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Tues. Oct 14, 1975

Dear Sir:

I am a Police Science major at Northern Arizona University and for an investigation class I have I was assigned to do research on the recent cattle slayings throughout the Southwest.

Any information you could possibly send me would be greatly appreciated. If there is any cost, please notify me.

Thank you very much,



Cattle mutilations

October 24, 1975

Dear Ms. [REDACTED]:

Your letter of October 14, 1975

As of October 22, 1975, there have been approximately 195 cases of suspected cattle mutilations reported to this agency by law enforcement agencies throughout Colorado. In addition, we have received reports of similar cases occurring over the past two years in New Mexico, California, Utah, Texas, Idaho, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, Oklahoma, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

In hopes of reaching some scientific conclusion regarding the cause of these deaths and mutilations, arrangements were made to have autopsies performed by the Large Animal Hospital at Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Autopsies were performed on about 25 animals. The cause of death could be determined in seven cases, and the deaths were from natural causes. There was some evidence to indicate that a few of the animals had been mutilated after death.

This agency has requested that local law enforcement officers investigating suspected mutilation cases submit samples of hide from around the area of the suspected mutilation to our laboratory. Twenty-one samples have been examined, and 20 were found to bare evidence of chewing by predators. In some of these samples the hairs of coyotes and fox were found. One sample was thought to have been cut with a sharp instrument.

As you can see, these results cause us to wonder about the number of actual human-caused mutilations taking place.

At this time we are attempting to formulate some type of plan to more accurately determine which cases are actual mutilations. We hope this would involve an investigative-scientific team which could investigate each

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report of a mutilation at the scene. The problems involved are the cost of such an operation and the difficulty in obtaining the services of people with expertise in the area of animal death and predator damage.

At this time all normal investigative channels and confidential sources have failed to produce any suspects in this investigation. A substantial reward offered by various groups has so far produced no results.

We hope this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

John C. MacIVOR, Director
Colorado Bureau of Investigation

By: _____
Howard M. Gillespie, Agent

HMG:sp

AS PART OF CBI'S INVESTIGATION WE HAVE:

- Obtained the services of CSU for autopsies on dead animals
- Performed examinations of hide samples in the CBI lab
- Compiled descriptions of most civilian helicopters operating in Colorado
- Enlisted the help of the Colorado National Guard in reporting unusual aircraft or other information that might relate to cattle mutilations. The National Guard reports daily to CBI any national guard helicopter activity, particularly nighttime flights. These flight reports include the areas to be flown over and the length of the flight. Local law enforcement agencies are notified by CBI if these flights might result in citizen complaints.
- Set up a liason with Fort Carson and receive copies of daily flight schedules from the base. All night flights are reported to CBI the evening the flights are to take place (remember, most of these are local flights and cannot be identified as to actual flight area)
- Contacted the U. S. Department of the Interior, Denver Wildlife Research Center to obtain expert assistance with field autopsies.
- Investigated all leads coming to our attention.
- Conducted undercover investigations.
- Maintained contact with authorities in other states involved in mutilation cases.
- Set up Secret witness program w/ Denver Post to see any information leading to identity of persons responsible for the mutilations

INVESTIGATIONS IN OTHER STATES

Wyoming:

Wyoming State Crime Lab

20 cases examined

(all 20 natural causes)

19 predator mutilation

1 possibly human mutilation

Wyoming State Veterinary Lab

10 cases examined

(all predator mutilation)

Carbon County - Sheriff C. W. Ogburn

80 cases reported

(all predator mutilation)

Oregon:

Harney County - D. A. Riney Seeger

Believes mutilations in Harney County are the work of coyotes

Idaho:

State Attorney General

Released a report stating that the mutilations were the work
of predators

Nebraska:

State Patrol

Determined mutilations were predator caused

U.S. Fish & Wildlife - Merle Anderson

Has examined 35 to 40 Nebraska cases & found all were coyote caused.

