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EVENT	5. INCIDENT TYPE Cattle Mutilation						6. PREMISE TYPE (Circle)					
							1 Highway	4	C			
							2 Commerce	5	R			
							3 Service Station	6	D			
EVENT	7. INCIDENT LOCATION Dulce, New Mexico						GEO	17	7 Ranch			
	8. INCIDENT DATE 04-24-78						Time to DATE		Time		9. STRANGER TO STRANGER	
VICTIM	11. COMPLAINANTS Manuel Gomez						12. ADDRESS P. O. Box 372, Dulce, N. M.				13.	755
	14. VICTIM'S NAME Manuel Gomez						15. Race A	16. Sex M	17. Date of Birth 07-09-23		18.	755
VICTIM	19. ADDRESS P. O. Box 372, Dulce, N. M.						20. OCCUPATION rancher				21.	755
	22. NAME NO. 1 (Circle One) - PARENT - SUSPECT - WITNESS - WANTED						23. Soc. Sec. No.		24. Race	25. Sex	26.	
SUBJECT	27. ADDRESS						28. Age	29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair	32.	
	22. NAME NO. 2 (Circle One) - PARENT - SUSPECT - WITNESS - WANTED						23. Soc. Sec. No.		24. Race	25. Sex	26.	
VEHICLE	27. ADDRESS						28. Age	29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair	32.	
	34. VALUE	35. COLOR	36. YEAR	37. VEHICLE MAKE		38. MODEL		39. STYLE				
VEHICLE	40. VIN			41. LICENSE NO.		42. LIS	43. LIY	44. VEHICLE STATUS				
	45.											
NARRATIVE	SEE ATTACHED											
U. C. R.	46. CRIMINAL DAMAGE AMOUNT \$300.00			47. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE		48. TYPE		49. WEIGHT		50.		
				Sale/Mfg	Poss.							
	51.	CURRENCY	JEWELRY	CLOTHING	VEHICLES		52. RECOVERED PROPERTY					
	Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stolen Locally-Recovered				
	Recovered	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stolen Locally-Recovered				
		OFFICE EQUIPMENT	TV, RADIO, Etc.	FIREARMS	HOUSEHOLD		<input type="checkbox"/>	Stolen Other-Recovered				
	Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						
	Recovered	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						
	CONSUMABLES	LIVESTOCK	OTHER	TOTAL								
Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$							
Recovered	\$	\$ mutilated	\$	\$	\$500.00							
ADMINISTRATIVE	55. CASE STATUS											
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56. REPORTING OFFICER (Signature & Number)						57. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number)						
<i>Richard L. Vabe</i> 555-910-7826						<i>Stephen P. ...</i> 525-71-01						

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1. AGENCY New Mexico State Police ORINM 07

2. CASE NUMBER  
3. FILE NUMBER

5. ORIGINAL REPORT  6. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

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

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

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

FROM LOS ALAMOS LABORATORY

~~Heart tissue. No microscopic changes of pathological significance were found.~~  
 Bone Fragment: No microscopic changes of significance were found.  
~~Digestive tissue. No shaped bacteria infiltrating connective tissue between muscle fibers were seen. Muscle fibers also contained c~~  
~~about Microsporidia cysts.~~

9. RECOVERED PROPERTY

Stolen Locally-Recovered Locally  Stolen Locally-Recovered Other  Stolen other-Recovered Locally

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

11. CASE STATUS

Active  Cleared by Arrest  Exceptionally Cleared  Unfounded

12. REPORT

13. REPORTING OFFICER (Signature & Number) Holland 1120-515-76-7876 14. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number) [Signature]

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5. ORIGINAL REPORT  6. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

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

The liver was checked against a healthy food market liver which showed a difference in the fat content. The bull's liver contained no copper, and 4 times the amount of phosphorus, zinc, and potassium. No explanation for this condition is available at the present time. A group of microbiologists are comparing these abnormalities. The names of these laboratories will be released. Also the blood which came off of the nose when it was presumably dropped was light pink in color. This blood did not clot after several days. The hide on the animal was brittle and felt to touch like emery paper. Flesh underneath the hide was pinkish in color. A probable explanation for the pinkish blood is a control type of radiation used to kill the animal, according to toxicology experts. The red corpuscles are destroyed leaving the pale pinkish color. All toxicology findings on blood are negative because of the disinactivation of the radiation. It is believed that this type of radiation is not harmful to humans, although approximately 7 people who visited the mutilation site complained of nausea and headache. However, this writer has had no such symptoms after checking approximately 11 months in the past 4 months.

