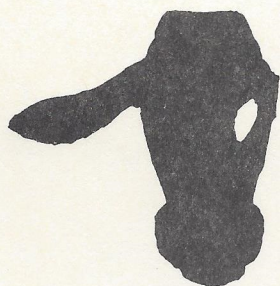


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## INTRODUCTION

Whether they comprise a grotesque band of sophisticated Satanists, a *third world* facet of hidden government, mad scientists using germ warfare, creatures from outer space, or just misidentified predators damaging animals, the current rash of animal killings and butcherings presents one of the major mysteries of our time.

*"I am the law, and I am the judge! I am the oppressed, and there is the oppressor! Through him I have lost all that I loved, cherished, and venerated--country, wife, children, father, and mother. I saw all perish! All that hate is there; say no more!"* Captain Nemo speaking against the avengers of his mystery ship the Nautilus. Jules Verne's Twenty Thousand Leagues Under The Sea.

## PART I. NO SMALL THING

When did the mysterious animal butcherings begin? When were mysterious aerial *craft* associated with those killings?

Some say it was dirigible-like craft that flew across the country in 1896-97, parading as *secret inventors*

in some instances, and extraterrestrial beings in others. The occupants appeared to be very normal in some instances, or very queer in others. Their helicopter-like actions would seem to be more than coincidental as we will shortly read.

Accounts of aerial craft surveying herds of cattle or causing dogs to bark or pets to react, or even disappear, are replete through *flying saucer literature*.

When a UFO (unidentified flying object) landed on a farm in Delphos, Kansas on November 2, 1971, the pet dog on the farm was completely silent, while the sheep bellowed; all the animals couldn't move. Two weeks afterwards, at every sunset the sheep would jump out of their pen and run wildly. The dog would furiously try to get into the house at nightfall, almost destroying the screen door. The boy who originally saw the UFO was plagued by eye irritation, headaches, and nightmares. He would wake up screaming.

On September 30, 1966, for example, Kevin, Bevin and Curtis Ercenbrack observed a metallic saucer shaped object with a domed top rise above some trees on their farm in the Uintah Basin area of Nevada. *The object hovered over a dead calf.*

"We were going over there to bury a dead calf, and we just seen it flying up above the trees," said Kevin. "It was looking at the calf, I guess." The object moved slowly but suddenly shot away.

When a UFO *flap* (a military term denoting a rapid increase in war activities) broke out in Point Pleasant, West Virginia in 1966, a large ape-like *bird*, along with UFOs, plagued the area.

The McDaniels reported unfortunate incidents of animals being harassed during the flap in the area. Their son Lonnie reported the animal deaths as follows:

"In all cases, some internal organs had been removed--but never was there an incision, scar of any injury."

"A dog was handed into the police station. It had been found dead but with no injuries. When it was examined, its heart was found to be missing--but there was no incision, no sign of surgery. Its heart was just gone."

John Beer of Larnel, Kansas witnessed a large white light about 9 p.m. on February 28, 1972 on his farm. The light headed west near Riverside School and came in front of him to hover over the cattle corral. The object eventually

disappeared. *The next day the two bottom wires on the corral were broken. The milk cows had burn spots or circles on them.*

## HELICOPTERS AS UFOS

When an extremely bright UFO was seen by police Sergeant Ben Thompson and other neighbors as it hovered over the Wanaque, New Jersey reservoir for the evening of Oct. 11, 1966, upon its disappearance another interesting flight of UFOs appeared. "There were aircraft all over the place after this thing had disappeared. But nobody knows where they came from," said Thompson. "There were seven helicopters and, I would say, ten or twelve jets."

"They were very fast aircraft-- and they kept circling the whole area. Stewart Air Force Base, which is the closest to the area, claims that they didn't send anybody down there. No planes or anybody. Nothing." Sergeant Bob Gordon also saw them.

That same evening John de Giacomo, a 20-year-old student of electrical engineering was *fooling around* with a geiger counter about a mile from the UFO site. "We started getting some abnormal radiation readings," he said. "It was nothing to warrant any concern. But it was about four times above the background radiation that you would

normally pick up in that area." The next day, the radiation level was normal.

Equally mysterious was the *government investigator* that came to see Thompson at Lakeland High School. The investigator said the witnesses saw no jets or helicopters. However, there was no record of the government sending an investigator. *Intensive research failed to locate the source of the aircraft.*

This was a case of mystery aircraft coinciding with an even stranger UFO. But what about copters and animals? In March of 1968 in Skull Valley, Utah, U.S. Army nerve gas was credited with the deaths of 6,400 sheep. In January, 1971, 1,200 dead sheep near Garrison, Utah were connected with *loco weed* found in autopsied victims.

Then in the August of 1971 near Leadville, Colorado, 40 sheep were found dead and *riddled with bullet holes*. A sheep rancher reported what one of his herders told him that an *army colored* helicopter flew over one of his herds and sprayed the animals with bullets. The Army discounted the story and sent one of their veterinarians who said that the sheep had been struck by lightning.

Poor "Snippy", the pet horse, was also said to have been slugged by a lightning bolt on September 7, 1967-- but it must have been a radioactive lightning bolt.



## THE ZAPPING OF SNIPPY

Snippy, missing for two days, was found sprawled on its side in a clearing amid the chico bushes that stretch as far as the eye can see below the towering mountains east of Alamosa, Colorado.

The horse was found a quarter of a mile from the home of Mrs. Agnes King, six miles off the main highway along a dusty dirt road that leads to the Great Sand Dunes National Monument. Every shred of flesh was missing from the animal's neck and skull. There was a perfectly smooth, precisely cut area from above the shoulders and around the breast bone. The smooth flesh was showing near the neck bone, which also, was protruding from the center. No blood was found.

Mr. and Mrs. Berle Lewis, Snippy's owners said the flesh at the base of the neck was still pink and fresh when she first saw the animal, while the bones were white, as if bleached in the sun for several years. Mrs. Lewis found a strange *blob* that oozed a light green paste which was near the body. A three-foot-tall chico bush had been crushed within three inches of the ground. For a 10-foot radius around the bush, the sandy ground appeared to

have been smoothed out. There were no tracks.

Duane Martin of the Forestry Service took radioactive tests with a geiger counter that was in perfect condition. Martin said readings considerably above normal were recorded throughout the area around the dead animal. At one point the needle on the device went completely off the scale with a high-reading. Mrs. Lewis' boots were later found to be radioactive and the palm of her hand began to turn red and had a burning sensation after she picked up a horse hair tuft. The *exhaust marks*, so-called, were radioactive, as were the areas where the brush had been flattened.

During a search of the immediate area, they found what appeared to be 15 tapering, circular exhaust marks punched into the ground. The marks were scattered over an area of about 5,000 square yards. The ground around the carcass was damp and a medicinal, incense-like odor pervaded the area. A second check of the meadow revealed more flattened brush and six other indentations. These were two inches across, four inches deep, and formed a circle three feet in diameter.

A Denver pathologist, who wished his name withheld, conducted an autopsy, and found that the horse's brain cavity was empty. There was no material in the

center of the spinal column, and the abdominal organs were missing. "This horse was definitely not killed by lightning," he concluded. Bob Low of the University of Colorado said the man lacked credentials.

Mr. Ben King, a rancher and expert tracker, traced Snippy from the spot he departed the herd, already running in panic, and made haste for the ranch house. Snippy's tracks ran for a short distance and then abruptly stopped. One hundred feet from where his tracks stopped, Snippy's body was found.

Alamosa veterinarian Wallace Leary found two .22 caliber holes in the horses hind quarters on January 25, 1968 though no one found them previously; it was speculated later that some teenagers happened along and left their artillery trademark. Dr. Robert Morris, professor of Biochemistry, said the soil samples did not *lead directly to hydrocarbons or fuels.*

## STRANGE AERIAL ACTIVITY

Most experts opted for a lightning strike on Snippy. But strange aerial activity in the area gave another possible suggestion,

--On September 28, Alamosa residents told the Colorado State Police that they saw a UFO explode in the air.

--On September 30, Dan Svoboda of Denver, and his son, David, watched a lighted object through a telescope. It traveled east from the mountains and extended what appeared to be antennae. The next night, they saw the brilliantly colored object again.

During this time the bodies of several cows were found near Allentown, Pennsylvania. The hides were removed and the blood and bone marrow were mysteriously missing.

October 5, Superior Court Judge Charles E. Bennett, his wife and his mother, reported three reddish-orange rings in the sky. They had a triangular formation, moved at a rate of speed, and made a humming sound. On October 8, about 2 a.m. two UFOs passed over the Lewis' home, quite high, looking like stars, but had red, green, and white pulsating lights. Around that time, a group of eight students from Adams State College reported seeing a light descend from the sky near Snippy's remains.

On October 9, four Pintos, three near Mocco, and one three miles southeast of Snippy, were found dead. Four cows were found dead on the highway connecting Blanca and Alamosa.

Robert W. Fenwick of the Denver Post suggested that Snippy was *dropped* by pranksters who used a *pole rig* to suspend, strip, bleed and butcher the horse. A tranquilizer pellet was shot from a gun (a .22 caliber?), and Snippy was suspended by his heels and put into a tub of acid. The weight of the poles would make *strange holes* in the ground and spilled acid would make *exhaust marks*. Acid would irritate hands, and bits of uranium ore activate a geiger counter.

Mrs. Lewis wondered about the complete absence of tracks in the area! The horse tracks could be traced, but not human tracks or those from autos.

## THE CIRCLE EXPANDS

For those who could discount earlier episodes, the case of R.J. Rankin and his UFO sighting of September 1, 1971 might be more bizarre. Mr. Rankin said he had looked out of his window on his ranch near Talihina, Oklahoma, about 9:30 p.m., and saw a flying, round object coming down into an open field. "Look out there!" he shouted to his wife. "What is that thing?"

When the two people got outside, they saw the object approximately 10 feet off the ground and going up. Then it quickly vanished. Rankin said it was a blueish-red light that *had places in it all the way around it* like windows.

"It didn't come down hard enough to leave any tracks," he said. "It came down very lightly but it went off fast when it left...it made a swishing sound when it was leaving."

During the same time, a prominent rancher to the east of Talihina lost several head of livestock under circumstances never fully explained. The animals had been devoured. The skin was 'rolled' or 'peeled' off the carcass and the meat eaten. Veterinarians and other ranchers consulted had never seen anything like it.

Some would dismiss these incidents as valueless and disjointed, but the continued mutilations indicate otherwise.

On Monday, November 5, 1973, on the Leonard Van Hyfte farm near Canby, Minnesota a cow was found with its udder neatly cut as if by an expert surgeon. The ears, tongue, and tail had been severed. Hair clipped from the tail had been placed in a neat pile near the carcass. There was no blood, on the animal's hide, around the wounds, or on the ground. According to Deputy Sheriff Dennis Kamstra of Medicine County, Minnesota, no veins had been punctured. Dr. John O. Synder, veterinarian, ruled out a tranquilizer gun. Both were puzzled by the mutilation.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rolling, who live near Ivanhoe, Minnesota, also found a mutilated calf in May, 1973. Two teats were *sheared off*. Mrs. Genevieve Reed of rural Minneapolis said she found two pair of boot tracks near a dead bull she owned. "One set was cowboy boots and the other unsulated boots," she said. Two weeks later, someone stole a heifer.

## KANSAS

Mutilations continued during 1973 into 1974 and haven't stopped. On November 27, 1973, a 10-year-old angus cow was found east of Canton, Kansas on the S-H Ranch. The cow had calfed during the night and the calf was still alive, but the mother had her neck cut with a sharp item and was still dripping blood when Undersheriff H.G. Terry arrived at about 9:30 a.m. on the 30th. However, no large amount of blood was found in the area. Most of the after-birth was gone. Upperleft lip, all four teats, anus and vagina were cut by a sharp item and missing. The cow was mutilated between 4:30 p.m. on the 29th and 8:00 a.m. on the 30th when it was found dead.

On January 8, 1974, a 6-year-old holstein about 1,100 pounds was found east of Roxburg, Kansas. In this case, tire and foot prints were found in snow

on the road located a short distance south of the cow. Foot prints lead into the pasture towards the area where the cow was found. Two teats had been cut off with some sharp item. One teat was found laying on the left rear leg and the other was found laying on the ground approximately two feet away from the cow. There was a protrusion of the anus. The cow was checked and found all right at 1:00 p.m. He was found dead at feeding time around 4:00 p.m. No cause of death was found.

On another ranch a 900-pound bull was found with both back quarters missing and possibly the left ear. Carl Gotti's 400-pound steer had both back quarters and left ear missing. Almond Baker's 400-pound heifer had all sex organs, left ear and snout removed. The animal was found only 200 yards from the victim's occupied residence. A 1,000-pound cow on Virgil Vesterburg's farm had sex organs and right shoulder removed. Boot prints indicated deep cleated rubber boots, and tire tracks indicate all four tires were mud grips of a possibly 4-wheel vehicle. George Wallerius' 1,500-pound bull was shot in the left eye and in the end of the penis. The left ear was removed.

Said Deputy Sheriff Gary Dir: "The slayers should be considered armed with firearms, as well as cutting tools. Also, in all cases where the animals



have been cut, there is a complete absence of blood or bleeding. If a drug is used to initially kill the animals, it would seem that it contains a very strong coagulant."

