Urban League director Vernon E. Jordan and the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame and a former head of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

The panelists clearly have some very difficult problems ahead—weighing, for example, time served in jail against time owed for alternate service, or battle honors against time spent AWOL. And the board contained some hawkish members who might oppose leniency, including retired Marine Corps. Gen. Lewis Walt and James Maye, executive director of Paralyzed Veterans of America. Still, the Ford plan had the virtue of all compromises. Said Hesburgh: "As long as Nixon was in, these guys could rot as far as he was concerned. It's the difference between no chance and some chance."

INDIANS:

Blazing Saddles

It didn't look like much of a border crossing. The sign by the side of the road merely demanded a 10-cent toll from passing motorists, most of whom didn't even stop. But the militant Kootenai Indians manning the roadside picket lines outside Bonners Ferry, Idaho, weren't kidding. After years of frustration trying to deal with Washington, the 67 members of the Kootenai tribe finally lost patience last week and declared war on the United States—by registered mail.

Their challenge was delivered in a letter to President Ford demanding a 128,000-acre reservation, plus as much as \$3.2 million for tribal land the government had paid for in 1962 at the rate of 36 cents an acre. To back it up, they threatened to tax white homeowners and businesses squatting on their ancient tribal lands. Idaho's Gov. Cecil Andrus sent in 60 lawmen to keep the highways clear, but tensions soon eased. The Bureau of Indian Affairs invited tribal leaders to begin negotiations, and the citizens of Bonners Ferry relaxed. "The Indians have told us that they don't want a war," said one sympathetic local. "They know it's tough for 67 people to get a reaction from Washington, D.C."

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

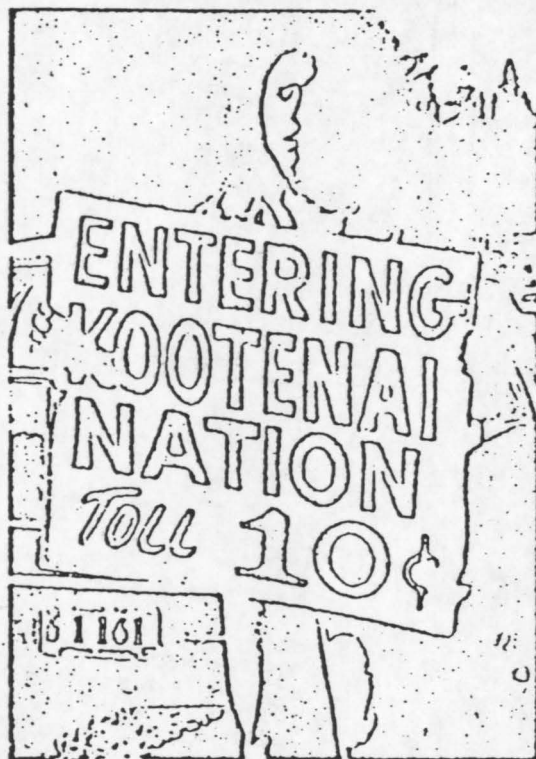
strange events. Many people, noting that some of the victims were black, suggest that devotees of witchcraft may have done the foul deeds. "It could be someone setting up a fertility cult of some kind," says Richard Thill, a German-studies professor at the University of Nebraska who teaches noncredit 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 rifle-toting 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."

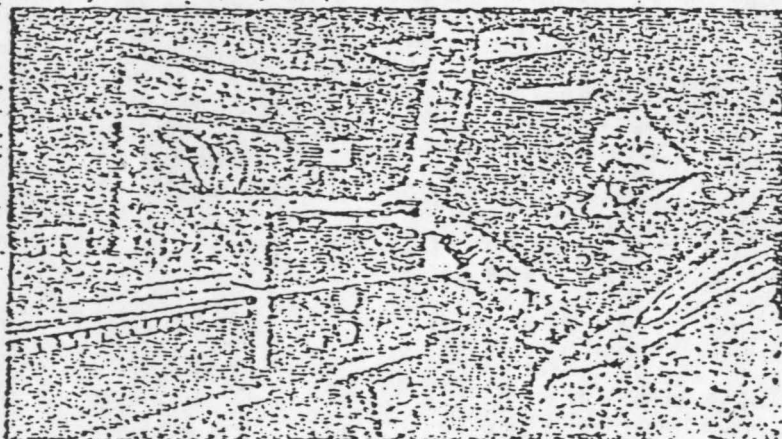
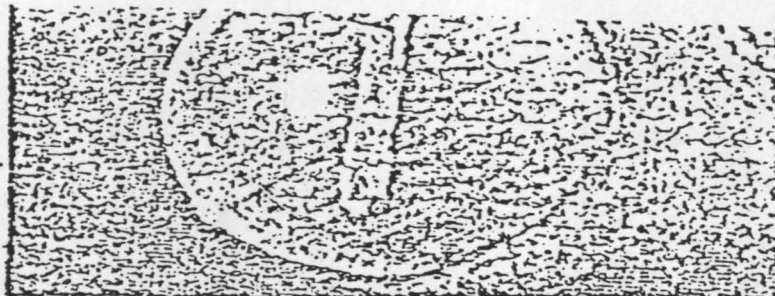
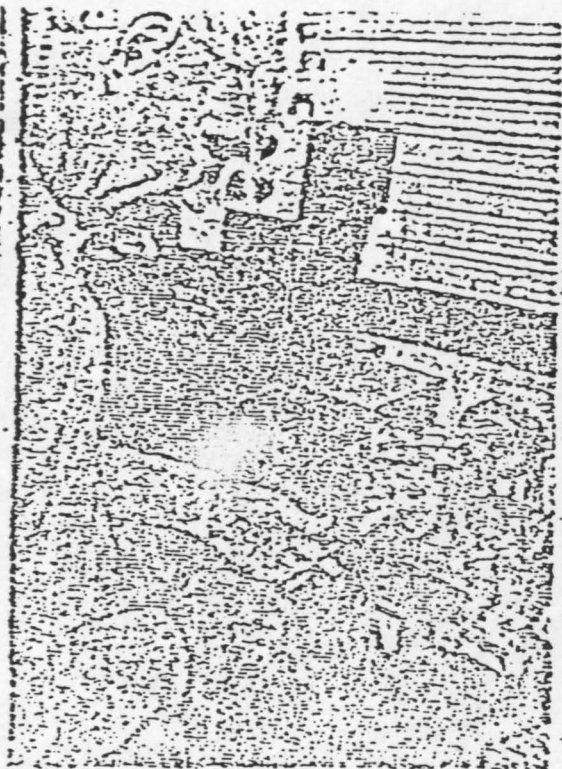


"Warpath": Tribesman soliciting tolls

like this," says State Sen. Jules Burbach, who has represented Knox County for eighteen years. "Folks are almost hysterical."

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



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Material Found After UFO Sighting in Cattle Mortality Area Near Tros
Bob Schoenfeld and Assistant Edith Frankie Continue With Laboratory Tests in Albuquerque

New Findings Deepen Mystery of Mutilations

By FRITZ THOMPSON
Journal Staff Writer

A sound-seal test conducted one night last summer was cited this week as providing "startling and baffling" new evidence in the mysterious cattle mutilations which have proliferated in north central New Mexico.

Further intrigue was added Tuesday with the disclosure of a previously unreported and unpublished UFO incident near Tros less than four days before the test.

Both the test and the incident left tangible materials with similar properties. The materials have been placed under continuing analyses at an Albuquerque laboratory.

Authorities said they hope the discoveries shed fresh light on the cattle mutilation cases, although they readily acknowledge the evidence "certainly won't solve the mystery."

New Mexico, with 35 "confirmed" mutilations so far this year, has been identified as one of three states — Arkansas and Missouri are the others — exhibiting a dramatic increase in the number of reported mutilations with figures from previous years, the state has had a total of approximately 60.

The test last summer was conducted on the Manuel Gomez Ranch near Delta, in an area where the majority of the state's mutilations have occurred. Gomez and State Police Officer Gabe Valdez penned about 170 of the Gomez beef cattle in a corral and moved them through a special chute under an ultra-violet light.

During the nocturnal test, Valdez said five animals were found "with a gummy substance on the right side of the neck, the right ear and the right leg."

Samples of the affected hides were removed, along with unaffected.

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Cattle Mutilation Mystery Deepens

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ed "control" samples from the same animals.

Schoenfeld Clinical Laboratories in Albuquerque analyzed the samples and found the affected hides to contain significant deposits of potassium and magnesium. The laboratory report disclosed Tuesday that the potassium content was more than 70 times above normal.

At the laboratory here, Bob Schoenfeld characterized the presence of potassium and magnesium in the hides as "highly suspicious." He said he believes the substance is made water soluble and doubts it would have occurred on the hides through natural means. "I don't know," he said.

The ultra-violet light test is the first test known to have been conducted in connection with the mutilations.

The test at the Gomez corrals in place July 5. At the time, Val Gomez and Albuquerque resident scientist Howard Burgess were unaware of an incident which occurred four nights before.

Three families living near each other three miles northwest of Taos were startled at 12:05 a.m. by what was later described as "a very bright orange light" outside their homes.

Mrs. Elias Vargas, who lives in one of the homes, said the light shined here.

She had just gone to bed and suddenly the room lit up with a bright orange light, she recalled. "I thought maybe the neighbors were

throwing firecrackers, but then too bright to be that, I realized it was

"I went to the window and opened it, and I could hear a kind of crackling noise. The light was so bright I could see for some distance.

"At first I thought the neighbors' house was on fire, so I went to the other window. I saw this form, it wasn't a definite form, but it was roundish and about as big as two cars, maybe bigger. By then it wasn't orange any more, it was a sort of gray color. It stayed for about two minutes. I rushed into another bedroom and opened the drapes, and it took off to the north and disappeared in two seconds. All you could see was a red light. It happened so fast I got real scared. I don't think I went to sleep until 5 in the morning."

Mrs. Vargas said members of all three families saw the light. She said it hovered low over a space between her house and that of an immediate neighbor. A 500-gallon fuel tank and a pickup truck were directly below the object.

The next morning, she said, a thin powder was found on the roof of the pickup's cab. They collected the powder in a jar.

Eventually, the substance was given to the Schoenfeld laboratory in Albuquerque.

Schoenfeld said Tuesday initial analysis of the substance show it contains significant amounts of potassium and magnesium — the same elements found on the hides of the cattle tested four nights later.

In descending order, Schoenfeld said the residue contains calcium,

sodium, potassium, aluminum, phosphorus, magnesium and iron. Other elements presently identified include barium, bismuth, platinum, vanadium and strontium.

"It's possible to find all these elements in the soil," Schoenfeld said, "but they do not occur naturally in the air. If you say it was found on top of a pickup cab, there would have to be something to have moved it up there."

He described the chips of material as dull gray and about 1/4 of an inch long, 1/16 of an inch wide, and about as thick as a sheet of paper.

"I'm really not in the business of paint analysis," Schoenfeld said. "It could easily be a film of oxidized metal. We're going to do some more work with it. I'm not convinced that it's metallic or organic or what."

He said microscopic particles are imbedded in the material. "We can't really say what it is yet," he said. "For the moment, I'm baffled."

None of the authorities care to speculate on a direct tie between the residue and the substance found on the five cattle. "Right now, the only tie is the potassium and the magnesium," Burgess says, "and that's not substantial enough right now to say the two are definitely related. But it's intriguing."

One official noted mutilated cattle are generally found lying on their right side — the same side the live cattle were "marked" on.

Classic mutilation signs are a cored rectum, severed sexual organs, a severed tongue, eyes gouged out and, in some cases, a severed left ear.

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Journal Special

6/16

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CATTLE MUTILATION

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At the laboratory here, Bob Schenfeld determined the potassium and magnesium levels on the livers as "highly suspicious." He said he believes the substance was made water soluble and dealers that it would have occurred on the animals through natural means. "How if you buy, I don't know," he said.

The ultraviolet light test is the first such test known to have been conducted in connection with the mutilations.

The report on the Gomez cow is for the place July 5. At the time, Valdez, Gomez and Albuquerque retired scientist Howard Burges were unaware of an incident which had occurred four nights before near Tros.

Three families living near each other three miles northwest of Tros were startled at 12:05 a.m. by what they later described as "a very bright orange light" outside their homes.

Mrs. Elias Valdez, who lives in one of the homes, said the light frightened her.

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Four Mutilated Cows Found Near Dulce

DULCE — The largest number of mutilated cows ever found at one time has been discovered near Dulce.

State Police Officer Gabe Valdez said four cows were found Friday about 15 miles southwest of Dulce on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation.

In the past, only one or two mutilated animals have been found at a single location.

Valdez said the animals were found within a one-mile radius by Anna Ramirez, who owned three of the cows.

The fourth animal was owned by Raleigh Tuleya, Jicarilla Tribal Police chief. This is the second cow belonging to Tuleya to be mutilated this year, Valdez said.

The skin of the animal "looked as if it had been burned in 18-inch patches."

Valdez said, adding that the mutilations were identical to others in that the animal's rectum had been cored, their sexual organs severed and their lungs cut out.

Also, as in other mutilation cases, Valdez said "evidence of a lowering aircraft of some type was found."

He said that the four cows discovered Saturday brought to 11 the number of cattle found mutilated in the Dulce area since April.

Mutilated Cattle Found Near Cuba

Journal Special

CUBA — Three new cattle mutilations were confirmed by State Police Sunday, on the Julius Ferran ranch 30 miles northeast of Cuba.

The carcasses of two cows and a calf were discovered about 9 p.m. Saturday, officer Rick Poolaw of Cuba said. "It's definitely a mutilation," he said, describing the classic signs:

The udder and rectum of each cow had been removed, and an ear of the calf was missing. They were all Herefords, and had been dead about five days, 250 yards of the ranch house.

There were no tracks.

In Carl O.

October 16, 1978

Mr. Manuel S. Gomez
General Delivery
Dulce, New Mexico 87528

Dear Manuel:

This letter is with further reference to the livestock mutilations that have been plaguing northern New Mexico and southern Colorado ranchers in recent months.

Enclosed is a letter from Chief Martin E. Vigil, Director of the New Mexico State Police, written in response to my inquiry on your behalf. Enclosed also are copies of all the mutilation reports prepared by Officer Gabe Valdez.

Officer Valdez has assured me that his investigation is continuing, but so far has developed no positive leads as to the identity of the mutilator(s). Please be assured that I will stay in touch with the State Police, and will contact you again if any new information becomes available.

Thanks again for the opportunity to be of service, and please don't hesitate to contact my office again if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Harrison Schmitt

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Enclosures

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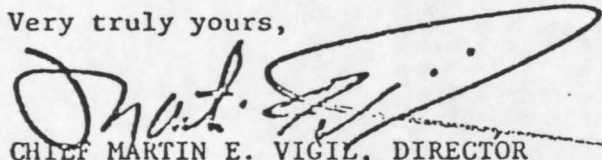
The Honorable Harrison Schmitt
U. S. Senator for New Mexico
1251 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Schmitt:

Pursuant to your correspondence, dated July 10, 1978, regarding a request from Mr. Manuel S. Gomez of Dulce, New Mexico, for a government investigation of the mysterious livestock mutilations which have plagued Rio Arriba County for the past two years, attached hereto kindly find official New Mexico State Police Offense/Incident Reports submitted by Officer Gabe Valdez, together with reports from members of the New Mexico Livestock Board, for your information and whatever disposition you deem appropriate.

Trusting the information is satisfactory, I remain

Very truly yours,



CHIEF MARTIN E. VIGIL, DIRECTOR
New Mexico State Police

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ENCLOSURES (26 PAGES) FOR LETTER DATED OCTOBER 16, 1978, TO MR. MANUEL S. GOMEZ

TOXICATION REPORTS

DATE: August 1975

OWNER: Jimmy Wall - 13 miles South and 1½ miles West of Portales, N.

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Calf

DATE DIED: August 28, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN:

ORGANS TAKEN: vulva, udders, utren horns, terminal colon;

TRACK EVIDENCE: None

INSPECTOR: Lloyd Newman

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 1975

OWNER: Alva A. Simpson, Jr. - Abiquiu, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Bull, hereford

DATE DIED: Between 5:30pm August 30, and 8:30pm August 31, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN: Right side

ORGANS TAKEN: Scrotum, penis, rectum

TRACK EVIDENCE: Wet ground and an elbow imprint was found

INSPECTOR: Pat Archuleta

DATE: October 4, 1975

OWNER: Mark Crowther, Sanford, Colorado

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Bull

DATE DIED: October 4, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN:

ORGANS TAKEN: tongue cut out, half of left ear cut off, testicles,
penis and rectum had been removed.

TRACK EVIDENCE: There was hair on logs and brush, also several trees
about three inches in diameter had been broken down
where it appeared he had been down prior to his death

INSPECTOR: Paul B. Riley

DATE: October 11, 1975

OWNER: Virginia Aycock - Springer, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Cow

DATE DIED: October 11, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN:

ORGANS TAKEN: Left eye picked out, the bag had been cut out including
some hide around it; that was all that was taken.

TRACK EVIDENCE: None stated

INSPECTOR: Harold Gilbert

DATE: October 11, 1975

OWNER: Sam Britt - 33 miles West of Clayton, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Hereford bull, 3 years, 1400-1500 lbs.

