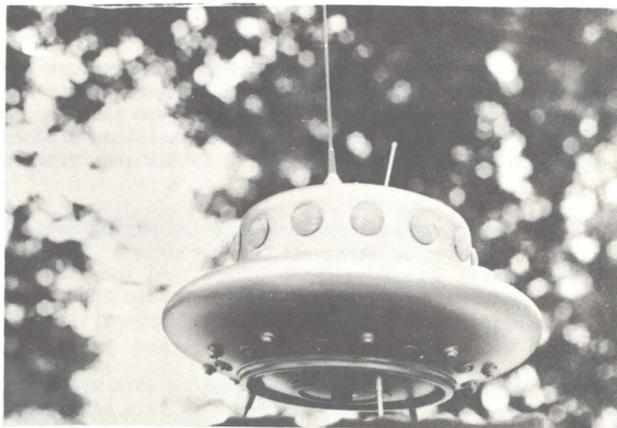


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CONTACT BY RADIO ?

By Dennis Stamey

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Dear Friend:

Since the dawn of recorded history Man has reported many strange things in the sky. Historians such as Livy, Cicero and Pliny have written about "pillars of light" or "new moons or suns" flying in the sky. Since 1947 this phenomena of mysterious objects seen has increased a thousand-fold. Today objects are seen all over the world by citizens from every walk of life.

Scientific and non-scientific investigations into the Flying Saucer phenomena indicate that something is being seen in our skies. Some researchers feel they are a natural phenomena while others feel they are intelligently controlled spaceships from another planet. My feelings as a saucer researcher is to bring out all facets of the UFO mystery to the public and let them decide for themselves.

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COVER: Award model of UFO presented to James W. Moseley for best speaking performance at the open session of the 1969 Congress in Charleston, West Virginia. Photo credits: cover, R. Hilberg; page seven, Allen H. Greenfield.

If you, the reader, were given a 1000 watt radio station somewhere in the Western United States, 24 hours a day, non-directional, and were asked to make radio establishment with UFOs how would you go about it? Some of you would probably say such a feat is impossible, but nevertheless the idea of actual contact with the saucers via radio is quite plausible.

Has it ever been tried? John Otto, a foremost researcher in the UFO field, is interested in attempting a mechanical link with the elusive disks. He has made outstanding experiments over such powerful radio transmitters as WGN, Chicago (1954), KFI, Los Angeles, (1955), and WOR, New York (1957). Although his results are inconclusive, Otto says he received codelike sounds which he gives careful consideration.

If we are also determined to try to contact "them" why don't they try to also contact us? A very good question which may have been answered numerous times.

Guttural voices and coded signals have been pouring out over short wave receivers and even VLF equipment in areas where UFO sightings are most intense. In 1957, when a "flap" was reaching almost global proportions, short wave listeners everywhere were baffled by an undecipherable "tonal pattern" being broadcast next to 20,005 m.c. frequency. Governmental authorities of both the U.S. and Russia said the signals were not related to the new orbiting satellites.

Supposedly, in October 1953, a New York radio station was interrupted by a high, thin voice saying, "You earthmen will soon be destroyed, and your planet, unless you stop talking about flying saucers. I am speaking from a spaceship over Los Angeles." After awhile that same voice came back saying, "I am over Salt Lake City. You cannot see me, but I could reach you easily. If you saw my hideous face, it would scare you to death."

A month later in November, Project Bluebook received a weird registered letter which began: "Our craft have prepared and charted facilities for landing on your planet in numerous remote areas. We have given sufficient demonstrations of our abilities in speed and performance..."

The letter goes on to say that the earth had been under photographic surveillance by spacecraft and that they were able to terminate production, communication, and transportation at any time.

In July 1954, the Midwest picked up a dull, male monotone voice over the radio saying: "I wish no one to be afraid, although I speak from outer space. But if you do not stop preparations for war, you will be destroyed." That same month London airport officials told of a similar broadcast, "Don't be afraid...you will be destroyed."

On August 3, 1958, ham radio operators throughout the country picked up a broadcast on the 75 meter international band. A male voice claiming to be Necoma, from Jupiter, warned listeners that atomic bombs would lead to total devastation. He spoke for some two-and-a-half hours in English, German, Norwegian, and his own language which sounded like musical jibberish.

The FCC denied knowledge of the incident, but it was said that hundreds heard the voice.

The recent radio signals received from Cambridge University and other powerful radio telescopes gives a possible hint that this link between superior communities of the galaxy may come some day soon.