Undersheriff H.G. Terry investigated a mutilated 10-year-old angus near Canton, Kansas where tire and foot prints were found on a gravel road a short distance north of the cow. The neck had been cut with a sharp item, upper lip, four teats, and the anus, including the vagina, were missing.

Considerable research has been done, and is still being done, into the possibility of an occult involvement in these cases, as there is a particular cult which does use the sex organs of cattle in their preorgy rituals," said Undersheriff C.P. Mcquire. "This cult also makes a *brew* out of the blood, semen and the boiled fibrous tissue of cattle sex organs, which they drink during their ritual.

"I realize this sounds like a far-fetched idea," continues Mcquire, "however, the occult is a real and definite problem in many parts of the country today, and I don't feel that we should exclude the possibility. Even though it does sound weird."

Mcquire said that psychiatrists and psychologists had talked with him and

each have said that they did not believe sex deviates or mentally deranged persons were involved. An agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had contacted him and told Mcquire that he was going to aid their investigation as an expert on *sex crimes*. "However," said Mcquire, "I feel this needs to be considered in its proper perspective, and not as *witchcraft*. If the information is correct as I understand it, there is a very definite possibility that this will lead to the sacrifice of human virgins or young girls."

## NEBRASKA

Knox County, which borders Cedar County on the west, has had eight cattle mutilations quickly following July, 1974. Five mutilations had been reported in Madison County--including a horse on the Warren Papstein farm near Norfolk. Some animals were drained of blood with sex organs amputated. One animal's lips had been removed along with its left eye. Another animal's right eye was taken. Antelope County had three mutilations during that summer. Burt County had four mutilations during 1974; all were black. Two had been struck on the head.

And the mutilations creep steadily in number over the years.

A month-old bull Hereford was found killed on the Vern Stringfield farm east

of Madison. The calf's sex organs were cut out and the blood drained. A cow on the Don Sunderman's farm had been hit in the head and stunned, and then the jugular vein was cut to drain the blood. Sheriff Marvin Adams believed other incidents had happened in previous years. A mutilated horse found on the Warren Papstein farm near Norfolk, Nebraska also had been mutilated in a similar manner.

"Last summer I had four cases of calf mutilations," said Thomas Weatherly, D.V.M. to this writer during 1975. "These calves were all black, approximately 300-pounds in weight; three had been killed by a blow to the head with fractured necks. One small calf was killed by strangulation according to my diagnosis."

"This (activity) was definitely not performed by scavenger animals," he continued. "The areas were neatly incised surgically and in 24 years of practice I have seen many dead carcasses mutilated by animals and it is not hard to tell the tearing away of flesh by carnivorous animals."

"In the two male calves the sex organs were taken expertly from one. In the other a circumscribed area approximately twelve inches in diameter was excised on the ventral abdomen including the prepuce. The right eye was

also enucleated in this case. The heifers had the sex organs neatly removed."

## NEBRASKA UFOS

Mystery lights invaded the area. A meeting of about ten people, including farmers and sheriffs took place at a farm in Clearwater during August of 1974; in the words of one of the farmers:

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

The people watched the light for about four hours. Harold Kester said the object looked as if it had a little blueish green light on each side with a glow surrounding it.

"It was behind a tree and moved from one side of the tree to the other," Kester said. "We couldn't tell how close it was or how fast it was moving." Farmer Kruger later saw another light about midnight when he put some calves in the barn. A big ball of red fire raised off the ground and then went dark. Sheriff Herbert Thompson said helicopters had been seen in the area previously. Deputy Sheriff Wes Eisenbeiss reported a dead

Hereford cow on the Ray Schultz farm near Bloomfield--its reproductive organs were missing, its neck broken and a horn was missing.

Farmers and sheriffs in Cedar County, near Hartington had their rash of mutilations and mystery lights. A vigilante team headed by Gordon Gruber and with the use of citizen band receivers, stalked the area--and encountered helicopters and lights.

"There have been nighttime sightings of helicopters, two of them verified," said Sheriff Thompson. "We've had reports of night landings too, although those have not been confirmed." Mutilated cattle were found within two to three days after the two confirmed helicopter sightings--one within half a mile of an area where the aircraft had been seen. During this time Gordon Gruber, his wife, and Dave Hoelsing saw a light hovering about a half mile over a pasture from their home.

"It was hanging there, maybe 100 to 200 feet off the ground," said Gruber. Gary Dunn, who lives two miles to the south, and friend Herb Pautler, confirmed the light: "We were near the top of a hill when we heard the noise. It was like the whinning of a 150-horsepower motor." As they walked toward the sound, the noise disappeared into the night.

Dean Marsh and his son, Steve, also saw a light about a half a mile from the point Gruber and Hoelsing saw it. "It was yellowish and maybe 50 to 100 feet above the ground. But as we approached, it flickered out and was gone." Steve Marsh commented: "I've never seen anything like it except on a few TV programs where they had a big spotlight on a helicopter. I know it wasn't normal."

After dawn, a dead cow was found near the spot the light had been first noticed by Gruber and Hoelsing. Dr. John Schroedef, a veterinarian, said it apparently died from eating too much corn. That night, however, Dunn, Hoelsing, Gruber and Pantler noticed a *long, yellowish bar of light* moving swiftly from the east. They estimated it about four miles away and 150 feet up and when they drove towards it, *the light blinked out and vanished.*

Gruber and his neighbors had set up continued vigils. "I spent four years in the Air Force and am sure of what I'm seeing," Gruber said.

A 6-to-7 week-old male calf was found dead in a pasture on the Eugene Scott farm in September. Its sex organs had been removed. Near September 5, Sheriff Marvin Adams, along with three deputies, the Newman Grove Chief of Police and a Pierce police officer, were among law enforcement officials that

reported peculiar aerial lights; red, white and green hanging on objects. Deputy Sheriff Bernard Staib reported five objects at one time. Newman Grove, Police Chief Dan Helmer reported seeing *two lights* about 9:30 p.m. Crete Police Office Daryl Thompkins said he saw 13 objects all of the same character and same size but at different altitudes.

It seemed to move similar to the mystery helicopters in some ways. A trooper in the Fremont area spotted a *hovering light* about 20 feet off the ground, but when he tried to approach, the object moved away. David Johnson, a police officer at Pierce, said one of the objects would drop close to the ground.

A Callaway area farmer estimates that he lost \$20,000 to \$30,000 in cattle in the two years. "Some (farmers) have had 17 to 18 head disappear at a time," he said. "A neighbor of mine said he found a calf with its intestines tied around its neck. You show me a coyote or a buzzard that would do that."

Clayton Dozler and some of his neighbors found a mutilated 300-pound bull calf on his farm. All three reproductive organs of the bull had been removed by what appeared to be a sharp instrument.

## PETROLEUM SUBSTANCE

Anisworth investigators found that the animal had *a petroleum substance in the stomach*. The Dozlers found this interesting because "a black helicopter was seen quite a bit in the county," they told, "one parked on an off-road refueling from a pickup. When this person spotted the helicopter, he became afraid and turned around to call the sheriff." The Dozlers said that children near Clearwater, Nebraska were chased by a helicopter about that time, and cows on the farm of Omar Hoffman were mutilated. A cow found on the Garrett Ternam farm near Hickman had its udder bag cut off with *some sharp instrument*. A 500-pound calf belonging to Jack P. Albert was found mutilated in a field southeast of Denton. The animal had been shot above the eye, apparently with a small calibre gun, and had been split down the middle with a knife.

In Madison, Nebraska, the Douglas Werkmeister family watched a mystery helicopter come low over their farm on November 13, 1974. "We could make out a very dim body on the craft," said Mrs. Werkmeister. "I estimate that their top speed while going over our yard was 5 mph and when the craft was between the granary and the barn--a spot directly out from the porch door where we stood



watching--it hovered for maybe 3 seconds. We could not distinguish any color, shape or markings on the craft."

That was 8:35 p.m. but the craft came back at 8:45 from the northeast, circled the farm, and disappeared to the southeast. "The lights on the craft did not blink but stayed on steadily," said Mrs. Werkmeister. When it came low over the house, the sound was intense. Deputy Sheriff Bernard Staib also saw the craft from a spot east of the Werkmeister farm. The sheriff said he had tried to find out from where the helicopters came, but without success.

On Nov. 12, 1974, Dale Bagwell, whose farm adjoins the Werkmeisters to the west, was picking corn in his field when he saw one of the Werkmeisters cows laying dead a short way from the fence in their field. The udder of the Hereford cow had been partially severed, and the teats removed. The anus and vagina were cut out. A *mud mark* was on her side. Her feet were clean as though they were scrubbed.

The Werkmeisters watched an amber light transverse their property on September 15, 1974, completely silent and disappearing to the south. It did not appear to be similar to any object in the sky. A red light on the horizon seemed to be training a beam of white light on it.

## HAIRY CREATURES AND SILENT CHOPPERS

A *hairy creature* treked around mutilation territory in Nebraska. This is more than coincidence, as cases reported later will show.

The *growling, moaning* monster was said to haunt the Oakland Municipal swimming pool one night. Several residents described the phantom creature as *having the face of a monkey but being the size of a medium size dog*. Some authorities theorize that it is a bear.

But in Texas the *hairy monster* was seen going directly into one of the big helicopters.

## TEXAS

Rancher Arlen R. Box witnessed a chopper near Henderson, Texas. A *coal black* copter flew over him about 200 feet but no one seemed to be at the controls. On other successive nights *strange lights* were seen at the time that mutilated cattle were found. Several days after his first sighting of the *black chopper*, Box was driving a pick-up in the area. A *black creature* came out of a pine grove: "And I swear it had wings," he said, "for the black copter was about 30 feet from the ground and this thing flew up to the copter."

Sheriff C.G. Richards of Cochran County discovered two mutilated cows following reports in March of 1975. Two large circles were found encompassing each other and each circle had radiation residue.

A bull was found near Breckenridge, 100 miles west of Fort Worth, during the first week of January. The sex organs had been mutilated and some removed. The bag of a cow on a ranch near Justin had been *skinned out*. Pete Long drove to his ranch north of Sulphur Springs to find a black angus had been split down the underside from about six inches back of the udder, right through the udder, with two teats on one side and two on the other.

Long's cow had the *basket* between the front legs expertly cleaned out; the head had been cut off and an unborn calf had been pulled out and left at the scene. There was no blood and a vein had been cut.

A bull found in a pine grove 15 miles northwest of Palestine had its right ear and testicles removed and a two-foot width of hide stripped. There was no blood in the cow. A calf found on the Walter Krempir farm near Copperas Cove had been drained of blood and the sex organs removed. A cow found near Bonham was inspected by a veterinarian and found to have been dead as much as

48 hours before it was mutilated. It was drained of blood. A cow found on the property of Harvey Davis had its ears and tail cut off as well as the sex organs--the tongue and an eye had been removed. Dr. John C. Swaim said the calf had been cut with a *very sharp instrument*.

Mystery helicopters entered the Texas arena. Randy Stanley Jasik said a *whistling silver helicopter* hovered and then later landed in the spot where a dead cow was found. The udder had been neatly peeled away and the tongue removed at the base without a trace of blood. "They apparently took the blood out of her," he said. A 2-year-old heifer was found slain and mutilated near Brownwood. Toxicology tests showed a *significant amount of nicotine* in the liver and blood. Nicotine is the most commonly used substance in tranquilizer guns. Mrs. Charles Burnaman spoke of a cow found on her ranch; the cow had the tongue, ear and an eye had been removed as well as the bag and teats.

"She was a rather large cow with enough Brahma in her to be a little wild," Mrs. Burnaman said. "You couldn't just walk up to her and put your hands on her." Although the animal had been dead for several hours, no odor was present. She believed that the blood had been removed. No tracks were visible, but the grass had been beaten all around

her as if someone had been stomping around. Mrs. Burnaman said a neighbor 3 miles away heard a helicopter flying *real low that night.*

A 1,300-pound Charolais cow found near Troys had its tongue removed. A cow examined by Dr. Bill Ott had been somehow subdued and then its blood drained, and a tongue and ears removed. A cow belonging to Edwin Ashby was found near Tyler. It was a 6-year-old female and 7½ months pregnant. A part of her sex organ had been removed. The cow's tongue had been removed. No sign of blood, no sign of struggle.

"The problem is we don't have any idea who could be doing this," said Slim Hulen for the Texas and South Western Cattle Raisers Association. "If we were dealing with thefts then we'd start looking among known thieves."

A Ford Mustang with an antenna atop the trunk was being sought in connection with an attempted cattle mutilation near Lindale. Three persons were reported to have been seen in or near the auto, two persons were seen across the fence in a pasture--when the motorist stopped--they turned and appeared to be wearing white smocks or butchers' aprons. One seemed to be carrying a machete-type knife, and the other appeared to be a rifle. They had masks covering their faces.

Five calves were dumped into an open field near Garland. "We think someone's using Garland for a dumping ground," said detective Ted Garber. The calves' eyes and tongues had been removed and the female organs on one were completely missing. A black angus bull belonging to the Reverend Marshall Taylor of Kilgore was found dead in a pasture about a half mile north of Sexton City. Its carcass was still warm, blood was found near the animal, but its ears, eyes, tongue and other parts were intact. A four-week-old bull calf belonging to Kenneth Johnson was found in a pasture, drained of blood, its left eye missing, part of one ear was gone, the tongue was cut out and the sex organs removed. O.T. Rinsey of the South Western Cattle Raisers Association said the animal was definitely the victim of deliberate mutilation. Reports of helicopters had been in the area.