DATE DIED: 36-48 hours before October 11

POSITION FOUND IN: Right side

ORGANS TAKEN: Scrotum, penis, rectum

TRACK EVIDENCE: None stated

INSPECTOR: Frank Best

DATE: October 13, 1975

OWNER: Alvin Stocton - Raton, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Bull

DATE DIED: October 11, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN: Right side

ORGANS TAKEN: Scrotum, testicles, penis and end of sheath

TRACK EVIDENCE: Only those made by Mr. Stocton, Sheriff Grubilnik,
and Ben Wooten

INSPECTOR: Ben Wooten

DATE: October 15, 1975

OWNER: W. F. Martin - Springer, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Black bull

DATE DIED: October 15, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN:

ORGANS TAKEN: Rectum, penis, testicles

TRACK EVIDENCE: None stated

INSPECTOR: Harold Gilbert

DATE: October 18, 1975

OWNER: Rock Ranch - Nara Visa, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Black angus cow

DATE DIED: Found October 16 - had been dead seven to eight days prior

POSITION FOUND IN: Laying on back

ORGANS TAKEN: Rectum and vagina

TRACK EVIDENCE: None noted

INSPECTOR: Dwayne Massey

DATE: October 24, 1975

OWNER: Mark Crowther - Sanford, Colorado

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Bull, registered

DATE DIED: Had been dead three or four days

POSITION FOUND IN:

ORGANS TAKEN: Testicles, penis, rectum, also tongue and left ear

TRACK EVIDENCE: Only those of bull

INSPECTOR: Paul Riley

DATE: October 29, 1975

OWNER: Sam Dunlap - Tucumcari, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Bull

DATE DIED: October 29, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN:

ORGANS TAKEN: Sexual organs and tongue

TRACK EVIDENCE: None stated

INSPECTOR: D. F. Garnett

DATE: November 4, 1975

OWNER: Robert Burns - Nara Visa, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Cow, black angus

DATE DIED: Had been dead six or seven days when found

POSITION FOUND IN: Laying on back

ORGANS TAKEN: Sexual organs and tongue also left ear

TRACK EVIDENCE: None specified - varmints had eaten on the animal

INSPECTOR: D. F. Garnett

DATE: November 5, 1975

OWNER: C. A. Ragland - Tucumcari, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Heifer calf, 450 lbs.

DATE DIED: November 5, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN:

ORGANS TAKEN: All sex organs, bag skinned off, flesh gone

TRACK EVIDENCE: None stated

INSPECTOR: D. F. Garnett

DATE: November 11, 1975

OWNER: Herman Riley -

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Black cow

DATE DIED: November 11, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN: Right side

ORGANS TAKEN: Tongue, Eye (exposed)

TRACK EVIDENCE: None

INSPECTOR: Mel Sedillo, Jr.

DATE: November 11, 1975

OWNER: Forrest Atchley -

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: 6 to 7 mo. old steer calf, black-mottle faced,
still on mother.

DATE DIED: November 8 or 9, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN:

ORGANS TAKEN: Rectum

TRACK EVIDENCE: None noticed

INSPECTOR: Dwayne Massey

DATE: November 13, 1975

OWNER: M & M Feed Lot -

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Yearling heifer

DATE DIED: November 12, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN: Right side

ORGANS TAKEN: Udder and sexual organs

TRACK EVIDENCE: None

INSPECTOR: Bud Mc Adams

DATE: November 16, 1975

OWNER: Bert Cox - Quemado, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Cow

DATE DIED: October 24, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN: Laying on back

ORGANS TAKEN: None

TRACK EVIDENCE: None reported

INSPECTOR: Tom Wagner

DATE: January 19, 1976

OWNER: Sam Griego - Pintada, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Black Motley face

DATE DIED: December 26, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN: Left side

ORGANS TAKEN: Cut all of the rectum, udder, two holes on jugler vein on right side, hole in between front legs, a little bag which looked like they might want to get to the heart, Two holes on back in front of hip bones same size as the ones in neck, one to each side of spine right across, looked like they were made from the air while cow was standing up. All sexual organs and udder were taken.

TRACK EVIDENCE: None except for bird tracks

INSPECTOR: Pete B. Marez

DATE: January 19, 1976

OWNER: Dipper Cattle Company - Pintada, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Crossbred red motley face

DATE DIED: December 19, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN: Left side

ORGANS TAKEN: All sexual organs and tongue

TRACK EVIDENCE: None

INSPECTOR: Pete B. Marez

DATE: February 14, 1976

OWNER: Rhea Howe - Engle, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: 2 yr. old Charloais-Merford heifer, 700 lbs.

DATE DIED: Between February 11 and 13, 1976

POSITION FOUND IN: Back and left side

ORGANS TAKEN: Udder

TRACK EVIDENCE: Rained night before

INSPECTOR: Tom Bennett

DATE: April 23, 1976

OWNER: Pete Gutierrez - Chilli, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Blue Roan Mare

DATE DIED: Night of April 22 or 23, 1976

POSITION FOUND IN: Laying on her back

ORGANS TAKEN: Bag area and rectum area

TRACK EVIDENCE: Numerous track of coyote's (or dog) in evidence

INSPECTOR: A. J. Gibbs

DATE: May 19, 1976
OWNER: Sharp Ranch - Corona, New Mexico
ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Black angus bull
DATE DIED: May 15, 1976
POSITION FOUND IN: Left side on back
ORGANS TAKEN: Testicles removed
TRACK EVIDENCE: None
INSPECTOR: Claude Foster

DATE: June 29, 1976
OWNER: Tony Lamb -
ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Yearling steer
DATE DIED: 48 hours prior to date
POSITION FOUND IN: Left side
ORGANS TAKEN: Right ear and right eye, the tongue, circle cut out at his navel, penis was gone, and he had also been cut around his rectum.
TRACK EVIDENCE: None stated
INSPECTOR: Harold Gilbert

DATE: July 10, 1976
OWNER:
ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Buffalo calf
DATE DIED: July 10, 1976
POSITION FOUND IN:
ORGANS TAKEN: Tongue, testicles and penis. Cut at the rectum, also gone was large intestine.
TRACK EVIDENCE: A white helicopter was seen the morning of July 8

DATE: July 1, 1976
OWNER: Stanley Cisneros - Questa, New Mexico
ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Solid red cow - pregnant
DATE DIED: June 29 or June 30, 1976
POSITION FOUND IN: Laying on right side
ORGANS TAKEN: Left eye, udder was cut off
TRACK EVIDENCE: None
INSPECTOR: Milton Culbertson

DATE: August 21, 1976

OWNER: Charles Linder, Hernandez, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: 3½ month old Charloais bull calf

DATE DIED: August 21, 1976

POSITION FOUND IN: Left side

ORGANS TAKEN: Penis and testicles

TRACK EVIDENCE: None

INSPECTOR: Jim Byrd

DATE: September 8, 1976

OWNER: Pacific Western Land Company

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Black cross bred steer calf, 4 mo. old

DATE DIED: September 5 or 6, 1976

POSITION FOUND IN: Left side

ORGANS TAKEN: Rectum and tail removed

TRACK EVIDENCE: None

INSPECTOR: Gene Donohoe

Date - Summer 1977

Owner - Tom McCauley & Son Cliff, N. Mex.

Animal Description - white face Hereford Bull

Date Died - Summer

Position found - on left side

Organs taken - Eyes, Tongue, Rectum, Penis, Testicles

Track Evidence - None

Pictures in possession of owners.

Location - Rock House Canyon mesa.

Investigator - unknown, probably Sheriff's office silver

Info. supplied by Sgt. Joe Ortega, N.M.S.P.

MUTILATION REPORT

INITIALLY REPORTED BY - Howard Crowther DATE 7/10/78

OWNER NAME - Howard Crowther, Sanford Color.

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION - White Face Bull - C approx. 1 yr old

DATE ANIMAL DIED OR WAS MUTILATED (AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE) - This H.
was mutilated on the night of 7/5/78

POSITION ANIMAL WAS WHEN FIRST SEEN (RIGHT OR LEFT SIDE) - hanging over R.

DATE ANIMAL WAS LAST SEEN - 7/5/78

AREAS MUTILATED - Rectal Area, Penis and Testicles were
removed from animal, Tongue was also gone.

ORGANS TAKEN (DESCRIBE IN DETAIL) -

TRACK EVIDENCE (ANIMAL, VEHICLE, BIRDS, ETC.) - Only Tracks were
those of birds.

DISTANCE FROM PUBLIC ROAD ON RESIDENCE - 137 steps from a public
Road - About 250 yards from residence

ALWAYS TAKE PHOTOGRAPH OF CARCASS AND SCENE.

Jim Boyd
INSPECTOR

24 - Chama,
DISTRICT

AGENCY

URI NM 07

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3. FILE NUMBER

New Mexico State Police

5. INCIDENT TYPE

Cattle Mutilation

Writer

6. PREMISE TYPE (Circle One)

1 Highway 4 Chai

2 Commerce 5 Resi

3 Service Station 6 Bank

7. INCIDENT LOCATION

13 miles East of Dulce on Manuel Gomez's Ranch

GEO

17

8. INCIDENT DATE

Time to

DATE

Time

05-13-76

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9. STRANGER TO STRANGER

YES X NO UNK

10. WEAPON TYPE (Circle One)

1 Gun 2 Cutting Tool 3

undetermined

11. COMPLAINANTS

Manuel Gomez

12. ADDRESS

P. O. Box 372, Dulce, N. M. 87523

13. Ph

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14. VICTIM'S NAME

Manuel Gomez

15. Race

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16. Sex

M

17. Date of Birth

07-09-23

18. Res.

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19. ADDRESS

20. OCCUPATION

21. Bus

22. NAME NO. 1 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WARRANT

23. Soc. Sec. No.

24. Race

25. Sex

26. I

27. ADDRESS

28. Age

29. Height

30. Weight

31. Hair

32. Ey

22. NAME NO. 2 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WARRANT

23. Soc. Sec. No.

24. Race

25. Sex

26. I

27. ADDRESS

28. Age

29. Height

30. Weight

31. Hair

32. Ey

34. VALUE

35. COLOR

36. YEAR

37. VEHICLE MAKE

38. MODEL

39. STYLE

40. VIN

41. LICENSE NO.

42. LIS

43. LIY

44. VEHICLE STATUS

45. See Attached

46. CRIMINAL DAMAGE AMOUNT

\$

47. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Sale/Mfg

Use

48. TYPE

49. WEIGHT

50. V.

\$

51.

CURRENCY

JEWELRY

CLOTHING

VEHICLES

Stolen

\$

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\$

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Recovered

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OFFICE EQUIPMENT

TV, RADIO, Etc.

FIREARMS

HOUSEHOLD

Stolen

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Recovered

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CONSUMABLES

LIVESTOCK

OTHER

TOTAL

Stolen

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Recovered

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52. RECOVERED PROPERTY

Stolen Locally-Recovered

Stolen Locally-Recovered

Stolen Other-Recovered I

53. DATE OFFENSE REPORTED

05-13-76

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54. DATE REPORT PREPARED

12-15-76

55. CASE STATUS

☒ Active☐ Cleared by Arrest☐ Unfounded, Explain☐ Exceptionally Cleared. Explain

Cow Mutilation - Page 1

On 05-12-76 at approximately 8:00 p.m. Mr. Manuel Gomez, Dulce, N. M. contacted writer by public service stating that he had found a three year old cow at his ranch which appeared to have been mutilated and that he would like for writer to check into it. Writer advised Mr. Gomez that he was on day off and that he would proceed there at 5:00 a.m. on 05-14-76.

Writer contacted Mr. Paul Riley of the New Mexico Cattle Sanitary Board and proceeded to the Gomez Ranch. Upon arrival at the ranch, it was observed that the only vehicle tracks were those of Mr. Gomez's pick up. Since his ranch is locked up and the only entrance is through the gate used by writer. At the scene, writer examined the carcass of a 3 yr. old black White-Faced cow which was lying on it's right side. The left ear, the tongue, the udder, and the rectum had been removed with what appeared to be a sharp precise instrument. No traces of blood were left on the skin of the cow. The hide on the underneath side of the cow was white so that spotting of blood would have been easily detected. Other evidence on the cow was a small puncture on the brisket. No other evidence was available as to cause of death.

Investigation continued around the area and revealed that a suspected aircraft of some type had landed twice, leaving three pod marks positioned in a triangular shape. The diameter of each pod mark was 14". The perimeter around the three pods was 16 1/2" (5'35"35 1/2"). Extending from the two landings were smaller triangular shaped tripods 29" apart and 4" in diameter. Investigation at the scene showed that these small tripods had followed the cow for approximately 600'. Tracks of the cow showed where she had struggled and fallen. The small tripod tracks were all around the cow. Other evidence showed that grass around the tripods, as they followed the cow, had been scorched. Also a yellow oily substance was located in two places under the small tripods. This substance was submitted to the State Police Lab. The Lab was unable to detect the content of the substance.

A sample of the substance was submitted to a private lab and they were unable to analyze the substance due to the fact that it disappeared or disintegrated. Skin samples were analysed by the State Police Lab and the Medical Examiner's office. It was reported that the skin had been cut with a sharp instrument.

On 05-17-76 writer contacted a Mr. Howard Burgess from Albuquerque, N. M. to proceed to the scene and conduct a radiation test. This was 3 days after the incident had occurred. His findings were that around the tripod marks and in the immediate tracks, the radiation level was twice the normal background reading. Mr. Burgess's qualifications may be checked as he is a retired scientist from Sandia Lab, Albuquerque, N. M. It is the opinion of this writer that radiation findings are deliberately being left at the scene to confuse investigators.

There was also evidence that the tripod marks had returned and removed the left ear. Tripod marks were found over Mr. Gomez's tire tracks of his original visit. The left ear was in fact when Mr. Gomez first found the cow.

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The cow had a 3 month old calf which has not been located since the incident. This appears strange since a small calf normally stays around the mother cow even though the cow is dead.

Writer has conducted an intensive investigation into approximately 23 cattle mutilations which have been reported in the state of New Mexico within the last 16 months. They all carry the same pattern. Also during this investigation writer has been able to determine that on one of the mutilated cows which occurred in New Mexico, a high dosage of Atropine insecticide⁴s analysed in the blood system. This substance is a tranquilizing drug. The Los Alamos Scientific Research Laboratory has conducted a necropsy on several animals including a buffalo, which revealed that the animals had been highly infected with Black Leg.

Investigation has also revealed that on all cattle mutilations which have occurred in New Mexico and surrounding states, that the object of the mutilations has been the lymph node system.

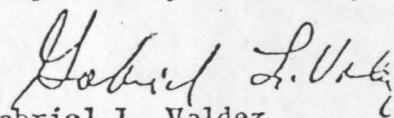
This writer has been assisting Sheriff Tex Graves, Logan County, Sterling, Colorado. Samples from Logan County mutilated cows were brought by this writer to be analysed by three private chemists, as it appears that the Government associated laboratories are not reporting complete findings. The substance which was on the cow (mutilated in Logan County) was analysed as containing an ion exchange resin and Vitamin B₁₂. Writer is working with Sheriff Graves due to the fact that Sheriff Graves has been unable to get cooperation from Colorado State University in the analysis of samples. These trips have been made on writer's own time and at his own expense. Writer has contacted several states where these mutilations exist over the 1000 mark.

During this period of investigation several theories have been thoroughly checked out such as a "Satan Worshipers" group and predators. Both have been ruled out due to expertise and preciseness and the cost involved to conduct such a sophisticated and secretive operation. It should also be noted that during the Spring of 1974 when a tremendous amount of cattle were lost due to heavy snowfalls, the carcasses had been eaten by predators. These carcasses did not resemble the carcasses of the mutilated cows.

Investigation has narrowed down to these theories which involve (1) Experimental use of Vitamin B₁₂ and (2) The testing of the lymph node system. During this investigation an intensive study has been made of (3) What is involved in germ warfare testing, and the possible correlation of these 3 factors (germ warfare testing, use of Vitamin B₁₂, testing of the lymph Node System).

Investigation is continuing on this case.