The only entrance to this mutilation site is through Mr. Gomez's front yard. A vehicle was seen or heard entering the pasture. The slain bull was last seen at approximately 8:00 pm on 4-23-78 and appeared healthy at this time. However, a Mr. J.

9. RECOVERED PROPERTY

		<input type="checkbox"/> Stolen Locally-Recovered Locally	<input type="checkbox"/> Stolen Locally-Recovered Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Stolen other-Recovered Locally		
10.	CURRENCY	JEWELRY	CLOTHING	VEHICLES	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	T.V.R.
Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recovered	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	FIREARMS	HOUSEHOLD	CONSUMABLES	LIVESTOCK	OTHER	TO
Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recovered	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

11. CASE STATUS  Active  Cleared by Arrest  Exceptionally Cleared  Unfounded

13. REPORTING OFFICER (Signature & Number) Robert L. Val 555-9678265 14. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number) [Signature]

5. ORIGINAL REPORT  6. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT 7. PAGE 4 OF 4

8. NARRATIVE: Martinez who was visiting his son-in-law Mauricio Gomez (brother of Manuel Gomez) heard a low flying aircraft in the vicinity of where the mutilated bull was found at approximately 3:00 am on 4-24-78.

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

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

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

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

9. RECOVERED PROPERTY

		<input type="checkbox"/> Stolen Locally-Recovered Locally	<input type="checkbox"/> Stolen Locally-Recovered Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Stolen other-Recovered Local			
10.	CURRENCY	JEWELRY	CLOTHING	VEHICLES	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	T.V.-RAI	
Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Recovered	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
		FIREARMS	HOUSEHOLD	CONSUMABLES	LIVESTOCK	OTHER	TOTAL
Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recovered	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

11. CASE STATUS

Active  Cleared by Arrest  Exceptionally Cleared  Unfounded

12. REPORT

13. REPORTING OFFICER (Signature & Number) Harold A. Wade 557678 14. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number) [Signature]

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8. NARRATIVE: up by infra red rays but not visible to the naked eye. These tests will be on all of Mr. Gomez's cattle in the near future. Assisting in this investigation is Mr. Byrd, New Mexico Cattle Sanitary Board and Mr. Howard Burgess, Albuquerque, N. M.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Gabriel L. Valdez*  
Gabriel L. Valdez  
New Mexico State Police

9. RECOVERED PROPERTY

Stolen Locally-Recovered Locally  Stolen Locally-Recovered Other  Stolen other-Recovered Locally

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

11. CASE STATUS

Active  Cleared by Arrest  Exceptionally Cleared  Unfounded

12. REPORT

13. REPORTING OFFICER (Signature & Number) *Gabriel L. Valdez 55546-7326* 14. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number)

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

4 3/27/78

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

May 9, 1978

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

Dear Gabe:

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

FINDINGS

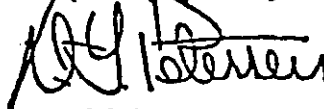
- (1) Heart Muscle: No microscopic changes of pathological significance were found.
- (2) Bone Fragment: No microscopic changes of significance were found.
- (3) Skeletal Muscle: Rod-shaped bacteria infiltrating connective tissue between muscle fibers were seen. Muscle fibers also contained occasional Sarcosporidia cysts.
- (4) Bacteriology: A specimen obtained from a heart chamber was cultured and shown to contain a rod-shaped organism identified as Clostridium species. Definitive classification was not made.

