

Material Found After UFO Sighting Is Cattle Mutilation Area Near Taos  
Bob Schenck and Assistant Edith Franklin Continue With Laboratory Tests in Albuquerque

12-13-78

## New Findings Decipher Mystery of Mutilations

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By FRITZ THOMPSON  
Journal Staff Writer

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

Further intrigue was added today with the disclosure of a previously unreported and unpublicized UFO incident near Taos less than four days before the test.

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

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

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

The test last summer was conducted on the Marfaed Gomez Ranch near Dolores, in an area where the majority of the state's mutilations have occurred. Gomez and State Police Officer Gabe Valdez penned about 100 of the Gomez beef cattle in a corral and moved them through a steel cage under an ultraviolet light.

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

Samples of the affected hides were reported, along with staff

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# Cattle Mutilation Mystery Deepens

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Vargas said members of all three families saw the light. She said it hovered low over a space between her house and that of an immediate neighbor. A 55-gallon fuel tank and a pickup truck were directly below the object.

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

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

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

In descending order, Schoenfeld said the residue contains calcium,

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

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

He described the object of interest as dull gray and about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch long,  $\frac{1}{16}$  of an inch wide, and about as thick as a sheet of paper.

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

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

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

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

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

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## X Mutilated Cow is Discovered in Dulce Area

Journal Special

6/16

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## Mutilated Cattle Found Near Cuba

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

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

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

There were no tracks.

For Carol O.

October 16, 1978

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

Dear Manuel:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Harrison Schmitt

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Enclosures



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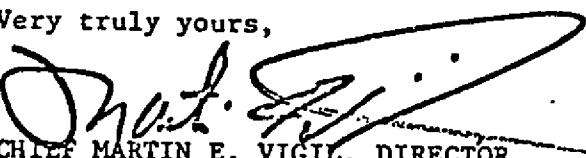
The Honorable Harrison Schmitt  
U. S. Senator for New Mexico  
1251 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510

MARTRIN E. VIGIL  
Dear Senator Schmitt:

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

Trusting the information is satisfactory, I remain

Very truly yours,

  
CHIEF MARTIN E. VIGIL, DIRECTOR  
New Mexico State Police

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

DATE: August 1975

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

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Calf

DATE DIED: August 28, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN:

ORGANS TAKEN: vulva, udders, uterine horns, terminal colon

TRACK EVIDENCE: None

INSPECTOR: Lloyd Newman

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 1975

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

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Bull, hereford

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

POSITION FOUND IN: Right side

ORGANS TAKEN: Scrotum, penis, rectum

TRACK EVIDENCE: Wet ground and an elbow imprint was found

INSPECTOR: Pat Archuleta

DATE: October 4, 1975

OWNER: Mark Crowther, Sanford, Colorado

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Bull

DATE DIED: October 4, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN:

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

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

INSPECTOR: Paul B. Riley

DATE: October 11, 1975

OWNER: Virginia Aycock - Springer, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Cow

DATE DIED: October 11, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN:

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

TRACK EVIDENCE: None stated

INSPECTOR: Harold Gilbert

DATE: October 11, 1975

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

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

DATE DIED: 36-48 hours before October 11

POSITION FOUND IN: Right side

ORGANS TAKEN: Scrotum, penis, rectum

TRACK EVIDENCE: None stated

INSPECTOR: Frank Best

DATE: October 13, 1975

OWNER: Alvin Stocton - Raton, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Bull

DATE DIED: October 11, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN: Right side

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

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

INSPECTOR: Ben Wooten

DATE: October 15, 1975

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

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Black bull

DATE DIED: October 15, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN:

ORGANS TAKEN: Rectum, penis, testicles

TRACK EVIDENCE: None stated

INSPECTOR: Harold Gilbert

DATE: October 18, 1975

OWNER: Rock Ranch - Nara Visa, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Black angus cow