CASE OF BISON AT CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN ZOO

- At 2 p.m., October 21, 1975, a female buffalo was observed to be dead in a 10 acre fenced, heavily wooded area at the entrance to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. The right ear was missing $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the head and the udder and a patch of skin near it were gone. Tissue samples were sent to CSU. The carcass was examined by Dr. Raul Urich, El Paso County Coroner (and zoo pathologist) and Dr. Rod Walker, DVM - zoo veterinarian. Dr. Urich performed most of the tests on this animal. He could not determine the cause of death but stated that it was mutilated by cutting after death and he suspects some type of anti-coagulant was present in the blood.
- On October 23, 1975, another buffalo was observed to be sick and bleeding from the rectum in the same pen. This animal was killed by the zoo and found to have a disease which caused inflammation and bleeding of the intestine.
- On the morning of October 24, 1975, a third buffalo was found dead of unknown causes in the same pen at the zoo and a coyote was eating on the carcass, when found.
- Don Davis, Director of Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, told agent Gillespie that the area in which the 3 buffalo are kept is frequented by coyotes, bobcats, and mountain lions (wild).
- Dr. McChesney was advised of the facts of the case and stated that it appeared that some type of infection was going through the buffalo herd and might kill them all if not treated.
- Agent Gillespie transported blood samples from buffalo #2 and #3 to CSU and the results were negative.

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2. Chemistries were performed on all 35. Results: Negative.
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INVESTIGATIONS IN OTHER STATES
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South Dakota:

Reportedly has determined their mutilations caused by predators.

REPORTS RECEIVED BY CBI FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

10/1/75 to 11/1/75

Nine (9)

11/1/75 to 12/1/75

Seven (7)

12/1/75 to present

One (1)

CBI LAB EXAMS

42 cases submitted

36 cases completed

34 predators

2 cut by humans

(1 - was colt in Columbine Valley)

CSU EXAMINATIONS

(See attached report)

[REDACTED]

Mr. Louis P. Girodo,
Chief Investigator
Office of the District Attorney
3rd Judicial District
Trinidad, Colorado 81082

Mr. Girodo:

Thanks very much for taking time to discuss the livestock mutilations situation with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and myself, when we visited briefly with you (and interrupted your lunch) on Monday, 8/25/75.

I hope you found some data of interest in the material we left with you. I'll enclose a few more items here and forward more to you shortly. I do not recall precisely which items we left with you on Aug. 25, so bear with me if I should happen to send you duplications of some material.

I'll send you copies of photos, including the ones we showed to you, as soon as I can have more copies made.

We appreciated your open-ness on this subject (and we appreciate the ever-growing puzzlement and frustration that we have all felt over the last several months), and I should reiterate our position. We are in close contact both with people who feel UFO occupants are doing the mutilating and with those who are convinced a pseudo-satanic cult is behind it all - and even one investigator who implicates the CIA, and sees the whole affair as some extension of Watergate. But we are not proselitizing or pushing any pet theory of our own. The best attack at present is to continue to objectively collect and assimilate information - and let conclusions be drawn only when the data at hand warrants conclusions.

We would appreciate any copies of reports your office or the sheriff's office has compiled concerning the mutilations and helicopter sightings in the area of your jurisdiction.

[REDACTED]

I.G. PURSER
CHIEF OF POLICE

APRIL 10, 1975

DETECTIVE AARON CLOVIS
ORGANIZED CRIME UNIT


ALLEGED NATIONAL OCCULT
MOVEMENT

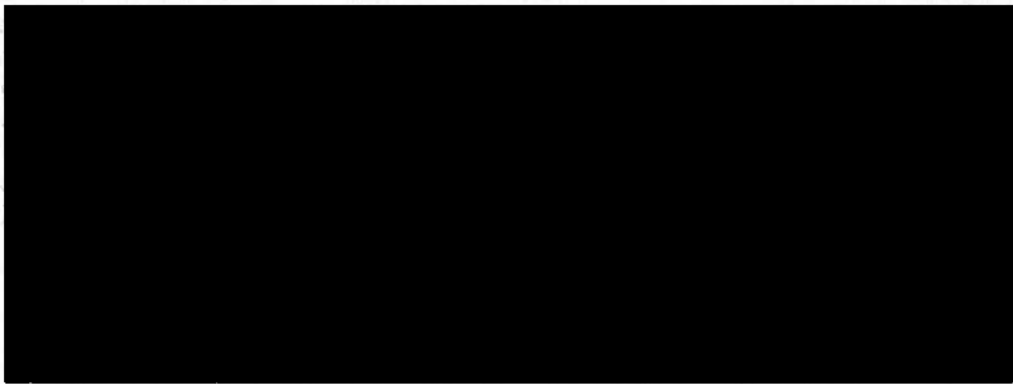
On 4-1-75, received information from ATF Agent DON FLICKLINGER of Minneapolis, Minnesota that he had interviewed two federal prisoners and that they had indicated that there was a national movement of a religious cult, where they used animals as sacrifices and that this movement very shortly was going into human sacrifices and that Oklahoma had people which were involved in this movement.