A cow found on the ranch of D.M. Ray had its nose, lips and jaw skin cut off and the calf left halfway in its mother. Most of the udder was cut away, and a large hole was cut into the cow's chest and apparently the heart was removed. Dry sunflower stalks had been flattened, leaving the impression the killer sat on a blanket. A strange pickup truck was seen driving on a dirt road near where the animal was found.

Cattle were not the only animals affected. Real estate investor Sam V. Snell said that he stumbled upon the carcass of an expertly skinned dog. The dog was strung by its hind legs to a barbed wire fence, its blood had been drained and its genitals removed.

"An excellent job of skinning, no flesh was torn," said Snell. "There was no remaining hide. Even the ears had gone off the carcass with the hide. The tail section was also stripped of any hide. It's just a very peculiar situation." The dog's vagina was removed. Another skinned dog was found without lips and no blood.

A 150-pound Angus bull was found with its throat slashed and a saucer-shaped stomach wound. The animal was lying in a ravine and gully area 12 miles south of Haskell. The blood had been drained through a stomach wound. Two killings were reported on the farm of Jerome Dzuick near Falls City. As usual, the tongue, heart, eye, ear and sex organs were removed.

A cow belonging to the Reverend Marshall Taylor was found outside Kilgore. A pool of blood was next to the animal, and the sex organs were removed.

The mystery helicopters continued. The Kaufman and the Henderson County Sheriff's Departments chased as many as

four helicopters that were flying about without lights near the Prairieville bottom area. One helicopter hovered over a citizen band radio operator's pickup truck and then moved only after the truck moved. The copter circled in a 20 mile area but persuers could never catch up beneath them. Deputy Carl Hall of Mabank spotted a helicopter on the ground without lights. He approached it with his police light flashing and got within 50 feet of the object which flew away without any lights. The craft appeared to be larger than the small *bubble type* helicopter. The FAA nor the military knew anything of the helicopters.

A cow found by Ray Goad in a field north of his house and east of Highway 57 had the udder and surrounding skin removed by a very sharp instrument. The tongue had been removed and cut out far back into the animal's mouth. Dr. Jack McPhaul examined the animal and found that the blood vessels and veins in the neck and other parts of the body were devoid of blood. Almost 15 gallons of blood had been drained.

A cow found on the A.B. McBride ranch had its udder removed and its tongue cut out. a 750-pound Charolais bull was found in Anderson County with its sexual organs, excretory organs, ears, and tongue missing. The hide on one shoulder had been peeled back and all blood drained of the carcass in an



unexplained manner. Eyes, ears, tongue and sex organs seemed to be the ritual of most mutilations. Teats were missing in a heifer on the farm of Albert Johnson, and a vagina and rectum together. A cow belonging to J.B. Allison was butchered: A hole had been torn in the carcass and the sexual organs pulled and cut out. Part of the organs were taken from the scene, but the others were left in a neat row by the animal's stomach.

"I guess I should have gotten a blood sample or something when I found him," said Allison, "but I was almost in shock when I realized what they'd done to him."

Two heifers and a horse were found in the Spring-Cypress road area. No blood was found at the scene at the Conroe, Texas site, but a bucket of hearts and livers had been left next to the carcasses of a decapitated cow and a bull whose sex organs had been removed. The heart of a cow had been cut out of the internal organs of a calf found near Pasadena, California. A cow belonging to Joe Wallace had been mutilated by a sharp instrument, and two calves were missing. The udder was taken.

A mutilated cow on the Darwood Marshall farm was found in a perfectly round circle with the head to the north and twisted straight up into the air.

The bottom jaw was cut back and the tongue gone. The sex organs were cut off and the naval had a neat circle cut around it. There was no blood on the ground. Another perfect circle was found about a quarter of a mile away. A steer had previously been found in the circle. Wheat had been burned down and three smaller circles remained. Reese Air Force Base found some radiation.

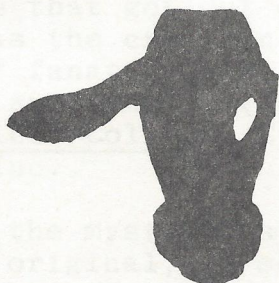
Don King, investigator for the Texas South Western Cattle Raisers Association, said: "This represents a tremendous loss to an individual. A dead animal is still just as dead, just as worthless."

"We've had the problem with butchering, shooting down a cow, cutting out a quarter and leaving the rest to rot, but this is difficult. There is a separate statute for mutilations. It is a felony offense."

Animal mutilation has become no small thing.

# THE RIPPERS

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"A military intelligence group could have a number of reasons either to sponsor or stage the UMMO process' the motivation, for example, could be simply a project for training intelligence agents. Was UMMO an exercise in camouflage that got out of hand? If the purpose was the creation of a small nucleus of fanatics, the 'exercise' certainly succeeded!" (Jacques Vallee, The Invisible College, E.P. Dutton & Company, Inc.

When the mysterious events developed out of an original, of several, sighting of a strange craft on June 1, 1967 by Carlos and many other people, it became apparent that even scientists and government officials claimed contact with *extraterrestrial beings*. Contacteeism had, as Vallee points out, become no small thing. That *space people* are involved is debatable, but that a full-fledged organization, in the above case called UMMO, is involved cannot be debated. That organizational effort could be seen in the animal mutilations!

## OKLAHOMA ATTACKS

Mystery aircraft and mutilations continued in bizarre maraudings.

Robert Brown of Atoka, Oklahoma, heard a swooshing sound one Wednesday night and noticed his television set go out. Then a cow was found Saturday, drained of blood and beneath some trees. The udder, tongue, and several teats had been surgically removed. A nearly perfect circle of skin had been cut from another area and the left shoulder-blade removed.

"It's kind of weird," said veterinarian K.G. Bell, "whoever did it had to have had some very fine instruments. No animal could have done that alone. It had to have been done with a very sharp knife or surgical instrument."

Brown also said, "My neighbor said his dog howled all night one night about the time the vet thinks the cow was killed. Our dog also howled considerably that night, but no one checked. We just thought they were howling at a coyote or something."

Sheriff Cecil Frazier thought such sleuth unusual with three houses within 150 yards of the carcass. More bizarre was a *circle* of damaged trees and a piece of rusting barbed wire found hanging in a tree 25 feet above the ground.

"I don't know how it got up there," Frazier said, "I sure don't. I can't begin to comprehend what did this. I sure can't."

Albert Wilson of Hondo lost two animals and the mutilators had to go over four locked gates between the road and the cattle. There were no fences cut and there were no tracks. A slain 500-pound heifer found on the farm of Charlie Duvall had the ears and the tail cut off and the nose had been carved out. Lee Wakefield's cow had an udder cut off by a sharp instrument and an eye missing. Cotton County Sheriff Woodrow Wilson said a 1,200-pound white face was found with two bullet holes, three spent .410 shotgun shells and a single footprint nearby. A Hugo, Oklahoma veterinarian examined a mutilated animal and confirmed the "work was done on the animal with a knife or a very sharp instrument." The calf's left eye had been cut out, both ears cut off, the tongue slashed, the rectum cut and other slashes inflicted. An opening the size of a football had been cut in the 3-week-old calf's navel. Herman Hatch's calf had its tail severed and its intestines lay near the animal. The calf had a one-foot gash from the rectum downward and its right leg was broken.

A 700-pound cow found on the Charles Collins place had its udder removed by some sort of sharp instrument. Muggs Fox, a highway patrolman, said: "It appeared to be a pretty smooth cut." A white face cow on the Le Roy Schimmel farm had all sex organs, udder, eyes and tongue removed. Radiation was detected at the site.

A bewildered Oklahoma Dairyman, Clay Knight, told Sheriff's Deputy Joe Davenport, that an unidentified flying object appeared to take off from his pasture and scared his cows so badly they wouldn't give any milk. His herd dog ran to the house yelping and wouldn't come out. The object took off and it landed again on a hilltop north of his farm house.

"It sounded like a high-pitch noise, real high. It stopped right over me and appeared to be an oval shaped thing, about the size of a bedroom," he said. "It stopped about 150 feet directly over me and was emitting light directly underneath the object. Cows had stampeded through fences and refused to give milk.

A cow belonging to Ray Hicks had an ear and a tail cut off with little blood left.

The Department of Public Safety's commission to investigate the mutilations concluded that out of 29 cases only three were true mutilations (until 1975). One was the cow belonging to Bill Wright as already reviewed. Andis Emmett, Jr., a federal meat inspector for 10 years for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, took a different viewpoint --one that sometimes differs from state vets on occasion.



"There is no way animals could have done those things," he said. "Whoever he is, I'd like to have him working for me because he does beautiful work. He would rate as an expert."

Two bullet holes were on the left side of Bruce Tomak's cow; three spent shotgun shells and one foot print found in a field adjacent to the cow pen. Udder, tongue, and left ear were missing, the rear was mutilated, and there was no sign of struggle.

## MINNESOTA, UFOS, AND MITCHELL

Minnesota was the site of the Terrence Mitchell confusion. Mitchell, a self-styled UFO investigator and lecturer for the University of Minnesota, took an interest in the death of a six-month-old Black Angus heifer discovered in an isolated corner of a snow-covered field in rural Meeker County, Minnesota, on the farm of Frank Schniefelbein.

"It was the strangest thing I've ever seen," said Deputy Sheriff Michael Rogers, "the heifer was lying on its side. Its lips had been sliced off and the tongue was gone. The top of one ear was missing and the animal's four teats had been removed with some sharp instrument." Five puncture marks were found around the rectum, and no blood was found, except for about 20 c.c. left

in the animal. Every drop of blood had been drained from the 400-lb. carcass.

There were no blood stains and no foot prints in the snow in the pasture. "I could not see how anyone could have got in there without making tracks," Rogers said, "but there was nothing."

Then Harry Schleeter reported a dead pig on the other side of Meeker County. The animal was found inside a barn with no blood in the carcass and both of the animal's ears and tongue were removed.

Mitchell came under heavy fire when he tried to connect the mutilations with the over-flight of a *space ship* (Mitchell designed his own spacecraft called the XTC). He hypothetically said that a spacecraft shot the cow with an *electro-mecuric* weapon (the XTC was designed with one) and then did surgery. "An autopsy of earth-bound animals by people from outer space," he said. But when the *burn areas* he photographed from the air were studied, they in fact were spots where silage piles had been; the broken leaves of trees were made by Frank Schiefelbein, not landing UFOs. It was Schiefelbein who made a hole in the ice of a nearby lake, and not the place were the *electro-mecuric* weapon made a hit.

Mitchell was suddenly proposed too glib in his theories and a dreamer. But in every area where livestock killings had taken place--sometimes within hours of the estimated time of death--multiple UFO sightings had also been reported. Mitchell spoke of it in this way:

"I have to go before the Meeker County incident because the Meeker County incident was prefaced by multiple UFO activity that occurred in Wisconsin about a month before that. I started to work on a T.V. documentary with KSTP on UFOs, based on my five years research. We heard about sightings with the Wisconsin Highway Patrol in District 5 in Tomah, Wisconsin. I went there in a Cessna aircraft along with officer Walter Dufford, Joe Konel, Lt. Jetsram.

"These people told us quite a story. From about September 25 to October 7, 1974 a brilliant white light was seen traveling from a northerly to a southerly direction regularly on clear nights. There had been a lot of low-level UFO activity of a 60-foot in diameter UFO reported in the area. The officers checked with the air tower outside of Madison for a visual confirmation, which they got, but Mitchell Field reported no radar contact. The officers, who were familiar with aerial sights, had never seen an object like this before. This was only part of a wide range of UFO activity reported by the state police over the whole state, District 5 and

and further north. There had been UFO activity over the Twin Cities area earlier. It was traversing the states in a north to south direction until about October 7 when it was reported as a white-green light moving westerly."

"As one officer would drive his squad car up and down the interstate the light would vary as to angle, as if the object was in a bank or turn."

"We took an aerial survey of the area with the Cessna," Mitchell continues, "and we saw unusual circular patterns on the ground in pastures--farm pastures. After a week and a half of that investigation, it was brought to my attention that some cattle were found dead in Meeker County and under the most unusual circumstances. About 60 miles west of the Twin Cities near Litchfield some other reports appeared. I contacted the Minnesota Crime Bureau and they put me in touch with four doctors who had done autopsies on the killings in Meeker County."

"I met with John Berry of the Crime Bureau and three other officers and farmers and veterinarians at the court house in Wilmer and cross-examined eight witnesses. Some deputies were reluctant to talk because so much fear had been generated, and people were really terrified."

"The Schiefelbein cow was healthy according to the vet; the damage was man influenced, no predator damage, and the cow had only 20 c.c. of blood. It looked like a sharp knife had been used. Another vet said that he investigated several cases and they all had unusual wounds and lacked blood."

"We then went to work on the Meeker County Sheriff's case for possible UFO activity. Jim Carlson and Al Manson brought John Deef of the Civil Defense along with a geiger counter. No radiation was found but this was two weeks later. There was blood in the area."

"We photographed 47 circular patterns about a quarter of a mile from the animal's death site. No one could figure out what caused those circles, and also a 65-foot perfectly round area of swirled vegetation, like a craft landed. And an area next to it was a large melted spot in the snow as if something came down and melted the spot. We thought we found some aerial photographic evidence, but we couldn't get in touch with Schiefelbein at the time. Sheriff Mike Rogers did interview farmers in the area and he showed them the photos and they said, no, they had never seen such circles with perfect edges."