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

POSITION FOUND IN: Laying on back

ORGANS TAKEN: Rectum and vaginal

TRACK EVIDENCE: None noted

INSPECTOR: Dwayne Massey

DATE: October 24, 1975

OWNER: Mark Crowther - Sanford, Colorado

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Bull, registered

DATE DIED: Had been dead three or four days

POSITION FOUND IN:

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

TRACK EVIDENCE: Only those of bull

INSPECTOR: Paul Riley

DATE: October 29, 1975

OWNER: Sam Dunlap - Tucumcari, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Bull

DATE DIED: October 29, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN:

ORGANS TAKEN: Sexual organs and tongue

TRACK EVIDENCE: None stated

INSPECTOR: D. F. Garnett

DATE: November 4, 1975

OWNER: Robert Burns - Nara Visa, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Cow, black angus

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

POSITION FOUND IN: Laying on back

ORGANS TAKEN: Sexual organs and tongue also left ear

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

INSPECTOR: D. F. Garnett

DATE: November 5, 1975

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

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Heifer calf, 450 lbs.

DATE DIED: November 5, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN:

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

TRACK EVIDENCE: None stated

INSPECTOR: D. F. Garnett

DATE: November 11, 1975

OWNER: Herman Riley -

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Black cow

DATE DIED: November 11, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN: Right side

ORGANS TAKEN: Tongue, eye (exposed)

TRACK EVIDENCE: None

INSPECTOR: Mel Sedillo, Jr.

DATE: November 11, 1975

OWNER: Forrest Atchley -

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

DATE DIED: November 8 or 9, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN:

ORGANS TAKEN: Rectum

TRACK EVIDENCE: None noticed

INSPECTOR: Dwayne Massey

DATE: November 13, 1975

OWNER: M & M Feed Lot -

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Yearling heifer

DATE DIED: November 12, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN: Right side

ORGANS TAKEN: Udder and sexual organs

TRACK EVIDENCE: None

INSPECTOR: Bud Mc Adams

DATE: November 16, 1975

OWNER: Bert Cox - Quemado, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Cow

DATE DIED: October 24, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN: Laying on back

ORGANS TAKEN: None

TRACK EVIDENCE: None reported

INSPECTOR: Tom Wagner

DATE: January 19, 1976

OWNER: Sam Griego - Pintada, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Black Motley face

DATE DIED: December 26, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN: Left side

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

TRACK EVIDENCE: None except for bird tracks

INSPECTOR: Pete B. Marez

DATE: January 19, 1976

OWNER: Dipper Cattle Company - Pintada, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Crossbred red motley face

DATE DIED: December 19, 1975

POSITION FOUND IN: Left side

ORGANS TAKEN: All sexual organs and tongue

TRACK EVIDENCE: None

INSPECTOR: Pete B. Marez

DATE: February 14, 1976

OWNER: Rhea Howe - Engle, New Mexico

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

DATE DIED: Between February 11 and 13, 1976

POSITION FOUND IN: Back and left side

ORGANS TAKEN: Udder

TRACK EVIDENCE: Rained night before

INSPECTOR: Tom Bennett

DATE: April 23, 1976

OWNER: Pete Gutierrez - Chilli, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Blue Roan Mare

DATE DIED: Night of April 22 or 23, 1976

POSITION FOUND IN: Laying on her back

ORGANS TAKEN: Bag area and rectum area

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

INSPECTOR: A. J. Gibbs

DATE: May 19, 1976

OWNER: Sharp Ranch - Corona, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Black angus bull

DATE DIED: May 15, 1976

POSITION FOUND IN: Left side on back

ORGANS TAKEN: Testicles removed

TRACK EVIDENCE: None

INSPECTOR: Claude Foster

DATE: June 29, 1976

OWNER: Tony Lamb -

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Yearling steer

DATE DIED: 48 hours prior to date

POSITION FOUND IN: Left side

ORGANS TAKEN: Right ear and right eye, the tongue, circle cut out at his navel, penis was gone, and he had also been cut around his rectum.