Our primary investigation revealed that there was a large amount of rumors that there was increasing activity in occult movements in this area; however, there was no positive proof of this at this time.

On 4-8-75, Lt. COOK and Lt. KIRK of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and myself went to Minneapolis, Minn. where we talked to Special Agents FLICKLINGER and the two federal prisoners. Results of this meeting is as follows:

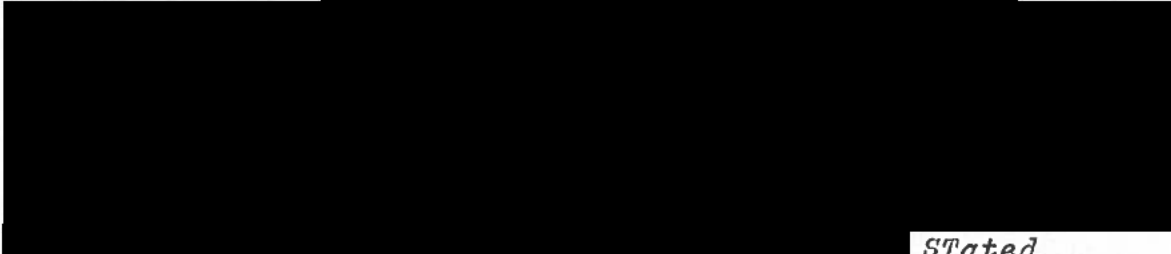
FACTUAL EVIDENCE:

- #1 Over 200 cases of confirmed cattle mutilations in 9 states.
 - #2 Seven bodies, which investigation revealed were murdered in some type of religious sacrifice.
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INTERVIEWS:

([REDACTED]) DOB: [REDACTED] place of birth is [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] last known residence area was [REDACTED]
 presently in the federal penitentiary at [REDACTED]
 for [REDACTED] This subject was interviewed at the
 [REDACTED] Jail in Minnesota at 12:30 PM on 4-9-75
 and this interview was taped by Lt. COOK of the OHP.
 [REDACTED] stated that he became involved in the occult
 movement in 1964, primarily for something different
 to do. He stated that the movement that he was involved
 in was called the CHURCH OF SATAN and that he had
 attended several different meetings. Stated that all
 these meetings, there was a sacrifice of an animal. He
 stated before each of these meetings that different
 individuals were selected to go out and get the parts
 that were to be sacrificed. He stated that he had on
 several different occasions went out and killed a cow
 or bull to be used in these sacrifices. Stated that
 the way they would get the animal was that they would
 use a cross-bow [REDACTED]



[REDACTED] Stated
 that they then would remove several of the animal's organs
 with a knife. He stated that all of these parts had some
 kind of meaning in the services; however, that the blood
 was the most important one.

[REDACTED] mentioned the name of [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] who lives at [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

He stated that he had participated himself in the killing of two cattle in Oklahoma; however, these were killed in approximately 1967. He stated that he had also attended two occult ceremonies in Oklahoma, these being held in the Oklahoma City area. One of these being approximately 15 miles north of Oklahoma City in a barn and the other one west of Oklahoma City. He stated there was approximately 30 people attending these meetings and that on both occasions, there was a sacrifice made. His description of these meetings was that there was a large amount of narcotics present and also that these meetings would develop into sex orgies [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] provided different names that he knew that were involved in this occult movement and he stated that a [REDACTED] who lives in [REDACTED] was the main one in the movement and that he was one of the subjects [REDACTED]

