

behind the eighth section of the city of Santa Juanita in Bayamon.

On those two mornings, the householder discovered his goats dead and bloodless, with round holes in their necks. Disturbing as this was, it was made more so by the realization that it had happened on two successive nights with no one in the house being aware of any unusual activity. No one heard bellows or animals running, or any of the sounds associated with such slaughter.

These cases would still be completely baffling were it not for the fact that there were witnesses to something else unusual happening in the area.

On both mornings witnesses saw a UFO suspended over the house where the animals were found.

One of the witnesses was a neighbor, 28 year old Mr. Jan Rivera Casas. Rivera Casas told UFO investigator Osvaldo Alvarado that:

"On that date I was working at night, so I had just arisen at three in the morning. I looked outside, because I like to look at the sky and stars and such. When I looked, I noticed a thing, a big object in the sky. I know it was not a plane, because a plane has lights. This was big and low. It was the size of five passenger planes in line, with lights all the way around.

"I stopped to look at it, I looked at it for a while, then I called my brother because I wanted witnesses to what I was seeing, so it wouldn't be just me. Being awake and hearing me calling, he came running. I pointed and said 'Look! Do you see what I'm looking at? Do

you see it?' And he said to me, 'Yes, I see it! But what is it?'

"It was there a while in the same place, lit up. It seemed like it knew we were looking at it. Then my mother, who had been sleeping, heard us talking and arose. She did not get there in time to see the object all lit up, but is a witness to its going away. It dimmed little by little and turned red. It was as if it were a red spot, but it did not move. Then it continued to vanish little by little until it completely disappeared."

Casas explained that the object "was round with many lights around it." It stopped quietly in the air over the woods some 500 feet from where he was. It was over a neighboring mango tree forest. The owner of the land had goats, cows, other animals. Casas told the investigator that he could see an association between the deaths of the animals and the presence of the UFO.

"I was speaking with my uncle and was explaining to him what we saw and that other people had spoken to me about seeing flying saucers. Then he told me that the owner of the land had told him that some fourteen goats had turned up dead. He believed it could be dogs, because their wounds look like they were made by fangs.

"That happened the same day I saw the UFO stopped over his land."

Alvarado verified with the owner of the land that indeed his goats had turned up dead in the conditions described and on the date in question. Because of his Pentecostal religious beliefs, the owner did not want to believe a strange object

had hovered over his house when his goats died. He insisted the goats had been killed either by dogs or satanists.

The investigator, respecting the man's religious beliefs, left the discussion there but he felt he could see an association between the deaths and the presence of the UFO.

On the same date a Doberman dog was the victim of a mutilation, but in this case the details were even more disquieting.

The incident occurred in Cabo Rojo in the village of Palmarejo and was investigated by Frankie Rivera and Jose E. Rivera of San German and Edgardo Lozada of Cabo Rojo.

The dog's owners were neighbors of Lozada. They had noticed that for two nights their Doberman dogs, a male and female, were restless and howling as if frightened.

At the same time, the owners heard a strange sound like a recording being played too fast.

Whatever was producing this sound seemed to be near the house, because the couple could sense the movement of the sound around the house. The owners did not go out and look for the source of the noise that was frightening the dogs.

As the noise continued, one dog was heard to shriek. A silence descended. The husband decided to go outside and see what had happened.

In the darkness of his patio he came face to face with two beings he described as "some three to four feet tall, of grey color, big heads, big black eyes and almost imperceptible nose."

"THE UFOLGIST"

the milking cubicles, which is secured at each end by a tubular steel gate and bolts. Each night around midnight it is part of his routine to visit the stock and ensure that everything is in order. He did this on the night in question. Since the passage was not in use both the gates were closed, the bolts shot and lashed fast with twine. Just after six the next morning he went out to the stock and found two cows were in the passage, locked in. The bolts and twine were still in position just as he had left them.

We wondered what state these particular animals were in. Billie Coombes said that they seemed very restless and gave a very poor milk yield.

A human intruder - someone deranged, one would have thought - still seemed the most logical explanation to the mystery. Billie Coombes then told us how the same trick had been worked in broad daylight, virtually in the presence of himself, his son Clinton and the alert cattle-dog, Blackie.

On 15 April 1977, he and Clinton went out about 5.45 a.m. and brought sixteen in-calf heifers to an outside pen. The gate was locked and tied. The cattle were fed. Man and boy then stepped ten paces away to the milking parlour and Billie put on a few milking machines. He immediately came out to see if the milk was running into the dairy correctly. In his own words: 'I went into the milking parlour and put six machines on and then came out and checked the milk coming through as I always do and then I glanced over at the heifers in the pen and there was not a cow. Gone! We found them down there again—half a mile away at Broadmoor. This was all in a matter of four minutes. Four minutes at the most. By the time I walked from them that's a matter of half a dozen yards or so . . . and by the time I

put six machines on, which doesn't take two minutes, and came out again, they were gone. And the gate still bolted and tied!'

'That's impossible, isn't it?' Pugh said incredulously. 'If someone had been sitting in the hedge planning to do this they couldn't have done it without you seeing them.'

'No, they couldn't. And my eldest boy was there as well. The mysterious thing about it is that you go out of our lane and you've a turning on the left going down to Broadmoor. We wondered why those cows never go straight down the lane—why do they always turn left to Broadmoor?'

'They could carry straight on to the main road?'

'Yes. I don't know why. That's what we've tried to find out.

They can't cross any of the fields because of electric fences.'