TRACK EVIDENCE: None stated

INSPECTOR: Harold Gilbert

DATE: July 10, 1976

OWNER:

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Buffalo calf

DATE DIED: July 10, 1976

POSITION FOUND IN:

ORGANS TAKEN: Tongue, testicles and penis. Cut at the rectum, also gone was large intestine.

TRACK EVIDENCE: A white helicopter was seen the morning of July 8

DATE: July 1, 1976

OWNER: Stanley Cisneros - Questa, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: Solid red cow - pregnant

DATE DIED: June 29 or June 30, 1976

POSITION FOUND IN: Laying on right side

ORGANS TAKEN: Left eye, udder was cut off

TRACK EVIDENCE: None

INSPECTOR: Milton Culbertson

DATE: August 24, 1976

OWNER: Charles Linder, Hernandez, New Mexico

ANIMAL DESCRIPTION: 3½ month old Charloais bull calf

DATE DIED: August 21, 1976.

POSITION FOUND IN: Left side

ORGANS TAKEN: Penis and testicles

TRACK EVIDENCE: None

INSPECTOR: Jim Byrd

DATE: September 8, 1976

OWNER: Pacific Western Land Company

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

DATE DIED: September 5 or 6, 1976

POSITION FOUND IN: Left side

ORGANS TAKEN: Rectum and tail removed

TRACK EVIDENCE: None

INSPECTOR: Gene Donohoe

Date - Summer 1977

Owner Tom McCloud & Son Cliff, N. Mex.

Animal Description white face Hereford Bull

Date Died - Summer

Position found - on left side

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

Track Evidence - none

Pictures in possession of owners.

Location - Rock House Canyon mesas.

Investigator - unknown. Probably Sheriff's office Silver

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

MUTILATION REPORT

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

OWNER NAME - Howard Crowther, Sanford Color

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

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

POSITION ANIMAL WAS WHEN FIRST SEEN (RIGHT OR LEFT SIDE) - lying on R.

DATE ANIMAL WAS LAST SEEN - 7/5/78

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

ORGANS TAKEN (DESCRIBE IN DETAIL) -

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

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

Jain Boyd  
INSPECTOR

24 - Chama,  
DISTRICT

1. AGENCY		U.S. NM 07		4. CASE NUMBER			
New Mexico State Police							
EVENT VICTIM SUBJECT VEHICLE NARRATIVE U.C.R. INVESTIGATIVE	5. INCIDENT TYPE		6. PREMISE TYPE (Circle One)				
	Cattle Mutilation		1 Highway 4 Ch 2 Commerce 5 Re 3 Service Station 6 Ba				
	7. INCIDENT LOCATION		GEO				
	13 miles East of Dulce on Manuel Gomez's Ranch		17				
	8. INCIDENT DATE Time to DATE		9. STRANGER TO STRANGER				
	05-13-76 unk		YES X NO UNK				
	11. COMPLAINANTS		12. ADDRESS				
	Manuel Gomez		P. O. Box 372, Dulce, N. M. 87523				
	14. VICTIM'S NAME		15. Race	16. Sex	17. Date of Birth	18. K	
	Manuel Gomez		A	M	07-09-23	75	
19. ADDRESS		20. OCCUPATION		21. B			
22. NAME NO. 1 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WARRANT		23. Soc. Sec. No.		24. Race 25. Sex 26			
27. ADDRESS		28. Age	29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair 32		
22. NAME NO. 2 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WARRANT		23. Soc. Sec. No.		24. Race 25. Sex 26			
27. ADDRESS		28. Age	29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair 32		
34. VALUE		35. COLOR	36. YEAR	37. VEHICLE MAKE	38. MODEL	39. STYLE	
40. VIN		41. LICENSE NO.		42. LIS	43. LIY	44. VEHICLE STATUS	
45. See Attached							
46. CRIMINAL DAMAGE AMOUNT		47. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE		48. TYPE		49. WEIGHT	50.
\$		Sale/Mfg		Use			
51. CURRENCY	JEWELRY	CLOTHING	VEHICLES	52. RECOVERED PROPERTY			
Stolen	\$	\$	\$	Stolen Locally-Recover			
Recovered	\$	\$	\$	Stolen Locally-Recover			
OFFICE EQUIPMENT TV, RADIO, Etc.		FIREARMS	HOUSEHOLD	Stolen Other-Recover			
Stolen	\$	\$	\$				
Recovered	\$	\$	\$				
CONSUMABLES		LIVESTOCK	OTHER	TOTAL		53. DATE OFFENSE REPORTED	
Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$		06-13-76	
Recovered	\$	\$	\$	\$		54. DATE REPORT PREPARED	
55. CASE STATUS						12-15-76	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active		<input type="checkbox"/> Cleared by Arrest		<input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded, Explain			
Extenuatingly Cleared. Explain							

