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DEFENCE RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT SUFFIELD
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FEO MEMO NO. 23/68

TO: Director of Logistics
FM: Field Experimental Officer

SUBJECT: Discovery of Carcasses Near 490 Layout

1. Attached is a report from H.K. MacDonald re the discovery of two carcasses of horses found about 300 yards south of the VX layout.
2. Drs. Stewart and Adie have been informed - no report received from either to date.
3. No action has been taken to date.

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On Feb 29 last, during a tour of range installations I visited the V.X. layout which is situated approx 12 miles East of camp and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile North of rte 2. At a point some 300 yards South of the layout I found the remains of 2 horses ~~lying~~ about 50 yards apart. Both carcasses had been nearly stripped and eaten by rodents. In both cases the animals appeared to have done considerable kicking and pawing before death as the ground in the vicinity was well disturbed. By the state of the bodies both appeared to have died at the same time. On both carcasses bits of flesh could be seen which was still red and the bones hadnot bleached which is usual when exposed to weather for some time, so they had apparently died quite recently. By the condition of their teeth neither appeared to have been an old animal so it seemed t ey had not died from natural causes.

A badger was observed in a den close to one of the bodies so if he hadeaten any of the flesh he had not suffered ~~any~~ any ill effects. The last trial done on this layout was F.E. 579 on 16 Oct 67.

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