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P-1947: Tesla, Marconi and Todd: First Contact?

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The following is taken from the imminent second issue of my newsletter.

In light of some recent list discussions, I thought the extract might be of interest:

The 'National Institute for Discovery Science' (NIDS) has some interesting material on their web site.

The introduction explains:

"Our attention was directed toward the existence of this paper by one of our colleagues in the scientific community. After further inquiry, it was found that this paper is archived at the Linda Hall Library (an independent research library of science and technology, 800-662-1545) in Kansas City, Missouri. The paper is archived on microfiche and, after further investigation, we found that no original hard copy is obtainable from either the Linda Hall Library or IBM's archives. We then ordered a photocopy of the paper be made from microfiche and sent to NIDS".

"More commentary is forthcoming!".

The paper is entitled, 'AN HISTORIC REPORT ON LIFE IN SPACE: TESLA, MARCONI, TODD', by C. D. Jackson and R. E. Hohmann of 'International Business Machines Corp', Kingston, New York

The IBM scientists presented their paper at the American Rocket Society's 17th annual meeting held in Los Angeles during November 1962.

Summarising the subject matter, they wrote:

"During the years 1899-1924 three experimental scientists, Nikola Tesla, Guglielmo Marconi, and David Todd (working independently of each other) observed laboratory data and related phenomena which suggested the possibility that they were monitoring interplanetary communications. During the same period (1899-1924) the Russian theorist Konstantin Tsiolkovsky deduced a model of an intelligence existing independently of terrestrial influence.

Tesla, Marconi, and Todd did not know that they were working with identical data, nor did they know that these data corroborated, in a quantitative manner, the theoretical model built by Tsiolkovsky".

Had Tesla and Marconi's experiments inadvertently detected signals from another civilisation? What was the source of the enigmatic, periodic, ordered transmissions that led Tesla to believe, "I am absolutely certain that they are not caused by anything terrestrial" and reportedly led Marconi to similarly conclude the pulses originated, "at some point in outer space".

Scanned copies of the original paper can now be seen on the NIDS site at:

http://www.accessnv.com/nids/Jackson_Hohmann_SETI.shtml

Some related material also on-line is, 'Communicating with Mars: The Experiments of Tesla & Hodowanec', by Robert A. Nelson, at:

<http://www.borderlands.com/journal/marscom.htm>

Is this paper relatively unknown?

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