"When I did talk to Mr. Schiefelbein he gave me the impression that he really wasn't sure what we were talking about

or if the circles were circles normally caused by his silage piles. Snow prevented us from going over it again immediately; silage piles aren't straight and these were perfect edges. But at this point it is almost irrelevant."

"The deaths of the animals, the UFO activity, and the observation of those circles is what triggered in many people's minds the fact that there might be a weapon involved in these UFOs, and that it might be electrical and have a tremendous drying effect."

Two head of cattle had been killed in Pope County and their carcasses left. One was reported south of Starbuck and the other in the Sedan area; their ears, tongues and sex organs were missing.

Four cattle, worth approximately \$16,000, were shot, butchered and meat taken from the farm owned by Donald Korb. Dennis Anderson also reported one of his cows mutilated. A steer and heifer were found dead near Atwater in Kandiyoki County. The tongues and limbs were cut off from the heifer. In Swift County a steer was found dead with its mouth and skin around the rectum cut away with a sharp instrument. Six other cattle and a horse were reported killed in the county last year. In Cedar Township a mutilated Shetland horse was found with numerous knife wounds, the sex organs removed, and one ear missing.

The correlation between aerial phenomena and the mutilations might not always be clear, but when one examines all the related evidence, aerial apparitions seem to coincide, sometimes heavily, with animal killings. For instance, Gerald Peterson found a dead cow in one of his pastures, both ears and cheeks were cut off, the tongue missing, sexual organs and anus removed, tail removed, udder removed, and the animal had no blood. No maggots were found though the animal had been dead for days.

Mr. Peterson, however, reported a colored station wagon on his property a week before. Shortly before, two young girls who lived in Newfolden reported UFO activity at the time--two other reports of mutilations also cropped up in the area. Others have said UFO sightings and animal mutilations are replete throughout the midwest and that is the only reason.

Most unusual, however, was a dead cow found in a mud hole: There were no foot prints. "We worked on this thing trying to come up with somekind of pattern," said Undersheriff McQuire, "but we just aren't coming up with a thing."

## THE CONDITION IN COLORADO

In H.G. Well's story of a future World Pax of scientists come back to restore a war torn world after the Second

World War, mystery *aeroplanes* were scouting the countryside and scientist Cabal found himself telling the refuges: "We are gradually restoring order and trade all over the Mediterranean. We have some hundreds of aeroplanes and we are making more, fast. We have factories at work again. I'm just scouting a bit to see how things are here." (Things To Come, Cresset Press).

In mutilation territories a World Pax also seems at work, but one can wonder if they intend to restore order.

"The mutilations were done by an expert with a knife, not an ordinary Joe," said a spokesman for the Carbon County Sheriff's office. A heifer found dead near Saratoga, a bull discovered dead near Elk Mountain, and a cow found mutilated also near Saratoga was said to be done by a *killer who manned a helicopter and had surgical experience*. Tails, genitals, eyes, hearts, tongues and sex organs were taken and little or no trace of bloodletting to boot.

"They do something to stop the blood flow," said the deputy sheriff in Rawlins. "There was never much evidence of blood at any of the scenes and these animals hold eight to ten quarts." Tests at the University of Wyoming failed to pinpoint the cause of death. The Colorado Cattlemen's Association put up



a \$5,000 reward for the killers, and the Colorado Humane Association also offered a reward.

A total of 20 cattle have been found mutilated in two counties, prompting Governor Richard Lamm to consider calling out the Colorado Air National Guard to help in tracking down cattle mutilators. In 1975, the American Humane Association offered a \$1,500 reward.

A 700-pound Black Angus was lying in a pasture a mile off the nearest dirt road, about five miles from Kiowa. It had been dead about one day when Sheriff Yarnell found it; the rectum was missing. The hole was almost a perfectly smooth circle where the organ had been. There were no needle marks, although the animal appears to have died without a sign of struggle. A skin sample was taken for the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Since April 7, 1975, over 65 mutilated cattle have been reported in Elbert County alone. About 150 cattle mutilations have been reported in 15 Colorado Counties, predominately in the eastern half of the state. The mutilations have run in a 500 mile funnel-like spread through the state. The figure increases daily. No tire tracks can be found, usually, or human foot prints, even when the killing or butchering occurred in a muddy field thick with hoof marks. Most

of the time, there is no sign of struggle. Interestingly, a green army-like helicopter has been seen in the area. "A type especially designed for silent maneuverings," said Bella Stumbo of the Los Angeles Times, "and they figure it probably comes from Ft. Carson, an Army base located only a few miles to the southwest of Elbert."

Carl Whiteside, head of the CBI, has only 10 investigators in the area, so he is heavily dependent on Sheriff's offices. He said, "It may be a helicopter, but we can't say that for sure because we have no evidence, and we must deal only in evidence. All I know for sure is that animals are dead, some have been mutilated and the majority of reports show the left eye and ear and sexual organs are missing!"

Dr. D. Woodrow, a veterinarian of Kiowa, said that some of the mutilations had "definitely been done by some knife-wielding human--no animal predators." The sample sent to the CBI from a butchered Hereford proved to be an *original cut made with a knife*. No blood was found at the killing site.

"We have spent two to three hours circling in widening areas to find evidence," said Yarnell, "but we found nothing--no so much as a matchbook." Yarnell has never found any bullet holes. In two cases, holes similar to

what you make in coring an apple were found in the necks of cattle, but there was no blood around them. Some carcasses have turned up very near houses, but little attention was drawn to them in the beginning.

A rancher who lives about 16 miles northeast of Kiowa saw a red and white helicopter land about a quarter-mile from his house on a high knoll, but it took off before the farmer could get to it. A heifer belonging to Jim Russell had been mutilated and the blood drained. They had looked for it for days. Suddenly it was found.

"I'd been by that spot several times," said Mrs. Russell, "and you'd think I would have seen her." The Russells speculate that the cow had been taken away and then returned later. The animal's neck was twisted and a hind leg broken *as if she had been dropped*. Coyotes wouldn't touch the animal.

In May of 1975 Daryl Evans lost one of his cows. He doubted that someone *drove in* and took the cow. He said, "They must be using a chopper. We heard one overhead the night we lost our heifer." Mrs. Hank Smith, who also lost a cow concurred, "There have been an unusual amount of helicopters flying around lately. We feel that whoever is doing it locates the cattle by helicopter in the daytime, then lands at night."

In May of 1976 a six-week-old male calf was found dead and mutilated near Glenwood with tongue and rectum removed. The calf was 600 yards from its mother with no signs of moving through an alfalfa field. "In that new alfalfa you could track a house cat," Under-sheriff Bob Hart said. Typically, Francis Cook's 400-pound bull calves had been drained of blood and their sex organs taken. The tail also was cut from one of them. Perry Freeman found one of his cows with its tongue partially cut out.

Going against the predator theory, Sheriff Yarnell said, "I was born and raised on a ranch. I've seen a lot of cattle die. They kick, leave scratches in the ground where they die. Some of the cows that have been mutilated in Elbert County drop to their knees. They're found on their knees or with their back legs spread out. Cattle just don't die naturally like that."

## BETTER THAN THE AVERAGE PREDATOR

According to Sheriff Harry Graves of Logan County, a cow was found with an eye, an ear, the tongue, udder and rectal area removed. The lower jaw had been skinned. Surprisingly, all the teeth had been removed with surgical precision. A 4-year-old 1,800 pound bull was found in a stream several miles

north of Sterling. Apparently part of the operation had been done while the animal had been standing since dried blood was on the back of the hind legs. Then the animal was dragged to a stream--no track marks but its own--and the mutilation was finished in the stream which included the belly being skinned and the rectal area bored.

In another case, the head of a two-week-old calf had been found south of Sterling but no body. The head had its left ear missing and half the tongue had been cut out--the back half. No blood was found. A four-month-old bull calf found near an irrigation ditch northwest of Iliff had a saucer shaped patch of skin missing from the animal's neck just above the left leg. The esophagus had been severed and a three inch section taken.

## COLORADO UFOS

Typical overflight of UFOs continued. In the Grant, Denver area *neon* UFOs flew over mutilation territory, choppers too. Authorities reported picking up two helicopter-type UFOs on radar on Oct. 5, 1975 simultaneously with the UFO *neons*--but there was no sound.

During 1975, ranchhand Donald Lee Johnson of rural Pueblo found a female goat in the barn with a half-moon incision

in its midsection. There was no blood at the scene. The ground was muddy but no tracks could be seen. That morning a young boy claimed to see a UFO in that area. Since then Johnson said an anonymous Air Force spokesman talked to him and asked that he be silent on the matter. One of our mystery men again?

## THE MISSOURI FACTOR

Incidents in Missouri, though not spectacular, show the intricate relationship between UFOs and the mutilations.

When Mrs. Darlene Underwood was driving with her mother just outside of Liberty, Missouri on April 1, 1966, they sighted unusual lights on a farm just outside of Liberty. They watched the lights for about two hours, and finally one landed on top of a hill while another circled. Then the circling light buzzed a train and then hovered over a tree, dimming its lights until the train was gone. The other object rose from the hill and both *ducked* behind the hill.

Suddenly the objects both landed on the hill. Mrs. Underwood said she heard two men shouting at each other in a foreign language. Suddenly she heard the sounds of a pig apparently being

butchered, and both women were afraid to approach any closer. They could see the shadows of the men moving about--they were human-sized and human-shaped.

The objects left, and at one point blinked at the ladies when they first flashed their headlights. No landing indentations could be found--and neither could the butchered pig be located.

Such cases are typical. And *mystery choppers* no less. Citizens of southeast Missouri were startled to find cattle missing and a helicopter roving around the St. Genevieve area. Sheriff Louis Layton reported cattle mutilated accompanied by reports of helicopters in the southeast Missouri area. The Balcom, Illinois area became invaded by sky raiders in August of 1973 when mystery copters buzzed cattle on the Edwin Peters farm about 9 p.m. in the evening. Mrs. Peters said the copter would hover over and shine a light on cattle herds on their farm hilltop. Two mules became suddenly frightened and started a chain reaction of animal sounds; Edwin Peters grabbed his shot gun and raced up the hill; he spotted the helicopter, which was apparently *quiet-running* and *muffled by some device*, fired two warning shots and fired buckshot which fell upon the helicopter. The lights went out on the copter and it flew away.

Margaret Stone was attracted by her cattle bawling on her property near

Jonesboro, Illinois, about 12:45 a.m. Then she heard the humming of a helicopter motor for about 30 minutes. A truck started and a truck changed gears about six times as if hauling a heavy load.

About a month before this, James Stevenson of the Meadowlark farm near Percy, Illinois, reported daytime sightings of unmarked helicopters buzzing his property. Sheriff Louis Layton said that the southern Illinois area had numerous reports of a *green helicopter with no markings* three days prior to the discovery of missing cattle in those areas. Copters were seen going northwest and last reported at that time near Red Bud, Illinois.

Dale Masterson and two of his friends discovered a 600-pound cow imbedded in a bush jam in a creek just outside of Foley, Missouri in January of 1975. In early February, Clifford Palmburg, and Dave Lewis, field investigators for the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, contacted Lincoln County Sheriff Arlie Creech to get the preliminary information and then went to Foley to investigate.

## THE FOLEY MISSOURI FLAP

In the log jam approximately 300 yards behind the town the men examined



the yearling Angus calf and found that the lower left portion of the flesh on the face was missing. The tongue was missing half way down the mouth into the throat. Two kernels of corn were in the bottom of the mouth. Mr. Rich Masterson of Foley reported that before the water rose in the creek that there was "a hole about 8-inches in diameter where the udder should be."

Further investigation was made on February 2 by another team from the Study Group. Radiation tests proved negative. A metal detector showed nothing. An approximate 10-inch long *burn* or streak was found on the rump of the animal.

UFO Field Investigators began to follow up reports in the area. The Foley, Elsberry, Winfield area was replete with reports of mysterious aerial objects. Police Chief Robert Hilton of Troy, Missouri, saw three aerial objects on December 2, 1974 about 8:00 p.m. The objects seemed smooth, dull, gun-metal grey, and hazy. Policeman Dan Dyer saw a scintillating UFO with revolving lights as it passed over Winfield, Missouri, and policemen John Adams and Dick Barnhart also saw a UFO on that night of the 2nd of December. Note, interestingly enough, that Barnhart thought it was a *helicopter* at first but its behavior was too alien. John Adams, another witness, also thought it was a *spotlight on a helicopter* until he viewed it for some time and decided otherwise.

Owen Maloney of Foley saw a UFO on February 12, 1975 at 8:30 p.m. The object was orangish-red and globe-like. A red light went out and a white one came on. The light blinked out in the northwest. Alta Collins saw the UFO on the 13th about 12:30 a.m. She saw the object off the left side of her car as she drove on Highway 79. It appeared to have rotating dome lights. After she drove through Foley the object disappeared towards the east.

John and Frank Lauritzen both saw a vessel-like object shoot from the Mississippi River on January 30, 1975. Mayor John Ambrose of Foley, along with Police Chief John Adams, also saw a UFO for over an hour. "It was reddish green and yellow at the bottom," said Ambrose.