Respectfully submitted,


Gabriel L. Valdez
New Mexico State Police

EVENT	5. INCIDENT TYPE Cattle Mutilation										6. PREMISE TYPE (Circle)									
											1 Highway		4							
											2 Commerce		5							
											3 Service Station		6							
VICTIM	7. INCIDENT LOCATION Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico Max Salazar's Ranch										GEO 17		7 Ranch							
	8. INCIDENT DATE 06-18-78										Time to DATE 1:00 PM		9. STRANGER TO STRANGER YES (NO) UNK		10. WEAPON TYPE (Circle)					
													1 Gun 2 Cutting Tool							
SUBJECT	11. COMPLAINANTS Max Salazar										12. ADDRESS P.O. Box 15 Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico									
	14. VICTIM'S NAME Max Salazar										15. Race A		16. Sex M		17. Date of Birth 03-21-25		18. Age 5			
	19. ADDRESS Box 15 Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico										20. OCCUPATION Rancher									
VEHICLE	22. NAME NO. 1 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED										23. Soc. Sec. No.		24. Race		25. Sex		26. Age			
	27. ADDRESS										28. Age		29. Height		30. Weight		31. Hair			
	22. NAME NO. 2 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED										23. Soc. Sec. No.		24. Race		25. Sex		26. Age			
	27. ADDRESS										28. Age		29. Height		30. Weight		31. Hair			
NARRATIVE	34. VALUE		35. COLOR		36. YEAR		37. VEHICLE MAKE		38. MODEL		39. STYLE									
	40. VIN		41. LICENSE NO.		42. LIS		43. LIY		44. VEHICLE STATUS											
	45. This two year cross Haverford and Black Angus cow was found dead by Mr. Salazar approximately 800 yards from his residence in Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico. The cow was laying on it's left side. The front left leg was broken. The rectum was partially removed in a precise manner but for some reason the mutilation was not completed. Mr. Salazar's ranch is approximately 2 miles East of Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico on U.S. 61. The only entrance to Mr. Salazar's ranch would be through his driveway which is beside his house. This cow had been dead approximately 14 days. This animal is decomposed to conduct any tests. This investigation was conducted by MSP officer Joe Vascones and New Mexico Cattle Inspector Jim Ford and writer. Investigation continued.																			
U.C.R.	46. CRIMINAL DAMAGE AMOUNT \$ 100.00				47. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE Sale/Mfg Poss.				48. TYPE				49. WEIGHT		50. V					
	51. CURRENCY		JEWELRY		CLOTHING		VEHICLES		52. RECOVERED PROPERTY											
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	Recovered \$		\$		\$		\$													
	CONSUMABLES		LIVESTOCK		OTHER		TOTAL													
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	56. REPORTING OFFICER (Signature & Number) Daniel L. Wall 23551-700										57. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number) [Signature] 32									

EVENT	5. INCIDENT TYPE <u>Mutilation</u>										6. PREMISE TYPE (Circle)					
											1	Highway	4			
											2	Commerce	5			
											3	Service Station	6			
VICTIM	7. INCIDENT LOCATION <u>Manuel Gomez's Ranch Dulce, New Mexico</u>										GEO <u>17</u>					
	8. INCIDENT DATE <u>01-22-78</u> Time to <u>4:00 PM</u> DATE <u>01-22-78</u> Time <u>4:00 PM</u>										9. STRANGER TO STRANGER (YES) <u>NO</u> UNK					
	11. COMPLAINANTS <u>Manuel Gomez</u>										12. ADDRESS <u>P.O. Box 373, Dulce, New Mexico</u>					
	14. VICTIM'S NAME <u>Manuel Gomez</u>										15. Race <u>A</u>	16. Sex <u>M</u>	17. Date of Birth <u>07-09-28</u>			
SUBJECT	19. ADDRESS <u>P.O. Box 372, Dulce, New Mexico</u>										20. OCCUPATION <u>Self Employed</u>					
	22. NAME NO. 1 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED										23. Soc. Sec. No.		24. Race	25. Sex		
	27. ADDRESS										28. Age	29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair		
	22. NAME NO. 2 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED										23. Soc. Sec. No.		24. Race	25. Sex		
VEHICLE	27. ADDRESS										28. Age	29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair		
	34. VALUE										35. COLOR	36. YEAR	37. VEHICLE MAKE	38. MODEL	39. STYLE	
	40. VIN										41. LICENSE NO.	42. LIS	43. LIY	44. VEHICLE STATUS		
	45. This investigation of a 12 month old <u>Charles</u> bull is similar to the mutilation which occurred on <u>4-24-78</u> . However, this 12 month old bull was very decomposed and appears to have been dead approximately 5 days. The sex organs had been surgically removed. The <u>horns</u> had also been removed. No samples of tissue were taken due to the decomposition of the carcass. Hot tracks were detectable due to lapse of time. Investigation continuing.															
U. C. R.	46. CRIMINAL DAMAGE AMOUNT <u>\$ 500.00</u>										47. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE <input type="checkbox"/> Sale/Mfg <input type="checkbox"/> Poss.		48. TYPE		49. WEIGHT	50
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	Recovered		\$		\$		\$		\$							
			OFFICE EQUIPMENT		TV, RADIO, Etc.		FIREARMS		HOUSEHOLD							
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	Recovered		\$		\$		\$		\$							
			CONSUMABLES		LIVESTOCK		OTHER		TOTAL							
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	Recovered		\$		\$		\$		\$		54. DATE REPORT PREPARED <u>01-31-78</u>					
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	56. REPORTING OFFICER (Signature & Number) <u>Habriel L. Valdez 555-96-7826</u>										57. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number) <u>[Signature]</u> <u>[Page 33]</u>					
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EVENT	5. INCIDENT TYPE Cattle mutilation										6. PREMISE TYPE (Circle)									
											1 Highway		4							
											2 Commerce		5							
											3 Service Station		6							
VICTIM	7. INCIDENT LOCATION Howard's Vigil's Ranch Dulce, New Mexico										GEO 17		10. WEAPON TYPE (Circle)							
	8. INCIDENT DATE Time to DATE 05-23-78 10:00 AM										9. STRANGER TO STRANGER YES () NO () UNK ()				1 Gun 2 Cutting Tool UN KNOWN					
SUBJECT	11. COMPLAINANTS Howard Vigil										12. ADDRESS Gen Del Dulce, New Mexico									
	14. VICTIM'S NAME Howard Vigil										15. Race I		16. Sex		17. Date of Birth 03-04-30					
	19. ADDRESS Gen Del Dulce, New Mexico										20. OCCUPATION Auto Mechanic									
	22. NAME NO. 1 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED										23. Soc. Sec. No.		24. Race		25. Sex					
VEHICLE	27. ADDRESS										28. Age		29. Height		30. Weight		31. Hair		32	
	22. NAME NO. 2 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED										23. Soc. Sec. No.		24. Race		25. Sex					
	27. ADDRESS										28. Age		29. Height		30. Weight		31. Hair		32	
	34. VALUE		35. COLOR		36. YEAR		37. VEHICLE MAKE		38. MODEL		39. STYLE									
NARRATIVE	40. VIN		41. LICENSE NO.		42. LIS		43. LIY		44. VEHICLE STATUS											
	45. These two four-year old, Herford cows were too decomposed to perform any tests on. The same pattern of mutilation exists with rectum and sex organs meticulously removed. Both cows were laying on their left side with left front leg and left rear leg bent which indicates that animals were lifted by their extremities. This is a recent development in the pattern of cattle mutilations. These two four year old native cows had been dead approximately 5 days when owner found them. Pinkish blood from nose was visible. Evidence of turbulence from an aircraft was apparent. Investigation continues.																			
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	51.		CURRENCY		JEWELRY		CLOTHING		VEHICLES		52. RECOVERED PROPERTY									
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	Recovered		\$		\$		\$		\$		<input type="checkbox"/> Stolen Locally-Recovered									
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	Recovered		\$		\$		\$		\$											
			CONSUMABLES		LIVESTOCK		OTHER		TOTAL											
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	Recovered		\$		\$		\$		\$											
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	56. REPORTING OFFICER (Signature & Number) Robert L. Valle 87-21-702										57. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number) [Page 34]									

EVENT	5. INCIDENT TYPE Catle Mutilation										6. PREMISE TYPE (Circle)										
											1 Highway	4 C									
											2 Commerce	5 R									
											3 Service Station	6 B									
VICTIM	7. INCIDENT LOCATION Robert Rodala's Ranch Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico										GEO 17		7. WEAPON TYPE (Circle)								
	8. INCIDENT DATE 07-12-75 1:00 PM										9. STRANGER TO STRANGER YES NO UNK		1 Gun 2 Cutting Tool unloaded								
SUBJECT	11. COMPLAINANTS Robert Rodala										12. ADDRESS P.O. Box 74 Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico										13.
	14. VICTIM'S NAME Robert Rodala										15. Race A	16. Sex M	17. Date of Birth 10-25-39		18. R 5						
	19. ADDRESS P.O. Box 74 Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico										20. OCCUPATION Security Guard				21.						
	22. NAME NO. 1 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED										23. Soc. Sec. No.		24. Race	25. Sex	26.						
VEHICLE	27. ADDRESS										28. Age		29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair	32.					
	22. NAME NO. 2 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED										23. Soc. Sec. No.		24. Race	25. Sex	26.						
	27. ADDRESS										28. Age		29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair	32.					
	34. VALUE										35. COLOR		36. YEAR	37. VEHICLE MAKE		38. MODEL	39. STYLE				
NARRATIVE	40. VIN										41. LICENSE NO.		42. LIS	43. LIY	44. VEHICLE STATUS						
	45. This two year old cream Ford and Black Laguna native cow had been dead approx 5 to 10 days and was badly decomposed. The tongue, left ear, udder, and foot were precisely removed. Animal was lying on left side. Both left front legs left rear legs were broken. This pregnant cow was carrying a fetus. The fetus had been pulled out and the head of the fetus precisely removed. Other mutilated had not been present. This is the first time which a mutilated fetus has been found in this area. This mutilation occurred approximately 1 mile west of Mr. Salazar's ranch (site of a previous mutilation). The only entrance to Mr. Rodala's ranch is through a steel gate which remains locked at all times. There was no visible evidence of aircraft activity. Matter was reported in this investigation by Catle Inspector Jim Ray, Chaco, New Mexico. Investigation continuing.																				
	46. CRIMINAL DAMAGE AMOUNT \$500.00										47. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE		48. TYPE		49. WEIGHT		50.				
	51. CURRENCY										JEWELRY		CLOTHING		VEHICLES						
U.C.R.	Stolen \$										\$		\$		\$						
	Recovered \$										\$		\$		\$						
	OFFICE EQUIPMENT										TV, RADIO, Etc.		FIREARMS		HOUSEHOLD						
	Stolen \$										\$		\$		\$						
ADMINISTRATIVE	Recovered \$										\$		\$		\$						
	CONSUMABLES										LIVESTOCK		OTHER		TOTAL						
	Stolen \$										\$		\$		\$						
	Recovered \$										\$		\$		\$						
55. CASE STATUS														52. RECOVERED PROPERTY		53. DATE OFFENSE REPORTED		54. DATE REPORT PREPARED			
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56. REPORTING OFFICER (Signature & Number)										57. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number)											
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EVENT	5. INCIDENT TYPE Cattle mutilation										6. PREMISE TYPE (Circle)				
											1 Highway	4	(
											2 Commerce	5	1		
VICTIM	7. INCIDENT LOCATION Rawleigh Tafoya's Ranch 23 miles west of Dulce, N.M.										7. Ranch				
	8. INCIDENT DATE: 05-11-78 Time 10:00 PM										9. STRANGER TO STRANGER YES () NO () UNK ()				
	11. COMPLAINANTS Rawleigh Tafoya										12. ADDRESS Gen Dal Dulce, New Mexico				
SUBJECT	14. VICTIM'S NAME Rawleigh Tafoya										15. Race I	16. Sex M	17. Date of Birth 03-04-37	18. Age 75	
	19. ADDRESS Gen Dal Dulce, New Mexico										20. OCCUPATION Police Officer				
	22. NAME NO. 1 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED										23. Soc. Sec. No.	24. Race	25. Sex	26. Age	
VEHICLE	27. ADDRESS										28. Age	29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair	32. Eyes
	22. NAME NO. 2 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED										23. Soc. Sec. No.	24. Race	25. Sex	26. Age	
	27. ADDRESS										28. Age	29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair	32. Eyes
NARRATIVE	34. VALUE	35. COLOR	36. YEAR	37. VEHICLE MAKE	38. MODEL	39. STYLE									
	40. VIN		41. LICENSE NO.		42. LIS	43. LIY	44. VEHICLE STATUS								
	45. This four year old cross Hereford and Black Angus native cow was found lying on left side with rectum, sex organs, tongue, and ears removed. Pinkish blood from was visible, and after two days the blood still had not coagulated. Left front and left rear leg were pulled out of their sockets apparently from the weight of the which indicates that it was lifted and dropped back to the ground. The ground on and under the cow was soft and showed indentations where the cow had been dropped. 600 yards away from the cow were the 4" circular indentations similar to the ones found at the Manuel Gomez ranch on 1-27-78. This cow had been dead approximately hours and was too decomposed to extract samples. This is the first in a series of mutilations in which the cows legs are broken. Previously the animals had been lifted from the bricket with a strap. These mutilated animals all dehydrate rapidly (in one or two days). Investigation continues.														
U.C.R.	46. CRIMINAL DAMAGE AMOUNT \$ 400.00		47. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE Sale/Mfg () Poss. ()		48. TYPE		49. WEIGHT		50.						
	51.	CURRENCY	JEWELRY	CLOTHING	VEHICLES		52. RECOVERED PROPERTY								
	Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$		<input type="checkbox"/> Stolen Locally-Recovered								
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	Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$										
	Recovered	\$	\$	\$	\$										
		CONSUMABLES	LIVESTOCK	OTHER	TOTAL										
	Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$		53. DATE OFFENSE REPORTED 05-11-78								
	Recovered	\$	\$	\$	\$		54. DATE REPORT PREPARED 07-11-78								
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	56. REPORTING OFFICER (Signature & Number) Richard L. Valdez 525-96-7826														
	57. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number) [Signature] 525-96-7826														

EVENT	5. INCIDENT TYPE Cattle Mutilation						6. PREMISE TYPE (Circle)							
							1 Highway		4 C					
							2 Commerce		5 R					
							3 Service Station		6 B					
VICTIM	7. INCIDENT LOCATION Dulce, New Mexico						GEO 17		7 Ranch					
	8. INCIDENT DATE Time to DATE Time 04-24-76 unknown						9. STRANGER TO STRANGER YES NO UNK		10. WEAPON TYPE (Circle)					
									1 Gun		2 Cutting Tool			
									undetermined					
SUBJECT	11. COMPLAINANTS Manuel Gomez						12. ADDRESS P. O. Box 372, Dulce, N. M.						13. 759	
	14. VICTIM'S NAME Manuel Gomez						15. Race A		16. Sex M		17. Date of Birth 07-09-23		18. Age 759	
	19. ADDRESS P. O. Box 372, Dulce, N. M.						20. OCCUPATION rancher						21. Age 759	
VEHICLE	22. NAME NO. 1 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED						23. Soc. Sec. No.		24. Race		25. Sex		26	
	27. ADDRESS						28. Age		29. Height		30. Weight		31. Hair	
	22. NAME NO. 2 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED						23. Soc. Sec. No.		24. Race		25. Sex		26	
	27. ADDRESS						28. Age		29. Height		30. Weight		31. Hair	
NARRATIVE	34. VALUE						35. COLOR		36. YEAR		37. VEHICLE MAKE		38. MODEL	
	40. VIN						41. LICENSE NO.		42. LIS		43. LIY		44. VEHICLE STATUS	
	45.													
	SEE ATTACHED													
U. C. R.	46. CRIMINAL DAMAGE AMOUNT \$500.00						47. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE Sale/Mfg Poss.		48. TYPE		49. WEIGHT		50.	
	51. CURRENCY		JEWELRY		CLOTHING		VEHICLES		52. RECOVERED PROPERTY					
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	Recovered \$		\$		\$		\$							
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56. REPORTING OFFICER (Signature & Number) H. Lind L. Vabe 555-91-7826														
57. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number) [Signature] 555-91-7826 [Page 37]														

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

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8. NARRATIVE On 4-24-78 at 7:30 A.M. this writer was contacted by Mr. Manual Gomez, Dulce

N. M. in reference to an eleven month old cross Herford-Charolais bull belonging to him had apparently been mutilated. Investigation showed that this eleven month old bull was dropped by some type of aircraft north of Mr. Gomez's ranch house. (approximately 600 ft). The rectum and sex organs had been removed with a sharp and precise instrument. The bones had also been removed. The bull sustained visible bruises around the brisket area seeming to indicate that a strap was used to lift and lower the animal to and from the aircraft. The bull appeared to have been dead for about 5 hr. Prints were found 100 ft north of the slain animal. These 4" diameter round footprints led to the animal and 100 ft where they apparently returned to a hovering aircraft. The imprints appeared to be quite heavy since the ground was dry and hard and automobile tire tracks from the police car were barely visible.

These imprints appeared to have scraped the ground as they moved. The liver and heart of this animal was removed by writer. Both the liver and heart were white and mushy. Both organs had the texture and consistency of peanut butter. The carcass was dehydrated. The heart was taken to the Los Alamos Medical Laboratory to be analysed. The liver was taken to 3 different private laboratories for examination. The Los Alamos Medical Laboratory returned a finding on the heart. (Report attached)

FROM LOS ALAMOS LABORATORY

Heart Muscle: No microscopic changes of pathological significance were found.
 Bone Fragment: No microscopic changes of significance were found.
 Diaphragm Muscle: Rod shaped bacteria infiltrating connective tissue between muscle fibers were seen. Muscle fibers also contained occasional *Sarcosporidia* cysts.

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10.	CURRENCY	JEWELRY	CLOTHING	VEHICLES	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	T.V.-RADIO
Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recovered	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	FIREARMS	HOUSEHOLD	CONSUMABLES	LIVESTOCK	OTHER	TOTAL
Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recovered	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

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8. NARRATIVE Bacteriology: A specimen obtained from a heart chamber was cultured and shown to contain a rod-shaped organism identified as Clostridium species. Definitive classification was not made.