The mystery of the shifting cattle was never solved. Billie Coombes was forced to go about his work as if everything at Ripperston was completely normal—and for most of the time it was. We continued to drop in at the farm or ring the Coombes up, hoping for more specific developments, but events seemed normal. We discussed the possibility that one of the family might have the innate ability to attract a poltergeist—whatever a poltergeist is—and that this might account for the opening stock-gates. Even so, it hardly seemed to explain how several tons of live beef had apparently been spirited away in broad daylight. We wondered if these seemingly impossible events were in some way connected to the presence of UFOs in the area. And then, one night, there was a sensation.

'Path of the Skinwalker' - First of two parts.

A small ranch in northern Utah may be the strangest place on Earth...

By George Knapp November 21, 2002

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I'm sitting on a white plastic chair in what seems like total darkness. Strapped to my chest and shoulders is an array of electronic gear—microphones, a video camera, a box that detects magnetic changes and a Geiger counter. Somewhere in the mix is a flashlight, the only device whose function I understand, and thus, the only device I cannot find.

In front of me, I can almost make out the sinister shapes of some truly spooky trees. Malevolent bugs are buzzing in and out of my eyes and ears, and it occurs to me that there must be a tavern open somewhere nearby, even in this remote corner of Utah. One hundred or more yards away, beyond a barbed-wire fence and a little creek, are my fellow paranormal rangers, equipped with their own video cameras, night-vision glasses and assorted scientific gear. They are supposed to be watching me to see if anything happens.

On this night, I am the bait. Bait for what, I wonder? The unspoken hope is my own inherent weirdness quotient might give me some sort of connection to the undeniably odd energy,

or entity, that seems to have concentrated itself on this remote rural community, and, in particular, on this small ranch where I now sit, waiting for something to announce its presence.

Some very strange things have happened at the precise spot where I'm sitting. It is here that a visitor was accosted by a roaring but nearly invisible creature, something akin to the Predator of movie fame. It is here that a Ph.D. physicist reported that his mind was invaded, literally taken over, by some sort of hostile intelligence that warned him that he was not welcome. It is here that an entire team of researchers watched in awe as a bright door or portal opened up in the darkness and a large humanoid creature crawled out before quickly vanishing. And it is here that several animals—cattle and dogs—were mutilated, obliterated or simply disappeared.

For as long as anyone can remember, this part of northeastern Utah has been the site of simply unbelievable paranormal activity. UFOs, Sasquatch, cattle mutilations, psychic manifestations, creatures that aren't found in any zoos or

And then there were the hands: very tightly bound (inflexible "spread") due to excessive webbing between the fingers, impractically long fingernails and no thumbs, giving the hand a "claw-like" impression. None of this was pictured of course, just drawn or verbally described. It would have been hard to design a "hand" theoretically less useful for a tool-using animal. Perhaps this segment of the first-hand witnesses should be scrutinized very closely before the ufologists get too attached to certain of these "details." All this aside, we all hope Len Stringfield wraps up his investigations soon and safely, and clears up all the questions his work has created.

A second and very dynamic report on similar subjects was presented by Larry Fawcett. Mr. Fawcett works closely with Larry Bryant of CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy) in applying the Freedom-of-Information Act to obtain UFO documents from governmental agencies.

A barrage of cases, all backed with government documents flashed on the screen, inundated the audience to lay the foundation of the "government coverup" case. An interesting National Security Agency Report entitled "UFO's: Hypotheses and survival implications," considered the potential impact on the human race from UFOs, regardless of what the phenomenon is all about. The hypotheses (hoaxes, hallucinations, natural phenomena, secret Earth projects, and extraterrestrials) were all considered interesting and important. For example, if UFOs are hoaxes and/or hallucinations, they indicate a human mental aberration of widespread proportions. The NSA holds at least 279 UFO documents, which they will not release because of potential harm to the agency.

The "star" of the crashed disk show was the Bentwater AFB case of late 1980, and recently reported in *OMNI*. Researchers both here and in the site-country (Britain) have dug out witnesses to the landed craft, and to its humanoid occupants. The British TV-interview was played. The witness led us through unusual secretive preparations for a search, through a woods at night, past a G.I. hysterical on the ground, to the giant 20-24 foot diameter "transparent glowing yellow aspirin" flat upon the ground, the mist curling about it and a feeling of dizziness and fainting. Other tales from the story were added. It was a great tale indeed. We're waiting anxiously to see if it is more than that.

Missing time: Budd Hopkins is an artist who is researching "missing time" abduction cases, and who has published a book on the subject. The book has brought many new cases to Budd, and he shared his latest experiences with us. In fact there are so many of these happenings that are coming out of the woodwork that the talk could almost have been retitled, "You, too, can be a UFO-contactee...and probably have been."

Mr. Hopkins is in many ways a breath of fresh air on the CEIII abductions scene. He seems to be trying very hard to get his research technology down pat, to see whether his patterns make any sense, and to keep his mind open to a variety of possibilities.

His methodology involves a battery of psychological tests, (such as MMPI, Rorschach, et al), and an extensive amount of interviewing to document "who the person is" and what they know before going into regressive hypnosis, and, if deemed appropriate, polygraph analysis.

He sees a few patterns emerging: 1. Concerning the "abduction" itself: a pattern of abduction, examination which causes pain, and dispassionate beings working on people as if they were little more than livestock; 2. Concerning the psychological profile of the abductees: people with a general uneasiness about the outside world (more "wired," more nervous than normal), with less of a sense of well being... "slightly wounded people." 3. and a peculiar detail: small scars, usually on the leg, without

any recollection of any related injury, and often born in 1943 with the secret abduction occurring in about 1950. This reporter, by the way, takes no responsibility for the readers checking their legs and their birth certificates and going bananas. Go and see Budd Hopkins instead.

