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motive and great disarray. If the killer re-visits the scene, it is to re-live the experience.

The simplicity of the organized-disorganized classification is more complicated when we are confronted with a specific case. There are mixtures of these as well as extraneous disruption of the crime scene and intentional cover ups. An organized murderer may camouflage his crime using disorganized behaviors. It takes training to discern this behavior from the product of a mentally ill person. The psychoanalyst without investigative training would have a difficult time

assembling a criminal profile.

With my police training and clinical work serving as a theoretical and practical foundation, I draw upon martial arts training and metaphysical studies for the creative, intuitive process that will guide my reflection. Professional experience and spiritual practice allow for the suspension of conventional reality and the blending of science with mysticism. My own consciousness is my guide.

On an unconscious - semi-conscious level, I attempt to do what the serial killer does with his victim: fuse and identify. In this state, there are no barriers to understanding. I am at one with the killer: I intuit his thoughts and

feelings, and identify with the rage and frustration that drive him toward acts of violence. As in the case of mythical Native American shape changers, I alter my thinking, change shapes. I will outwit my target: "stealing" his fundamental self. His path becomes mine. His footsteps my own. I am at one with bow and target.

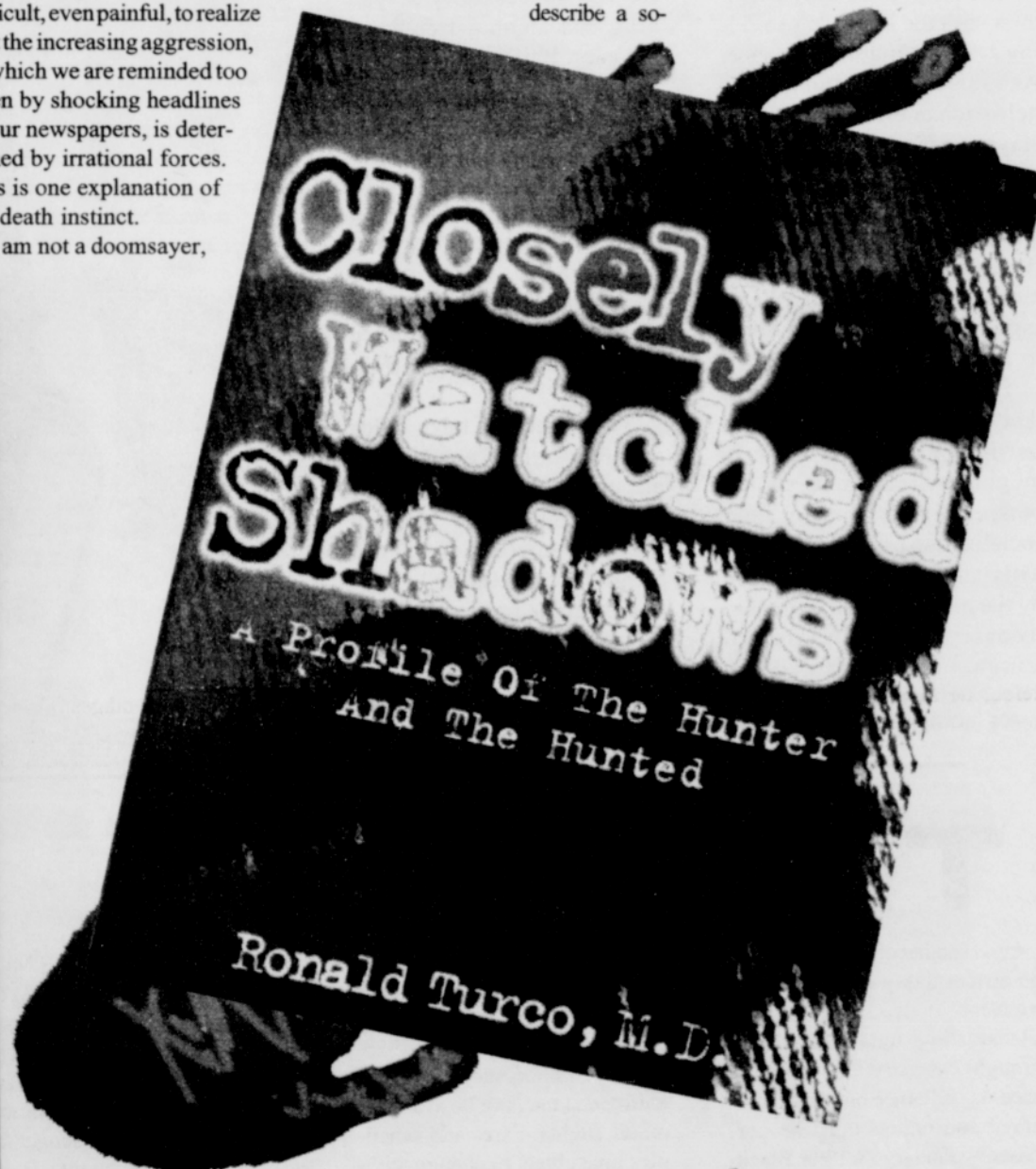
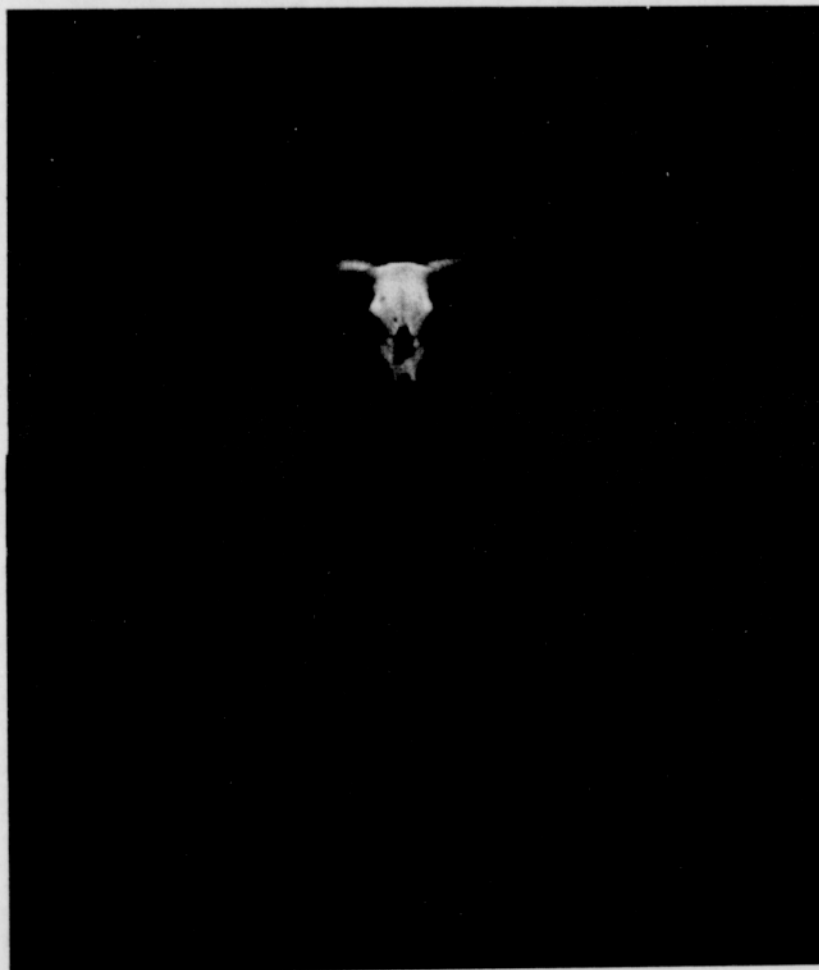
Mind is more than an outgrowth of rational processes and it is difficult, even painful, to realize that the increasing aggression, of which we are reminded too often by shocking headlines in our newspapers, is determined by irrational forces. This is one explanation of the death instinct.