The liver was checked against a healthy food market liver which showed a difference mutilated bull's liver. The bull's liver contained no copper, and 4 times the amount of phosphorous, zinc, and potassium. No explanation for this condition is available at the present time. A group of microbiologists are comparing these abnormalities. The results of the private labs are being withheld but if enough evidence is found to prosecute names of these laboratories will be released. Also the blood which came off of the nose when it was presumably dropped was light pink in color. This blood did not coagulate after several days. The hide on the animal was brittle and felt to touch like onion paper. Flesh underneath the hide was pinkish in color. A probable explanation for pinkish blood is a control type of radiation used to kill the animal, according to radiation experts. The red corpuscles are destroyed leaving the pale pinkish color. Also toxicology findings on blood are negative because of the disintegration of the radiation.

It is believed that this type of radiation is not harmful to humans, although approximately 7 people who visited the mutilation site complained of nausea and headache. However, this writer has had no such symptoms after checking approximately 11 mutilations in the past 4 months.

The only entrance to this mutilation site is through Mr. Gomez's front yard. No vehicle was seen or heard entering the pasture. The slain bull was last seen at approximately 8:00 pm on 4-23-78 and appeared healthy at this time. However, a Mr. Jos

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	FIREARMS	HOUSEHOLD	CONSUMABLES	LIVESTOCK	OTHER	TOTAL
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8. NARRATIVE: Martinez who was visiting his son-in-law Mauricio Gomez (brother of Manuel Gomez) heard a low flying aircraft in the vicinity of where the mutilated bull was found at approximately 3:00 am on 4-24-76.

The 4" circular imprints were identical to the ones found in a similar mutilation approximately 13 miles East of Dulce on June 13, 1976 which also involved one of Mr. Manuel Gomez's cattle. Investigation of these strange mutilations have been hampered by inability to find laboratories which will perform tests and report accurate findings. This writer was fortunate enough to have found this mutilation shortly after it occurred. In other cases, animals are found only days or weeks after mutilation. It is writer's opinion that these animals have been marked for some time before they are mutilated.

Also investigation shows that all mutilations are to native cattle. In Rio Arriba County approximately 15,000 head of steers imported from Arizona, Mexico, Texas, etc. have not been mutilated. It is writer's theory that these animals are picked up by aircraft, mutilated elsewhere and returned and dropped from aircraft. This is indicated by bruised marks and broken bones on cattle.

Identical mutilations have been taking place all over the Southwest. It is strange that no eye witnesses to these incidents have come forward or that no accidents or errors have occurred. One has to admit that whoever is responsible for the mutilations is very well organized with boundless technology and financing and secrecy.

Writer is presently getting equipment through the efforts of Mr. Howard Burgess, Albuquerque, N. M. to detect substances on the cattle which might mark them and be picked up by aircraft.

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NARRATIVE: up by infra red rays but not visible to the naked eye. These tests will be

on all of Mr. Gomez's cattle in the near future. Assisting in this investigation is

Jim Byrd, New Mexico Cattle Sanitary Board and Mr. Howard Burgess, Albuquerque, N. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gabriel L. Valdez

New Mexico State Police

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
LOS ALAMOS SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY
(CONTRACT W-7405-ENG-36)
P.O. BOX 1663
LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO 87545

IN REPLY
REFER TO: H-DO
MAIL STOP: 881

May 9, 1978

Officer Gabe Valdez
New Mexico State Police
Post Office Box 212
Dulce, New Mexico 87528

Dear Gabe:

Examination is now complete on the tissue samples from the recent incident at Dulce. Microscopic and bacteriologic studies were performed on three specimens consisting of heart muscle, skeletal muscle, and a bone fragment.

FINDINGS

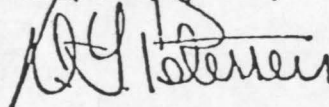
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- (3) Skeletal Muscle: Rod-shaped bacteria infiltrating connective tissue between muscle fibers were seen. Muscle fibers also contained occasional Sarcosporidia cysts.
- (4) Bacteriology: A specimen obtained from a heart chamber was cultured and shown to contain a rod-shaped organism identified as Clostridium species. Definitive classification was not made.

INTERPRETATION

No definite conclusion can be drawn from the observation of bacterial infiltration of muscle since the infiltration could be post-mortem. The demonstration of Clostridium in the heart chambers similarly cannot be definitively ascribed as pathological because of the potential for contamination. While the findings are not inconsistent with a diagnosis of infection, the possibility of contamination prevents the conclusion that infection was the cause of death. The observation of Sarcosporidia cysts is not remarkable and could be seen in most beef animals from this region on careful examination.

I doubt that you will find these observations helpful in your investigation because the bacteriological examination is inconclusive. However, we will support you in any way we can, and you are welcome to visit our laboratory to discuss your findings at your convenience. The offer for instrumentation support also remains open. If we can be of further assistance, please call. Warm personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Donald F. Petersen
Alternate Health Division Leader

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5. INCIDENT TYPE Cattle Mutilation						6. PREMISE TYPE (Circle One)			
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7. INCIDENT LOCATION Dulce, New Mexico						GEO 17		3 Service Station	6 Bank
						7 ranch			
						10. WEAPON TYPE (Circle One)			
8. INCIDENT DATE		Time to DATE		9. STRANGER TO STRANGER		11. Gun 12. Cutting Tool 13. I			
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11. COMPLAINANTS Manuel Gomez				12. ADDRESS P. O. Box 372, Dulce, N. M.				13. PH	
14. VICTIM'S NAME Manuel Gomez				15. Race A		16. Sex M		17. Date of Birth 07-09-26	
19. ADDRESS P. O. Box 372, Dulce, N. M.				20. OCCUPATION rancher		21. Bus		759-3	
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27. ADDRESS						28. Age		29. Height 30. Weight 31. Hair 32. Eye	
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NARRATIVE On 6-14-78 I was contacted by Mr. Manuel Gomez at 2:00 P.M. reference a mutilation which had taken place at his summer range 13 miles East of Dulce, N.M. Investigation at the scene revealed that a 4 year old Hereford native cow had been mutilated. The carcass was lying on it's ^{Right} ~~left~~ side with tongue and sex organs precisely removed. Fresh blood from her nose was visible and the left front leg was broken and also the her left leg was broken. Marks were visible on the lower rear left leg where some type of rope or vice had been fastened. No imprints or tracks around the carcass were found. Mutilation site was approximately 500 yards North of the spot where Manuel Gomez found a mutilated animal on June 14, 1976. Investigation at the scene showed that the animal was somewhere and mutilated and then returned and dropped. This animal had 54 horns. One broken off in the ground. This animal had been dead for approximately 21-26 hours and was decomposed for tests. This writer has conducted several cattle mutilation investigations and has been observed that no mutilations have occurred during inclement weather.

On 7-15-78 approximately 72 head of cattle belonging to Manuel Gomez were checked 24 hours with an ultra-violet light. Out of the 72 cattle which were checked, 2 four year old cows and 3 two month old heifers had a distinctive fluorescent substance on the left forepart of their body. Samples of the fluorescent substance were sent to be analyzed by a private laboratory. At the time of this writing, no results have been received. This was done by Mr. Howard Burgess, who has been most helpful in these investigations.

Mr. Manuel Gomez winters approximately 120 head of cattle within the limits of San Juan County, New Mexico. Mr. Gomez has had 4 animals mutilated to date. It is the theory of this writer that...

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8. NARRATIVE

Whoever is responsible for these mutilations is operating out of a well equipped undercover truck van which is heavily guarded. This van supposedly carries the craft which operates within a 40 mile radius. This makes it rather difficult for investigating officers to personally witness or find clues to these mutilations. The area where the mutilations occur is carefully analysed weeks in advance. These have been marked years in advance for mutilation.

Assisting in this investigation is Cattle Inspector Jim Dyrd and Officer Bob Johnston, New Mexico Game and Fish.

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NEW MEXICO

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,
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HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

December 21, 1978

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General
Department of Justice
10th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

During the past several years, ranchers throughout the West including my home state of New Mexico, have been victimized by a series of cattle mutilations. As a result, these ranchers have as a group and individually suffered serious economic losses.

These mysterious killings have been the subject of at least two articles in national publications, copies of which are enclosed. Mr. Cockburn's article in the December 1975 issue of Esquire states that there had been a federal investigation into this matter, but it was dropped. Mr. Cockburn implies the investigation may have been terminated because cattle mutilation per se is not a federal offense.

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LABOR RELATIONS DIVISION

While an individual cattle mutilation may not be a federal offense, I am very concerned at what appears to be a continued pattern of an organized interstate criminal activity. Therefore, I am requesting that the Justice Department re-examine its jurisdiction in this area with respect to the possible reopening of this investigation.

Enclosed are copies of my files on this subject. While awaiting what will hopefully be a favorable reply, I shall continue to gather materials that could be of help in such an investigation. If you need further information in studying this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Harrison Schmitt

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator, John Ryan

January 31, 1979

FROM: SFDOM

SUBJECT: Steer mutilation, January 29, 1979,
Torrance County, NM.

Sergeant O'Dell of the Torrance County Sheriff's Department called the Albuquerque Office early in the afternoon of January 29, 1979, to report that he had discovered the first reported cattle mutilation in Torrance County, and wanted information on whom he should report it to. SFDOM called O'Dell and was told the following:

In response to a telephone call from Samuel N. Hindi, O'Dell arrived at a location near the village of Duran, NM, at approximately 11 a.m. on January 29, 1979, and found the carcass of a six month old steer that had apparently been recently mutilated. O'Dell said the carcass was still warm enough to melt the snow around it. O'Dell indicated that he had been following news reports of previous mutilations in Rio Arriba County and believed that the Torrance County mutilation was the "freshest" ever discovered. He called because he thought it would be helpful for investigators to have a fresh mutilation to examine and subject to tests.

O'Dell said the steer's scrotum and penis had been removed with surgical precision -- a feature common to all previous mutilations -- and indicated that patches of hair around the carcass seemed to indicate that the steer had been dropped or bounced -- another feature common to all previous mutilations. The steer's intestines had been removed through the hole where the scrotum had been cut out, but were not disturbed. O'Dell felt that an animal would have gone directly to the intestines. The steer's tongue was not removed as in previous mutilations, but the insides of the ears appeared to have been "beveled" out with a sharp instrument.

O'Dell notified the state Game and Fish Department, the State Police Crime Lab in Santa Fe, and the New Mexico Livestock Board. The State Police Crime Lab apparently notified State Police Officer Gabe Valdez of Chama, the officer who has investigated most of the mutilations over the past 13 months. In the interim, the Livestock Board removed the carcass and apparently froze it. Valdez later contacted the Torrance County Sheriff and was to have gone to Torrance County on January 30 to investigate.

*** In response to your question about whether any of the mutilations have occurred on federal land, Officer Valdez informs me that eight mutilations were discovered on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation, and seven on the Santa Clara Pueblo. There have been a total of 65 cattle mutilations, and six horse mutilations, reported in New Mexico since 1975. Forty-five of the cattle mutilations and four of the horse mutilations occurred in 1978.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

March 2 1979
DATE:
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Philip B. Heymann
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Crime on Indian Reservations;
Mutilation of Animals

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Attached is a portion of some correspondence received from Senator Harrison Schmitt indicating that 15 mutilations of animals have occurred in Indian country in New Mexico in the past three years. For several years the Criminal Division has been aware of the phenomenon of animals being mutilated in a manner that could indicate that such acts are performed by persons as part of a ritual or ceremony. The report that some of the mutilations have occurred in Indian country is our first indication that Federal law may have been violated.

It is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation conduct an appropriate investigation of the 15 mutilations and any others that occur in Indian country as a possible crime on an Indian reservation and furnish the results to the United States Attorney and to the Criminal Division, attention: Roger C. Adams, General Crimes Section. Mr. Adams has additional information which may be of assistance to the FBI concerning previous cattle mutilations over which there was no Federal jurisdiction.

Attachment

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE

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CATTLE MUTILATIONS OCCURRING
IN WESTERN STATES

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For the past seven or eight years mysterious cattle mutilations have been occurring throughout the United States and for the past four years have been occurring within the State of New Mexico. Officer GABE VALDEZ, New Mexico State Police, has been handling investigations of these mutilations within New Mexico. Information furnished to this office by Officer VALDEZ indicates that the animals are being shot with some type of paralyzing drug and the blood is being drawn from the animal after an injection of an anti-coagulant. It appears that in some instances the cattle's legs have been broken and helicopters without any identifying numbers have reportedly been seen in the vicinity of these mutilations. Officer VALDEZ theorizes that clamps are being placed on the cow's legs and they are being lifted by helicopter to some remote area where the mutilations are taking place and then the animal is returned to its original pasture. The mutilations primarily consist of removal of the tongue, the lymph gland, lower lip and the sexual organs of the animal. Much mystery has surrounded these mutilations, but according to witnesses they give the appearance of being very professionally done with a surgical instrument, and according to VALDEZ, as the years progress, each surgical procedure appears to be more professional. Officer VALDEZ has advised that in no instance, to his knowledge, have these carcasses ever been attacked by predator or scavenger animals, although there are tracks which would indicate that coyotes have been circling the carcass from a distance. He also advised that he has requested Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory to conduct investigations for him but until just recently has always been advised that the mutilations were done by predatory animals. Officer VALDEZ stated that just recently he has been told by two assistants at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory that they were able to determine

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the type of tranquilizer and blood anti-coagulant that have been utilized.

Officer VALDEZ stated that Colorado probably has the most mutilations occurring within their State and that over the past four years approximately 30 have occurred in New Mexico. He stated of these 30, 15 have occurred on Indian Reservations but he did know that many mutilations have gone unreported which have occurred on the Indian reservations because the Indians, particularly in the Pueblos, are extremely superstitious and will not even allow officers in to investigate in some instances. Officer VALDEZ stated since the outset of these mutilations there have been an estimated 8,000 animals mutilated which would place the loss at approximately \$1,000,000.

R. E. THOMPSON, United States Attorney, advised that he had received an urgent call from the head of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, advising him that he would be contacted by Senator HARRISON SCHMITT of New Mexico, who had been in contact with Attorney General GRIFFIN BELL in an effort to obtain Federal assistance in seeking to solve these cattle mutilations.

Bureau telephone call of 2/13/79 advised that a letter was forthcoming from the Department to the Bureau requesting our assistance in the investigation based on the fact that 15 of these animals had been mutilated on Indian reservation land.

On 2/15/79, ^{Gabe Valdez,} Senator HARRISON SCHMITT, USA R. E. THOMPSON, SA SAMUEL W. JONES and myself met to discuss this matter. It was agreed that a conference should be held in April of this year in Albuquerque involving New Mexico and the surrounding States who have suffered cattle mutilation cases in an effort to fully discuss this matter to determine what has been developed to date and to recommend further steps to be taken to solve this ongoing problem. The role of the FBI was discussed but was not established since it was not resolved whether the FBI would act in a coordinating capacity, an investigating capacity or both. It was decided however, that it would be most beneficial if all this available information could be placed in a computer bank so that appropriate printouts could be made and an analysis made in an effort to determine a trend or pattern of these mutilations.

It is obvious if mutilations are to be solved there is a need for a coordinated effort so that all material available can be gathered and analyzed and further efforts synchronized. Whether the FBI should assume this role is a matter to be

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decided. If we are merely to investigate and direct our efforts toward the 15 mutilated cattle on the Indian reservation we, I believe, will be in the same position as the other law enforcement agencies at this time and would be seeking to achieve an almost impossible task. It is my belief that if we are to participate in any manner that we should do so fully, although this office and the USA's office are at a loss to determine what statute our investigative jurisdiction would be in this matter. If we are to act solely as a coordinator or in any other official capacity the sooner we can place this information in the computer bank, the better off we would be and in this regard it would be my recommendation that an expert in the computer field at the Bureau travel to Albuquerque in the very near future so that we can determine what type of information will be needed so that when the invitation for the April conference is submitted from Senator SCHMITT's Office that the surrounding States will be aware of the information that is needed to place in the computer. It should be noted that Senator SCHMITT's Office is coordinating the April conference and will submit the appropriate invitations and with the cooperation of the USA, Mr. THOMPSON, will chair this conference. The FBI will act only as a participant.

Since this has not been investigated by the FBI in any manner we have no theories whatsoever as to why or what is responsible for these cattle mutilations. Officer GABE VALDEZ is very adamant in his opinion that these mutilations are the work of the U. S. Government and that it is some clandestine operation either by the CIA or the Department of Energy and in all probability is connected with some type of research into biological warfare. His main reason for these beliefs is that he feels that he was given the "run around" by Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory and they are attempting to cover up this situation. There are also theories that these are cults (religious) or some type of Indian rituals resulting in these mutilations and the wildest theory advanced is that they have some connection with unidentified flying objects.

If we are to assume an investigative posture into this area, the matter of manpower, of course, becomes a consideration and I am unable to determine at this time the amount of manpower that would be needed to give this our full attention so that a rapid conclusion could be reached.