The signals, occurring at intervals of 1.337 seconds with a regular beat, are greater than any ordinary timepiece. The Arecibo Ionospheric Observatory says that they are the strongest emissions yet discovered in the sky, and record them at a frequency of 111 megacycles a second.

Speculation on their origin is still undetermined. There are two schools of thought, one saying the signals come from a natural origin, others an extraterrestrial source, possibly galactic beacons being employed to guide manned spaceships along the Milky Way.

In any case, those strange guttural voices and eerie broadcasts leave us with the fact that some how, somewhere somebody is trying to get messages across to us...and has succeeded.

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" SIGMA C "

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In the past few months quite a few ufologists have created schemes for rating UFO sightings. They go from one extreme, where all information is coded in one line for data processing and is impossible for a mere human to understand, to another extreme where all sightings are accepted because they sound good, because of the journalistic expertise of a rewrite man on some newspaper. As one can see, both of these leave a lot of room for development of some rating system that has both scientific validity and can be understood by everyone.

Such a system does exist, called Sigma C (or in the Greek: Σ C, a single E will represent the Greek letter Sigma for the remainder of this article) developed by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Chief Scientific Consultant for the U.S. Air Force on UFOs. The E rating runs along the X axis (horizontal) (see the diagram) and is numbered from 1 to 5. This scale measures the strangeness of the events of a sighting versus normal everyday happenings. A sighting that could appear to be explained in conventional terms as a misidentification of a star, airplane or balloon would get a rating of 1, or under conditions of a highly unusual nature, a rating of 2. On the other hand, a sighting of an object that could only appear to be explained as an intelligently controlled craft doing maneuvers that no man-made object could, would get a rating of 5.

Ideally the E rating should be done by a physical scientist, who would be familiar with known phenomena, aircraft, etc. Since the chances of getting a scientist to rate every case is near impossible, ufologists who have some technical training or are familiar with aircraft (through armed forces service) using a system similar to that used in athletic events, of having three people do the rating (from 1 to 5) and throwing out the high and the low one. This would give an average rating for any given sighting and would rule out the inexactness of a given individual in a given case.

The Y axis (vertical) scale is the C scale or credibility. Credibility has to do with whether what a witness says is believable. This scale runs from 1 to 9. In this scale, as with the other, the rating should be done by scientists. A sociologist or psychologist would be the ideal person to rate the credibility of a witness. Since as with the E scale, trained people are hard to come by in ufology, the same trokia method can be used with ufologists who have developed good interviewing habits through field investigations, i.e. throwing out the high and low ratings and keeping the middle one.

The rating of E and C should be done separately. The three doing the E rating should not be the same three doing the C rating. If a person is rating how strange the details of a sighting are, he should not rate the credibility of witnesses.

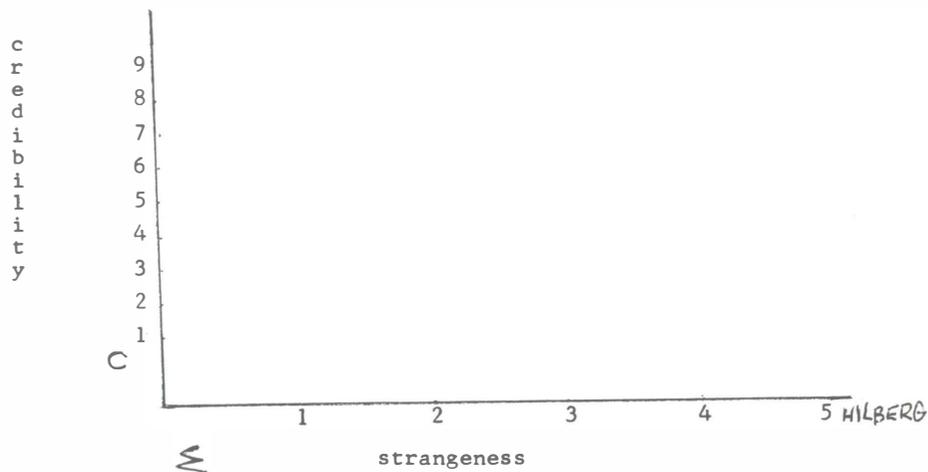
Strangeness is pretty well self-explanatory, but credibility poses some problems. How, for example, does one rate sightings with several witnesses with varying degrees of reliability, or should the word of a policeman be given higher credibility than the general observer or should scientists be given a high rating because of their training? All these problems have to be resolved in the individual raters' minds and then the method of throwing out the high and low ratings should give a fair rating.