Cow Mutilation - Page 1

On CO-13-76 at approximately 8:00 p.m. Mr. Noel Gomez, Dulce, N. M. contacted writer by public service stating that he had found a three year old cow at his ranch which appeared to have been mutilated and that he would like for writer to check into it. Writer advised Mr. Gomez that he was on day off and that he would proceed there at 5:00 a.m. on CO-14-76.

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

Investigation continued around the area and revealed that a suspected aircraft of some type had landed twice, leaving three pod marks positioned in a triangular shape. The diameter of each pod mark was 14". The perimeter around the three pods was  $16\frac{1}{2}''$  ( $6'7\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$ ). Endpoints from the two landings were smaller triangular shaped tripods 26" apart and 4" in diameter. Investigation at the scene showed that these small tripods had followed the cow for approximately 600'. Tracks of the cow showed where she had struggled and fallen. The small tripod tracks were all around the cow. Other evidence showed that grass around the tripods, as they followed the cow, had been scorched. Also a yellow oily substance was located in two places under the small tripods. This substance was submitted to the State Police Lab. The Lab was unable to detect the content of the substance.

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

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

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

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Cow Mutilation - Page 2

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

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

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

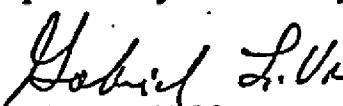
This writer has been assisting Sheriff Tex Graves, Logan County, Sterling, Colorado. Samples from Logan County mutilated cows were brought by this writer to be analysed by three private chemists, as it appears that the Government associated laboratories are not reporting complete findings. The substance which was on the cow (mutilated in Logan County) was analysed as containing an ion exchange resin and Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>. Writer is working with Sheriff Graves due to the fact that Sheriff Graves has been unable to get cooperation from Colorado State University in the analysis of samples. These trips have been made on writer's own time and at his own expense. Writer has contacted several states where these mutilations exist over the 1000 mark.

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

Investigation has narrowed down to these theories which involve (1) Experimental use of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> and (2) The testing of the lymph node system. During this investigation an intensive study has been made of (3) What is involved in germ warfare testing, and the possible correlation of these 3 factors (germ warfare testing, use of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, testing of the lymph Node System).

Investigation is continuing on this case.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gabriel L. Valdez  
New Mexico State Police



