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SETI Signals At 1450MHZ From EQ PEGASI?

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I got on the track of this thanks to a message posted to "alt.ufo.reports" on October 26. The message from the SETI discussion forum is at the end. Unfortunately the downloading of the graph pictures is very slow, so I have given it up for the present.

SETI signals at 1450Mhz from EQ Pegasi?=BF

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<http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Hall/7193>

is a message I found posted on the SETI discussion forum today. It reads like something out of science fiction but to the best of my knowledge it's true: Apparently Jodrell Bank is looking into this. Oh yeah, the .GIFs mentioned in the message are on this website:

<http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Hall/7193>

And here's the page.

Stig

Pictures of SETI Signals from unknown engineer in the UK.

(Picture) October 22, 1998 21:13 UTC

(Picture) October 23, 1998 21:17 UTC

I have contacted the engineer and requested more information. One thing of interest is that the position of these signals coincides (roughly) with the position of a star named EQ Pegasi which is about 22 light years away in the constellation Pegasus. The SETI Institute thought they might have picked up signals from this star back on September 17th and their description of

the events that followed is here (link).

Here is the text of the message that appeared on the SETI email forum 10-26-98:

<Begin Quote>

Several days ago I sent the message below to the executive director and the "Hits" list without a response. (This may be due to me not being a member of the SETI League). I am very excited about this yet it seems no one at the SETI League leadership is interested so I send this along to the members and appeal to them to help confirm this interesting signal. I have tried sending this several times all to no avail. This is my last attempt as I think I may be censored.

Message follows:

Hello,

I am sending this along to inform you of a possible SETI Hit. First let me state, I am *NOT* a member of the SETI League for reason's I would rather not go into. I have however been conducting Amateur SETI for little over a year and a half. I am an engineer at a major telecommunications firm in England and I have for the last year conducted SETI from one of the large (10 Meter) dishes we have here that was taken offline some years ago. This is a "parasitic" experiment and no one around here knows I mounted a 2nd feedhorn on the dish due to the fact that I am the engineer.

The station is as follows:

One 10 Meter dish ----> into a custom built (by me) 1450 Mhz Feedhorn >-----> into a custom built (again by me) -----> a "waterhole" filter (again designed and built by yours truly) -----> an Inmarsat LNA with about 25db gain ----->an ICOM R7100 whose output is sent to two Pentium II's (one running SETIFOX, the other FFTDSP42).

Here is what happened: On 22 Oct 1998 at about 21:13UTC FFTDSP logged a "Hit". Whilst I was working outside the signal faded into view. I looked at the FFTDSP screen when I came inside to take a break to find the last bit of signal trailing into static. I quickly used the REPLAY.EXE program to replay the data to find what you see in the gif file HIT.GIF. The antenna was pointed at RA: 23 degrees 31 minutes 48 seconds (approx.), Declination: 19 Hours 55 minutes 58 seconds (approx.).

Several times during my shift I moved the antenna to that position but the signal did not reappear. Today 23 Oct 1998 at approximately the same time (21:17UTC in this case) the same signal was picked up at the same RA and declination. I had come in prepared to check again for the signal. Between last night and tonight I checked out all equipment to ensure it was in good health so you can imagine my excitement when SETIFOX alerted me at about the same time that it detected a carrier. I had FFTDSP logging the data again and you can see by looking at HIT02.GIF the signal did almost the exact same thing as the night before. I hurried to move the antenna off the source and when I did so the signal went away I moved it back on and lo and behold there it was. I ran two more on-source, off-source tests of this type before finally keeping it onsource by putting the antenna in tracking mode. I during this time I recorded several minutes of data in the form of a .WAV file to disc.

Now that said, I am very reluctant to give my name due to the nature of my work and the fact that my supervisors know nothing of my SETI endeavor. I have a wife and kids and don't want to risk my job unless I know for sure this is the real thing. I was hoping your lot could check it out over the weekend since I will be unable to take data during my days off. I don't risk having the programs running when I am not there just in case someone from the company comes nosing around. Anyway if this sequence occurs again Monday or Tuesday I will alert Jodrell Bank, and the media (BBC, CNN, Skynews, and the like) due to the fact that I don't trust many people, SETI folks included. (No offense meant)

73's (I'd give my call but that would give me away.)

So I'll just sign this, anonymous (for now)

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