INTERPRETATION

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

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

Sincerely yours,



Donald F. Petersen  
Alternate Health Division Leader

DFP:ES

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EVENT	5. INCIDENT TYPE Cattle Mutilation										6. PREMISE TYPE (Circle One)				
											1 Highway	4 Chain			
											2 Commerce	5 Resid			
											3 Service Station	6 Bank			
EVENT	7. INCIDENT LOCATION Dulce, New Mexico							GEO 17	10. WEAPON TYPE (Circle One)						
	8. INCIDENT DATE 6-14-78							Time to DATE Time	9. STRANGER TO STRANGER YES X NO UNK			1 Gun 2 Cutting Tool 3 Undetermined			
VICTIM	11. COMPLAINANTS Manuel Gomez					12. ADDRESS P. O. Box 372, Dulce, N. M.					13. PH 759-				
	14. VICTIM'S NAME Manuel Gomez					15. Race A	16. Sex M	17. Date of Birth 07-09-28		18. Res 759					
	19. ADDRESS P. O. Box 372, Dulce, N. M.					20. OCCUPATION rancher					21. Bu 759-				
SUBJECT	22. NAME NO. 1 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED										23. Soc. Sec. No.	24. Race	25. Sex	26.	
	27. ADDRESS										28. Age	29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair	32. E
	22. NAME NO. 2 (Circle One) PARENT SUSPECT WITNESS WANTED										23. Soc. Sec. No.	24. Race	25. Sex	26.	
	27. ADDRESS										28. Age	29. Height	30. Weight	31. Hair	32. E
VEHICLE	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							
NARRATIVE	45.														
	See Attached														
U. C. R.	46. CRIMINAL DAMAGE AMOUNT \$ 200.00			47. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE Sale/Mfg Poss.		48. TYPE			49. WEIGHT	50. V					
	51.	CURRENCY	JEWELRY	CLOTHING		VEHICLES		52. RECOVERED PROPERTY							
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	Recovered	\$	\$	\$		\$		<input type="checkbox"/> Stolen Locally-Recovered							
		OFFICE EQUIPMENT	TV, RADIO, Etc.	FIREARMS		HOUSEHOLD		<input type="checkbox"/> Stolen Other-Recovered							
	Stolen	\$	\$	\$		\$									
	Recovered	\$	\$	\$		\$									
	CONSUMABLES	LIVESTOCK	OTHER		TOTAL		53. DATE OFFENSE REPORTED 6-17-78								
Stolen	\$	\$	\$		\$		54. DATE REPORT PREPARED 6-17-78								
Recovered	\$	\$	\$		\$										
ADMINISTRATIVE	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) <i>[Signature]</i>					57. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number) <i>[Signature]</i>									



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8. NARRATIVE On 6-14-78 I was contacted by Mr. Manuel Gomez at 2:00 P.M. reference a mutilation which had taken place at his summer range 13 miles East of Dulce, N.M. Investigation at the scene revealed that a 4 year old Hereford native cow had been mutilated. The carcass was lying on it's <sup>Right</sup> side with tongue and sex organs precisely removed. Pinkish blood from her nose was visible and the left front leg was broken and also the rear left leg was broken. Marks were visible on the lower rear left leg where some type clamp or vice had been fastened. No imprints or tracks toward the carcass were found. Mutilation site was approximately 500 yards North of the spot where Manuel Gomez found a mutilated animal on June 11, 1976. Investigation at the scene showed that the animal was elsewhere and mutilated and then returned and dropped. This animal had 57 horns, one broken off in the ground. This animal had been dead for approximately 21-24 hours and decomposed for tests. This writer has conducted several cattle mutilation investigations and has been observed that no mutilations have occurred during inclement weather.