Veterinarian Emil Gast of Jerseyville, Illinois, was asked to investigate a mutilated cow during October, 1974. It had an ear cut off as if done by a surgeon, Gast said, "and teeth were pulled in one clean sweep." Gast said, "I noticed that there was no blood from the ear where the ear was removed. I assumed that the ear had been removed after the animal had died. The teeth, the same way--no blood. No damage anywhere. I found real sharp, neat incisions as if in one motion." Gast appeared genuinely puzzled when he said, "He had been dead for less than 24 hours; no snow disturbed, no struggle

marks on the ground. Everything was clean. The toes did not cause creases in the soil. If I had a very sharp knife, and pulled the ear up, I could duplicate the cut, but I would have to practice for a while. It was a little confusing to me that there wasn't any blood at all in the incisions."

Gast said that the animal had died on October 2, 1974. He recalled that Jerome Becker of nearby Kampsville reported UFOs in the rural area along with neighbors Carl Nord, Janice Ewen and others. Becker said he saw a mysterious light on one of his pastures in March of '74 about 9:00 in the evening when he drove his tractor over a ridge and saw a hovering, bouncing light that blinked out and appeared over the ridge as multi-colored, flashing lights before disappearing. Becker mentioned that he did keep cattle there, though not at the time.

Then on April 4, 1975 a mutilated seven-year-old Angus was found on the Chester Gourley farm in Carrollton, Illinois. Examining Veterinarian R.A. Hill of the Illinois Regional Diagnostic Laboratory in Peoria, Illinois, stated that the left ear had been removed. The left rear and left front teats were amputated. The laboratory report said: "The right front teat had been partially severed. The anterior tip of the tongue had also been cut off. At least three

attempts had been made to remove the tip of the tongue. The left eyeball was punctured."

An examination of the liver only revealed about 6 parts per million lead. No pesticides were found.

Chester Gourley took UFO Study Group members to the site and mentioned that it was in clear view from his home, though nothing suspicious had been noted. Gourley mentioned that he heard a low groaning sound early that morning as if someone were starting up a motor of somekind. When helicopters were mentioned, Gourley spoke of relatives in Brighton, Illinois, that had seen mysterious helicopters poking around their farm. It was only days within the time the cow was mutilated in Carrollton.

Randy Beuttel began playing basketball in his backyard when a banging sound came from beyond a hill in the valley where the cattle were kept. Immediately a *utility type* helicopter rose from the ravine and started to buzz the rural route. At that point his mother Phillis Beutell came home to see the copter.

## GHOST-LIKE QUALITY

Neighbors Alf Wilson and Clifford Beilsmith saw the chopper pass over.

"I don't know where it went...one minute it was here...then it was gone," Beil-smith said, "I can't be sure." But Ralph Macaffe saw it swoop down over his cattle scaring "the hell out of them" and then disappearing over the horizon. "They didn't see me," said Macaffe, "but I saw them. They dipped at my cows. They had large sunglasses on. Mischievous." A few days later, Macaffe noted one of his cows missing.

It was only two weeks before that Alf Wilson's son was shocked to see a large white *unmarked cargo-type helicopter* rise from the wheat fields on the Beutell property. The boy got his 22-rifle with telescopic scope, but could see no identifying markings. The chopper circled and disappeared.

It is hard to say exactly for how long UFO-chopper correlations have been going on in Missouri-Illinois. When UFOs were reported in the lake area of Piedmont in 1973, UFO sighter Lenord Adams reported a case where a UFO hovered over a herd of Angus cattle just off the lake.

Cattle mutilations investigated by the sheriff's offices in Pettis County and Dallas County seemed unusual. Sheriff Jerry Cox said that 90% seemed due to natural causes. Two cases puzzled him. "These two are different," he said, "they appear to have been killed and their organs removed with a surgical

instrument." A grand jury investigation into an alleged *devil cult*--the first grand jury impaneled in Trenton in eight years--failed to locate the terrorists.

"It's a lot of craziness," Prosecutor Allen D. Seidel said.

Dr. Robert Weaver, the veterinarian near Salem, didn't think it was mere capriciousness when he did an autopsy on a mutilated goat found off Highway 68:

a. The animal's blood had been drained by either a pump or syringe.

b. The animal probably had been anesthetized and a needle injected into one of the main arteries.

c. The udder was removed by a single stroke of a very sharp knife with a long blade; there were no lacerations in the cut skin.

d. There was no blood on the ground in the area.

e. The killing showed a high knowledge of animal anatomy.

## THE IDAHO CLUES

Fremont County Sheriff Tom Steiplmeier commented that 34 cattle were reported mutilated in southeastern Idaho during 1974. Twenty-one of the mutilated cattle were reported to Fremont County in addition to a mutilated horse. Mutilated dogs had been found in the St. Anthony, Idaho dump. Some of the dogs had been skinned. Others had their sex organs, eyes and other parts taken.

The mutilations ranged over 22 different counties with 22 reports in Fremont County alone. Blaine County had 12, Nez Perce had 10, Bonneville and Adams County had seven or eight each, with others scattered about.

According to a report sent from Sheriffs' offices to the Idaho Attorney General's office, human involvement was definitely part of the mutilations. The Idaho Attorney General said that human involvement appeared to the extent that his office "does not disagree, but does not have definite proof" of such involvement.

A Egin, Idaho farmer said, "I'd rather stay up all night as lose a cow. If they get that close on my property, they might go further and walk into my house."

"If they have something that will knock down a 700-pound cow, what would it do to a man?" asked Wilford farmer Ron Robinson. "What bugs me is where will they go from a cow?"

## LOW FLYING, HIGH-WINGED PLANES

Sheriff Thompson and Deputy Craig Rinehart speculated that the mutilators were not getting into the fields from helicopters. They said a helicopter can be heard for five miles and his office has no helicopter reports. Thompson said that three or four unidentified flying objects had been reported in the junipers north of Egin, Snake River bottoms and west of Chester.

"I haven't seen a predatory animal, coyote or other, who could down a cattle without leaving some marking on the animal and they wouldn't eat the same parts out of every cow they kill," said Rinehart. Thompson and other farmers agreed.

A Wilford farmer commented: "Whoever it is that says these animals were killed by coyotes hasn't seen some of our animals."

Other farmers had reported low-flying high-winged planes over the Wilford area. The farmers report that only low-winged planes are used for



crop dusting. Then, a white plaque about two feet square with black lettering and a temple-shaped object in its center was found on a telephone pole in Wilford about two telephone poles away from where the first cattle killing took place. A similar plaque was also reported in the Chester area.

Dr. Neil Call, a Rexburg, Idaho veterinarian says he feels that human involvement is evident in a few cases. "The ones I felt had human involvement had a set pattern," he said.

Steve Watts, the state of Idaho criminal investigator in charge of mutilations, took infrared photos of the scenes. Large white areas surrounding the carcasses, "a surprisingly large" area, according to Watts.

## NEW MEXICO

On June 13, 1976, Manual Gomez discovered one of his cows mutilated near Dulce, New Mexico, its udder and anus were removed *with a sharp instrument*. Tripod-like traces were discovered nearby and a radiation check found an abnormal amount of radiation in some of those tracks.

A yellow substance was also found near the tripod tracks, while nearby shrubs appeared to be scorched and dying. Wild predators refused to approach the

cow. A calf that belonged to the cow had also been missing. UFOs were reported often beginning the evening of the mutilation. Other typical cases came from other states, such as Wyoming.

## WYOMING

A mutilated cow was found on the Raymond Jones farm near Newcastle. The udder had been removed and teats amputated, except for one nipple, and the lower lip of the animal had two definite cut marks made by a sharp instrument, while the middle of the lip had been taken, along with the tongue.

Interestingly, off to the side of the animal was a circle two feet in diameter and the grass at the spot was a bright yellow. "It was almost a perfect circle," West County Sheriff Willis Larson said.

The next night a Newcastle woman reported seeing a flying object west of town. Larson and several others saw the object within the mutilation vicinity. "It looked like an orange colored light. It was big in the front and tapered down," he said.

Another case indicative of UFOs centered on the Charlie Firnekes farm 25 miles northwest of Midwest Wyoming. Firnekas reported he watched a *low sound*

helicopter flying about his property for three and one-half hours. At other times he saw lights from mystery cars that he could never locate.

Range detective Jim Zimmerschied also watched *mystery lights* along the ridges and in the woods of the area. A *mystery truck* was also seen moving through the area heralding a variety of lights on it, but the truck was never caught and it never seemed to leave tracks, even on snowy areas. Firnekas and Zimmerschied both said that cattle had been mutilated in the area.

## LASAR BEAMS IN UTAH

Grand County Sheriff W.H. Bowman said that he believed someone firing a tranquilizer from a helicopter could be responsible for some of the cattle mutilations. A federal veterinarian said a dart from a gun may have induced massive infection in a mutilated animal he examined in Emery County. A pregnant cow and a fetus had been removed, and there were footprints leading to and from the carcass.

A young male calf was found outside Reno, Nevada west of Denio. It had been drained of blood, had no sex organs because the penis, rectum, and tail had been removed. "We think a rather sharp instrument was used," said Dr. Jack Armstrong, "the animal appeared to be

almost totally extinguished--drained of blood--similar to that which you might observe in a mortician's activities." An assistant pathology professor at Colorado State University says out of 20 carcasses he tested eight had *unquestionably* been mutilated by persons using a sharp object.

Sheriff Keith Hansen of Carbon County, Utah said he investigated a case in which the jaw, tongue, heart and lung was taken from a cow and the blood drained.

The University of Utah medical examiner said the incisions looked as if they had been made with a laser beam. The only tracks discernable were those of the cow and some coyotes who approached but left the site. Two days later, Juanita Riffle reported seeing a UFO in that area at that time. A person in a neighboring county reported seeing a UFO on his property and in the next two days similar mutilated cows were found.

Sheriff Arden Stewart of Uintah County reported the mutilation of a full-grown cow which was found on brittle, dry white weeds about 800 yards from the road. Her anus, vagina, womb and placenta had been neatly and surgically removed and, in this case, left on the site behind the cow. There was no blood.

There were no tracks other than the cow's, and no sign of struggle.

Garfield Undersheriff Bob Hart found two dead calves on a Cardondale ranch with identical, geometrically precise pieces of hide removed from the necks. No sign of blood and no sign of struggle. The hair along the cuts had not been cut.

Garfield Sheriff Ed Hogue investigated a case in May, 1975 near Marble where a geometrically precise figure had been neatly cut from the hide with a precise instrument. The face and genital area had also been mutilated. Hogue's German Shepard refused to approach the carcass.

## OREGON

Paul von Ahlefeld and Kim Devoll of Portland, Oregon spotted a bright light near the Scholls Ferry Road west of the junction at Highway 217. The brightly lit yellowish-orange, slow-moving object was seen on February 1, 1975 as it moved at a low altitude over a cow pasture. Two other cars stopped and the occupants watched. If UFOs did actually mutilate animals, in Montana they seemed to pick them up and then bring them back.

## HIDE AND SEEK

A calf who had died of seeming natural causes was left for a few days, and found undisturbed even a few days later. However, two days after that a UFO was observed by the farmers family over the area where the calf was. The white, bean-shaped object had a red top, and appeared to turn upside down. The calf was discovered to have had its udder surgically removed. The UFO returned the next day and then disappeared. Coincidentally, Montana also was the site of hairy monster reports.

## IOWA

Robert Smith of rural Crescent, Iowa said two low-flying aircraft came near him on July 15, 1974 while he rode a tractor on his farm. One was a black, twin-engine plane and the other a white helicopter. Neither craft had serial numbers.

"They were close enough that I could see a guy get out of the helicopter and brace himself on a railing," Smith said, "he was firing a hand gun. I could see dirt fly from the bullets hitting the ground, so I put the tractor out of gear and dove to the ground."

Airports had no data on the crafts. Smith said the plane and chopper had made numerous low passes over his cornfield all spring.

## SOUTH DAKOTA

A mutilated four-point buck deer was discovered in a stubble field south of Stratford, Dakota. The sex organs were missing. Dr. Calvin Glenn, Aberdeen veterinarian, said the deer was "definitely molested and this was not by predators at all." The hair on the deer's stomach had been removed by mutilation and those particular hairs had been definitely cut since the ends of the hairs remained in tact.

A four-year-old cow was found on the Duane Keller farm near Trail City with an inch of tongue and a small piece of skin in front of the udder missing. It appeared to have been cut with a sharp knife. A 900-pound bull belonging to Suerre Sorenson was found dead in a pasture about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles northwest of Clark's Corner. The cow was missing an eyebrow and part of the tongue and sex organs. A mutilated 400-pound heifer on the Jim Swanson farm had its reproductive organs missing.

In 23 counties, 12 cattle deaths out of 115 were designated mutilations, with 23 undetermined. The Webster Area

Chamber of Commerce and the Day County Beef Improvement Association combined to offer a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest of the terrorists.

## LOUISIANA

In the case of a mutilated cow on the Roy Eidher farm near Lemars, La., Veterinarian Dr. John Conley said that the animal died of natural causes and the mutilation occurred after its death.

## MONTANA

Captain Keith Wolverton of the Cascade County Sheriff's office noted several peculiarities about cattle mutilation in his state. He noted the mystery choppers but also the *hairy monster* flap which seemed to be coincidental with all animal mutilations. The loss of blood through the jugular vein was unusual. "No predator can jab a needle into a jugular vein," said Wolverton. "On three animals that I saw the vet cut open, we found puncture marks through the hide into the jugular vein. We took a vet to one mutilated horse and tried making the same cuts with a sharp knife along side where it had been mutilated. You couldn't do it with a knife. So we tried a scapel; it made a similar cut."