Missing mutilators: Who dunnit? One of the stars of the conference was Linda Moulton Howe and her presentation of "Strange Harvest," a fixating film on cattle mutilations. Before we investigate who the mutilators are, let's find out whether we really have a problem:

1. a "cattle mutilation" consists of an animal dead from non-obvious causes, and dead before the mutilations take place, according to most investigators. The mutilations themselves create queasy feelings in the average person hearing of them: udders partly removed, rectums "cored out," tongues partially missing, eyes or eye tissue removed (typically one only), little bleeding in evidence;
2. Since 1967 there have been 550 mutilations examined by law enforcement officers in Colorado alone; the total U.S. count is estimated at between 5 and 10 thousand, mostly in states west of Mississippi. In 1975, there were 3 "mutes" per day in Colorado;
3. the Governor of Colorado stated on August 25, 1975: "these mutilations are one of the greatest outrages in the history of western cattle ranching;" and, "it is clear that natural predators are not responsible." Senator Harrison Schmitt of New Mexico called an investigative conference on the subject in 1979, and mentioned at that time that the FBI had been called in;
4. Colorado State University examinations of the corpses revealed that use of "sharp instruments" for excisions of tissues was clearly evident in many cases.

It appears that we have a problem.

Well then, who dunnit? The alternative hypothesis for animal mutilations (a few are on animals other than cattle) are stated as six: extraterrestrial bio-testing, secret government or industry bio-testing, satanic cults and rituals, individual pranksters-whackos-fools, natural predators, some sort of natural disease. Can we sort these out?

The natural predators and diseases hypotheses might explain some cases but are obviously inadequate at handling the Colorado State information about significant numbers of "Surgeries." It is likely that a quite large number of mutilations are due to "intelligent" activity, if we allow a rather loose usage of that term.

Barely qualifying as "intelligent" are the individual prankster and satanic cult hypotheses. Although it's conceivable that these causes might be at work here, the odds are against it. Why? Law enforcement officials have been investigating these cases as "crimes" (rightfully so, considering the economic loss to the rancher). Yet they have been able to gather no clues at the sites. No tracks. No physical evidence. It's hard to imagine cults or idiots being that clever or that careful.

This leaves us where it always seems to leave us: UFOs vs Government (or business) secrecy. Linda Howe sees a clear pattern of correspondence in place and time between mutilation incidents and nuclear technology sites, weapons testing, power plants, research). This is extremely intriguing but it doesn't distinguish between two hypotheses, (nor would a government denial that they had anything to do with it). Two kinds of "activities" have been claimed to go on in the skies coincident with ground-butcherery: UFO sightings and Helicopter sightings (or hearings). Hmmm. Score still tied: US Government 2, UFOs

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Black Helicopters

Dog UFO

Witnesses

By Vicki Cooper

In 1984, a stranger unexpectedly dropped in on Bob Luca at the company in Connecticut where he worked. During their 2-hour conversation, Luca was told a few things relating to the numerous mysterious events that had been bugging him and his wife for almost 7 years.

Luca is the husband of a prominent abductee, the former Betty Andreasson, whose ultra-strange case of UFO abduction has been documented in three books (with a fourth on the way) by ufologist Raymond Fowler. "We've both had abduction experiences; it's what brought us together," Luca explains.

Besides contributing to the couple's ongoing research into their own abductions and assisting other abductees, Luca has in the last several years narrowed down his UFO-related investigations to pursue facts about another, sometimes overlapping phenomenon which often bridges on traumatic: persistent and mysterious overflights of black helicopters, whose elusive and often illegal behavior amounts to a bizarre form of psychological harassment.

As a tool of psychological warfare, the black choppers seem exemplary. Their behavior is so blatant and so deceptively overt that witness claims seem outlandish, yet the actions can generate paranoia in the witnesses themselves. Paradoxically, the black choppers seem to invite civilian observation. Some have hovered at low altitudes for up to 20 minutes,

appearing to "pose" for photographers. These brazen behaviors convince some observers that dark choppers are being used for diversionary reasons, preventing the public from directly addressing the UFO situation and compromising the credibility of UFO witnesses.

Military gunships

It's impossible at this point to separate qualified witness reports of the quixotic black helicopters from trumped-up rumor, which so commonly pollutes the UFO information stream. Yet the types of helicopter most recently reported to ufology have been compared to fierce-looking military gunships—big, black, and unmarked—models like the Black Hawk, or the Huey UH-1 or AH-1, similar to those reportedly used for strategic psychological purposes during the Viet Nam war.

It's supposedly now peacetime on normally safe ground; some have claimed this troubling domestic helicopter activity is the government's not-so-lowkey attempt to intimidate some researchers out of UFO investigation. "The purpose is surveillance, harassment and perhaps some psychological effect," Luca asserts.

UFO Monitoring

Witness harassment may be only a sideline to the story. Though

sporadic and apparently affecting a relatively small number of people, helicopter intrusions are reported often enough to indicate that government/military has an overwhelming interest not only in the personal movements of some UFO researchers and witnesses, but in monitoring UFO activity as well.