I am not a doomsayer,

but unless we rebuild the solid core of family unity that once gave strong morality, love and deep purpose to our nation, we are going to create more feelingless monsters who kill randomly and remind us by their increasing presence that the fabric of our lives is being torn asunder because we have abandoned that which made our lives worthwhile and virtuous.

It is never enough merely to describe a so-

cial phenomena such as serial killers when their number and the frequency of their appearances seem to be rising. And when we see symptomatic examples of their sociopathic behavior in less violent individuals, who, nevertheless exhibit the aggressive signs of displacement, rationalization and depersonalization, we must conclude that there is a growing sickness in our society with which we must deal.



## Child Serial Murder

On September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1989, the bodies of two young children were found in a park in Vancouver, Washington state. The police in Portland, Oregon on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1989 responded to the disappearance of a young child in a public park. Vancouver, Washington detectives were called to investigate the nude body of a white male five year old on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1989. It was later learned that this was the child who had been missing from the public park in Portland. A multi-dimensional task force including FBI agents from both Washington and Oregon was organized. On November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1989 I was asked to join the task force to develop a "psychological profile" of the assailant. By examining the crime

scene photographs and autopsy reports I predicted that the "typical offender" of such crimes would be a white male between 25-35 years of age who was a loner and non-affiliated in the community. It was predicted that if the offender had served in the military he would have been discharged under less than honorable conditions, that he might carefully assess the progress of the criminal investigation of these murders and might even try to "assist" police. He might keep records of the crime including a diary and newspaper clippings and it was hypothesized that once apprehended, pornography would be in his possession or in his home, as well as photographs of the victim alive and post-



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mortem. By utilizing demographic data, it was further hypothesized that the subject would probably have a late model car and would be employed at a job with limited responsibility. Such data was statistically consistent with our past experience with such offenders. Psychological interpretation of the behavior of past offenders indicated that they would keep a fetish, frequently a body part, a lock of hair, an article of underclothing, jewelry or personal items as a "souvenir". Later the fetisistic article was used to masturbate and "re-live" (in fantasy) their erotic criminal activity. In this particular crime, we hypothesized that the offender would probably continue to molest and murder male victims and that he

likely viewed females as "being defective". Control of the victim was noted to be the primary motivator with sexual gratification being secondary. We speculated that the offender was a transient who had most likely already committed several murders who would continue to commit more.

Such individuals have been found to have a prior history of mental counseling for sexual offenses, and a long history of deviant, sexual behavior. We noted that it would be common for this individual to use restraints on his child victims. We hypothesized that this man would be non-psychotic and would likely fit into the category of an "organized" serial murderer, according to the FBI categories.