Ketaset, a fast-acting drug, said Wolverton, made a 300-pound calf go down in 3½ minutes. The heart beat went up and the blood poured out of the heart when punctured. Did the mutilators do the same?

## PENNSYLVANIA

In a true Fortean fashion, the Elizabethtown area of Pennsylvania was host to UFOs, hairy monsters, and *mystery choppers*. During March of 1976, the Mrs. Christina Lee family watched an unmarked, small black helicopter buzz the Nelson trailer court.

## CALIFORNIA

The activity ranged to California where a newborn calf was found mutilated near Palermo. Harley Stout and friend said they witnessed "fancy maneuvering objects" in the sky. Another witness reported a 30-foot object with red and green lights. The calf, drained of its blood and its sex organs cut out from the inside, was operated on from the inside after the rear quarter was skinned.

Bags containing mutilated parts from a baby lamb, two chickens, a small calf and a duck were found in the Mission Dolores Park. A sharp instrument had been used--all the blood had been drained.

Three other mutilations were found in the California Covelo Valley. Sheriff's investigator Baron Hanks was mystified.

## WIDE RANGE

Over 100 animals mutilated in Puerto Rico has lead investigators to speculate about *vampire bats*.

Pigs, cows, goats and even rabbits were found drained of blood and with puncture wounds in the neck. A biophysicist at the University of Puerto Rico noted that the wounds had been caused by some sharp objects shaped like a long, animal's tooth, but police reported that no tigers or jaguars had escaped from nearby zoos.

Some theorists associate animal deaths in general to Fortean mutilators. Fifty three caribou near Faribanks, Alaska apparently fell dead in their tracks. The carcasses were found lying in a rough circular arrangement within 10 feet of each other in an elongated circle 50 to 75 yards in diameter. No cause of death could be determined and various theories as to starvation, avalanche, lightning, shooting and chemical weapons have been ruled out. Ken Neiland, a wildlife disease specialist with the Alaska Fish and Game Department, said: "It's so unlikely that if they died over a period of time they

would all be in one spot. The peculiar grouping really makes things difficult to understand."

Several other herds of caribou in the same area--one within a mile of the dead herd--appeared to be unaffected.

It was speculated that a thin line lies between the more bizarre cases of animal mutilations and a common variety. Ten dogs killed and skinned in northern Virginia have been blamed on cultists. One of the puppies had been shot, and another probably had been hit on the head with a board and long nail. One may have been skinned alive.

Marion L. Bruehl reported that she and her family witnessed thousands of rabbit's carcasses strewn about a distance of 20 miles along route 80, west of what is called *Little America* in Wyoming.

"Somekind of extermination had taken place within hours but no blood or odor," said Mrs. Bruehl. "We stopped the car twice for close examination. There was no *entrails* such as are seen when an animal is struck by a car."

Why? Numerous tales of such calibre indicate the far reach of such phenomena. Official investigators and amateur probers alike began filtering through an equally bizarre array of theories.

### PART III. OFFICIAL EXPLANATION

As the mutilation flap continued more and more people began to disregard the more fanciful theory of extraterrestrial terrorists coming to this planet to butcher and harass animals. For the most part state agencies and official pronouncements suggest that predators, such as field mice, coyotes, buzzards and other outdoor vermin crept upon the dead animals and began to nibble away at the various *special parts*.

Dr. James R. Stewart of the Department of Sociology of the University of South Dakota made a study of the phenomena as a *collective delusion*. Stewart basically said that vermin did give the appearance of surgical cuts and the coagulation of blood might give the appearance of being drained. The six *determinants* that help foster hysteria came into play at that point, said Stewart.

Stewart's conclusions seem premature and limited to the South Dakota area as a sample. He makes no mention of the mystery chopper or *hairy monster* reports. Stewart treats Fortean phenomena as delusions and even gives several Fortean cases in his study as examples of *pre-existing cultural anxiety*.

He mentions the Phantom Gaser of Mattoon, Illinois, which, incidentally, could very well be part of the mutilation phenomena, occurring in mutilation territory and part of the overall phenomena. Official or *acceptable* approaches are often circular and can get one in trouble.

Stewart suggests that there has been only a few real mutilation cases and the rest reported were products of hysteria. Terrance Mitchell mentions over 4000 reports in his study. The San Francisco Bay Guardian remarks about 700 cases since 1967. Oklahoma Public Safety Commissioner W. Roger Webb said: "Most of the reported deaths of cattle in Oklahoma were due to natural causes. Three animals were found to have died from gunshot wounds and one was killed by a motor vehicle. In several cases cattle had been chased by dogs or other animals and died from exhaustion or injury. Others died from malnutrition, anemia and weather stress...the (subsequent) dismemberment or so-called mutilation of the cattle was from scavenger animals."

Such conservative remarks were typical of most state agencies. But, up to March of 1975, the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, for instance, had studied only 26 cases. In Texas, Sheriff's detectives Jay Evans and Truman Maddox watched buzzards attack a dead calf leaving it in a shape much like those reported in mutilations.

However, when one digs into the situations in each case, there appears to be incongruous aspects between the further facts and those reported by the state. The case of Lloyd Wright whose calf was found February 22, 1975 near Rush Springs, Oklahoma, seems typical. The official report suggests *natural causes*--but Wright told this writer personally that he felt the animal did not die naturally. For one thing, the dirt digs around the hoofs indicate that the animal fell over almost instantaneously. The state lists Robert Brown's case as *death due to giving birth*. No veterinarian report is listed. However, vet Dr. K. G. Bell examined the carcass and said: "No animal could have done that. It had to have been done with a very sharp knife or surgical instrument." There was also the matter of the circle of damaged trees, and the hanging barbwire in the trees. Brown said he heard a *swoshing* sound that night. The following reports seem to definitely belittle any such official *explanations*:

- A cow belonging to D.M. Ray of Big Spring, Texas had its pre-birth calf's nose, lips, and jaw skin cut off and the calf left halfway into the mother. The mother had a large hole cut in the chest and its heart removed. A flattened area of sunflower stalks indicate something had been resting there. The mother's udder had been removed.

- Peter Long investigated a mutilated calf on his farm and found it *split open on the underside*, the calf had been removed and the womb removed. The cow's head was cut off and taken away.

- Sheriff L.C. Daniels of Rush County, Texas reported that the cow found mutilated near Kilgore was *still warm*. "There is no doubt that this was a deliberate case and it was done by experts. The incisions were smooth and even and were performed by someone who knew what they were doing."

- A bucket of hearts and livers had been left next to the carcasses of a decapitated cow and a bull whose sex organs had been removed near Conroe, Texas.

- According to Sheriff W. L. McDonald of Washington County, Colorado, evidence indicated "that the animal had been dropped in the pond from a height of a few feet," at a mutilation site in Sandhill County northwest of Akron.

- A sheriff's report out of Canadian County, Oklahoma was not even mentioned in the 26-29 cases of the Task Force. It said of a cow found on the farm of Louis Briscoe:

"Hereford cow had been killed by strangulation or a blow on the neck. Tip of nose, tongue, left ear, udder and vagina had been removed with a knife."

Sheriff L. Ervin said his office investigated two cases: "We do not feel these animals were killed by the hunters or by other animals. The removal of the missing parts appears to have been done by someone with a very sharp instrument."

Given that someone or something was mutilating these animals, theorists felt that a definite pattern had begun to emerge. Though UFO activity continued generally in areas of animal killings, people also seemed to be involved.

The presence of automobiles, footprints, and even shotgun wounds indicated that some type of cult was involved.

To be continued...



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## GOVERNMENTAL WATERGATE

"This is how I conceive our plan of operations. Settle, organize, advance. This zone, then that. At last, Wings over the whole world and the new world begins. More and more it will become a round-up of brigades." (Scientist Cabal speaking of the coming World Pax in Things To Come, H.G. Wells, The Crescent Press).

Some researchers suggest stubborn scientists working on renegade projects and going about in helicopters and UFOs collecting animal tissues and injecting them with germ cultures.

One scientist refers to a report from the Rogosin Laboratories in New York and the Collagen Research Division of the Japan Leather Company in Tokoyo. The report mentions how "clear, stable gels have been prepared from purified tropocollagen from calf skin...have properties of an ideal vitreous replacement... implantations in rabbit and monkey eyes appear to be well tolerated."

Prior to and shortly following the 1973 rash of mutilations this writer was corresponding with researchers who entertained the possibility that UFOs were but the progression of Nazi experiments with *circle-wing* craft during World War II.

The strong Nazi influence in South America and possibly the polar regions, along with their scientific bent for secret military weapons, suggested a rather worldly origin of UFOs.

Animal mutilations would be a rather familiar worldwide situation for this *Third World* clan who would go about fleecing this world's resources to further their own nefarious ends. A virtual army of Jules Verne's Captain Nemos, they fly around in their respective aerial Nautilus' haunting the sheepish citizens of earthly communities.

## THE FOURTH REICH

The heavy exodus of Nazi officialdom to various hiding places throughout the world following the fall of the Third Nazi Reich has led to speculation that neo-Nazism has still a hand in the fate of world politics. Hitler's belief in Germanic supremacy led to the invention of many sophisticated weapons, quite a few in the line of aircraft. The first atomic bomb was in the planning.

The *flying disc* aeroform was designed by a German aeronautical team of Mieth, Habermohl, and Schriever and the Italian Bellonzo. Several of these scientists later came to work in Canada and America aerospace industries after the war.

According to the rumor, the first phototype of the flying disc was tested in flight on February 4 or 14, 1945. The craft had a capacity to shoot to an altitude of nearly 40,000 feet and travel about 1,000 miles per hour. In the "V" series of weapons Hitler perfected, his regime was working on a V-7 craft which could hover at any given position. The *Coanda-effect* or coanda nozzle possibly used in the V craft had a silencing effect.

Helicopter principles were utilized in some areas of the craft. In the 1940s the Forke Wolf Aircraft Corporation was experimenting on a *circle wing* craft, followed by the Weser Aircraft Corporation--called the *coleopter*--which, in turn, was the first in a series of experimental hover crafts.

According to Renato Vesco, a fully licensed aircraft engineer who works with the Italian Air Ministry, and one time worked with the Germans at the Frat Lake Garda secret installations in Italy, a anti-radar device called the Feuerball was the forerunner of the Nazi technology which began at a Luftwaffe experiment center near Oberammergau, Bavaria, and also at Wiener Neustadt and the Black Forest. Teams within the Air Research Group of the SS, Austrian Research Centers in Vienna, and the Hermann Goering works produced a deadly weapon called the Kugelblitz. "By combining the principles of the aircraft with a round, symmetrical

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plane with direct gyroscopic stabilization, employing an ejector-gun using grisou and a gelatinous organic-metallic fuel for a total-reaction turbine," said Vesco, "adding remote control, vertical take-off, infrared seeking equipment and electrostatic firing systems, the harmless fireball became the lethal kigelblitz."

Vesco said that he read documents from the British intelligence telling of the craft. He mentions that British intelligence's objective subcommittee report No. 61, "Weapons Section of the L.F.A. Volhenrode".

How effective the Nazis were one can't say for sure. Many efforts were made for high-ranking Nazi elite to escape to South America and other *hide-outs*. Today Chile and Argentina are a virtual stronghold of Nazi industries and money. Ladislav Ferago relates in his account about Martin Bormann and South America that voodoo and other occult practices were part and parcel of such groups as the Ultras and the Movimiento-Pro-Chile. "The geographical centers of Nazism in Chile were in the area east of Valdivia, and in Parral, just south of Santiago. Located in the latter region is the weirdest Nazi encampment of the postwar world, housing a sect that combines Nazism and voodooism. Enormously rich from mysterious sources, it maintains a heavily fortified estancia called Colonia Dignidad."

Ferago relates elsewhere that Chile was supported by a *formidable power base of Germans*; in Rondon, it was Herbert von Gaza, an exceptionally competent nuclear physicist, who aided Nazi criminals from his mysterious funds from anonymous donors.

During the Second World War it was no less than the Roman Catholic Church, in its zeal to fight communism, by way of Bishop Alois Hudel, who aided and funded an underground railroad to help Nazis escape to South America. And with the revival of neo-Nazism came the survival of a Nazi occultism and a belief in the ultimate supremacy of the Aryan cult of Pure Blood--a modernized version of the Order of the Teutonic Knights.

## NAZI VOODOO CULTURE

Whether a Nazi *voodoo culture* has sprung up in the form of Right-wing Satanism, as suggested by some investigators, is very much rumor. Lewis A.M. Sumberg mentions in Angebert's The Occult and The Third Reich: "The rise of occultism and the practice of the black arts by the myriad secret societies--partially the kind represented by Satanism--was noted everywhere in the Germany of the 1920s. That we are witnessing much the same phenomenon in the United States today in the ominous and prodigious growth of politico-religious elitist cults represented by satanism, by Manson-type

families, and by the epidemic of occult-inspired assassinations, should cause civilized men the gravest concern."

Authors Pauwels and Bergier reveal in The Morning of the Magicians that Himmler's S.S. was a weird perversion of the Society of Jesus and shades of satanism via an Aryan mythos. National Christianity may have been but a popular guise in which Satan became a partner too, and studies into The Dark Lords of Shambullah and Atlantean-Lemurian Black Magic, were all spearheaded for Dutchland over all. Hitler was reported to plan war strategy according to professional astrologers, and even, according to one source, had a special elevator shaft in his underground bunker which allowed him to *speak to the entities*. These --on their face--are hardly pure Christian attributes, but popular Christianity has lead to many abuses.