The majority of black helicopter witnesses claim to be UFO abductees. The high-strangeness quality of abduction scenarios feeds the helicopter phenomenon, adding a strong uncanniness not unlike many UFO reports. Some claim these dark choppers fly in absolute silence. If that's true, we're dealing with something much like the UFO and which may at times actually be a UFO: "Though it's only a very few cases, people have reported objects in the sky which have transformed their shape into helicopters," says Tom Adams, Texas UFO researcher specializing in cattle mutilations. "Also cases of the opposite—a helicopter that will transform itself into a globe or disc-shaped object. The possibility does exist that if a high technology were visiting here and 'they' wanted to move about undetected, they would construct something that looked like helicopters or other conventional craft."

Official Denials

But probability favors the govern-

N.Y. Wave of UFOs, Mutilations

By Don Ecker

UFO sightings, abductions of adults and children and numerous mutilations of domestic animals have recently plagued the Long Island area of New York state, according to John Ford, chairman of the recently-formed Long Island UFO Network (LIUFON).

Along with substantial UFO activity, Ford reports that within the time frame of February to April, 1988, some 60 reports of mutilated animals have been received. Although Ford stated that no "iron clad" links have been made between the missing children and UFOs, the number of reports in a relatively small area has risen significantly since 1982.

The areas of Flushing and Queens have also been subject to substantial high strangeness activity, Ford says, and a recurring pattern has developed. During the last five years, large, unidentified objects have been sighted overflying the city. Witnesses have observed objects landing in city parks and numerous animal mutilations have been reported.

The mutilation activity, which also hasn't been positively linked to UFOs, has for the most part involved dogs, Ford stated. In one case he described, a large St. Bernard was discovered on the grounds of the Creedmore State Hospital grounds. The witness, a nurse at the hospital, reported that the body of the animal had been turned "inside out."

In another mutilation case from Suffolk County, a lamb was reported to have been similarly turned inside-out. The bones had been stripped and piled neatly beside the animal and the internal organs placed on the carcass. During the investigation, it was reported that federal authorities had city parks staked out. Numerous overflights of military helicopters were also observed during that period.

Most of the New York mutilations fail to fit the "classic" types of mutes which have been documented in other areas of the country and linked to UFO activity. In those cases, cattle carcasses have displayed clean and precise incisions and removal of the same body parts. Remains are usually found completely

MUTE SITE—Section of South Haven Park in Long Island where the carcass of a mutilated dog was discovered in the fall of 1988. Several UFO sightings had taken place within six months of the incident.

drained of blood.

Dick Ruhl, formerly with the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) and current investigative consultant for LIUFON, feels further investigation of the Long Island events is necessary. "(Network officials) are making some pronouncements which are premature," he said. "Certain information should be more thoroughly investigated before it's released. This is a fertile area for devil worshippers and cultists who may use animals for their rituals, and I feel that's probably so in more than 90 percent of the cases."

Nevertheless, LIUFON investigations are turning up numerous reports of high-strangeness UFO activity, Ford indicates. In one reported sighting that took place in late August, a black, disc-shaped object was observed flying over Suffolk County. One minute after entering a cloud, a Huey Cobra gunship that had been chasing the disc appeared, rotated around the cloud and then flew off. When Ford was asked if anyone in his organization had contacted the Federal Aviation Administration in reference to these reports, he stated, "Forget it. It's

gobbledy-gook time. Every time we talk to them they tell us, 'we can neither confirm nor deny.'

"We have numerous reports of craft in excess of 1,000 feet in diameter flying at tree-top level over residential areas, but the Suffolk police will not accept the reports."

An apparent "rash" of abductions has also hit the Long Island area. Three children, ages 11, 12 and 13, reported missing time during 1988. The 12-year-old girl reportedly experienced 20 minutes of missing time after sighting an object on Aug. 17. Two days before, another sighting had been reported in the same area.

"A few of our witnesses have physical effects from their sightings," reports Bruce Richardson, LIUFON's chief investigator, "such as warts in the genital region, cyst-like bumps on the neck, nosebleeds and sunburn without sun."

Two witnesses also claimed sighting actual beings. "They were described as approximately 4½-feet tall with inverted, pear-shaped heads," Richardson says.

Reports are still flowing into LIUFON. "We do what we can with what we have," Ford says.

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The following summary of the New Mexico cattle mutilation flap gives an excellent picture of the media's involvement and their curious disagreement on the number of cases. We should note that the flap also extended into the San Luis Valley, over the Colorado border, where a simultaneous UFO flap has centered on Del Norte. Unless otherwise noted, the newspapers are in New Mexico and the source of the clips was UFONS. All dates are in 1994.

• Mutilation Statistics Noted—On July 28, 1994, a New Mexico newspaper noted that the town of Eagle Nest, New Mexico, now has the second highest number of reported cattle mutilations in the country (second to Alabama). Loss of a cow belonging to Eli Hronich apparently tipped the scales. Mr. Hronich had already lost ten cattle to mutilations. Susan Hronich confirmed that unmarked helicopters are often spotted after—not before—the cattle are mutilated. (*Sangre De Cristo Chronicle*, Angel Fire, July 28)

• Rise in Mutilations Noted—In the 16 months preceding August 1994, ranchers reported 27 cattle mutilated in New Mexico, most near Eagle Nest. The mutilations conformed to the pattern first described in the 1970s: no tracks near the carcasses; genitals, anuses, and sometimes tongues and eyes removed; sharp cuts; and no apparent blood. Abduction researchers, UFO buffs, livestock inspectors, and veterinary pathologists all offered various

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Item From Albuquerque

(N.M.) Journal April 25, sent in by B. Lorenzen:

DULCE—The body of a mutilated bull was found in a meadow on the outskirts of Dulce Monday, with a stream of mysterious, circular tracks leading to the carcass.