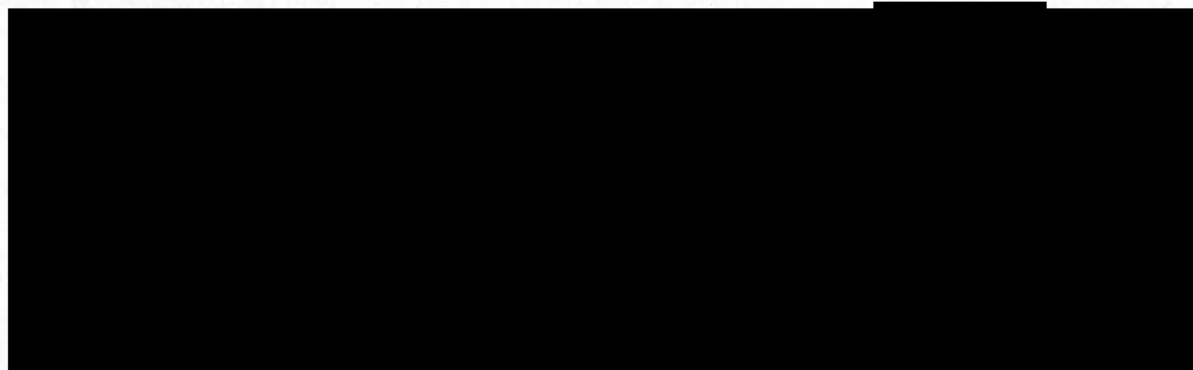
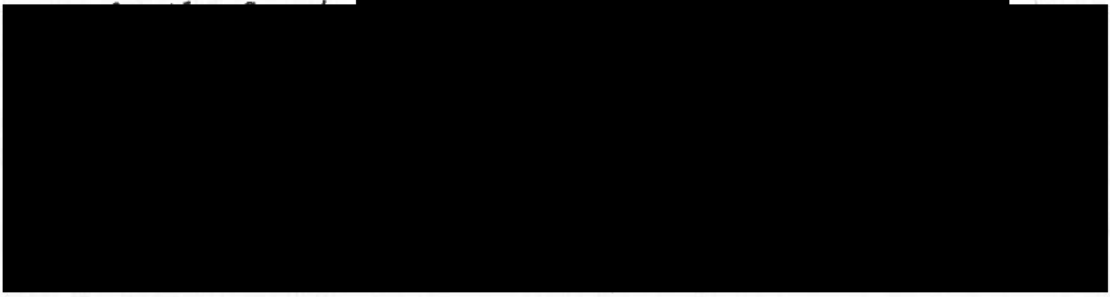
It has been confirmed that this subject does exist and is under investigation at this time by Texas authorities. He also mentioned the name of [REDACTED] who lives at [REDACTED] who works for [REDACTED]

He stated that [REDACTED] was very much involved in this movement and was present on several different cattle mutilations and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that since his incarceration in the penitentiary that he had been in contact with several different people that were involved in the occult and that it was his understanding that the occult movement is very active at this time. The only information he could give on the occult was that they originally started out with the sacrifice of small animals, then moved into larger animals and that he had witnessed the sacrifice of all types of large animals and that occult is supposed to move into the sacrifice of human beings in the fall of this year and that a national meeting will be held at the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] in August of 1975. He stated that when he originally joined the cult that he did not actually believe that they would go into the sacrificing of human beings, but he does believe that they will actually carry this out, due to their growth in strength and finances. Interview with this subject was terminated at this time.

[REDACTED] originally from [REDACTED] in custody at the federal penitentiary at this time for bank robbery. On interviewing [REDACTED] he admitted that he was not personally involved in any occult movement and that the only information that he had reference any occult movement was strictly hearsay from people that he had talked to in the penitentiary. He stated that he had heard the name of Oklahoma City attorney who he thought was involved in an occult movement and that he heard that she was a personal friend of [REDACTED] who is the head of the movement. This attorney being, [REDACTED] He stated that he was in the penitentiary also with a subject by the name of [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] had bragged about his connections with this individual and that he had observed letters that [REDACTED] received from her. A photograph of this subject was shown to [REDACTED] and him and neither one of these subjects were able to identify her and stated to their knowledge they had never seen her. Neither one of the subjects were able to offer any corroborating proof of her connections in any way and [REDACTED] stated that he had not even heard of her.

information was substantially the same as
however, as mentioned before it was strictly
heresay information.



It is this officer's opinion that this subject is definitely giving this information for his own personal reasons and I personally cannot put very much reliability in any information that this subject gives. The interview with this subject was not very productive, since I believe all the information that this subject gave us, he had obtained from talking with [redacted] and newspapers that he read.