## THE PROCESS

The revival of the Nazi-elitist line like tall tales of Communist takeover, should be viewed with suspicion--or should it?

America is rift with rightwing (and/or left) underground groups. Issac Bonewits, formerly President of the Aquarian Anti-Defamation League, gave a list of *Primary Groups for Investigation*



consisting of the American Volunteer Group, the Aryan Brotherhood, the C.I.A., Druid Foundation, Druidic Craft of the Wise, and, among a few others, The Process.

Margot Adler, noted New York writer and radio personality, related to this writer a personal visit she had with The Process Church. The rituals and hymns sung during a religious service were much like that in a Salvation Army program, Adler related. The rank and file might have passed for that friendly Baptist church on one's corner, if it weren't for the pernicious doctrine...to bring Armageddon at all costs; not figurative by literally.

Rumors, again, abound, Adler explained, such as the tales of a multi-millionaire *clan*, cooperating with powerful psychiatrists, who fund the *ultimate coming of Satan* described in the New Testament of the Bible. The belief in Satan and Christian apocalyptic seems to be somehow grotesquely twisted together (Esquire, Nov. 1971, *Charlie and the Devil*). Do Processians--or Ultras--NeoNazis--Or-What-Have-You the actual psychic ability to control people and events?

## GERM WARFARE

The almost infinitesimal line between a Cold War and Hot War is not easy to

discern. In case of animal mutilations, it would seem that we are into the heat of battle--or slaughter, I should say. In a number of cases *Germ Warfare* or infection seems to have been used.

Dr. Robert Hedeluis of the U.S. Department of Agriculture autopsied a pregnant heifer found just outside of Emy, Utah on Sept. 30, 1975. He said the actual death was a "disease of the clostridis family."

Writer Ed Sanders noted that since President Nixon's halt to the biological and chemical warfare program only the Central Intelligence Agency still used bacteria of the clostridia genus *for experiments*. Four clostridium diseases affect cattle! Autopsied mutilated cows did show clostridal infection!

Private investigator and former intelligence agent G.C. Erienne concurred with the bacteriological-research theory. He pointed to a secret meeting at Bethesda Naval Hospital in 1961. Erienne worked for the Secretary's office which, he felt, was certainly tied in with bacteria research. Would this be any more acceptable than the *vitreous replacement-transplant experiments* at Rogosin and other labs as a use of *tissues*?

A question arises: Would the C.I.A. be as brash to carry on Cold Warfare against its own citizens? Almost mythological tales of the C.I.A. involvement

in everything from Watergate to the deliberate escalation of the Vietnam conflict seem to be more mysterious than the mutilations themselves. But, according to the rumor where billionaires and top government *elitist* movements operate, anything is possible.

## CLOSING IN ON THE VILLIANS

John Makeig of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram has done considerable investigation into the Texas mutilations. One lead concerned a reputed *criminal genius* who was labled by federal investigators in Minnesota as "one of the most dangerous people there is."

Mr. "X", a 34-year-old lives in Austin, Texas, runs a bookstore, has a M.S. degree from the University of Kansas in Clinical Psychology and a Ph.D. degree in astrology. According to Makeig, Mr. X was heading an occult group with a *pretty good following in central Texas*. He belives that *psychic energy* exists, but he told Makeig that claratons greatly clouded the issue. "Some psychics have proven to be extremely accurate under clinical conditions," he said to Makeig. When asked about the animal mutilations, Mr. X related that various medical examiners told him that they couldn't duplicate what has been done to those animals. He said *psychic surgery*, such as what was being done in the Philippines,

would account for some cases, and Mr. X mentioned a case where a dog had its heart removed without an incision to its body. Then Mr. X hit Makeig with the following verbal bomb; or should I say Processian Armaggedon Device?

"It's time for us to grow up, to experience new things, because in a few years there are going to be some very dramatic things happening to America and the world. Just imagine that you're sitting in your office and there's a news flash that California has fallen into the ocean...the earth changes and it's always changed. And it's going to change again, in the very near future, I'm talking about massive physical changes in geography."

Margot Adler said other changes were in store, some more social. She related the tale about an alleged crowd of people, each from a different location, who came together in a vacant field, with no previous knowledge of the other, each chanting the same ritualistic hymn *about Armaggedon*. The story goes that they were acting under hypnotic suggestion and, when brought out of their trances, and cleared, they all were discovered to have one thing in common; They visited the same psychiatrist.

Mr. X told Makeig: Masses of people will be lost in earthquakes and other

catastrophies. I'm talking about between now and 1982 and 1984--let's say 1985. In 1982, there's going to be a massive change. By then California is going to disappear. It's going to start this summer (1975). This information has been given to me by people who've always been very accurate; they've made many predictions that've been right."

Then Mr. X hit Makeig with this threat: "This cattle mutilation thing is preparing us to accept new things. I prefer not to think of it as a Satanic thing where people use blood in their ceremonies. These people, they're terrible. They're harmful. They hurt big societies and groups of people who are doing authentic research into these phenomena."

When Makeig's story appeared on April 5, 1975, Mr. X was very illusive and federal agents had a hard time following him. Agents told Makeig that Mr. X was peripherally involved in several murders and that "he was the one who had been talking up the 'human sacrifice' business."

#### PART IV. THE SATANISTS

*"And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon."* Revelation 9:11

Several Sheriff's offices, along with the Texas Rangers, began suggesting some kind of Satanic underground was connected. Slim Hulen, an investigator for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, said, "We found out this much, a part of the (ceremonial) rite is drinking the blood of the animal." Hulen based his revelation on the testimony of an anonymous *witch* from a coven in Dallas. The woman couldn't be certain but she said the butcherings were similar to rituals used in the Satanic Church.

One of the biggest proponents of the cultist theory is Dan Fry, a psychic and astrologer out of Dallas. Fry said he spent 25 years investigating the cults, and knew of large cults in Abilene and El Paso and Roswell-Hobbs, New Mexico. San Angelo was also mentioned.

*Mike* and *Tom*, both ex-witches, confessed to Fry several facts on the topic:

- Deep Satanism depends on absolute evil and the belief that Armageddon can bring about the visible return of Satan upon the world. Satanist work towards that goal.

- That Satanism had been on the increase for years. That the animal mutilations signaled that upsurge.

The followers of Satan ended a major religious holiday about Feb. 2, 1975, about the time the cattle mutilations began to decrease after December of that year. Fry speculated that April 24 (corresponding with the Christian Easter), October 31 (corresponding with Halloween), August 2--Lammas, relating back to the Druids. The Druids had at one time killed humans as sacrifice--usually a young female virgin or a young well-built man. Fry said that cultists may have sexual intercourse with animals before they are mutilated, the blood is for drinking in ceremonies, he said. He also said that most of the mutilations were performed within a 13-mile radius suggesting a central point, though he never mentioned other locations in other states.

## THE SONS OF SATAN

When mutilations were heavy in Minnesota, convicts in a federal prison began to *leak* information as to a 400-member group of *super wealthy* Satanists thought to be preparing to advance from mutilating animals to mutilating people. One informant at Marion, Illinois spoke of a 26-name *death list* in the hands of the Satanists with glamorous names such as U.S. Senator and Mrs. Hubert Humphrey. Michael Douglas, a broadcaster for radio station WYOO in St. Paul, was another, apparently because of his series of programs on the mutilations.

The 42-year-old informant seemed successful on several of his predictions. He said the small *super wealthy* group of Satanists that began mutilating small animals 10 years ago have plans of killing people. In addition, they began harassing an agent from the Treasury Department's Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division, Don Flickinger, who began to receive threatening phone calls against his family (an unlisted number), and the smearing of blood on the door of Flickinger's Minneapolis home. At The Dakota County jail in Hastings, where the three informants were deposited for safety, anonymous persons began calling at the jail and finally a .25-caliber pistol and seven rounds of ammunition were smuggled into the informants. Predictions of three railroad mishaps were boasted by the 42-year-old Bankston, but it could not be determined if these were true predictions.

Investigators such as Flickinger became even more interested when they discovered that, early in 1974, a student at Kilgore Junior College in Texas wrote a paper on "The Sons of Satan" which apparently referred to the wealthy Satanists, and described how the mutilations would occur. The student said he heard it from another source, who said that he, in turn, was familiar with the Satanists. An English professor from Pennsylvania said he had members of such a group in his class once and heard tales of girls cutting their flesh and eating it.



Flickinger rounded up purported leaders of that group and administered polygraph (lie-detector) tests. All passed tests. This was curious in light of the fact that informants Albert Kenneth Bankston and Dan Dugan confessed to being members of the cults since 1964 and actually participated in mutilations. Dugan told of attending a cultist gathering near Lake Cozard, Nebraska where two men and two women were killed. Bankston referred to other human mutilations, but refused a lie-detector test. Government investigators in Colorado, Texas, and Nebraska began digging up graves, dragging lakes, and excavating mountains of sand, only to find nothing. "There was nothing in our area," said Nebraskan Undersheriff Vern McCarter, "that was just a wild story that they concocted up to tell that Treasury agent in Minneapolis. It turned out to be a big lie." A national convention of weirdos at Lake Cozard in August, 1975 also proved untrue. "There was nothing to that either," McCarter said.

What hurt the Satanist theory, in so far as Bankston and Dugan, was their continued attempts at escape and their constant pleas for a *break* if they *told all they knew*. The informants are back in federal prison--Dugan with 8 more years for his escape attempts and Bankston threatened with the same type of penalty.

Researcher Jerome Clark, who started corresponding with the informants, was

not so convinced of the falsity of their claims. Confidential information they gave Clark still proves interesting, and Clark thinks that Satanism, UFOs and the killings might be somehow all tied up in some phantomistic *mirage*. A sort of twenty-first century Black Magic.

## BLACK MAGIC

*"They have to come to earth sometime! What is this World Communications? A handful of men like ourselves! They're not magic!"*  
(The Boss in H.G. Wells' Things To Come)

The rise of occultism in the last decade again began a whole series of speculations as to the Power of Psychic Phenomenon. With the contradiction that announced witches and Satanists appeared to be innocent of animal mutilations, continued speculation as to *super secret* groups who cause the mutilations were accompanied by authentic theories on the power of parapsychology. Four major groups have been mentioned:

- The *Flaming Stars* --work with an ideal to implement a government that included an *assassination squad*.

- The *Sons of Satan*, a motorcycle gang with occult connections purported to be responsible for murders in Colorado and New Mexico.

- *The Process*, the Chicago-based Satanic group described as being evil and murderous--avowing to bring about Armageddon in any way they can.

- *Axtul*, a splinter group of *The Process*, thought presently based in New Mexico.

Underground cults are numerous, and cult murders have been part and parcel of the counter-culture scene. The Manson group, ritual murders over the years, all seem to heighten that statement. The famed Zodiac killer of California--or possibly a combination of murderers--seemed to be part of a witchcraft binge.

Zodiac murdered 40 females in several states; an ancient witchcraft symbol was found at sites of murder: Two rectangles linked by a line. The nude victims were found in ditches or dumps, either strangled or poisoned. The majority of his victims are hitchhikers. "He interviews them first," said Sonoma County Sheriff Don Striepke, "If they're his type he kills them. As a youngster he probably strangled his pets and may have served time in a mental institution."

In August of 1974, three separate Washington State girls said a young blonde man with a British accent and a broken arm asked them for help loading his small boat onto his car. They all refused--but that same day two girls were murdered in the area--probably two who lent him a hand.

Police say he is in his twenties. Aside from a bra used to strangle one of his victims there are no other clues. "We're up against a blank wall," said Striepke. Reports published in San Francisco and Santa Rosa said the sheriff believes the killer man to be a student of witchcraft and that his victims will be slaves in the afterlife.

On March 1, 1975, the Tampa, Fla., murder of Kenneth Robert Houston, who was reportedly knifed to death by a man who said, "Smile, Satan, Smile," as he slashed Houston's throat, led to the arrest of three persons in connection with the incident. Michael Cochran Ross of Fresno, California was a victim of a *black magic* Satanic torture session in which he was clubbed to death. One man was sentenced to life imprisonment for that 1973 death.

In Santa Fe, New Mexico, five unsolved murders in three years are suspected to be of occult origin. One case involved a girl found nude tied to a tree in the snow and strangled to death. Another case concerned a couple on a camping trip allegedly killed by motorcycle gang members--perhaps the same gang that stole five cases of dynamite from a factory south of Santa Fe in March of '75. Then there was a murder and sexual mutilation of a youth in Albuquerque, N.M., by motorcycle gang members from San Francisco.

## MYSTERIOUS TIE-IN

The exact tie-in between political dissidents, amateur occultists, White-Magic practitioners, Satanists and witches, or pagans--and UFOs, animal butchering and mystery men and aircraft are obscure. In some instances there is no tie-in at all.

"People who try to link Satanism or the belief of a Christian devil to paganism are missing the point," said Tom Williams, coordinator of the Church of All Worlds, a neo-pagan group with headquarters in St. Louis. "Pagans do not share Christian belief, nor do they believe in Christian evil or the Christian devil. We are essentially nature lovers and we treat Mother Earth as a benevolent Goddess."

