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SUBJECT: CATTLE DEATHS - MESQUITE, NEVADA AND LITTLEFIELD, ARIZONA

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On October 2, 1953 John Fenley, County Agent, Clark County, Nevada, reported that Alfred Frehner of Mesquite was the owner of an abnormal calf that he would donate to the AEC for laboratory experiments. Butts and Watt killed the calf and shipped bones to NYOO on October 13, 1953. This calf was born in April 1953. A calf dropped in April 1953 from this area was requested by NYOO through Gordon Dunning on August 3, 1953 at Salt Lake City.

On Monday, October 19, Mr. Bob Reber, Littlefield, Arizona, reported a sick calf and asked that we send somebody to look at it. Roehl and Butts saw the calf on October 19, 1953. They also visited Mr. Frehner who claims to have lost six head of cattle during the past month. Naturally he thinks radiation might be the cause and has asked for a report on the calf he donated to us.

O'Harra makes frequent trips to Mesquite and expects to make his next trip in about ten days and he will see Mr. Frehner's herd while there. I told O'Harra we could give him a ride from here if he decided to fly down from Reno. He may be able to diagnose the trouble with Mr. Frehner's cows and relieve AEC of all doubt.

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