The Bureau is requested to furnish its comments and guidance on this whole situation including, if desired, the Legal Counsel's assessment of jurisdictional question. An early response would be needed however, so that we might properly, if requested to do so, obtain the data bank information. If it appears that we are going to become [Page 51]

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involved in this matter, it is obvious that there would be a large amount of correspondence necessary and Albuquerque would suggest a code name be established of BOVMUT.

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To: SAC, Albuquerque

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From: Director, FBI

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Enclosed for the Albuquerque Division is one copy of a memorandum from the Department of Justice (DOJ) dated March 2, 1979, and attachments.

In accordance with enclosed memorandum, the Albuquerque Division is instructed to conduct an appropriate investigation into the 15 mutilations of animals which were performed on Indian reservations within the state of New Mexico. After the Albuquerque Division conducts a preliminary investigation into these mutilations and it is believed that placing information into a computer bank will be of investigative assistance, at that time the request for same should be submitted with full justification. FBIHQ, upon receipt of additional information from DOJ, will forward same.

FBIHQ should be kept apprised on a timely basis the results of investigative efforts.

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Airtel to SAC, Albuquerque
RE: THE MUTILATIONS OF 15 ANIMALS

NOTE: This case involves the mutilation of 15 cattle in the past three years on Indian reservations in the state of New Mexico. These mutilations have occurred in other areas of the southwestern part of the United States during the same time period, and the mutilations have been characterized as generally ritualistic. Investigative efforts by various jurisdictions have been negative. Senator Schmitt from New Mexico has taken an interest in these mutilations and has been in contact with the DOJ. The Albuquerque Division has been instructed to conduct appropriate investigation into this matter in accordance with the enclosed memorandum from DOJ.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (198-541) (P)
 SUBJECT: THE MUTILATIONS OF
 15 ANIMALS
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Re Bureau airtel to Albuquerque, 3/6/79.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of an LHM captioned "Cattle Mutilations", dated 4/25/79.

A conference directed by Senator HARRISON SCHMITT, New Mexico, and U.S. Attorney R.E. THOMPSON, Albuquerque, was held on 4/20/79, at Albuquerque. This conference was opened to the public and was attended by law enforcement officials from New Mexico and other states, the news media and interested persons. Approximately 180 persons were in attendance. During the conference, Senator SCHMITT stated that the FBI had been designated as being in charge of cattle mutilations. He explained to the conference attendees that he had conferred with Attorney General GRIFFIN BELL regarding the matter of federal involvement in cattle mutilations and that the FBI had now received the authority from the Attorney General to conduct such an investigation. Senator SCHMITT stated that in the past the Federal Government had not entered into the investigation because it felt it did not have jurisdiction.

Prior to the conference it was explained to WAYNE CIDDIO, Senator SCHMITT's Administrative Aide in Santa Fe, New Mexico, that the FBI in Albuquerque had received authority from its headquarters to conduct investigations into cattle

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mutilations occurring on Indian lands, but that its investigation was limited to these mutilations. CIDDIO said he would insure that Senator SCHMITT was apprised of this limitation. This information was given to Mr. CIDDIO on 4/9/79.

During the conference, FORREST S. PUTMAN, Albuquerque FBI, explained that the FBI's jurisdiction extended to mutilation occurring on Indian lands. He said, however, that the FBI in conducting its investigation of these mutilations would take account mutilations occurring elsewhere which showed a similar MO.

The jurisdictional problems of all law enforcement officials investigating mutilations were discussed during an afternoon session of the conference attended only by law enforcement officials. It was pointed out that in most cases, the mutilations amounted to misdemeanor violations and were not a felony. As Senator SCHMITT pointed out during the general conference that the FBI might have jurisdiction to investigate mutilations because of violations of state laws on Indian lands, the question arose whether this would be a felony or a misdemeanor violation. Under New Mexico State Law, the mere mutilation of a dead animal would be simply a misdemeanor violation. Investigation of these matters would not be in keeping with the FBI's current efforts to concentrate on priority matters.

The Albuquerque FBI recommends that FBIHQ point out to the Justice Department that if the FBI is asked to conduct investigation into cattle mutilations of which the FBI has no jurisdiction, we will be opening ourselves to criticism similar to criticism we have received in the past for investigating matters wherein we have had no jurisdiction. It would seem appropriate that if FBI participation in investigation of cattle mutilations is desired by the Justice Department, effort should be made to secure Congressional approval or an Executive Order through which the appropriate funds could be authorized and proper jurisdiction granted to the FBI.

Under these conditions, the FBI could approach this matter without expectation of undue criticism and with the anticipation that the proper resources could be utilized to conduct an effective investigation.

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If the Albuquerque FBI Office is expected to broaden its examination of the cattle mutilation, additional manpower would be necessary. The scope of the cattle mutilation problem in the United States is vast and coordination of expected future investigation would be so broad that the manpower currently assigned to the Albuquerque Office could not cope with the problem. At the present time, the number of additional Agents necessary for such an investigation could not be estimated by the Albuquerque FBI Office.

Reairtel authorized the Albuquerque FBI to investigate the mutilations of 15 animals which have reportedly occurred on Indian lands within the State of New Mexico. Further investigation of these mutilations is an impossibility because of the fact that the carcasses of the animals have been destroyed. The only purpose which could be served in making inquiry about these matters would be to compile a record of what investigators have determined in the past. It is expected this would be an extremely limited record because those who have looked into such cattle mutilations have done so without any jurisdictional authority and their records are expected to be very brief, if any at all were kept.

The Albuquerque FBI Office feels that if an investigative unit is approved and an LEAA Grant is given to the Office of the District Attorney in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this approach to the solution would probably be the best in the absence of full FBI jurisdiction. Such an investigative unit would have jurisdiction over investigation of the cattle mutilations and authority to prosecute persons responsible for the mutilations if they are identified. The FBI could cooperate with this unit by furnishing data available to it for assistance in its investigation. The Albuquerque FBI feels that if the grant is given to the District Attorney's Office in Santa Fe, coordination of investigative efforts could be handled appropriately.

During the afternoon session of the conference attended by law enforcement officials, it was concluded by U.S. Attorney THOMPSON that a decision would be made whether the FBI, the New Mexico State Police, or the special unit attached to the Santa Fe District Attorney's Office would be the coordinating agency for the investigation of the cattle mutilations. U.S. Attorney THOMPSON said a decision would be made within two weeks which of these three agencies would be so designated depending upon approval from FBIHQ, the New Mexico

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State Police, and the granting of the LEAA funds. The Albuquerque FBI does not recommend that the FBI be the coordinating unit unless the FBI is given full jurisdiction to look into all mutilations by either Congress or Executive Order.

An article appeared in the "Albuquerque Journal" on Wednesday, 4/25/79, captioned "Santa Fe DA to Coordinate Cattle Mutilation Probe". The article states the Santa Fe District Attorney's Office was awarded \$44,170 in grant money to coordinate investigations of cattle mutilations. This award was made on Tuesday, 4/24/79. According to the article, the grant application received the backing of U.S. Attorney R.E. THOMPSON and the FBI.

The Albuquerque Office of the FBI recommends that the investigative unit to be set up with the grant money be designated as the coordinator for cattle mutilation investigations. The Albuquerque Office would maintain a liaison with the investigative unit and cooperate with it in exchanging data and restrict its investigations to those cattle mutilations which might occur on Indian lands in the future.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Albuquerque, New Mexico

April 25, 1979

In Reply, Please Refer to
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CATTLE MUTILATIONS

On April 20, 1979, a conference was held at the Albuquerque Public Library at Albuquerque, New Mexico. This conference was chaired by Senator HARRISON SCHMITT, Republican, New Mexico, and United States Attorney R.E. THOMPSON of Albuquerque. The conference convened at 9:00 a.m. The morning session was attended by representatives from various law enforcement agencies, news media representatives, and the general public. Approximately 180 persons attended the conference during the morning session. This session lasted until approximately 12:00 noon.

Senator SCHMITT opened the conference by explaining its purpose. He said, "This hearing is to define the scope of the problem and the basis for federal assistance and to examine how the FBI might be involved." U.S. Attorney R.E. THOMPSON explained to those attending the conference that federal jurisdiction for investigations conducted by the FBI is limited to those areas approved by Congress. U.S. Attorney THOMPSON said there is a possible violation of a federal statute requiring that aircraft be appropriately marked and identified. He explained that this statute might possibly have been violated because of reports that the unidentified aircraft have been observed in the area of cattle mutilations.

Senator SCHMITT explained that his staff and others have searched the federal statutes and have concluded there is possible federal jurisdiction under Title 18, U.S. Code, Sections 7 and 13, having to do with violations of state law on Indian or federal lands. Senator SCHMITT expressed his hope that the FBI could conduct investigation into the cattle mutilations under these statutes. Senator SCHMITT stated to the conference that the FBI would coordinate the investigation of cattle mutilations.

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FORREST S. PUTMAN, Special Agent in Charge (SAC), Albuquerque Office of the FBI, explained to the conference that the Justice Department had given the FBI authority to investigate those cattle mutilations which have occurred or might occur on Indian lands. He further explained that the Albuquerque FBI would look at such mutilations in connection with mutilations occurring off Indian lands for the purpose of comparison and control, especially where the same methods of operation are noted. SAC PUTMAN said that in order for this matter to be resolved, the facts surrounding such mutilations should be gathered and computerized.

District Attorney ELOY MARTINEZ, Santa Fe, New Mexico, told the conference that his judicial district had made application for a \$50,000 Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) Grant for the purpose of investigating the cattle mutilations. He explained that there is hope that with the funds from this grant, an investigative unit can be established for the sole purpose of resolving the mutilation problem. He said it is his view that such an investigative unit could serve as a headquarters for all law enforcement officials investigating the mutilations and, in particular, would serve as a repository for information developed in order that this information could be coordinated properly. He said such a unit would not only coordinate this information, but also handle submissions to a qualified lab for both evidence and photographs. Mr. MARTINEZ said a hearing will be held on April 24, 1979, for the purpose of determining whether this grant will be approved.

GABE VALDEZ, New Mexico State Police, Dulce, New Mexico, reported he has investigated the death of 90 cattle during the past three years, as well as six horses. Officer VALDEZ said he is convinced that the mutilations of the animals have not been the work of predators because of the precise manner of the cuts.

Officer VALDEZ said he had investigated mutilations of several animals which had occurred on the ranch of MANUEL GOMEZ of Dulce, New Mexico.

MANUEL GOMEZ addressed the conference and explained he had lost six animals to unexplained deaths which were found in a mutilated condition within the last two years. Further, GOMEZ said that he and his family are experiencing fear and mental anguish because of the mutilations.

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DAVID PERKINS, Director of the Department of Research at Libre School in Farasita, Colorado, exhibited a map of the United States which contained hundreds of colored pins identifying mutilation sites. He commented that he had been making a systematic collection of data since 1975, and has never met a greater challenge. He said, "The only thing that makes sense about the mutilations is that they make no sense at all."

TOM ADAMS of Paris Texas, who has been independently examining mutilations for six years, said his investigation has shown that helicopters are almost always observed in the area of the mutilations. He said that the helicopters do not have identifying markings and they fly at abnormal, unsafe, or illegal altitudes.

Dr. PETER VAN ARSDALE, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Denver, suggested that those investigating the cattle mutilations take a systematic approach and look at all types of evidence is discounting any of the propounded theories such as responsibility by extraterrestria visitors or Satanic cults.

RICHARD SIGISMUND, Social Scientist, Boulder, Colorado, presented an argument which advanced the theory that the cattle mutilations are possibly related to activity of UFOs. Numerous other persons made similar type presentations expounding on their theories regarding the possibility that the mutilations are the responsibility of extraterrestrial visitors, members of Satanic cults, or some unknown government agency.

Dr. RICHARD PRINE, Forensic Veterinarian, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory (LASL), Los Alamos, New Mexico, discounted the possibility that the mutilations have been done by anything but predators. He said he had examined six carcasses and in his opinion predators were responsible for the mutilation of all six.

Dr. CLAIRE HIBBS, a representative of the State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico, said he recently came to New Mexico, but that prior to that he examined some mutilation findings in Kansas and Nebraska. Dr. HIBBS said the mutilations fell into three categories: animals killed and mutilated by predators and scavengers, animals mutilated after death by "sharp instruments" and animals mutilated by pranksters.

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TOMMY BLAND, Lewisville, Texas, told the conference he has been studying UFO activities for twenty-two years and mutilations for twelve years. He explained that animal mutilations date back to the early 1800's in England and Scotland. He also pointed out that animal mutilations are not confined to cattle, but cited incidents of mutilation of horses, dogs, sheep, and rabbits. He also said that the mutilations are not only nationwide, but international in scope.

Other speakers at the conference suggested ways of approaching an investigation into the mutilations, urging access to technological equipment and technologically trained individuals.

Chief RALEIGH TAFOYA, Jicarilla Apache Tribe, and WALTER DASHENO, Governor, Santa Clara Pueblo, each spoke briefly to the conference. Both spoke of the cattle which had been found mutilated on their respective Indian lands. Governor DASHENO said he is concerned as to the extent of the jurisdiction by investigating agencies into the matter and Chief TAFOYA said some of his people who have lost livestock have been threatened. He did not elaborate on these threats.

CARL W. WHITESIDE, Investigator, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, told the conference that between April and December, 1975, his Bureau investigated 203 reports of cattle mutilations. He said in addition his Bureau conducted an undercover investigation in an attempt to resolve the mutilation problem. He said during the investigation by his Bureau, numerous pieces of evidence were submitted to the Colorado State University Large Animal Hospital and all civilian and military helicopter flights were monitored during this probe. WHITESIDE said, "Sadly, most of these efforts produced no results." He said they were unable to place any unidentified vehicle in the air or on the ground near the carcasses that were found. He said his group submitted 35 carcasses to the laboratory for examination. Only 19 of those submitted were deemed to be of recent enough vintage to make an examination and of those 19, nine were determined to be willful mutilations. He said of those nine, it was concluded that two were done by pranksters. WHITESIDE said that his organization even set up a secret witness program with the cooperation of the "Denver Post", but this resulted in no information to assist in a solution to the matter.

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During the afternoon of April 20, 1979, law enforcement officers met with U.S. Attorney R.E. THOMPSON for a special meeting. At this conference were representatives from the FBI and numerous state law enforcement officers from New Mexico. Also in attendance were investigators from Nebraska, Colorado, Montana, and Arkansas. During the conference emphasis was placed on an attempt to determine the most appropriate way of approaching the solution of the cattle mutilations. The officials decided that direction for the investigation should be the responsibility of one of three agencies -- the FBI, the District Attorney's Office in Santa Fe, New Mexico, which has applied for the LEAA Grant, or the New Mexico State Police. U.S. Attorney THOMPSON concluded that within the next two weeks a determination would be made which of the three agencies would be the primary investigative group and the agency's responsibility for the collection of data regarding the mutilations. U.S. Attorney THOMPSON pointed out that the FBI would have to receive approval from Washington, District Attorney MARTINEZ' group would have to receive the LEAA Grant, and the New Mexico State Police would have to obtain clearance from its headquarters.

During this session of the conference, investigators from Arkansas pointed out that they have examined 28 cases of cattle mutilations and it is their conclusion that all cases were the work of intentional mutilators and not of predators. The examination of carcasses submitted by their investigators have been done by the Oklahoma State University Forensic Lab.

The investigator present at the conference from Montana expressed his opinion that carcasses found in Montana were also mutilated by deliberate efforts and not by predators.

All investigators present during this session recommended that there be a central collection unit which could coordinate information from all areas. Also, all investigators recommended that a standard procedure and form be adopted for the investigation of future mutilations. They recommended that evidence be examined by a qualified veterinary pathologist.

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To: SAC, Albuquerque (198-541)

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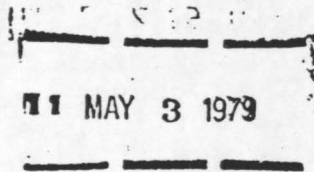
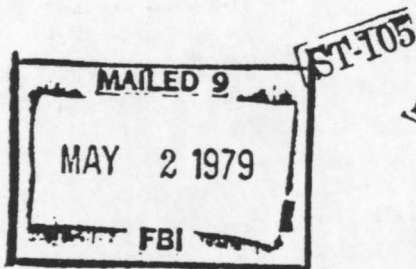
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Re Albuquerque airtel to FBIHQ, 4/25/79, and
Butelcal to Albuquerque, 5/1/79.

FBIHQ concurs with the recommendation of SAC,
Albuquerque in that the investigative unit currently being
established re cattle mutilations within the DA's Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico, be designated as the coordinator in this
matter.

NOTE: Re airtel recommended that the coordinator for the
various jurisdictions involved in the investigation of cattle
mutilations will be the DA's Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
FBIHQ concurs with the recommendation.



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TO : Mr. Moore

DATE: 6/1/79

FROM : W. D. Gow

SUBJECT: THE MUTILATIONS OF
 15 ANIMALS
 CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION
 OO: Albuquerque

- 1 - Associate Director
- 1 - Mr. Boynton
- 1 - Mr. Moore
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- 1 - Mr. Gow
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PURPOSE: To respond to the Director's request for information concerning an article appearing in the "National Enquirer" newspaper dated June 5, 1979, page 5, which is captioned, "FBI Joins Investigation of Animal Mutilations Linked to UFOs." (See attached.)