The mutilation was the latest in about 40 cattle deaths which have occurred throughout New Mexico and other Western states during the past four years.

The 11-month-old bull, a Charolais-Hereford cross bore the classic mutilation signs. A neat, circular incision had been made around the rectum and the sex organs had been removed. Portions of the hide appear to have separated from the flesh and turned brittle. Valdez (police officer) said he removed the liver 'and it was all white and it felt like mush.'

The circular tracks are about four inches in diameter in sets of two about half an inch apart...All the tracks are etched in the clay hardpan of the road. They are evenly depressed, perfectly circular and appear to have been made by something metallic and extremely heavy. Attempting to

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Cows killed, may have been sexually abused

Associated Press

GRAY COURT — The peculiar deaths of two cows that may have been physically and sexually abused has prompted an investigation by the State Law Enforcement Division.

A cow was discovered dead and tied to a tree in a pasture near Highway 14 on Sunday, Laurens County sheriff Eugene Johnson said.

"This was just an unusual incident," Johnson said.

He asked for SLED's assistance because of the unusual nature of the deaths.

SLED spokesman Hugh Munn said the agency is investigating.

"What I understand is that two cows were killed," he said. "One was drowned and the other had its neck broken. There had been evidence of physical and sexual abuse."

Another cow was found dead in a creek next to the same pasture two weeks ago, Johnson said.

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"I was going to the house to get my gun when all of a sudden the big white light made a U-turn behind my car and went back above the hog pen. Then the red and green lights turned around and started back. We watched, and after three or four minutes, all the lights went out."

Fanning said neither he nor his companions were under the influence of alcohol, drugs or any other substance. Fearing a repetition of the incident, Fanning and his wife spent the next two nights with relatives and returned on the third morning to feed the hogs.

Upon his return, Fanning said, he found one hog "standing up dead. I kicked him and he fell over."

A second dead hog was lying on its side, Fanning reported. Though apparently uninjured, closer inspection revealed that the entire jawbone had been removed "and the body was sort of like a sponge, with all the weight gone, kind of like jelly." (Fanning noted that the hog, alive, weighed about 200 pounds, but as remains, weighed about 50 pounds.)

None of the several hundred other hogs appeared to have been injured.

To Fanning, the sighting incident and subsequent events remain unexplained.

SOURCE: *The Times and Democrat*, Orangeburg, SC, Dec. 13, 1978. CREDIT: William J. Herrmann

DOG MISSING AFTE 1.980 UFO ENCOUNTER

WALES, July 27, 1980-[city unknown]...Alan was fishing with his dog at a river near his during the early morning hours when he saw a pulsating light approaching. It hovered and landed in a nearby field.

When Morris went to the field he discovered cylinder-shaped craft five feet high and 6 feet standing on a tripod. An unseen door opened, a ladder dropped to the ground and three gray figures emerged, each carrying a bucket and. They then proceeded to dig in it too."

Morris remained quiet, but his dog began to bark and ran towards the craft. At this point, Morris apparently lost consciousness and when he awoke it was daylight and his dog was gone. Morris was investigating the area he found slight scorch marks on the ground, but has not seen his dog since.

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HOG DEATHS: ONE UP, ONE OVER

At 8 p.m. December 6, 1978 a 21-year-old Norway, South Carolina farmer, his wife and two companions saw a circle of white light, approximately 10 feet in diameter, hovering atop the trees over a hog pen.

The farmer, Richard Fanning, later said of the incident: "I have no doubt at all. I'll tell anyone. I was scared and I'm not scared of many things. . . . Never seen anything like it. It's the weirdest thing I've ever seen in my life. I'm an outdoorsman and I wouldn't have said nothing unless the other three people saw it too."

According to the four witnesses, after arriving at the scene they saw the large hovering light, and below it were two pairs of green and red lights each the size of a car headlight. The lights were accompanied by no noise whatever.

Fanning said, "That doesn't look right. Let's leave." As he began the drive home, he said, the light followed at the height of the car, keeping about 50 yards distant as the green and red lights moved alongside.

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year, of various mutilated animals, now including deer, dogs and rabbits. The title of her talk was "Further Evidence Linking Animal Mutilations and Human Abductions to Alien Life Forms."

That evidence, once a trickle, is now a small stream, said Howe, and includes eyewitness accounts from both abductees and non-abductees. Types of alien life forms reported in close association with mutilated animals include a large lizard-like creature, small white beings and a so-called "praying mantis."

Dr. Altshuler, a Denver hematologist, or blood and tissue specialist, has been involved with mutilation research since the case of "Snippy" the horse in September of 1967, and has performed several pathological examinations of mutilated deer, rabbit and cattle carcasses. "The animals examined," said Dr. Altshuler, "have died in an unexpected fashion. That is to say, the common mode of exodus of animals must be eliminated. These include predation, cult sacrifices and accidental death."

When examined under a microscope, the areas of incised tissue from a mutilated animal are identical to those found in high-heat cautery surgery performed on humans, typically on the order of several hundred degrees centigrade. "It is difficult to avoid the inescapable conclusion that the changes in animal tissues in these unexplained deaths had dissection with an instrument causing high heat. By what instrumentation and means this is accomplished remains a mystery," Dr. Altshuler said. "But the fact that these animals are found in remote areas, away from human or animal tracks, off roads and away from highways, found within hours of being seen alive at a time of unusual observed aerial phenomena all suggest that extraterrestrial factors must be considered as a plausible explanation of the ever increasing numbers of unexplained animal mutilations."

