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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

July 19, 2018

MR. JOHN GREENWALD JR.
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FOIPA Request No.: 1406515-000
Subject: Cattle Mutilations
(1908 to Present)

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Below you will find informational paragraphs relevant to your request. Please read each item carefully.

Enclosed are 7 pages of previously processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype
- Facsimile
- AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
- Priority
- Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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

Date 10/31/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BUTTE (163-) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Cattle Mutiliations

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OO: Bureau

File

On 10/30/79

[redacted] telephonically advised the Butte Office of the FBI that his office is investigating approximately 12 cases of cattle mutiliations in the [redacted] area. A helicopter is being used for the purpose of lifting cattle from one area to the other and then at the location where the cattle are placed, mutiliations are performed, such as removing the sex organs of the animal or the brains, or, in some cases, only bleeding of the animal with no further removal of organs. He advised that the meat has apparently not been taken for use.

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[redacted] advised that witnesses have observed the helicopter in the area and actually transporting carcasses. The helicopter has been described as a Bell 47, gun metal gray in color, with black letters on the side of the body. The first two digits in the registration number are "NZ", no further numbers observed. [redacted] advised that the first character "N" indicates that it is

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of United States registry. He has information that this helicopter has been employed in the Butte, Montana, area, probably as a crop duster. The pilot of helicopter is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Weathered
Age	Approximately 30 - 35 years
Remarks	Has Fu-Man-Chu mustache

The second individual operating the helicopter is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Early 30s
Hair	Dark, straight
Complexion	Dark
Remarks	Wears a red and white bandanna around his neck; Smokes Cigarello-type cigarettes

b7C [redacted] requested that the FBI attempt to determine the registration, if possible, of the helicopter, which may have been working in the Butte, Montana, area in the recent past and attempt to determine the identities of the two individuals apparently operating this helicopter in the Butte, Montana, [redacted]

b7C It is recalled that a helicopter similar to the one in question was observed at Wise River, Montana, on 10/28/79, and two individuals somewhat matching the descriptions given by [redacted] were observed at Wise River, Montana.

b7D [redacted] advised he does not desire that the individuals in question be interviewed at this time, if they should be identified, but rather their identification

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effected so that a surveillance activity could be established regarding them in an endeavor to catch them in the act of cattle mutiliations in Canada.

LEADS

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Attempt to determine if it is possible to identify a Bell 47 helicopter, which allegedly has been operating in the Alberta, Canada, and Butte, Montana, areas, only identifying digits "NZ".

BUTTE DIVISION

AT WISE RIVER, MONTANA

Will attempt to identify the individuals observed servicing a helicopter on 10/28/79.

AT BUTTE, MONTANA

At the Butte Municipal Airport Tower and FAA facility, will attempt to identify the operators of a Bell 47 Helicopter which may have been operating in the Butte area.

FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype
- Facsimile
- Airtel

PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
- Priority
- Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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

Date 11/13/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (163-253) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
Cattle Mutilations

[Redacted]

(OO: BUREAU)
Re Butte airtel 10/31/79.

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On November 8, 1979, [Redacted] Security, Federal Aeronautical Administration, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised that there are no United States registered helicopters with prefix digits "NZ". AMENDS stated that he did check the 600 or 700 registered Bell 47 helicopters, and found none with "NZ" as either the prefix or suffix of their registration numbers.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (163-47236) DATE: 1/9/80

FROM : SAC, BUTTE (163-552) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
Cattle Mutilations,
[REDACTED]

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OO: Bureau

Re Butte airtel to the Bureau, 10/31/79.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of Butte
letter to [REDACTED] dated 1/9/80.

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All logical investigation has been conducted in
this matter. Telephonic contact has been maintained with
[REDACTED] and confirmed by enclosed letter.

No further investigation being conducted and this
matter is being placed in an RUC status.

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ENCLOSURE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

P. O. Box #607
Butte, Montana 59701
January 9, 1980



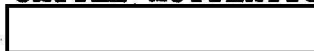
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Attention:



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Re: CATTLE MUTILATIONS



Dear Sir:

This will confirm conversation of Special Agent
[redacted] of my office with [redacted] of
your office on December 5, 1979, and with [redacted]
on January 8, 1980.

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Investigation conducted in the United States has failed to identify a Bell 47 Helicopter, gun metal gray in color, bearing a registration prefix "NZ."

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised there are no United States registered helicopters with prefix digits "NZ," or suffix digits "NZ."

There have been numerous helicopters working in the Butte, Montana, area throughout the Summer and Fall of 1979 primarily on oil exploration and pipeline construction; however, review of records at the Control Tower at the Butte Airport and fuel sales receipts at Butte Aero, the only fuel distributor at this airport, failed to reveal that a helicopter bearing a registration number containing the digits "NZ" has been fueled.

Control Tower personnel and fuel truck operators have been alerted to advise this office of the future presence of any helicopter bearing the digits "NZ."

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At this time, no further logical investigation remains to be conducted in the United States in this matter. However, if further investigation should become necessary, please do contact my office. We are anxious to be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

JAY E. BAILEY
Special Agent in Charge