5. INCIDENT TYPE Cattle Mutilation				6. PREMISE TYPE (Circle) 1 Highway      4 2 Commerce      5 3 Service Station      6 7 Ranch							
EVENT	7. INCIDENT LOCATION Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico Mr. Salazar's Ranch				GEO 17						
	8. INCIDENT DATE 06-18-78				Time to Date 1:00 P.M.	Time	9. STRANGER TO STRANGER YES      (NO)	UNK			
11. COMPLAINANTS Mr. Salazar				12. ADDRESS P.O. Box 15 Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico							
VICTIM	14. VICTIM'S NAME Mr. Salazar				15. Rm	16. Sex	17. Date of Birth A M 03-31-25				
	19. ADDRESS Box 15 Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico				20. OCCUPATION Rancher						
SUBJECT	22. NAME NO. 1 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED				23. Soc. Sec. No.	24. Rm	25. Sex				
	27. ADDRESS				28. Age	29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair			
VEHICLE	22. NAME NO. 2 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED				23. Soc. Sec. No.	24. Rm	25. Sex				
	27. ADDRESS				28. Age	29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair			
NARRATIVE	34. VALUE	35. COLOR	36. YEAR	37. VEHICLE MAKE	38. MODEL	39. STYLE	40. VIN	41. LICENSE NO.	42. LIS	43. LIY	44. VEHICLE STATUS
	45. This two year old Brown and Black heifer was found dead by Mr. Salazar approximately 500 yards from his residence in Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico. The cow was lying on its left side. The front left leg was broken. The mother was recovered in a nearby corral but for some reason the mutilation was not completed. Mr. Salazar's ranch is approximately 2 miles East of Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico U.S. 64. The only entrance to Mr. Salazar's ranch would be through his driveway in beside his house. This cow had been dead approximately 72 hours. This animal appeared to submit any tests. This investigation was conducted by NMPD officer Joe Vasquez and New Mexico Cattle Inspector Jim Bond and writer. Investigation continues.										
U.C.R.	46. CRIMINAL DAMAGE AMOUNT \$ 100.00		47. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE Sale/Mfg		48. TYPE Poss.		49. WEIGHT		50. V.		
	Stolen	\$	\$		\$		\$				
Recovered		\$	\$		\$		\$				
ADMINISTRATIVE	51. CURRENCY		JEWELRY		CLOTHING		VEHICLES		52. RECOVERED PROPERTY		
	Stolen	\$	\$		\$		\$		Stolen Locally-Recovered		
Recovered		\$	\$		\$		\$	Stolen Locally-Recovered			
								Stolen Other-Recovered			
53. CASE STATUS		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active		<input type="checkbox"/> Cleared by Arrest		<input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded, Explain		54. DATE OFFENSE REPORTED 06-18-78			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Exceptionally Cleared, Explain						55. DATE REPORT PREPARED 06-11-78			
56. REPORTING OFFICER (Signature & Number)						57. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number)					
<i>J. Bond</i>						<i>J. Bond</i>					