A rating system is good only if it is used and if it sets some priorities. If a sighting has a E rating of 5, but a C rating of 2, it should not be investigated, conversely if a sighting has a witness with a C rating of 8 and his sighting has a E of 2, it should not be investigated. Had the Condon Committee used this rating scale in their report, according to Dr. Hynek, well over half of their sightings used in the final report would have been thrown out before any time was spent on them.

Admittedly the amateur's time is limited in this field. If he wants to do something worthwhile he had better find all the shortcuts and steps that give his work some scientific validity or he is kidding himself. Dr. Hynek's Sigma C rating system is just such a tool.

(With permission of Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Director, Lindheimer Astrophysical Research Center, Northwestern University.)

HYNEK'S Σ C SCALE



AROUND AND ABOUT
THE SAUCER WORLD

By Rick Hilberg

Although we have a comprehensive report on the 1969 Congress of Scientific Ufologists slated for our fall issue, some comments by this writer might be in order.

Firstly, we would like to thank Mr. J. Ralph Jarrett of the UFO Investigators of Charleston, host of this year's gathering, for providing the delegates with a well-planned convention that led to many important resolutions by the nearly fifty delegates attending. Some of these accomplishments, such as the adoption of a basic set of by-laws for the Congress and the adoption of the Sigma C rating system, are a refreshing step in the right direction. Again, a comprehensive review of the Congress will be presented in our fall issue...

We would also like to publically congratulate Mr. John J. Robinson on winning the 1969 Loftin Memorial Award for the most outstanding work by a member of the Congress. Jack is without a doubt the hardest working and most dedicated Congress member, and we are most happy to see his outstanding work recognized.

HYNEK INVESTIGATING ILLINOIS UFO

Dr. J. Allen Hynek is currently investigating a UFO report from the Palatine-Lake Zurich area and was quoted by the press as saying: "You have to conclude from talking to these people that they are either badly mistaken or that they really did see an unusual object in the sky."

The object, sighted by several persons in separated areas, was reported sighted on May 12. The first to report sighting the UFO were two teenagers named Greg Lucht and Alan Prouty who spotted the object after 9:30 p.m. in their car on Illinois 53 near Dundee Road. Lucht said that his first impression of the object was that it could have been a beacon atop a radio tower, and that a flash sighted was a bird being electrocuted on the wires.

His opinion changed when he drove past a clump of trees and got a

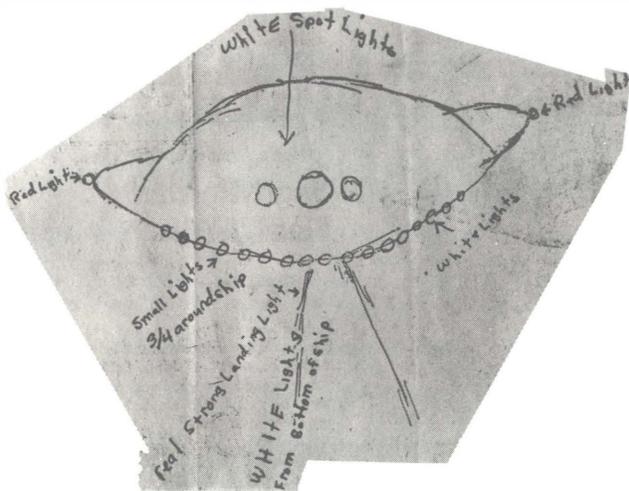


good look at the object. He described it as looking like a World War One British helmet with a concave indentation in the center of the underside. This indentation had a large light in it, he said. The light was reported to have gone off and on a number of times. The object also nosed down once and from the front it appeared oval with three large lights (described as "headlights" by the boys) which appeared on the forward section of the UFO. Smaller red and white lights were spaced about three-quarters of the way around the rim of the UFO, and were reported to have blinked off and on also.

The boys were so upset over seeing this weird nocturnal visitor that they drove to the Prouty home a short distance away, and went on the roof of the house to get a better look. "We were pretty upset," Lucht said. "We had to lie down on the roof to keep from falling off because it came so close." At this time they noted that the object made a humming noise that would rise and fall in pitch, seemingly in a regular pattern. The boys also noted that a dog in the vicinity began barking when the object was in view.

The object was also spotted by Morton Konlon, who owns a stables in Lake Zurich. Konlon said that he first sighted the UFO sometime between 9 and 10 p.m. with two other witnesses. At his stable he watched it as it flew around flashing its light at about eight second intervals. Konlon reported that the UFO had red lights and that at a distance it sounded something like a prop plane, but close-up it had a jet-like sound when it was overhead. He could not report making out any definite shape in the darkness.

After comparing drawings made of the object (see below) Dr. Hynek believes the object may have been about fifty feet in diameter.



Alan Prouty's sketch of the UFO