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This UFO business is beginning to come out in the open a bit more and it is almost respectable to talk about them in many circles. It is interesting that there does not seem to be one single scientist who has carefully investigated the subject without becoming convinced that not only do the UFO's exist, but that they are extraterrestrial. If you have any friends who are still skeptical about UFO's you might suggest that they spend 6¢ and write to their Congressman and ask him to send them a copy of the House of Representatives Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects, a Hearing before the Committee on Science and Astronautics on July 29, 1968.

The report should leave little room for disbelief in UFOs. Dr. James Harder, Associate Professor at UC Berkeley, says this: "Over the past 20 years a vast amount of evidence has been accumulating that bears on the existence of UFOs. Most of this is little known to the general public or to most scientists. But on the basis of the data and ordinary rules of evidence, as would be applied in the civil or criminal courts, the physical reality of UFOs has been proved beyond a reasonable doubt. With some effort we can accept this on an intellectual level, but find a difficulty in accepting it on an emotional level, in such a way that the facts give a feeling of reality. In this respect we might recall the attitude many of us have toward our own deaths: We accept the facts intellectually, but find it difficult to accept them emotionally." Dr. Harder suggests that the first thing that should be done toward further serious investigations of the UFO's is the establishment of an early-warning network. Since UFOs are frequently seen in the same area on succeeding nights he suggests that research teams set up immediately after a sighting with all of the instruments they can muster. He suggests that the Air Force provide transportation for the teams and their gear.

Dr. Baker of UCLA explained to the Symposium why most tracking radar is adjusted to ignore UFOs and why little is seen of them on our early-warning radars. He suggested changes in the radar systems which

would permit them to sense UFO's and not just throw them out because they don't follow the missile trajectory pattern that the radars are set to watch for. It seems that there are hundreds of uncorrelated targets monthly which are not investigated at all because they are obviously not missiles.

It is interesting that UFOs are seen primarily by people who have not hitherto been believers in UFOs . . . though there is no record of anyone remaining a disbeliever after the experience. Of course only a very small percentage of the people who have seen them actually report their sighting. A recent poll indicates that about 5,000,000 people in the U.S. have seen the UFOs so far, while there have been only about 12,000 filed reports.

Are UFOs spotted on radars? Yes, time after time . . . from land and air radars. Are they ever seen by large groups of people or are they almost always seen by isolated individuals? Frequently by groups and now and then by large groups. Three were seen flying across the airport at Longview, Washington during an Air Show, each from a different direction, about fifteen minutes apart. All three were seen by over 150 gawkers at the show when they were pointed out by the P.A. system announcer. All were seen clearly. Many airline pilots have seen them up fairly close, though few report them any more due to the jibes they get from other pilots and the company.

The hope of the scientists who gathered for the Congressional Symposium was that the "curtain of laughter" could be raised so that serious scientists could study UFOs and observers could more freely report on sightings. They also hope that a world-wide communications network can be established and that automated and instrument teams be set up to provide more information on UFOs.

Stanton Friedman, a physicist with Westinghouse Astronuclear Laboratory takes to task the few remaining critics of UFO reports such as Menzel and Klass saying, "I feel that these gentlemen have made strong attempts to make the data fit their hypotheses rather than trying to do the much

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more difficult job of creating hypotheses which fit the data." He goes on further to say, "I have concluded that the earth is being visited by intelligently controlled vehicles whose origin is extraterrestrial."

Dr. McDonald of the University of Arizona has been studying UFO reports on an intensive basis for over two years and has interviewed several hundred witnesses. He has reluctantly come to the conclusion "that the UFOs are entirely real and we do not know what they are, because we have laughed them out of court. The possibility that these are extraterrestrial devices, that we are dealing with surveillance from some advanced technology, is a possibility I take very seriously." Dr. McDonald goes on further to say, "For the record, I should have to state that my interviewing results dispose me toward acceptance of the existence of humanoid occupants in some UFO's. I would not argue with those who say this might be the single most important element of the entire UFO puzzle."

Friends, something very definitely is up here and it looks as if a large responsibility for the expansion of investigation of the

UFOs rests on the shoulders of amateur radio. With only a small amount of organizing we can be set up to provide nationwide alerting when UFOs are spotted.

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By next spring I hope we will be ready to get everyone interested in the net set up