EVENT	5. INCIDENT TYPE Murder	6. PREMISE TYPE (Circ) 1 Highway 4 2 Commerce 5 3 Service Station 6 7 Residential 7 8. INCIDENT DATE Time to DATE Time 10. WEAPON TYPE (Circ) 1 Gun 2 Cutting Tool Undetermined			
	7. INCIDENT LOCATION Manuel Gomez Ranch Dulce, New Mexico	GEO 17			
VICTIM	8. STRANGER TO STRANGER (YES) NO UNK	11. COMPLAINANTS Manuel Gomez	12. ADDRESS P.O. Box 373, Dulce, New Mexico		
	14. VICTIM'S NAME Manuel Gomez	15. Racial Group A	16. Sex M	17. Date of Birth 07-09-23	
SUBJECT	19. ADDRESS P.O. Box 372, Dulce, New Mexico	20. OCCUPATION Self Employed			
	22. NAME NO. 1 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED	23. Soc. Sec. No.	24. Race	25. Sex	
VEHICLE	27. ADDRESS	28. Age	29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair
	22. NAME NO. 2 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED	23. Soc. Sec. No.	24. Race	25. Sex	
NARRATIVE	27. ADDRESS	28. Age	29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair
	34. VALUE	35. COLOR	36. YEAR	37. VEHICLE MAKE	38. MODEL
U.C.R.	40. VIN	41. LICENSE NO.	42. LIS	43. LIY	44. VEHICLE STATUS
	45. This investigation of a 12 month old Charcoal bull is similar to the mutilation which occurred on 4-24-73. However, this 12 month old bull was very decomposed and appears to have been dead approximately 5 days. The sex organs had been surgically removed. The testes had also been removed. No samples of tissue were taken due to the decomposition of the carcass. Foot tracks were detectable due to lack of time. Investigation continuing.				
ADMINISTRATIVE	46. CRIMINAL DAMAGE AMOUNT \$ 500.00	47. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE Sale/Mfg Poss.	48. TYPE	49. WEIGHT	50.
	51. CURRENCY Stolen \$ Recovered \$	JEWELRY \$ \$	CLOTHING \$ \$	VEHICLES \$ \$	52. RECOVERED PROPERTY Stolen Locally-Recovered Stolen Locally-Recovered Stolen Other-Recovered
	OFFICE EQUIPMENT Stolen \$ Recovered \$	TV, RADIO, Etc. \$ \$	FIREARMS \$ \$	HOUSEHOLD \$ \$	53. DATE OFFENSE REPORTED 04-28-73
	CONSUMABLES Stolen \$ Recovered \$	LIVESTOCK \$ \$	OTHER \$ \$	TOTAL \$ \$	54. DATE REPORT PREPARED 07-31-76
	55. CASE STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Cleared by Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded, Explain <input type="checkbox"/> Exceptionally Cleared, Explain				
	56. REPORTING OFFICER (Signature & Number) Harold L. Valby 535-96-786		57. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number) O. G. T. 7-31-76		

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INVESTIGATOR	5. INCIDENT TYPE Cattle Mutilation					6. PREMISE TYPE (Circle)				
						1 Highway	4			
VICTIM	7. INCIDENT LOCATION Howard's Vigil's Ranch Dulce, New Mexico					GEO	2 Commerce	5		
	17						3 Service Station	6		
WITNESS	8. INCIDENT DATE	Time to	DATE	Time	9. STRANGER TO STRANGER	10. WEAPON TYPE (Circle)				
	05-23-78	10:00 AM			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ( NO <input type="checkbox"/> ) UNK	Gun <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Cutting Tool <input type="checkbox"/>	WEAPON			
SUBJECT	11. COMPLAINANTS Howard Vigil					12. ADDRESS Gen Del Dulce, New Mexico				
						13. Race	16. Sex	17. Date of Birth	18.	
Victim	14. VICTIM'S NAME Howard Vigil					I		03-04-50		
VICTIM	19. ADDRESS Gen Del Dulce, New Mexico					20. OCCUPATION Auto Mechanic				
VEHICLE	22. NAME NO. 1 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED					23. Soc. Sec. No.				
						24. Race	25. Sex			
VEHICLE	27. ADDRESS					28. Age	29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair	
VEHICLE	22. NAME NO. 2 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED					23. Soc. Sec. No.				
						24. Race	25. Sex			
VEHICLE	27. ADDRESS					28. Age	29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair	
NARRATIVE	34. VALUE	35. COLOR	36. YEAR	37. VEHICLE MAKE	38. MODEL	39. STYLE				
U.C.R.	40. VIN					41. LICENSE NO.	42. LIS	43. LIY	44. VEHICLE STATUS	
	HYC									
ADMINISTRATIVE	45. These two four-year old Hereford cows were too decomposed to perform any tests. The same pattern of mutilation exists with rectum and sex organs forcibly removed. Both cows were laying on their left side with left front leg and left rear leg by which indicates that animal was lifted by their extremities. This is a recent development in the pattern of cattle mutilations. These two four year old native cows had been dead approximately 5 days when owner found them. Pinkish blood from nose was visible. Evidence of turbulence from an aircraft was apparent. Investigation continues.									
U.C.R.	46. CRIMINAL DAMAGE AMOUNT		47. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE			48. TYPE		49. WEIGHT		
	\$ 200.00		<input type="checkbox"/> Sale/Mfg <input type="checkbox"/> Poss.							
U.C.R.	51. CURRENCY	JEWELRY		CLOTHING		VEHICLES		52. RECOVERED PROPERTY		
	Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		<input type="checkbox"/> Stolen Locally-Recovered		
U.C.R.	Recovered	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		<input type="checkbox"/> Stolen Locally-Recovered		
	OFFICE EQUIPMENT		TV, RADIO, Etc.		FIREARMS		HOUSEHOLD		<input type="checkbox"/> Stolen Other-Recovered	
U.C.R.	Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$				
	Recovered	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$				
U.C.R.	CONSUMABLES		LIVESTOCK		OTHER		TOTAL			
	Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$				
U.C.R.	Recovered	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$				
	55. CASE STATUS									
<input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Cleared by Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded, Explain										
Exceptionally Cleared, Explain										
56. REPORTING OFFICER (Signature & Number)					57. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number)					
										