Williams continued: "The idea of butchering and sacrificing animals--or humans--is not part and parcel of the neo-pagan movement. We revere all life--we are dedicated to the Goddess and the evolving of all nature."

Issac Bonewits, one-time editor of GNOSTICA news and also the former President of the Aquarian Anti-Defamation League (AADL), as well as a former Satanist himself, debunked the idea of orthodox witches, of the pagan variety, as the

source of the killings: "This is of course sheer scapegoating, since only a rash amateur would believe it possible to get usable psychic energy out of such mutilations."

Bonewits said that based on his associations with cults over the years it was only due to a perverted sense of righteousness that the belief in the Devil came about. "If you put the KKK in black robes instead of white ones, you'd have most of the Satanist groups pegged," he said.

This jibs with what Margot Adler said about her *Salvation Army*-type Satanists. Researcher Jerome Clark, still not totally convinced that Bankston and Dugan weren't on to something, wrote about a billionaire called, as a cover, *Howard* (not the Howard Hughes?), who owned several large aircraft corporations, and had begun to dabble into Satanism, joining a cult, and recruiting a small army of ex-Vietnam helicopter pilots and ex-cons to do some dirty work. Clark is no longer totally convinced of that story, but sometimes he wonders.

Instead, Armageddon takes on an extra-terrestrial quality.

## SATAN AS A SPACEMAN

"The latest prophecy agitating the occult world is that extra-terrestrials

--or maybe Satan himself and his Fallen Angels--are going to broadcast over world-wide TV this autumn," said psychic writer Robert Anton Wilson.

"The extra-terrestrial version of the rumor seems far more widespread than the diabolical version, but Satan has his PR agents at work and is catching up.

What is Wilson trying to tell us? While he sees the UFOs taking precedence in the *invasion* scenario, Satanism makes an eventual tie-in. UFOlogists such as Brian Hanlon and Stanford University UFO specialist Jacques Vallee have discovered a recurring theme in all UFO cases and literature--even occultism and Satanism. "Professor Vallee's conclusion is that there is no clear-cut line between UFO *contacts*, religious-visionary experience of yogis or shamans, and the ESP and PSI phenomena studied in parapsychology labs," reports Wilson.

In fact, in one of Vallee's recent books The Invisible College, he suggests some type of global *control* system--a myth making operandi which projects hologramic visions and does materializing and dematerializing magic. Out of such rich soil comes such diverse things as Right-wing Satanism, The Process, UFOs, Mystery Choppers, strange creatures and alien-acting citizens haunting the civilization at large. The question is: Is this all some type of psychic projection, or do

real people join in somewhere along the line--or is it a combination of the two?

## THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG?

Wilson speaks of such books as The Day the Dollar Dies as a new genre of fiction and thought where Satan is also an outer space invader.

"The notion that Satan is behind all such occult experiences is established dogma with many right-wingers and Fundamentalists," he says. Daniel Logan in his book on the rise of occultism in America emphasizes similar overtones; in America Bewitched is case after case told in anecdotal fashion. Black Magic exists. Are Satanists mutilators; can they also be spacemen--or, on Halloween-like nights, do spacemen watch, cause or promote butchery? Is it the Chicken Cult causing the phenomena, or the Psychic Egg joining in?

Several UFO researchers don't take that speculation idly; moreover, veteran UFO researchers are beginning to indicate that UFOs are not spaceships at all as we would know them, but manifestations of the psyche utilizing little known channels of energy. Vallee speaks of an invisible college of researchers such as Jerome Clark, Ray Palmer, John Keel, J. Allen Hynek and many others who profess the *psychic angle*. Even here there is division.



Vallee and Keel feel that a genuine *outside* intelligence is at work with our own psychic minds. Writer Brad Steiger and Clark feel that our brains contain the power to conjure up awesome manifestations, somewhat like the mind device left on the planet of the Krell in The Forbidden Planet. "No one knows just how it is that an individual comes to enter the Otherworld. The "X" factor, however, seems to have to do with the lowering of the threshold of consciousness, when one's psychic barriers are relaxed and the ego is vulnerable.

Clark continues: "This can occur when one conscientiously seeks out the experience through the ritual use of psychedelic drugs, ecstasy, sleep, and other self-induced methods." (Jerome Clark, Loren Coleman, The Unidentified).

Joseph Cliton Pearce studies the same phenomena in his two books The Crack in the Cosmic Egg and Exploring the Crack, and calls the "X" factor the "IT" phenomena. He compares it to the allegory of the cave in which men see only the shadows cast upon the wall. Suddenly, man discovers "IT" and they look away from the wall getting "a glimpse of the light coming from behind them...beyond the cave is another, brighter and better life for all." Pearce continues: "There has been a persistent rumor, unfounded and easily dismissable, that there have been program breakers who glimpsed the source of light,

turned around, and simply walked out that crack." Issue UFO cases, Spiritism, levitation, poltergeist activity and sundry psychic and other phenomenas.

When John Keel investigated the UFO flap in Point Pleasant, West Va., during 1967, he noted, aside from UFOs, a gigantic bat-like bird with glowing eyes, men in black suits, apparitions and other hauntings. But most interesting were the several cases of animals found dead with vital organs missing from inside their bodies, but with no sign of any incision left on the carcasses. The McDaniel's UFO case was one example; throughout the Ohio River Valley, dogs, cows and horses were dying suddenly and mysteriously, "usually from surgical-like incisions in their throats."

Animal disappearances and deaths are associated with UFOs, said Keel; carcasses drained of blood as early as 1966.

## DIMINISHING ANIMAL POPULATION

"These deaths were not localized but came in nationwide waves simultaneously with UFO waves," said Keel.

Keel recounts that small towns like Voluntown, Connecticut lost half of their dog population in a few days.

"Fifteen dogs vanished from Woodstock, New York, in the Catskill Mountains." When the Mothman first appeared in November, 1966, Keel said, police found the body of a dog near the area where the apparition appeared. "It was completely charred, yet the surrounding area was unburned," he said.

The Gallipos, Ohio case is recounted by Keel where a farmer reported a thirty-foot circle on a hillside near his cattle. "There was a big red and white glowing thing sitting right in the field," said the farmer. "I've got to say that it scared me half to death. I ran back in my house to get my gun. Didn't take me more than a minute. But when I got outside again the thing was gone. This circle was all that was left. It took the rest of the night to round up my cows."

Keel tells of the case he investigated in Gallipolis, Ohio in 1963-64 when cattle were found butchered of brains, eyes, and udders on the Mrs. Bryant farm. She would see the culprits, sometimes standing out in the field with white coveralls and she would get her shotgun. "And they can certainly run and jump," she said. "I've seen them leap over high fences from a standing start."

Both Keel and reporter Mary Hyre saw UFOs apparently turn into conventional airplane configurations, during their Point Pleasant investigation!

## THE TULPAS

Here is precisely where Keel and all New School UFOlogists agree:

"When you review the ancient references you are obliged to conclude that the presence of these objects and beings is a normal condition for this planet," Keel said, "these things, these other intelligences or OINT's as Ivan Sanderson labeled them either reside here but somehow remain concealed from us, or they do not exist at all and are special aberrations of the human mind--Tulpas, hallucinations, psychological constructs, momentary materializations of energy from that dimension beyond the reach of our senses and even beyond the reaches of our scientific instruments. They are not from outer space. They have always been here. Perhaps they were here long before we started bashing each other over the head with clubs." (The Mothman Prophecies)

In his most recent work The Eighth Tower, Keel tells of *hairy creatures* that stalk mutilation and UFO territory. We've already noted such Big Foot types, tall, red-eyed bipeds that steal hogs and kill chickens. But such Big Foot creatures go back a number of years.

## BIG FOOT

Such a correlation between UFOs, mutilations, mystery choppers and hairy creatures--and cats--seems to be growing.

A large hairy creature standing on the shoulder of Interstate 15 five miles west of Great Falls was seen by a woman on July 28, 1976 when she passed it by car. She came within 20 feet and slowed the car and stopped to watch it for a moment as it walked away.

The eight foot creature was *very wide at the shoulders* but it didn't leave any tracks! Leonard Hegele of Helena also persued such a creature on Feb. 22. His family spotted the creature just off Interstate 15 at about 10 a.m. When the creature turned to face Hegele, the man stopped the chase. On July 21, from Great Falls men reported two such creatures east of Rainbow Dam as they walked along a hill toward a river about 100 yards away. Similar sightings were made at Vaughn, Ulim and other localities. Mutilations and copter reports were also in the area. Sheriff Wolverton was perplexed by creatures in Montana.

Big Foot types have been seen almost virtually in every state in America--and other countries. Canada has its Sasquatch. The Himalayas has its Yeti. Australia

has its Yowie. And UFOs have also been present.

When *Mo Mo*, a hairy creature, was sighted at Louisiana, Missouri in July, 1972, two lighted objects were seen in the area by Edgar Harrison. He reported that the objects disappeared near an old abandoned school house. Police chief Shelby Ward also said there were three UFOs reported near Fulton that night. UFOs were reported on subsequent days in that area. A *Mo Mo* type was also reported on July 20 on Highway C near New Haven.

During 1976-77 a rash of Big Foot reports permeated the Tennessee area. One witness saw a creature with a rabbit in its mouth and a large bob cat as its accompanying pet. As usual UFO activity seemed to be in contact with Big Foot, as people, even former skeptics, reported *strange globes of light* at Big Foot sites.

## CAT CREATURES

Don't take that report of the bob cat too lightly, as early as 1817 the Illinois-Missouri valley area was filled with all kinds of reports of pumas, panthers, and *cat* creatures. In 1917 a *large, yellow, long-haired beast* terrorized citizens in the Decatur-Monticello area of Illinois. According to Fortean

researchers, Coleman and Clark, James Rutherford formed a posse to search for the beast on July 31. "When the inevitable posse of armed men rushed to the scene they found only its tracks--with claw marks," said the authors. "Continuing their search into the evening they came upon the remains of a calf which its owner said had been missing for days."

In 1947, the Richmond-Elkhorn Falls area of Indiana fell prey to *cat creatures*. At Gosport, 40 miles northwest of Bedford, farmer William Sterwatt lost a 400-pound calf to the creature. On August 22, Orris Tate found one of his pigs with *a hole under its front legs and claw marks four inches deep and several inches long over its right shoulder*. In the ground, nearby, were mammoth five-inch tracks.

When St. Louis UFO Study Group members interviewed UFO sighter Jerome Becker in Kampsville, Illinois, about his 1974 case of a hovering craft over a pasture where cattle were sometimes kept. The Group photographed unusual cat tracks in the snow. Frank Brown, an outdoorsman, could not identify them.

Ronald Childs of Lawton, Oklahoma found himself in the middle of a *mystery gorilla* flap during 1971, in which the whole state was bathed in eerie reports of the ape. Only his ape had *dark-colored pants that were way too little and a plaid jacket that was kind of too small*. Child's ape

sprang from his squatting position and "jumped clear over a pond. The next day I measured it and that pond is 12 feet across." he said.

A farmer three miles south of Lawton reported a calf and then a cow lying dead in his fields with one of their legs ripped off and no other damage. No prints were ever found. In fact, no person or agency has yet to catch these *mystery creatures*.

## SPEED OF LIGHT

The continuous aspect of these Fortean phenomena suggest that a special type of *force* is in effect. The locality may seem to predominate, as is in the case of the Illinois flap, or the hairy red-eyed monsters reported in the El Paso Mountains of California, the Manchines. In Illinois, a mystery man, the Mad Gasser, invaded Mattoon, Illinois, in 1944, as a hooded figure that would spray an unidentified chemical into bed chambers or kitchens or other openings, paralyzing their victims for several minutes.

These abnormalistic phenomena are worldwide and suggest some type of global connection. Mystics and psychics alike have termed the force many names special to their feelings, but none adequately describes what is happening. Keel refers to it as the Superspectrum.



"The superspectrum is made up of biological energies with gravity at the bottom of the scale," he said. "Beyond gravity there are other biological forces that produce all psychic and occult manifestations."

Animal mutilations and mystery aircraft may be but a form of that force leading local police on a wild-goose chase thinking "they are pursuing cattle rustlers equipped with airplanes or helicopters."

Convinced that he had a genuine Processionist, Son of Satanist, or Ultra on his hands, Makeig tried to press Mr. X of Austin, Texas for a definite answer to the UFO question by way of mutilations:

"Fourth dimensional beings are responsible," he said. "These are people who operate in the next reality to ours, a reality which is based on something faster than the speed of light; nothing can operate faster than the speed of light. If it goes faster than the speed of light, we can't perceive it through the normal senses. So it's time for a changing of consciousness. And there are to be certain signs to be given us that they're telling us to be more serious about it. Also, we have to open our minds to new things, to a more inclusive reality. And some of those signs are UFO sightings, and the most recent are the animal mutilations."

Jacque Vallee relates the story in The Invisible College where two men are persued by an object behind them. One man sees it as a UFO chasing them--the other man sees it as an ordinary van. Vallee queries: "Can the *control* factor be carried in an ordinary van and house the apparatus to project visions for us to see, or, is the van itself part of the delusion?"

To investigate such delicate questions a special investigating panel has been set up in St. Louis, in cooperation with such groups as AADL and the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, sheriff's offices and professional advisors.

Anyone wishing to send data on the animal mutilations should send it in care of Steve Erdmann, Animal Mutilation Committee, 5125 Compton, St. Louis, Mo. 63111.