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THE PROJECT STIGMA REPORT ON THE CONTINUING INVESTIGATION
INTO THE OCCURRENCE OF ANIMAL MUTILATIONS

Project Stigma represents an on-going probe into the relentless wave of animal (primarily livestock) mutilations and mutilation-deaths. We have no pet theories to promote. We would prefer that the overall emphasis of this newsletter be placed on the presentation of factual data, although speculative material, labelled as such, will certainly not be beyond the realm of our coverage. Project Stigma is an attempt to coordinate and assist in information-gathering activities on the part of the pertinent and responsible investigative agencies and individuals. The success of this project will depend upon you - the readers of STIGMATA - and your willingness to participate in a program designed to identify the perpetrators of the animal mutilations and their motives.

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It is conceivable that future issues may be enlarged, with the addition of photographs and illustrations. It may then be necessary to charge a subscription fee. We will maintain the current "fee" (SASE) for as long as possible, as we strive also to maintain a low overhead.

STIGMATA will hopefully be utilized as a forum by the readership. Communication among those seeking answers is imperative. Space limitations will likely prevent us from publishing everything we receive, but we do heartily solicit your comments and welcome your observations. If you will wish us to keep your name and/or address in confidence, please advise. We are continually seeking raw data, so if you have information to offer, we hope to hear from you. We do not believe in asking you for material if we cannot offer something in return. So if you are interested in establishing a data exchange, contact us and we'll work something out.

"It's a strange thing". (Sheriff Gary D. Shoemaker; Teller Co., Colo. 1975)

A 1977 "MUTE" CHRONOLOGY

The following listing can in no way claim to be complete. As always, we suspect that we are unaware of many mutilation incidents. Some are reported to law enforcement agencies, but do not surface in the press; others are not reported "officially" at all. We are fortunate to have learned of a few such occurrences through word-of-mouth. It will be noted that in 1977, as in the previous year, mutilations were occurring spottily but steadily, but with nowhere near the intensity of the extensive and inexorable wave of 1975, when hundreds of possible mutilations were reported. Nevertheless, we can draw attention to one important fact - they have yet to cease:

January:

Arizona - Cochise County;
2 confirmed; multiple un-
confirmed

Kentucky - Grayson County

February:

Colorado - Sedgwick County;
at least 2 confirmed by
sheriff's office

Texas - Montague County;
3 bulls

March:

New Mexico - Taos County;
date unknown

New Mexico - Grant County;
date unknown (early spring)

Texas - Tarrant County

Colorado - Park County

Washington - Snohomish County

April:

Alberta, Canada; near Calgary;
date unknown; unconfirmed

May:

Colorado - Washington County

Colorado - Costilla County

Texas - Howard County; goats,
rabbits; unconfirmed as "clas-
sic" mutilations

June:

Texas - Jim Hogg County

July:

Dartmoor, England; 15 ponies;
mysterious deaths but ap-
parently not "classic"

Texas - Lamar County

Texas - Johnson County

Colorado - Logan County; first
confirmed in 1977 in county
that has been, since Summer of
1975, a perennial mutilation
"hot spot"

August:

Texas - Lamar County

Texas - Johnson County; "cow
parts", including head, found
with girl's panties and bra
near lake in city park

Arkansas - Little River County

Oklahoma - Pushmataha County;
approx. 15 cattle; possibly
due to rustling/butchering;
usually with heads, feet,
blood remaining

Oregon - Union County

Colorado - Logan County; at
least 3

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1977 MUTE CHRONOLOGY (Cont.):

September:

- Colorado - Costilla County
- Colorado - Logan County;
3 or 4 reports
- Missouri - Cass County
- Texas - Tarrant County; cow,
alive, thought "sexually
abused, perhaps by humans(?)

October:

- Missouri - Cass County; 2
- Missouri - Bates County, Polk
County; unconfirmed reports
- Colorado - Logan County; 4 of
5 reports
- Colorado - Washington County;
2 reports
- Colorado - Elbert County
- Oregon - Wallowa County
- Texas - Bexar County; dogs,
pigs, goats slashed, mauled,
"mutilated"; unconfirmed as
"classic"
- Iowa - Black Hawk County
- Iowa - Linn County

November:

- Kansas - Montgomery County;
horse; also unconfirmed mute
of unspecified animal
- Nebraska - Adams County; hog
- Nebraska - county unknown;
possible horse mute; uncon-
firmed at press time

December:

- Colorado - Costilla County; 3
cows; unidentified helicop-
ter; nocturnal revolving
lights

This summary is presented as a preliminary working model. It is conceivable that additional 1977 reports will come to our attention later, at which time this list will be accordingly supplemented. All of the above incidents involved the mutilation of cattle, except where noted. If our readers have additions or comments regarding this chronology, please let us know.

Is there any reason to suspect a relationship between mutilations and UFOs? This question will be addressed in our next issue. Other questions to be pursued in future editions include:

What is the extent of mutilations outside the U.S.?

What role do the "mystery helicopters" play?

Have relevant human mutilations occurred, and are threats against investigators taken seriously?

What agencies have (or should have) jurisdiction in mutilation probes?

We will examine individual mute incidents which appear to be of particular significance.

If you know of a fresh mutilation, call this number immediately: (214) 784-5922. We will attempt to dispatch an investigative team by air to any site in the Western 1/2 of the U.S. There is a great need for on-site investigation of fresh mute carcasses (maximum: 48 hrs.)

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