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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DETAILS: By memorandum dated March 2, 1979, Philip B. Heymann, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, requested that the FBI conduct an appropriate investigation in New Mexico of the fifteen animal mutilations and any others that occur in Indian country as a possible Crime on an Indian Reservation and furnish the results to the U. S. Attorney and to the Criminal Division, Department of Justice (DOJ). This memorandum stated that DOJ had received correspondence from Senator Harrison Schmitt, New Mexico, indicating that fifteen mutilations of animals have occurred in New Mexico Indian country in the past three years. In this memorandum, DOJ advised that their Criminal Division had been aware of the phenomenon of animals being mutilated in a manner that could indicate that such acts are performed by persons as part of a ritual or ceremony. This memorandum from DOJ further stated that some of these mutilations which have occurred in Indian country are DOJ's first indication that Federal law may have been violated.

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Memorandum Gow to Moore
RE: THE MUTILATIONS OF 15 ANIMALS

On March 6, 1979, the FBI, Albuquerque Division, was instructed to conduct an investigation into the mutilations of fifteen animals or any others that occur in Indian country in accordance with the aforementioned DOJ memorandum dated March 2, 1979.

On April 20, 1979, a conference was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, concerning the problem of animal mutilations, primarily cattle, in which approximately 180 people attended who included various law enforcement agencies from several states, news media representatives, and the general public. Senator Schmitt chaired the conference and the U. S. Attorney, New Mexico, and SAC Forrest S. Putman, Jr., Albuquerque Division, were in attendance. SAC, Putman advised the conference that DOJ had given the FBI authority to investigate those cattle mutilations which have occurred or might occur in Indian country. During this conference, numerous theories were expounded concerning who is responsible for these mutilations including members of satanic cults, predators, pranksters, extraterrestrial visitors, and some unknown Government agency. At the conclusion of this conference, it was decided that one agency would be designated as the coordinating investigative agency for all jurisdictions involved.

Subsequently during May, 1979, the District Attorney's Office for the greater Santa Fe, New Mexico, area received approximately \$50,000 in LEAA funds to act as the coordinating investigative agency of cattle mutilations.

Since March, 1979, there have been no new cattle mutilations in Indian country, and our investigation with respect to the identities of the individuals responsible for the fifteen cattle mutilations has been negative to date.

FBI Joins Investigation of Animal Mutilations Linked to UFOs

By WILLIAM BARNHILL, BOB PRATT and DAVID WRIGHT

The FBI has joined in the investigation of the bizarre mutilation of thousands of grazing horses and cattle over an 18-state area — attacks which have been linked to UFOs.

Disclosure of the FBI role was made at a recent conference of officials from seven states where the attacks have reached an alarming level.

Sen. Harrison Schmitt (R-N. Mex.), the ex-astronaut and scientist who organized the conference, declared: "Either we've got a UFO situation or we've got a massive, massive conspiracy which is enormously well funded."

At least 8,000 cattle and horses have been butchered with surgical precision over an estimated 1.28 million square mile area stretching from Tennessee to Oregon since the mutilations began around 1970. The 1.28 million square miles is more than a third of the total land area in the continental United States.

In many cases the attacks have coincided with UFO sightings. Baffled investigators say the strange pattern of the mutilations includes these startling facts:

- No tire marks, footprints or other signs of human activity are found near the mutilated carcasses.
- Only the blood and certain parts of the animals — usually the reproductive organs — are removed.
- Trace elements found on and in some carcasses are the same as those collected after a UFO sighting in New Mexico.

Buzzards and coyotes refuse to eat the mutilated horses and cattle.

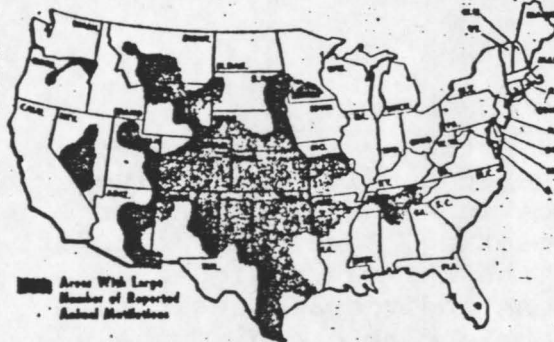
Sen. Schmitt, who received a Ph.D. in geology from Harvard University and was a member of the Apollo 17 moon-landing crew, said state and local law enforcement officials have been unable to come up with leads on their own and FBI help is needed.

"To date, the mutilations have been as mysterious as they've been grisly," he said.

The Justice Department authorized the FBI office in Albuquerque to become involved in the investigation of these crimes on the basis that several of the mutilation killings occurred on Indian lands.

Many attacks have occurred on animals at the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in Dulce, N. Mex.

"Any place we've had a mutilation, we have also had UFO sightings," reported Gabe Valdez, a veteran New Mexico



BAFFLING incidents have occurred in 18 states.

state trooper who has investigated more than 30 attacks.

If predators are involved, he said, "we have some predators with super powers. We find these carcasses are being lifted up (off the ground) and later they leave clamp marks on the legs. It is also very hard for me to believe that a predator can take the heart out of an animal through a small wound in the neck."

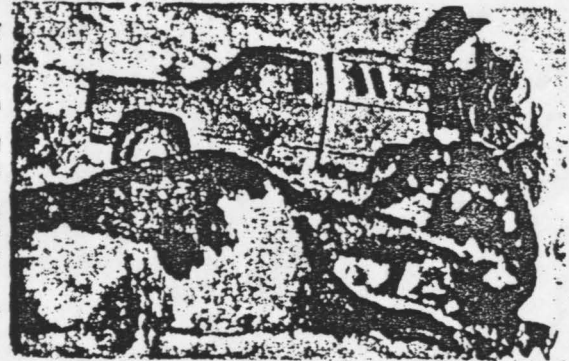
Dr. Henry Monteith, an engineering physicist at Sandia Laboratories which handles secret government projects, revealed that Indians are so terrified by the mutilations, they bury the carcasses immediately and are reluctant to discuss what happened. Even their dogs refuse to go near the carcasses.

Dr. Monteith, who has been investigating the attacks since they began, said Indians have told him of actually seeing spaceships land and unload

animals and take them back to the spaceship.

"There have been thousands of these mutilations nobody knows about. The Indians are usually frightened to death," he said.

"They don't say anything about it because they know it's being done by 'star people,' they



EXPERTS: New Mexico state trooper Gabe Valdez takes tissue samples from a mutilated cow found at Dulce, N. Mex. Assisting him is retired scientist Howard Burgess, who's investigated several similar incidents with Valdez.

know why they're doing it, so therefore we should leave it alone.

"Those are their exact words... The 'star people' know what they're doing and should be trusted."

Dr. Monteith said he has no doubt that aliens from outer space are responsible for the attacks and are using the animals' bodies as part of their study of life on earth.

Many other investigators — police, scientists and UFO researchers — agree that UFOs are the only possible explanation.

Said Richard Sigismund, a Boulder, Colo., psychologist and

UFO researcher: "What few clues we have concerning those responsible for the mutilations suggest that we are dealing with well-equipped, highly capable airborne entities... We are forced, I feel, to the hypothesis that unidentified aircraft are the means — UFOs."

To aid in solving the mystery, District Attorney Eloy Martinez of Espanola, N. Mex., is seeking a \$40,000 grant from the U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

Admitting UFOs are a possibility, he said:

"I might be the first district attorney in the country to prosecute an alien from outer space."

HARRISON SCHMITT
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Dear Mr. Director:

As you may know, the U. S. Attorney for New Mexico, R. E. Thompson, and I convened a multi-state live-stock mutilation conference in Albuquerque on April 20. As a result of that meeting, Agent Sam Jones of the Albuquerque office of the FBI was assigned as the Bureau contact for those individuals desiring to report animal mutilations and to organize the Bureau's activities in this investigation.

Please provide an update with regard to the status of the Bureau's activities to this point, as well as an outline and timetable for projected action. I am receiving many questions from constituents on these matters.

In addition, please advise me whether sufficient funds are contained within your present budget to cover projected activities with respect to the Bureau's involvement. As mark-up is scheduled to begin within the near future in the Senate Appropriations Committee, of which I am a member, your contacting me by June 11 as to whether additional funding is required, and the amount, would be appreciated.

REC-8 118-1048
Sincerely,

Harrison Schmitt
Harrison Schmitt
(New Mexico)

5 JUN 22 1979

The Honorable William H. Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

June 19, 1979

Honorable Harrison Schmitt
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Schmitt:

1 - Mr. Moore
1 - Mr. Ingram
1 - Mr. Gow
1 - J. E. Smith
1 - Mr. Mintz
Attn: E. P. Moschel
1 - Mr. R. E. Long
Attn: L. C. Groover

Reference is made to your letter received June 11, 1979, a copy of which is attached for your ready reference.

Please be advised that the Department of Justice on March 2, 1979, requested the FBI to conduct an investigation in New Mexico of fifteen animal mutilations and any others that occur in Indian country as a Federal violation.

Since March, 1979, our Albuquerque Office has conducted an inquiry concerning the aforementioned mutilations and are in contact with other law enforcement agencies investigating animal mutilations. There have been no new cattle mutilations reported to us in Indian country, and our investigation with respect to the identities of the individuals responsible for the fifteen cattle mutilations has been negative to date.

Your interest in obtaining additional funds for the FBI's involvement is appreciated. However, at this time sufficient funds are available within our General Government Crimes Program to support our investigation in this matter.

If the FBI can be of further assistance to you or your constituents, please contact us.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster

William H. Webster
Director

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Enclosure

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Honorable Harrison Schmitt

NOTE: This letter is written in response to a letter from Senator Harrison Schmitt (New Mexico) concerning the FBI's investigation of the cattle mutilations in New Mexico's Indian country.

On June 11, 1979, John Ryan, Legislative Assistant to Senator Schmitt, was telephonically advised by L. C. Groover, ~~Deputy~~ - Deputy Assistant Director, Administrative Services Division, that Senator Schmitt's letter was received at FBIHQ on June 11, 1979. Mr. Ryan was advised that the FBI had sufficient funds to handle our investigation concerning cattle mutilations and that we would advise the Senator the status of our investigation. This response has been coordinated among the Administrative Services Division, Legal Counsel Division, SAC Forrest S. Putman, Albuquerque Division, and the Criminal Investigative Division.

John Ryan

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1 - Mr. Boynton
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June 26, 1979

Mr. Burkett Van Kirk
Counsel for the Minority
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Dear Burkett,

In your telephone call you inquired about the livestock mutilations problem in New Mexico and the actions being taken by the FBI concerning them.

Livestock mutilations have reportedly occurred in a number of states, principally in the Southwest; however, the only known mutilations over which the FBI might have investigative jurisdiction have occurred on Indian lands in New Mexico.

On March 2, 1979, the Department of Justice requested the FBI to conduct an investigation in New Mexico of fifteen animal mutilations and any others that occur in Indian country. Since March 1979, our Albuquerque Office has been investigating these mutilations and is in contact with other law enforcement agencies investigating livestock mutilations. There have been no new livestock mutilations on Indian lands reported to us and our investigation with respect to the identities of the individuals responsible for the fifteen mutilations mentioned previously has been negative to date.

You may also be interested to know that on April 20, 1979, a conference chaired by Senator Harrison Schmitt, New Mexico, was held in Albuquerque concerning the problem of livestock

NOTE: This information is being furnished in response to a telephonic inquiry from Mr. Van Kirk on 6/25/79. We furnished the same information to Senator Schmitt by letter dated 6/19/79, except the portion relating to the Albuquerque conference and the LEAA grant about which Senator Schmitt was already aware. 198-1648-2

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Mr. Burkett Van Kirk

mutilations, primarily cattle, which was attended by law enforcement agencies from several states, news media representatives and the general public. At the conclusion of this conference it was decided that one agency would be designated as the coordinating investigative agency for all jurisdictions involved. Subsequently, the District Attorney's Office for the Greater Santa Fe, New Mexico, Area received approximately \$50,000 in LEAA funds to act as the coordinating agency of livestock mutilation investigations.

If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

L. Clyde Groover, Jr.
Deputy Assistant Director
Administrative Services Division

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MUTILATION OF ANIMALS ON INDIAN
LANDS IN NEW MEXICO

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CIR (C)

(OO: ALBUQUERQUE)

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI

Title marked changed to show thrust of investigation
by Albuquerque Office: Title formerly carried as MUTILATIONS
OF 15 ANIMALS".

Re Albuquerque airtel to Director, 4/25/79.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of
an LHM captioned, "MUTILATION OF ANIMALS ON INDIAN LANDS IN
NEW MEXICO", dated as above.

The news articles which comprise the major
portion of the enclosed LHM were furnished by WAYNE CIDDIO,
Administrative Assistant to Senator HARRISON SCHMITT, Santa Fe
Office. CIDDIO also furnished a copy of a news release from
Senator SCHMITT which is included in the LHM. It is felt
that the Bureau should have this information in the event
of inquiries which might be received.

Regarding the information in the July 17, 1979,
news release of Senator Schmitt, the Albuquerque Office is
of the opinion that investigation in this matter should continue
to be limited to those mutilations reported as occurring on
Indian lands within the State of New Mexico as per instructions
in Bureau airtel, 3/16/79. The Albuquerque Office considers
this to be the maximum limit of its inquiries.

Since being instructed to investigate this
matter, there have been no further mutilations reported
on Indian Lands in New Mexico. Liaison has been established
with appropriate law enforcement personnel to insure that
mutilations are reported to the Albuquerque FBI Office.

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Concerning those prior mutilations reported to have occurred on Indian lands, no law enforcement agency was assigned investigatory responsibility and as a result, no adequate evidence collection or record making was undertaken. The Albuquerque Office has questioned law enforcement officers who have been at the scene of the alleged mutilations as observers. A few photographs were taken, copies of which were obtained. No evidence has been obtained because none was collected. In view of this, no further investigation will be done regarding the alleged mutilation of the 15 animals previously reported. For this reason, the title to this case was changed showing the correct perspective of the Albuquerque Office investigation.



In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Albuquerque, New Mexico
August 1, 1979

ANIMAL MUTILATIONS

On July 25, 1979, WAYNE CIDDIO, Adiministrative Assistant to Senator Harrison Schmitt, Santa Fe Office, furnished copies of newspaper articles from an Espanola, New Mexico, newspaper, the "Rio Grande Sun", regarding mutilations.

Mr. CIDDIO also furnished a copy of a news release from the office of Senator SCHMITT which was dated July 17, 1979. The news articles and release follow:

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ENCLOSURE

They Held a Mutilotic

By GAIL OLSON
Of the SUN's

Santa Fe Bureau

The county's "freshest" mutilation report so far reached State Police within five hours of the kill last Saturday, but nobody came to investigate.

"I was really disgusted. The news media said investigators would come as soon as they were called," complained Dennis Martinez, who discovered the carcass "within 300 yards of my place," in Truchas.

"It is sad news," he said of law enforcement's apparent lack of interest in the case, which from all reports is a classic. State Police called the county livestock agent and DA Eloy Martinez, but sent no officers to the scene.

His wife Francis, more cynical, was nonchalant about the absence of of-

ficial investigators. She reported that as of 4 p.m. Tuesday, no investigator had been seen in Truchas.

"They don't come here very often — not unless something is hanging from a viga," she explained of area law enforcement personnel and what she sees as their attitude about the small mountain village.

Ken Rommel, hired through a \$50,000 federal grant to investigate cattle mutilations in Rio Arriba county, had not been on the scene as of late Tuesday afternoon and was not available in his office.

Dennis Martinez said the latest chapter in county mutilations lore began between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. Saturday morning.

"I heard the dogs barking," he explained of that time, though "the

thought of mutilations was far away from my mind."

He explained that as he has a number of "open fences" that result in "cattle going through property." The only thing he noticed about the barking dogs was they would "go to the boundary of the fence and turn back" rather than chasing the cows as usual.

When he began his day, he said, at approximately 7 a.m., his brother, Ernesto Martinez and "another Ernesto Martinez," the Ernesto Martinez who owns the property upon which the cow was found, were at his door.

"Come and see it," they invited, asking him to bring his gun, as wolves have been sighted in the area lately.

"The cow belonged to Juan Antonio Rael and it

was a female," Dennis Martinez said.

"I saw what appeared to be a mutilation. It had little blood which was only visible where the tongue used to be. The tongue, he said, had been sliced at its "roots," precisely.

Right after the viewing, the state police reportedly were called.

The night before had been "peaceful" he reported, except for the slightly peculiar behavior of the barking dogs.

Everyone believed the find to be a good one, as they had "come in time." Dennis Martinez and his wife both said a number of Truchas residents had reported seeing "orange lights" in the sky that night, some flying over the Truchas cemetery.

After the authorities were notified, Dennis Martinez said, "I stuck

But No One Came

around from 7 a.m. until 2:30, making sure" that no investigators were coming.

He admitted he was "a little bit scared" of the mutilation which occurred so near his home. He explained he had been in the Colorado Springs area when a number of mutilations had taken place there.

"The way its done, when you see one, its a little bit different", then when you just hear about one, he explained.

