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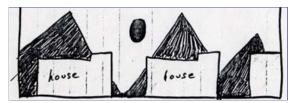
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# Part 7: 1980 Animal Mutilation High Strangeness Files

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September 23, 1980, 7 PM Mtn., a shape-shifting aerial craft appears over cattle pasture near home of John Cumby in Littleton, Colorado, a suburb southwest of Denver.

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October 28, 2009 Albuquerque, New Mexico - The following continues from Parts 1-6 about the 1980 animal mutilation high strangeness summary I typed up for my private research files and am now sharing for the first time in this Real X-Files series. This segment continues on September 22, 1980, after the high strangeness at Iona Hoeppner's Briggsdale, Colorado, high school lab.

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Laramie, Wyoming, is not far over the Colorado border from Sterling, Greeley and Briggsdale, a 2-state region intensely affected by the animal mutilation phenomena since at least the early 1970s.

September 1980

September 22 - 14 miles SW of Laramie, Wyoming, Ronald McDonald Ranch: Mr. McDonald began looking for his missing 300-pound, 1.5-years-old pregnant heifer missing on Saturday, September 20, and the dead cow's body on Monday, September 22, 1980.

Another rancher in Bosler, Wyoming, called me on September 24th about the

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new mutilation. Pat McGuire told me, "No maggots and not much deterioration because weather was cool."

- a) Cow lying on left side and lower jaw stripped of all flesh.
- b) 2 inches of hide taken from nose.
- c) Four of six teats removed and remaining two "squashed funny."
- d) Rectum cored out about size of grapefruit.
- e) Eyes, tongue and tail were intact.

I called Sheriff Deputy Jim Conyers in Laramie. He visited the heifer's carcass and told me the pregnant heifer had started to decompose, did smell and was quite bloated, but no maggots! There were coyote tracks around her body, but no signs of predator attack.

The udder was not well developed and Dep. Conyers confirmed four teats had been excised. He could not see any teeth marks from normal predators.

Rectum and vaginal area excised. He said it was a 12-inch-diameter circle excision that was "pretty symmetrical." There was no out-pouching of intestines, but there was some intestinal tissue lying 15 to 20 feet from the heifer. Deputy wondered if coyotes had grabbed tissue and dragged it away (not wanting to stay near heifer's body?)

The heifer was found at the bottom of a ridge next to irrigation ditch in an area that could not be seen from road.

Dep. Conyers said that Dr. Hancock at the Wyoming State Vet Lab had seen several cows and sheep recently with similar mutilation appearance and attributed the deaths to "alkali water poisoning."

Hancock did visit the McDonald mutilation, did not do any microscopic examination of wounds, but concluded the rectal circular hole and excised teats were all predator scavenging after natural alkali water poisoning death.

On October 6, 1980, I talked with Dr. Hancock at the Wyoming State Vet Lab. He told me he has "NEVER in any year confirmed one case of a mutilation" where there was evidence that the animal was cut with a sharp instrument.

But I told him I had interviewed Carl Whiteside, Director of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation in Denver who confirmed for me that "9 out of 19 CBI mutilation cases were deemed "cut with a sharp instrument" by the Colorado State University vet lab in 1975 to 1976 alone.

Dr. Hancock told me that Albany County, Wyoming, had been having an alkali water problem that causes *polio encelphalo malacia*, softening of brain tissue known as "forage poisoning," probably from alkalines that get into water from irrigation. He said he had seen ten cows and ten sheep in his office that had died from the forage poisoning.

Oddly, in the face of Colorado's own mutilation vet lab statistics, Dr. Hancock dismisses with scorn the idea there are animal mutilations linked to UFOs. The irony for me is that it was law enforcement who told me, at first off the record, the perpetrators of animal mutilations were "creatures from outer space" - and that was right from the beginning of my first inquiries about animal mutilations in September 1979.

September 23, 1980 - Unidentified aerial object reported by John Cumby of Littleton, Colorado:



Littleton, Colorado, is a southwestern Denver suburb that overlaps
Arapahoe and Jefferson Counties. John Cumby's home was in
more rural Jefferson County (bottom blue circle).