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The Unidentified French Object, in this case, turned out to be Professor

Mute Evidence

While they don't make the headlines they used to, animal mutilations continue at their own pace, as we were graphically assured by both Linda Moulton Howe and John Altshuler, M.D., who next shared the speakers' podium. Howe, an award-winning TV documentary producer and the author of *An Alien Harvest*, brought the audience up to speed with a series of slides and video clips, some taken as recently as January and February of this

object and on placing it down momentarily to make room for himself and the object to pass through a hedge, he and his wife were amazed to see the object suddenly spin at great speed, take on a fluorescent glow and speed vertically skyward, disappearing in a few seconds through the low cloud layer. Both witnesses were adamant that although it was raining very heavily at the time of the incident, the object at no time showed any sign of becoming wet. A high ranking British Air Force officer said he was nearly certain that the strange object was an escaped weather balloon that had broken away from some station. (*Flying Saucers* magazine, New Zealand, April/June 1957; *The Times*, Shreveport, LA, 9/9/56)

■ A Twin Falls, Idaho attorney reported that a UFO swooped down on his ranch on the afternoon of the seventh and apparently made off with a 400-pound steer. E.L. Rayburn said "I was at my ranch about 40 miles south of Twin Falls when I saw a strange object about 200 feet in diameter flying overhead. It had a whirling effect on top and gave off an orange glow. It came in fast overhead and swooped to the ground near a spot where a 400-pound whitefaced steer was standing. Then the craft sped off like a streak of light and the steer was gone." Rayburn said two employees on the ranch, Joe and Dick Parker, also saw the object. (*The World-Telegram and Sun*, New York, NY, 9/14/56; *OR-BIT Newsletter*, 10/5/56)

1961 ■ On the 21st, two jet-airliner crews flying over the Pacific Ocean sighted a large, circular UFO which quickly out-distanced their Boeing 707s. Reports were radioed to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) towers at Wake Island and Honolulu, Hawaii by Capt. R.F. Griffin, commanding a British Overseas Airways Corporation plane, and by a Pan American Airways captain. Capt. Griffin said the BOAC jet was at 37,000 feet, in a gray, pre-dawn sky, when the UFO appeared. "Suddenly we saw this bright ring in the sky, about 50 degrees up." The

British pilot described the object as round, with sharply outlined edges and a "very clear hole" in the center. "It was traveling in our direction but at far greater speed. There appeared to be reflected light coming down from it. The object went over the horizon in seven minutes. In a surprise press statement on the 25th, Air Force Headquarters admitted being flooded with reports of "flying objects" near Wake Island. (*The UFO Investigator*, [NICAP] October 1961)

1966 ■ A cone-shaped UFO described as "a good city block" long completely shadowed and paced a small private plane piloted by James J. O'Conner at approximately 10:00 a.m. on the 20th, on "a beautiful clear day" over Sebring, Florida. Flying at an altitude of 9500 feet, the pilot — who spent eight years with the Army Security Agency — first saw the object "about 500 or more feet above me." He then began an ascent and leveled off at 10,000 feet. The UFO "began to get bigger, taking 37 seconds for it to enlarge from the size of a silver dollar to the size of what I would estimate (as) a football field," the shadow of which completely engulfed the small plane. O'Conner said he was in the shadow of the object for about three minutes.

"I then pulled power off on my craft," he said, "and dropped to 3500 feet before I looked up again, and that's when I was frightened; that thing had not changed size at all, but was still with me and pacing me. It was still as big as a football field; I banked to the left, it was still above me, or beside me ... I banked to the right — same thing. I pulled up in a power stall, and peeled off ... the thing was with me all this time ..." Just as he was ready to shoot at the object with a .38 caliber pistol, the object moved away. (*The UFO Investigator*, [NICAP] October/November 1966)

1976 ■ "Radar operators of the 754th Radar Squadron at Port Austin, Michigan Air Force Station, reported tracking five unknown objects for about 30 minutes early on the morning of the seventh," according to Major William

Frensley, an information officer at North American Aerospace Defense Command headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He also confirmed that two police officers and a civilian who observed the UFOs from the ground were questioned by NORAD. The UFOs were first reported to the police at 9:30 p.m. on the sixth by Carl Bailey, 28, one of the witnesses questioned by NORAD. He said the objects were "shaped like bat wings. There were a lot of them. It seemed like a whole fleet. It was amazing."

Bailey said he got a phone call at home from the radar base at about 2:30 a.m. on the seventh. "They asked me to go outside and see if I could still spot something. I took a look and they were still up there. When Bailey reported what he saw, he was connected with the senior officer in charge at the 23rd NORAD Region Headquarters in Duluth, Minnesota. "He asked me what the objects looked like. I told him and he asked a couple more questions and then said: 'Well, the Air Force doesn't investigate UFOs anymore, Mr. Bailey,' and he thanked me." But Huron County sheriff's deputies Greg Gordon and Gary King were also interviewed about what they saw. Gordon, 24, reported: "We observed one object .. It would descend very rapidly, looking as though it was going to land. It would then return to its original height."

At 5 a.m., two men from the 754th Radar Squadron came out to the scene. Major Frensley said it's not unusual for NORAD to question people who've reported seeing UFOs. "We like to talk to as many people as possible so we can correlate these sightings ..." But the Port Austin UFOs remain a mystery. "We don't know what the objects were," Major Frensley admitted. Major Richard W. White, station information officer, later said, "Our scope covers hundreds of square miles. At any time of day, we may have as many as 100 to 150 'UFOs' on the screen." (*The Huron Daily Tribune*, Bad Axe, MI, 9/8/76; *The News*, Saginaw, MI, 9/25/76; *National Enquirer*, Bob Pratt, 11/9/76)

■ At about 10:30 p.m. on the 18th, Hossain Perouzi, veteran air traffic

occurring, in the southwest Missouri area. New reports are being received almost daily and updates will be forwarded as quickly as possible.