The eyes of the fresh cow, he noted, attracted attention among observers.

The villain, he said, "tried to scrape at it," as if he or it were trying to get a tissue sample "from the white part of the eye." The rectal area, the udder and the ears were removed from the beast

with surgical precision.

Dennis Martinez said Neil Bockman, a Santa Fe photographer and filmmaker looking into the phenomena, appeared on the scene. Bockman wrote an article for Read Street, a news publication, recently on the phenomena entitled "Burgers for the Gods."

"The case itself didn't seem unusual, except for the fact that there were wolves in the area," Bockman said. He reported one neighbor's dog chewed "the backend" of the cow.

He was puzzled that law enforcement officials had not appeared on the scene.

U.S. Senator Harrison Schmitt Tuesday also expressed concern that the investigation was not attended to immediately by law enforcement personnel.

"I don't blame them for

being upset," he said of the witnesses, explaining that he is seeking more funding for the FBI's study into the problem.

"That's one reason I got the language" of a funding request recently announced to support the FBI investigation, Senator Schmitt explained. "I want the FBI to be more deeply involved."

He said "more coordinating of local investigations" is needed at this time and that the "central point of the investigation," he believes now, should be the FBI, though some centralization may be achieved by the District Attorney.

"My understanding was that FBI agent Sam Jones was assigned to coordinate law enforcement efforts on mutilations," Senator Schmitt said of his analysis of

what transpired at a recent conference of law enforcement personnel involved in mutilation investigations.

"The fact that the District Attorney's grant was pursued didn't change that," he said further, of Martinez's federally funded investigation.

"Maybe my understanding was wrong, but my understanding was that the FBI would be the coordinating agency," he said.

When told that Ken Rommel, the investigator the District Attorney hired after receiving a grant to pay his salary, had yet to contact Gabe Valdez, the State Policeman who has the most experience in investigating mutilations, Senator Schmitt said Valdez' experience should

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Mutilation Uninvestigated

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prove valuable to any investigator.

"That doesn't sound like complete investigating," Schmitt said of the omission of Valdez' participation.

In light of the lack of investigation of the Truchas episode, the SUN has received a number of reports from confidential sources about dissatisfaction with the course Rommel's investigation is taking.

Persons who have spoken to the investigator complain he is "brusque," or "too flippant," or he doesn't take their ideas or their reports seriously, and they'd rather not discuss with him further mutilation phenomena.

Other persons express fears that not only Rommel, but the District Attorney and the State Police, are working together to cover up whatever is behind the

mutilations, and rumors are spreading fast.

"Eloy Martinez went to the State Police and told them that Gabe Valdez is not to have any part in this investigation," one serious Valdez fan told the SUN.

Another version of that story is that a "muzzle" has been placed on Valdez.

Both stories were denied Tuesday by State Police Chief Martin Vigil and by the district attorney.

"I have not put out any orders to that effect," Vigil said. He explained that he has asked that information be channelled to Rommel, but if a state policeman should get a call on a suspected mutilation, he should "go on over there."

The district attorney, too, denies the existence of a gag order on any state police officer.

"I never have, and never will, impose any kind of a gag rule on any law enforcement officer because I don't have that authority nad even if I did it would be impractical for me to impose any form of gag rule," he said.

Of the alleged meeting with Vigil, he said, he believed that the story grew from an actual conversation he had with the chief.

"I think that the meeting was only my request to the chief that since we now have a designated project director in charge that it would probably be best to have everything relating to mutilations funnelled through that investigator.

"If for no other reason, the grant terms and conditions calls for that

kind of a concept."

Martinez said a teletype received by every affiliate State Police officer of the state assigned Richard C de Baca as liaison between officers and Rommel and that "relates to the notion that if there is a mute in their responsibility that hopefully they will contact Rommel."

Of Rommel's failure to appear at the Truchas suspected mutilation, he said he is "reasonably assured that Ken is looking into it."

"This happened on a weekend and its one of those instances where I

believe an effort was made to contact Rommel with no success."

Of the allegations of a cover-up, Martinez said, "The only thing I can really state I would flatly deny basis for supporting the contention that there is a cover-up if for no other reason than it would put the grant in jeopardy."

He advised those with such contentions to "apply to the grantee, the Law Enforcement Assistance Association," with that complaint. The LEAA, he contends, would "support" the complainant "one hundred per cent."

Mutilations Probe Disappointing

Examination of the first quarterly report submitted in our famous \$50,000 cattle mutilation probe would indicate results to date can be described at best disappointing. The worst might be to suggest it's a waste of the taxpayers' money.

In summary, chief investigator Ken Rommel, at a salary of \$25,000 a year, gave interviews to television stations and newspapers, talked with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, confirmed support from a number of state agencies (which he had already) and checked out three suspected mutilations in his first five weeks on the job.

That cost about \$2,500 in salary plus unknown expenses.

The report says the investigations into the three cattle deaths (one each in Milaga, Coyote and Tres Piedras) were not complete, although one Albuquerque newspaper quoted Rommel as saying all three were caused by predators.

But lo and behold, a mutilation reported in Truchas Saturday morning, only several hours after the animal's death and probably the freshest incident to date, had yet to be checked out by 4 p.m. Tuesday — more than four days later. Our "Desert Fox" hadn't made it to Truchas, the state police hadn't responded, the livestock inspector was not to be seen and the only explanation our district attorney (he's the one who got the \$50,000 grant) had was "it was a weekend."

We must advise our cattle mutilators that the game is played only five days a week — we rest on weekends.

Now fellows, there is a tremendous amount of interest in this subject as evidenced by the turnout for the Albuquerque conference conducted by New Mexico's Sen. Harrison Schmitt. Additional proof is the fact that the feds coughed up \$50,000 to look into it.

While the public can't expect a solution in the first six weeks of activity, for pete's sake they can expect more than that skimpy one-page report issued last week. And they can expect, for the money they are putting out, for someone to show up to investigate reported mutilations.

But as one optimist remarked cheerfully: "Look at it this way; it's only \$50,000. It could have been half a million."

News From

Senator Harrison Schmitt

248 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510

Media Contact: Anne Gral
202/224-

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 17, 1979

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Senator Harrison Schmitt announced today that the Senate Appropriations Committee, on which he serves, included in the Fiscal Year 1980 Justice Department Appropriations Report language directing the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to maintain its investigation of the cattle mutilations that have occurred in northern New Mexico and elsewhere.

Schmitt said such action by the Appropriations Committee is "necessary due to the continuing widespread problem of cattle mutilations and the need for federal coordination of the investigation."

"I hope that the Committee's endorsement of this proposal will increase the FBI's investigative activity so that the answer to this bizarre and grisly mystery will be found," Schmitt added.

The FBI will investigate the incidents that have occurred and which are prosecutable under United States Code 1152 and 1153.

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DATE: 12/10/79

SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (198-541) C

SUBJECT: MUTILATION OF ANIMALS ON INDIAN
LANDS IN NEW MEXICO

CIR (C)

OO: ALBUQUERQUE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

Re Albuquerque letter to the Director, 8/1/79.

Since being instructed to investigate this matter, there have been no reports of mutilations on Indian lands in New Mexico. Liaison has been established with appropriate law enforcement personnel to insure that mutilations are reported to the Albuquerque FBI Office.

In view of this, no investigation is currently being conducted regarding mutilations, and the Albuquerque Office is placing this matter in a closed status.

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IN NEW MEXICO
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DIRECTOR, FBI (198-1048)

Re Albuquerque letter to the Director, 12/10/79.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM captioned as above. One copy of this LHM is being designated for KENNETH M. ROMMEL, District Attorney's Office, Espanola, New Mexico. ROMMEL is the Director of a Special Investigative Unit set up under an LEAA grant for the purpose of investigating animal mutilations.

No investigation is currently being conducted by the Albuquerque FBI Office regarding mutilations, and this case is in a closed status. It is again pointed out there have been no reports of mutilations on Indian lands in New Mexico since the Albuquerque Office was instructed to investigate this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Albuquerque, New Mexico
January 15, 1980

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

MUTILATION OF ANIMALS
ON INDIAN LANDS IN
NEW MEXICO
CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION

By communication from FBIHQ dated March 6, 1979, the FBI, Albuquerque Office was instructed to conduct investigation into the mutilations of animals occurring on Indian lands in New Mexico. This instruction was based on a memorandum dated March 2, 1979, from the Department of Justice to FBIHQ, which authorized such investigation.

On April 20, 1979, a conference on livestock mutilations was convened in Albuquerque by Senator HARRISON SCHMITT of New Mexico, and the U. S. Attorney for New Mexico, R. E. THOMPSON. This conference was attended by law enforcement investigators from several states, FBI representatives, other interested parties, and the press. Approximately 180 persons were in attendance. Near the conclusion of the conference, it was reported by the District Attorney in Santa Fe, New Mexico, that a Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) grant had been applied for to provide funds for a special investigative unit to investigate cattle mutilations. Subsequently, it was announced that the LEAA grant had been made, and that a special investigative unit for this purpose had been set up under the auspices of the New Mexico State District Attorney in Santa Fe. Former FBI Agent KENNETH M. ROMMEL was appointed to head up that unit.

Investigation by the Albuquerque FBI Office determined that there had been reports of dead animals from both the Santa Clara Reservation and the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in New Mexico. Discussions with GERALD HILL, Bureau of Indian Affairs Criminal Investigator, Pojoaque, New Mexico, regarding the dead cattle which had been reported on the Santa Clara Reservation by members of the Santa Clara Tribe disclosed that these reports were in 1978. There was no evidence to cause it to be determined that the animals had been mutilated, and Investigator HILL did not make a complete investigation of the matter, nor collect any evidence for examination. Subsequent discussions with RALEIGH

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MUTILATION OF ANIMALS ON INDIAN LANDS IN NEW MEXICO

TAFOYA, Chief Police, Jicarilla Apache Tribe, disclosed similar information, i. . . the reports of unexplained dead animals were in 1978, and although they were surrounded by suspicious circumstances, there was no evidence to positively determine that the animals had been mutilated. In neither case had evidence been preserved for examination, nor were there any complete reports of investigation done regarding the deaths.

The Albuquerque FBI Office has discussed the possibility of animal mutilations with law enforcement officers in New Mexico, including MEL SEDILLO, JR., Investigator, New Mexico Livestock Board, Albuquerque, New Mexico, who has examined numerous animals which had been reported as being mutilated. Investigator SEDILLO said that in each instance his examination showed that the animals had been attacked by predators.

Since the conference of April 20, 1979, the Albuquerque FBI Office has received a voluminous amount of correspondence from interested parties who have expounded their theories regarding this subject. Copies of this information have been furnished to KENNETH M. ROMMEL for his assistance.

On January 15, 1980, KENNETH M. ROMMEL advised his office has pursued numerous investigative leads regarding the possible mutilation of animals in New Mexico. He said that to date, his investigative unit has determined that none of the reported cases has involved what appear to be mutilations by other than common predators. ROMMEL said he has travelled to other states and conferred with investigators in those areas regarding mutilations, and to date has received no information which would justify the belief that any animals have been intentionally mutilated by human beings. ROMMEL added that regarding all the dead animals he has examined, the damage to the carcasses has always been consistent with predator action.

The Albuquerque FBI Office has alerted law enforcement officials who have jurisdiction over Indian lands in New Mexico concerning the March 6, 1979, authorization for the Albuquerque FBI Office to investigate the mutilations of animals on Indian lands in New Mexico. These law enforcement officials have advised that they would immediately notify the Albuquerque FBI Office in the event there are any new occurrences of suspected animal mutilations on Indian lands.

On January 15, 1980, this matter was discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney RICHARD J. SMITH, U. S. Attorney's Office, Albuquerque. Assistant U. S. Attorney SMITH said that in his opinion there is no Federal interest in continuing an investigation in this matter in the absence of further reports of acts of

MUTILATION OF ANIMALS ON INDIAN LANDS IN NEW MEXICO

suspected mutilation of animals on Indian lands in New Mexico.

First Judicial District



Kenneth M. Rommel, Jr.
Director

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Coordinating Secretary

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Washington, D.C.

Re: Mutilations of Animals on
Indian Reservation; T905,
New Mexico, July 1978

Attention: F.B.I. Laboratory

Gentlemen:

For background information, I refer to your Albuquerque origin matter entitled as follows:

- Mutilations of Animals on Indian Lands in New Mexico --
Crime on Indian Reservation.

Enclosed for examination is one vial containing several flakes of an unknown material which this office would like to have identified in connection with an official investigation.

For your information, since approximately 1975, New Mexico and other states, primarily those located in close proximity to New Mexico, have had incidents referred to by many as "the cattle mutilation phenomena." Stock animals, primarily cattle, have been found dead with various parts of the carcass missing such as one eye, one ear, the udder, and normally a cored anus. Most credible sources have attributed this damage to normal predator and scavenger activity. However, certain segments of the population have attributed the damage to many other causes ranging from U.F.O.s to a giant governmental conspiracy, the exact nature of which is never fully explained. No factual data has been supplied supporting these theories.

In May, 1979, responding to pressure from his constituents, the District Attorney, First Judicial District of New Mexico, applied for and was awarded a one year L.E.A.A. grant to investigate these mutilations.

I retired after twenty-eight years as a special agent of the F.B.I. to direct this investigation.

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As previously stated, there are those that have attempted to make a connection between cattle mutilations and U.F.O. sightings.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

March 5, 1980
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In July, 1978, a U.F.O. was reportedly observed by a resident of Taos, New Mexico, reportedly hovering over a pickup truck. The next morning, the enclosed powder flakes were reportedly recovered from the roof of the aforementioned pickup.

Some of the individuals that are most vocal to the media have inferred that these flakes are identical with a substance that was taken from cowhides in a controlled test conducted in the Dulce, New Mexico area.

Dulce, New Mexico, which has been the site of several reported mutilations, is located approximately seventy miles from Taos, New Mexico. I have not been able to locate a sample of the substance reportedly collected in the Dulce test, but it has been described as a florescent material.

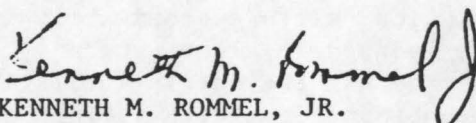
I have, to-date, been able to confirm any connection between these two substances, and have been told by those that have seen both that they are not identical.

However, I would appreciate it if through the use of a G.S. Mas spectroscopy test or any other logical test, that these flakes can be identified. This in itself would go a long way to assisting me to discredit the U.F.O. -- Cow Mutilation association theory.

If need be, the flakes can be destroyed during your examination.

Your cooperation in this investigation is appreciated.

Sincerely,


KENNETH M. ROMMEL, JR.

KMR/dsm
enclosure



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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: Mr. Kenneth M. Rommel, Jr.
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Post Office Box 1209
Re: Espanola, New Mexico 87532

April 3, 1980
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FBI FILE NO. 198-1048

LAB. NO. 00307063 S MK RI

YOUR NO.

MUTILATIONS OF ANIMALS ON
INDIAN RESERVATION; TAOS,
NEW MEXICO, JULY 1978

Examination requested by:

LOCAL & STATE

Addressee

Reference:

Letter dated March 8, 1980

Examination requested:

Chemical Analyses - Instrumental Analyses

Specimen:

Q1 Flakes of unknown material

Result of examination:

Specimen Q1 was identified as a white enamel paint typical of an acrylic latex/emulsion-type exterior house paint. The Q1 particles appear to have originated from a wood substrate.

The particular origin and/or manufacturer of this paint cannot be determined. The Q1 particles are suitable for comparison purposes in the event a suspected source is located.

Specimen Q1 is returned herewith.

Enclosure
Attention has been made with the understanding that the evidence is connected with an official investigation of a criminal matter and that the Laboratory report will be used for official purposes only, related to the investigation or a subsequent criminal prosecution. Authorization cannot be granted for the use of the Laboratory report in connection with a civil proceeding.

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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Chemical Analyses - INSTRUMENTAL

Specimens received:

Specimen:

Q1 Flakes of unknown material

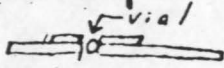
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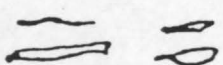
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JLCC 4x10 E Pm Espanola 3/5/80

Via Rm 1039 C ~ 3x6 piece of cardboard
with hole in center and reinforced with
second layer at hole  all
covered with clear tape. The glass vial ~
pencil dia + 1 1/2" long, w cotton ball in
one end was all broken on receipt but
contents appear to have been retained
in place by the scotch tape.

Removed from the broken glass debris
+ strips of grey material which look
like paint flakes or maybe a
synthetic rubber "putty"
actual sizes: 

feels soft + pliable under pressure of
tweezer tip.

00307063 5 MK RI

Dictation:

- Specimen Q₁ was identified as a white enamel paint typical of an acrylic latex/emulsion-type exterior house paint. The Q₁ particles appear to have originated from a wood substrate.

The particular origin and/or manufacturer of this paint cannot be determined. The Q₁ particles are suitable for comparison purposes in the event a suspected source is located.