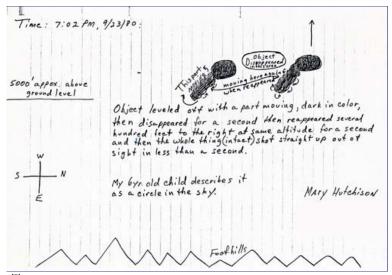
On Tuesday evening, September 23, 1980, at 7 PM Mtn, John Cumby was on the phone in his kitchen looking out a window that faces west toward the foothills and mountains west of south Denver in Jefferson County. Cumby's view faces a pastureland of the Roy Hunt Horse Boarding business, but the pasture is used to graze cattle.

Cumby told me it looked like a large and dark helicopter was coming straight toward his house low, about 100 feet elevation. The lowness caught his attention and he called to his children to run into the front yard to see it. Cumby watched the object come to about a mile from his house, stop in mid-air and start rising very slowly. The western sky still had enough light in it that the helicopter was a clear silhouette and he believes there was no rotor blades whirring. Further, he didn't hear any noise at all.

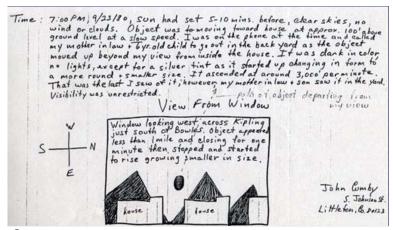
John Cumby told me, "As the 'helicopter' rose upward, it seemed to turn into a 'ball shape.' I yelled for my mother-in-law to run out into the yard, too, while I was still on the phone. She said as the object rose, it changed into a 'square shape.'" She watched it rise to about 4,000 to 5,000 feet, she estimated. Meanwhile, John Cumby finally got off the phone and ran for his binoculars.

During that time, the mother-in-law watched the UFO disappear and re-appear with "something fluttering below it" and then shot straight up out of sight.

### Sketch by Mother-In-Law Mary Hutchison



Time: 7:02 PM Mtn, September 23, 1980, foothills of Littleton, Colorado. Looking straight west toward the foothills and Rocky Mountains, at "5,000 feet approximately above ground level, the object leveled off with a part moving, dark in color, then disappeared for a second, then reappeared several hundred feet to the right at same altitude for a second and then the whole thing (intact) shot straight up out of sight in less than a second. My 6-year-old (grand) child describes it as 'a circle in the sky." Sketch © 1980 by Mary Hutchison.



John Cumby: "Time: 7:00 PM, September 23, 1980, sun had set 5 - 10 minutes before, clear skies, no wind or clouds. Object was moving toward house at approx. 100 feet above ground level at a slow speed. I was on the phone at the time and called my mother-in-law (Mary Hutchison) and 6-year-old child to go out in the back yard as the object moved up beyond my view from (where I was) inside the house. It was dark in color, no lights, except for a silver tint as it started up changing in form to a more round and smaller size. It ascended at around 3,000 feet per minute. That was the last I saw of it; however, my mother-in-law and son saw it in the yard. Visibility was unrestricted. My view from window was looking west across Kipling just south of Bowles. Object appeared less than 1 mile and closing for one minute, then stopped and started to rise, growing smaller in size." Sketch by John Cumby, Littleton, Colorado.

I called the Roy Hunt Horse Boarding to see if they had seen or heard anything unusual that night either in the sky or among their animals. I talked with Debbie Hunt. She and her husband, Roy Hunt, leased the U-Bar-S Ranch for 9.5 years. She said that at 7 PM on Tuesday, September 23, they were getting ready to go to a meeting and did not notice anything unusual. The pasture near John Cumby's house is where the Hunts pasture their cattle. Mrs. Hunt checked the cattle right after I phoned and said she could not find any missing or anything unusual.

Then she volunteered the following story: Two years ago in April 1978, something weird did happen. The Horse Boarding place has three houses set around a lake. They were in one house; other people were in the middle and furthest house. At around 11 PM, or near midnight, in her house, the doorbell suddenly went off and would not stop ringing. There are two glass doors to their shower. One was shattered inside the door frame, but nothing fallen on the floor, and not one piece of shattered shower door glass was larger than 1/4-inch across. The other adjacent door was unaffected.

In addition to the doorbell suddenly ringing without stopping, the massager under their bed also went off making sounds. Yet, both of their television sets remained normal.

However, in the middle house on the lake, a woman there said, 'It sounded like something sat on the roof of the house. I actually felt pressure somehow from the air." The B&W television set she was watching became filled with static and after that, the TV never worked right again.

An electrician was called to that house and was puzzled that a low voltage doorbell and a high voltage massager would both be set off at the same time.

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