MUTILATION SUMMARIES

By MUFON Field Investigators Duane Bedell,
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Charles Cologna Ranch, Northview, MO — A dead and mutilated cow was discovered 4 February 1992 by owner Charles Cologna and Andrew Cologna in a pasture approximately one quarter mile from Charles Cologna's home. The Colognas had observed the cow the day before in the same location but at the time believed it to merely be asleep.

Upon investigation they discovered that two of the teats were removed from the udder, the left jaw was stripped to the bone and clean, an eight-inch strip of hide had been removed under the chin, the left ear completely removed and the right ear removed down to a metal marking tag, the rectum cored out, and the tongue cut out, with the inside of the mouth appearing to have been burned black. There was nothing to indicate that a struggle had been involved in the animal's death.

An autopsy was performed by Dr. Scott Espey, DVM, who, in addition to the wounds and conditions noted above, found that the animal's spinal cord had been pulled approximately one foot up into the neck and skull, apparently with the vertebrae left intact and unaffected by the cord position. Dr. Espey is reported to have remarked, "This is the spookiest thing I've ever seen." The cow also was in the first trimester of pregnancy.

The animal also appeared to have the left foreleg pulled from the shoulder socket and broken back under.

Tissue samples were taken from the left ear (small sample), the right ear (including metal tag), and from the jaw/throat area. The left ear was also tagged with a plastic tag that could only be removed intact by cutting the ear. The tag was recovered and is included in the samples.

Ragsdale Ranch, Marshfield, MO — Two animals were discovered dead on 5 February 1992 by owner Philip Ragsdale. One animal had apparently died instantly, without struggle and had two patches of hide removed from the underbelly. The animal was found at the edge of a wooded area bordering the pasture with its head to the east.

The other animal had struggled dramatically, apparently crawling or dragging itself on its belly for approximately 50 to 75 feet before dying. The path of the animal was over rocks, stumps and other obstacles common to a semi-wooded pasture area. The animal was not mutilated and was found facing downhill, leaning against a tree with its head to the east.

Autopsies were performed on both animals by Dr. Max Hartman, DVM, of Marshfield, MO. The autopsies did not discern any apparent cause of death or wounds other than

the strips of missing hide. Both animals were pregnant (in the last trimester) and the fetuses were removed during the autopsies. The fetuses, both male, did not exhibit any unusual features and were intact. During the course of the autopsy, Dr. Hartman remarked that the wounds from which the hide was removed had been made with surgical precision, going through only to the thickness of the hide and not beyond into the flesh. The edges of the wounds were discolored and smooth, reportedly with a somewhat rubbery consistency. The fore wound was oval-shaped, approximately 1 and 1/2 inches wide by 4 inches long. The aft wound was triangular in shape and measured 8 inches at the widest point. Bodily fluids were intact in both animals, and blood was not found in the area or in the wounds. The animal which had struggled had a small amount of blood coming from its nostrils.

A sample of fluid from the mutilated animal's eye was taken by Dr. Hartman and is included with this report, as is a tissue sample from the oval-shaped wound. Both carcasses exhibited a lack of predatory activity, and were not as decomposed as one might expect after three weeks of relatively warm weather (well above freezing); a very minor smell of decay was present at the mutilated animal, and a somewhat stronger smell was present at the other. Neither had the degree of smell or decay expected with disemboweled animals three weeks after death.

OTHERS' WORDS, Continued

One of the John Keel's most popular books, THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES, has been reprinted in a beautiful softcover edition with cover art by fantasy artist Frank Frazetta. While I might quarrel with the publisher's statement that "every single word" of the book is true, PROPHECIES does make for very interesting reading, presenting the inside story of events along the Ohio-West Virginia border in the late 1960s. This 275-page edition is priced at \$16.95 (plus \$1.50 for shipping and handling) and may be ordered from IllumiNet Press, P.O. Box 746, Avondale Estates, GA, 30002. IllumiNet will also be publishing the first English translation of Spanish researcher Salvador Freixedo's VISIONARIES, MYSTICS AND CONTACTEES. Barring any delays, this should be ready by the time you read this column and will be priced at \$12.95 (plus the same shipping and handling charge).

Recent hardcover releases include two books by Jacques Vallee, REVELATIONS and UFO CHRONICLES OF THE SOVIET UNION (both from Ballantine), Dr. David Jacobs' SECRET LIFE (Simon & Schuster), Jerome Clark's Volume 2 of his UFO Encyclopedia project, THE EMERGENCE OF A PHENOMENON (Omnigraphics) and Mark Carlotta's THE MARTIAN ENIGMAS (North Atlantic Books). Other forthcoming books from North Atlantic Books include a revised edition of Richard Hoagland's THE MONUMENTS OF MARS (April) and yet another Vallee book, FORBIDDEN SCIENCE. The latter title is Vallee's personal journal for the years 1957-1969.

Hace año y medio, en medio de una conferencia que presentaba en la Universidad Metropolitana, en Cupey, Puerto Rico, un joven me mostró cuatro fotografías que, no lo niego, me impactaron al momento de verlas. En ellas se apreciaban varias poses de un aparente cadáver extraño, obviamente de una criatura muerta hacía algún tiempo.