EVENT	5. INCIDENT TYPE Cattle Mutilation	6. PREMISE TYPE (Circle) 1 Highway 4 C 2 Commerce 5 R 3 Service Station 6 B 7 Residential				
	7. INCIDENT LOCATION Robert Rodala's Ranch Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico	GEO 17				
VICTIM	8. INCIDENT DATE 07-12-73	Time to DATE 1:00PM	Time 9. STRANGER TO STRANGER YES (W) UNK	10. WEAPON TYPE (Circle) 1 Gun 2 Cutting Tool 62-10-0		
SUBJECT	11. COMPLAINANTS Robert Rodala	12. ADDRESS P.O. Box 74 Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico	13. 15. Race 16. Sex 17. Date of Birth A M 10-26-39 18. F 14. VICTIM'S NAME Robert Rodala			
VEHICLE	19. ADDRESS P.O. Box 74 Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico	20. OCCUPATION Security Guard	21. 24. Race 25. Sex 32. 31. Mar 32.			
NARRATIVE	22. NAME NO. 1 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED	23. Soc. Sec. No.	24. Race 25. Sex 26. 31. Mar 32.			
	27. ADDRESS	28. Age	29. Height 30. Weight 31. Mar 32.			
	22. NAME NO. 2 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED	23. Soc. Sec. No.	24. Race 25. Sex 26. 31. Mar 32.			
	27. ADDRESS	28. Age	29. Height 30. Weight 31. Mar 32.			
	34. VALUE 35. COLOR	36. YEAR	37. VEHICLE MAKE	38. MODEL	39. STYLE	
	40. VIN	41. LICENSE NO.	42. LIS	43. LIY	44. VEHICLE STATUS	
U.C.R.	45. This two year old cream Ford and Black Lincoln station wagon had been found S to 10 days and was badly dismembered. The engine, left rear wheel, and front were precisely removed. Animal was laying on left side. Both left front and left rear legs were broken. This present case is carrying a fetus. The fetus had been pulled out and the head of the fetus removed. Other evidence had not been present. This is the first time a mutilated fetus has been found in this area. This mutilation occurred approximately 3 miles East of New Mexico's Ranch (site of a previous mutilation). The vehicle belonged to Robert Rodala's ranch through a steel gate which remains locked at all times. This is the third instance of animal activity. This was reported to the Sheriff by Cattle Inspector Jim Bell, Ranch, New Mexico. Testimony -					49. WEIGHT
ADMINISTRATIVE	46. CRIMINAL DAMAGE AMOUNT \$500.00	47. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE Sale/Mug Poss.	48. TYPE	50.		
	51. CURRENCY	JEWELRY	CLOTHING	VEHICLES	52. RECOVERED PROPERTY Stolen Locally-Recovered Stolen Locally-Recovered Stolen Other-Recovered	
	Recovered	\$	\$	\$		
	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	TV, RADIO, Etc.	FIREARMS	HOUSEHOLD		
	Recovered	\$	\$	\$		
	CONSUMABLES	LIVESTOCK	OTHER	TOTAL	53. DATE OFFENSE REPORTED 07-12-73	
	Recovered	\$	\$	\$		
	55. CASE STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Cleared by Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded, Explain				54. DATE REPORT PREPARED 07-11-70	
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	56. REPORTING OFFICER (Signature & Number)			57. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number)		