It is this Officer's opinion that [redacted] is mostly telling the truth; however, I believe that he is being schooled on his information that he is giving by [redacted] and that [redacted] was the one that had convinced him to give this information in event to shorten both their terms.



FLICKLINGER advised that several different states are in the process at this time of setting up special task forces to make investigations into these allegations in attempts to prove or disprove them and he advised that any additional information that he received would be forwarded to us immediately.

CONCLUSIONS:

It is this officer's opinion that [REDACTED] is mostly telling the truth, since he furnished information and names that could corroborate most of his story; however, I do not feel that [REDACTED] information is of any value and I believe that he is giving what information he has strictly for his own benefit and any accusations that he has given on any individuals reference their associations with any of the people involved in this cannot be given creditability at this time.

Aaron C. Clovis
Detective AARON CLOVIS
Organized Crime Unit



Richard D. Lamm, Governor

Department of Local Affairs Colorado Bureau of Investigation

John C. MacIvor, Director

December 9, 1975

Honorable Gary Hart
6123 Dirksen Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Mr. Tom Moore
Legislative Assistant

Dear Mr. Moore:

As you know, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation has been involved in coordinating the investigation of cattle mutilations since July, 1975. As of this date, we have received and charted a total of 203 reported cases from the various local sheriff's departments throughout the State and are continuing our efforts in hopes of finding the solution to the problem.

In conjunction with our investigation of this matter, we have, thus far, provided assistance in the following areas.

- Prepared and circulated a standardized animal mutilation report form to all Colorado sheriffs
- Maintained a chart (map) of all reported mutilations by county
- Obtained the services of the Colorado State University Large Animal Hospital for necropsies and toxicological examinations of the dead animals
- Performed hide and tissue examinations, in our laboratory, of the suspected wound areas excised from the dead animals
- Compiled descriptions of most civilian helicopters operating within the State
- Enlisted the help of the Colorado National Guard in reporting unusual aircraft or other information that might relate to the cattle mutilations
- Made arrangements with both the National Guard and the Army base at Fort Carson to report all flights which take place off base, to our office, on a daily basis

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- Advised the proper local police agencies of the previously mentioned flights when they take place within their respective jurisdictions
- Conducted undercover operations, in an attempt to identify those responsible
- Remained in contact with authorities in other states where cattle mutilations have been reported
- Investigated all leads coming to our attention from both civilians and other police agencies
- Contacted the United States Department of the Interior, Denver Wildlife Research Center, to obtain expert assistance in the inspection and necropsy of dead cattle.

One of our primary concerns is that of determining how many reports are, in fact, mutilations. So far, the laboratory results (both from CSU and our laboratory) indicate that they may not be as great as originally reported. We base this statement on the following statistics.

- Out of 36 hide and tissue samples examined in the CBI laboratory, 34 had been the result of predators and only 2 had been cut with a sharp instrument. These conclusions were reached as a result of microscopic examinations of the tissue samples.
- Out of the 35 dead animals submitted to CSU for scientific examination, 19 were in good enough condition to necropsy. Of the 19, only 9 were positively determined to have been mutilated by a sharp instrument. Eleven (11) of the 19 died of natural causes, and the cause of death could not be determined in the remaining 8. Toxicological examinations were performed on all 35 with negative results. One (1) animal was found positive for the presence of bacteria. In all cases, mutilation and/or predator damage occurred post-mortem (after death.)

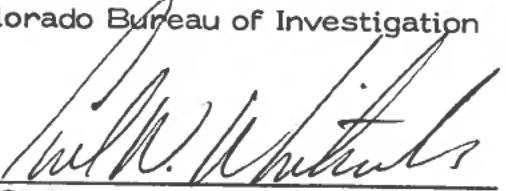
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As you requested, I am enclosing copies of the CBI laboratory results on the hide and tissue examinations.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

John C. MacIVOR, Director
Colorado Bureau of Investigation

By 
Carl W. Whiteside
Agent In Charge
Investigation Section

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Enclosures

cc: Governor Lamm
Attn: Marty Tharp

Federal-State Relations Committee
Attn: Meg Armstrong

Congressional Delegation
Attn: Lonnie McCain