Intrigado, pregunté al joven cuál era el origen de las fotos, ya que los detalles apreciables en ellas me recordaban los detalles físicos de los alegados seres extraterrestres humanoides llamados genéricamente por el nombre de "Grisés" en el mundo de la investigación del asunto OVNI, seres de pequeño tamaño, máximo de unos tres a cuatro pies de altura, gran cabeza, ojos grandes y rasgados de color oscuro.

Las cuencas de los ojos eran similares, pero los ojos del ser estaban sumidos en sus cuencas. Igualmente, el cadáver casi no tenía nariz, sólo orificios nasales y una boca sin labios ni dientes visibles. La piel de los llamados "Grisés" es comúnmente descrita como pálida o grisácea, de ahí el término usado para identificarlos.

Otros detalles en las fotos me recordaron las descripciones de los "grises", tales como los brazos muy delgados y extremadamente largos en comparación a los brazos humanos. Con dificultad pude ver que las manos del misterioso cadáver eran de sólo cuatro dedos y con una membrana entre estos, que terminaban en unas uñitas afiladas [ver foto en página anterior].

El joven indicó que un individuo al que yo conocía le había dado las fotos y me dio copias de estas, y con la información comencé a investigar el asunto.

Contacté al individuo que le dió las fotos al joven y este me relató una increíble historia.

Según él, las fotos eran de un alegado ser extraterrestre que un

familiar suyo habría matado. Este familiar era un ganadero del norte de la isla que allá por el 1980 - 81 había perdido muchas cabezas de ganado de forma extraña, al aparecer mutiladas de manera indescriptible [desde 1975 se producen cada año en Puerto Rico buen número de mutilaciones misteriosas de ganado y animales], y decidió vigilar junto a dos amigos, todos armados con rifles 30 /30, para ver quién o qué hacía esto.

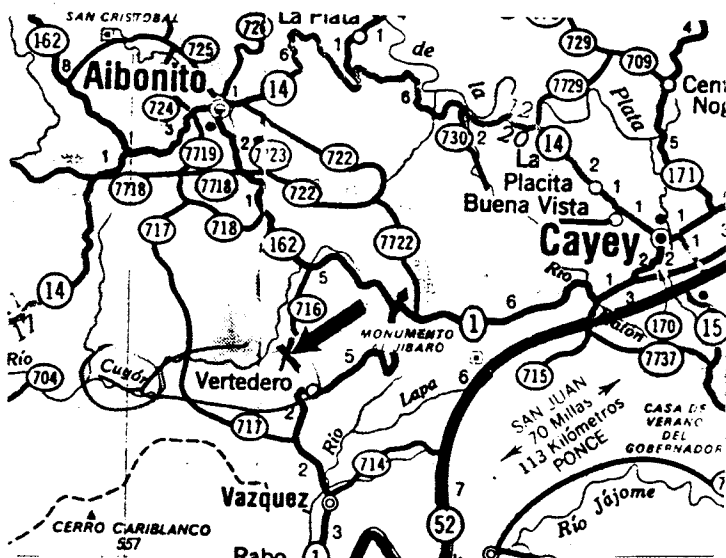
Una noche, vieron aparecer a cuatro criaturas pequeñas muy raras desde una quebrada en la finca, similares a la del ser de la foto. El ganadero y sus amigos habrían visto a las criaturas entrar a un establo y sacar flotando a un pequeño ternero. El ternero iba rígido y levitando a cierta altura entre y sobre las cuatro criaturas, que caminaban de forma bamboleanante.

El ganadero, no pudiendo creer lo que veía, disparó varias veces contra las criaturas, impactando a una de ellas, que habría caído al suelo emitiendo unos raros chillidos. Al momento el ternero cayó también y las demás criaturas trataron de auxiliar a la herida, que se retorció de dolor en el suelo, tratando de levantarse, sin poder.

El ganadero y sus amigos dispararon nuevamente y las otras criaturas huyeron abandonando a la herida. Entonces, al ver el ganadero que la criatura intentaba levantarse le dió otro tiro, esta vez en el cuello. Tras esto se acercaron a examinar a la criatura, que todavía se retorció, y uno de sus amigos le dió un fuerte y contundente golpe en la cabeza con un madero, hundiéndole el cráneo y

matándola finalmente.

Inmediatamente uno de los amigos se quitó un abrigo y envolvió a la criatura con él, llevándola entonces a la residencia del ganadero, quien desde entonces la habría mantenido conservada primero en formol y después congelada por unos diez años, sacándola de ese estado sólo en ocasiones, temeroso de que las autoridades norteamericanas en la



Arriba: la flecha en el mapa señala el área donde habrían aparecido las criaturas, cerca de las Tetas de Cayey.

isla se enterasen de lo que ocurría, "pues tomarían acción contra él para encubrir una evidencia como esa."

En una de las pocas ocasiones en que su pariente descongeló al cadáver, le permitió tomarle varias fotografías a color, las cuales mantenía en su poder.

Comprenderán que de ser cierta su historia sería algo importantísimo para el estudio del asunto OVNI en Puerto Rico y el mundo. Le pedí que me consiguiese una entrevista con el ganadero en varias ocasiones, pero siempre recibí evasivas de su parte, asegurándome que su pariente "tenía miedo."

Le expliqué a Alfredo Zayas, que era el nombre del individuo, que conocía otra historia sobre el origen del cuerpo, pero insistió en que la historia sobre su pariente era la real y rehusó nuevamente hacerlo, con varias excusas.

Por mi parte, debo decir que

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