On 7-16-78 approximately 72 head of cattle belonging to Manuel Gomez were checked at night hours with an ultra-violet light. Out of the 72 cattle which were checked, 2 four year old cows and 3 two month old heifers had a distinctive fluorescent substance on the left forepart of their body. Samples of the fluorescent substance were sent to be analyzed by a private laboratory. At the time of this writing, no results have been received. This was done by Mr. Howard Burgess, who has been most helpful in these investigations.

Mr. Manuel Gomez winters approximately 120 head of cattle within the village of Dulce, New Mexico. Mr. Gomez has had 4 animals mutilated to date. It is the theme of this report.

9. RECOVERED PROPERTY  Stolen Locally-Recovered Locally  Stolen Locally-Recovered Other  Stolen other-Recovered Locally

10.	CURRENCY	JEWELRY	CLOTHING	VEHICLES	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	T.V.R.
Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recovered	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	FIREARMS	HOUSEHOLD	CONSUMABLES	LIVESTOCK	OTHER	TO
Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recovered	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

11. CASE STATUS  Active  Cleared by Arrest  Exceptionally Cleared  Unfounded  12. REPC Sp 1

13. REPORTING OFFICER (Signature & Number) 11262 14. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number)

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3. FILE NUMBER

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8. NARRATIVE

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

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

9. RECOVERED PROPERTY

Stolen Locally-Recovered Locally  Stolen Locally-Recovered Other  Stolen other-Recovered Locally

10.	CURRENCY	JEWELRY	CLOTHING	VEHICLES	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	T.V. &
Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recovered	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	FIREARMS	HOUSEHOLD	CONSUMABLES	LIVESTOCK	OTHER	TO
Stolen	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recovered	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

11. CASE STATUS

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13. REPORTING OFFICER (Signature & Number)  
A. L. ... 575 91 7421

14. APPROVING OFFICER (Signature & Number)

HARRISON SCHMITT  
NEW MEXICO  
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,  
SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMITTEE ON BANKING,  
HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

*Beck*

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

December 21, 1978

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

RECEIVED  
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CALL

REC'D  
STAFF  
DEC 21 1978

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

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

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GOVERNMENT

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

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

Sincerely,

*Harrison Schmitt*  
Harrison Schmitt

HS:jri  
Enclosures ✓

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CRIMINAL DIVISION

70-49-0  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
23 DEC 28 1978  
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator, John Ryan

January 31, 1979

FROM: SFDOM

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

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

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

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

O'Dell notified the state Game and Fish Department, the State Police Crime Lab in Santa Fe, and the New Mexico Livestock Board. The State Police Crime Lab apparently notified State Police Officer Gabe Valdez of Chama, the officer who has investigated most of the mutilations over the past 18 months. In the interim, the Livestock Board removed the carcass and apparently froze it. Valdez later contacted the Torrance County Sheriff and was to have gone to Torrance County on January 30 to investigate.

\*\*\* In response to your question about whether any of the mutilations have occurred on federal land, Officer Valdez informs me that eight mutilations were discovered on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation, and seven on the Santa Clara Pueblo. There have been a total of 69 cattle mutilations, and six horse mutilations, reported in New Mexico since 1975. Forty-five of the cattle mutilations and four of the horse mutilations occurred in 1978.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO: Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: *PRH* Philip B. Heymann  
*MLK* Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

DATE: March 2 1979  
PBH:ALH:RCA:mac

SUBJECT: *TH* Crime on Indian Reservations;  
Mutilation of Animals

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

*[Handwritten signatures]*  
**EXP. PROC.**  
34 MAR 5 1979  
34 3-9-79

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

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

Attachment

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ENCLOSURE

REC-131

198-1048-2

14 MAR 12 1979

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*JES: [unclear] 3/6/79*  
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TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype
- Facsimile
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PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
- Priority
- Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET
- SECRET
- CONFIDENTIAL
- UNCLAS E F T O
- UNCLAS

Date 2/16/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE

UNSUBS;  
 CATTLE MUTILATIONS OCCURRING  
 IN WESTERN STATES  
 CIR - MISCELLANEOUS

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THE MUTILATIONS OF 15 ANIMALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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