5. INCIDENT TYPE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cattle Mutilation						6. PREMISE TYPE (Circle)								
						1 Highway	4		2 Commerce	5	3 Service Station	6		
						7 Ranch	7	10. WEAPON TYPE (Circle)						
						1 Gun	2	Cutting Tool				Unknown		
7. INCIDENT LOCATION Rawleigh Tafoya's Ranch 23 miles west of Dulce, NM						GEO 17								
8. INCIDENT DATE Time to DATE						9. STRANGER TO STRANER YES / NO UNK								
05-11-78 10:00 PM														
11. COMPLAINANTS Rawleigh Tafoya						12. ADDRESS Ctra Dol Dulce, New Mexico								
14. VICTIM'S NAME Rawleigh Tafoya						15. Race 16. Soc. 17. Date of Birth I M 03-04-37								
19. ADDRESS Ctra Dol Dulce, New Mexico						20. OCCUPATION Police Officer								
22. NAME NO. 1 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED						23. Soc. Sec. No. 24. Rac. 25. Sex								
27. ADDRESS						28. Age	29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair					
22. NAME NO. 2 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED						23. Soc. Sec. No.	24. Rac.	25. Sex						
27. ADDRESS						28. Age	29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair					
34. VALUE		35. COLOR	36. YEAR	37. VEHICLE MAKE	38. MODEL	39. STYLE								
40. VIN		41. LICENSE NO.		42. LIS	43. LIY	44. VEHICLE STATUS								
45. This four year old cross Hereford and Black Angus native cow was found laying on left side with rectum, sex organs, testes, and ears removed. Pinkish blood from the viable, and after two days the blood still had not coagulated. Left front & left rear leg were pulled out of their sockets apparently from the weight of the which indicates that it was lifted and dropped back to the ground. The ground around under the cow was soft and showed indentations where the cow had been dropped 600 yards away from the cow were the 4" circular indentations similar to the ones found at the Horner Gomes ranch on 4-22-78. This cow had been dead approximately hours and was too decomposed to extract samples. This is the first in a series of mutilations in which the cows legs are broken. Previously the animals had been hit from the brisket with a stick. These mutilated animals all dehydrate rapidly (in one or two days). Investigation continues.														
46. CRIMINAL DAMAGE AMOUNT \$ 400.00			47. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE Sale/Mfg Poss.			48. TYPE			49. WEIGHT			50.		
51. CURRENCY		JEWELRY		CLOTHING		VEHICLES			52. RECOVERED PROPERTY					
Stolen		\$		\$		\$			Stolen Locally-Recovered					
Recovered		\$		\$		\$			Stolen Locally-Recovered					
U.C.R.D.		OFFICE EQUIPMENT		TV, RADIO, Etc.		FIREARMS		HOUSEHOLD		Stolen Other-Recovered				
Stolen		\$		\$		\$		\$						
Recovered		\$		\$		\$		\$						
ADMINISTRATIVE		CONSUMABLES		LIVESTOCK		OTHER		TOTAL		53. DATE OFFENSE REPORTED				
Stolen		\$		\$		\$		\$		05-11-78				
Recovered		\$		\$		\$		\$		54. DATE REPORT PREPARED				
55. CASE STATUS		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Cleared by Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded, Explain										07-11-78		
Exceptionally Cleared, Explain														
56. REPORTING OFFICER (Signature & Number)						57. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number)								
Patrick L. Valer 25-91-7821						John P. Miller 25-91-7821								