Specimen Q₁ is returned herewith. JEC

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Instrumental Anal. Unit	SPEC.	E.Y.	S.A.
07 Explosive Composition			
24 Instrumental Paint	1	3	RI
71 Polymers			
72 Drugs			
34 Miscellaneous	1	2	RI

Examination requested by:

Addressee:

Reference:

Letter dated March 5, 1980

Examination requested:

Chemical Analyses - INSTRUMENTAL ANALYSES

Specimens received:

Specimen:

Substance from pickup

Q1 rec'd from MK
3/17/80

Ret. to Aaron 3/25/80.

Q1 Rec'd in plastic pillbox from Aaron

(~ to a typical acrylic latex exterior housepaint, or emulsion type)
microscopically, the particles in Q1 are typical of a white (housepaint-type) latex enamel. There appears to be wood fibers on the bottom surface in several areas and the bottom is striated/dirty as if it originated from a wood substrate, quite possibly a window frame or something similar.

CHCl_3 - softens, clear film bleeds out

$\text{C}_5\text{H}_6\text{O}$ - softens - cloudy film remains on slide after solvent evaporation.

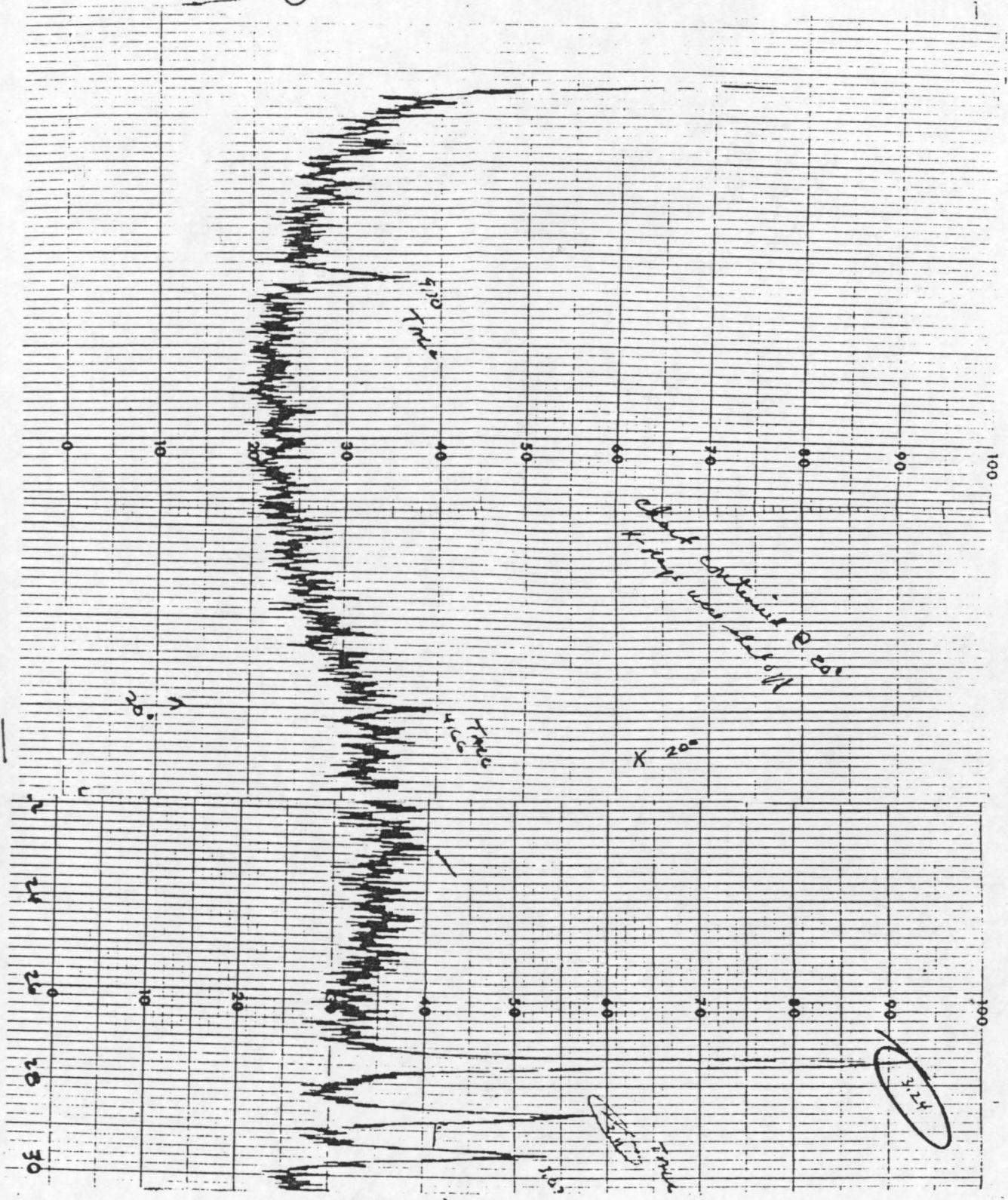
diphenyl = essen. neg. (sl. effervescence noted)

conc. H_2SO_4 = residue on bottom brown, partially diss.

& effervesces sl. no appec. color change.

Typical white paint composition TiO_2 (rutile) = prime white pigment + CaCO_3 & talc = typical extenders

GC = acrylic
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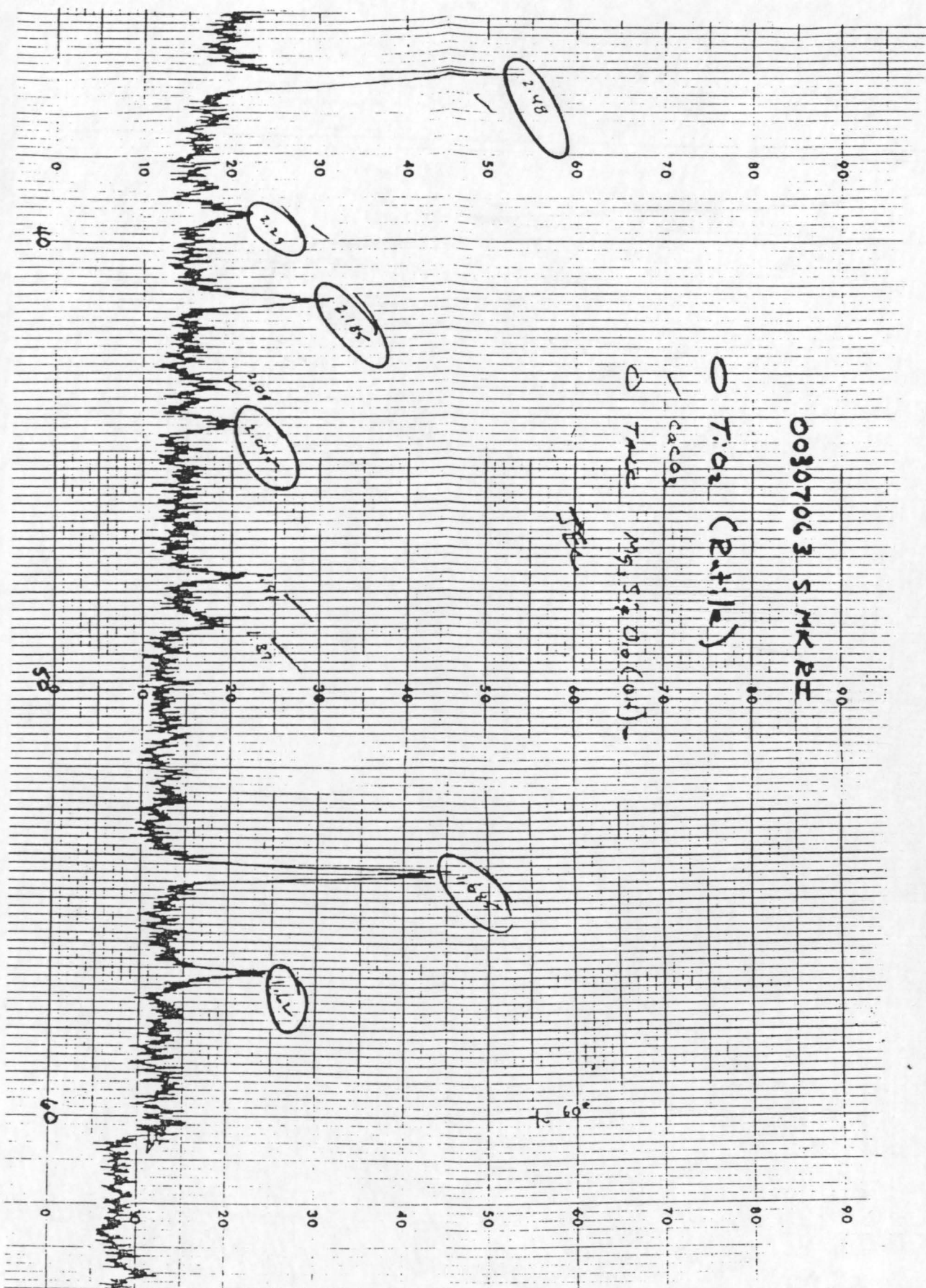
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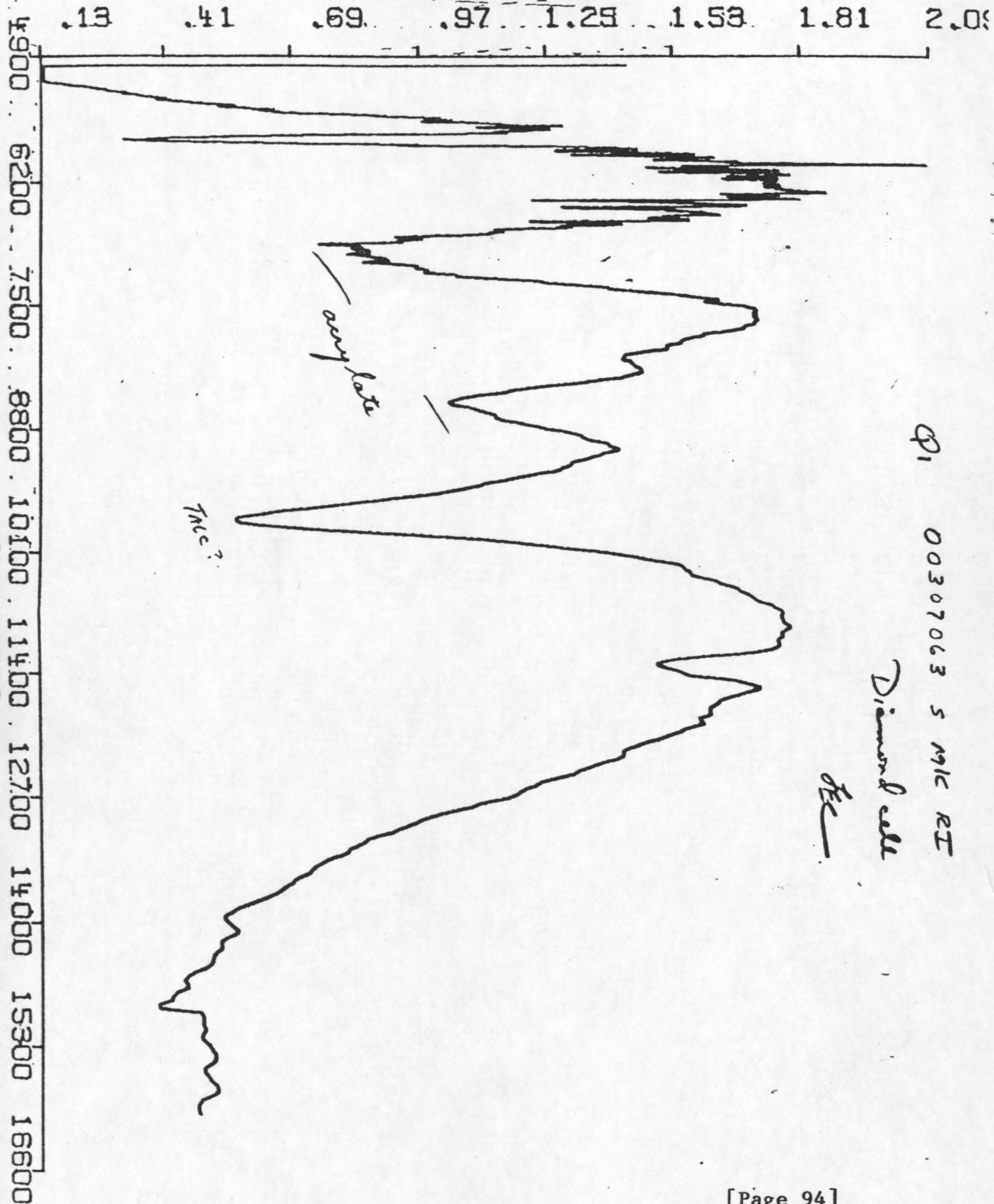
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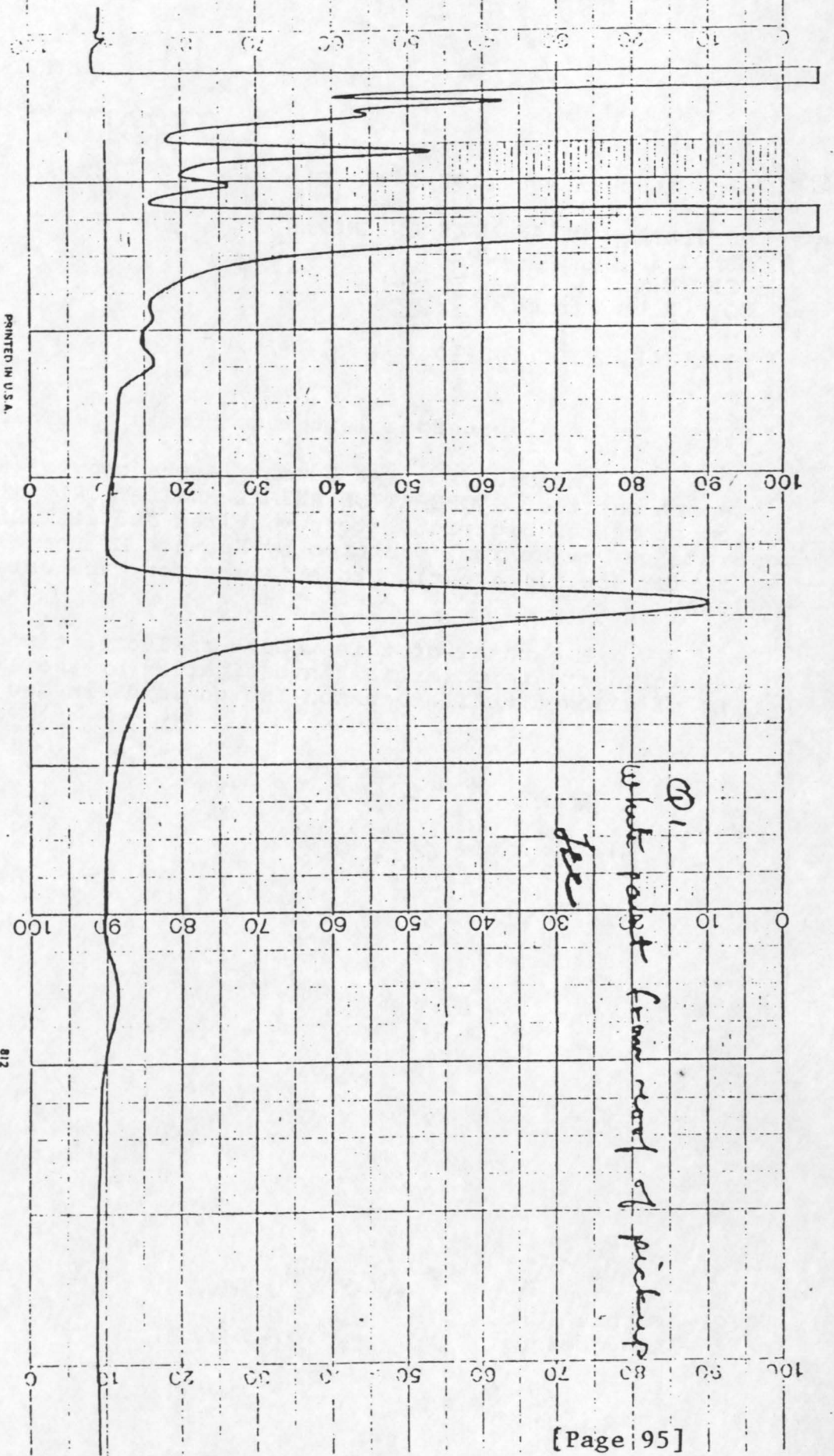
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REPLY TO: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (198-541) (C)

SUBJECT: MUTILATION OF ANIMALS ON INDIAN
LANDS IN NEW MEXICO
CIR (C)

TO: OO: Albuquerque

DIRECTOR, FBI (198-1048)

Re Albuquerque letter to Bureau, 1/15/80.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of a bound report entitled, "OPERATION ANIMAL MUTILATION." This is a report of the District Attorney, First Judicial District, State of New Mexico, prepared by Kenneth M. Rommel, Jr. (former Special Agent), Project Director, and dated June, 1980.

A perusal of this report reflects it adds nothing new in regard to potential investigation by the Albuquerque FBI of alleged mutilations on Indian lands in New Mexico.

*Report detached & retained
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