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John Otto, the Chicago lecturer who confidently and correctly predicted that Mon-Ka would not show up last November 7th (See footnote #1), evidently has a rather dubious record in saucer research himself. We are in possession of a letter from a woman named Mildred Maier, who accuses Otto of commercializing on a tape recording she made in November of 1954. The tape was made of an alleged coded message from outer space, which came in during a saucer broadcast Otto made on a Chicago radio station. (Footnote #2.)

We quote, in part, Miss Maier's letter: "...This code was received by my sister and myself. Mr. Otto came to my home, and I let him re-tape it, but before that I had him sign an agreement that it would not be used for any commercial purposes. For about two hours he refused to sign the agreement, but he finally signed it.

"His appearances on T. V. shows with the tape were in violation of that agreement, and I finally stopped him from playing it on the Don McNeill network show....It seems that Mr. Otto is using my code at lectures and charging \$1.50 admission, which he had agreed not to do. The write-up he had in the American (newspaper) concerned the same code. We have witnesses who were at a lecture at which he played the code, and at which he admitted it was ours and that it was the only recording received during his November 1954 broadcast."

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SAUCER NEWS is also in possession of confidential information concerning the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, called NICAP for short. (Footnote #3.) This information comes from one of America's best known and most respected saucer researchers, who prefers that we do not use his name. Here is a part of this correspondent's letter:

"About NICAP....They are in a mess. There are many unpaid bills, running into a few thousand dollars. Several people have already quit. The Board of Governors elected on November 1st has been finagled into delegating its authority to an "Executive Committee". Secret commitments were made to certain Baltimore people to pay one small private firm \$1850 per month for so-called public relations work, which has never materialized. The present management has no business ability at all. Memberships total only about 50 people, of whom 40 are fully paid up. These are mostly local Washington people, who are beginning to ask questions. NICAP has very big plans, which would require a staff of hundreds of people, but there is very little evidence that anyone has the ability to carry out the plans. I would advise a period of watchful waiting before you contribute any money to NICAP. I would not be surprised if Frank Edwards resigns as Governor. (Footnote 4.) It is all a sad case of mismanagement, for this group could have been a wonderful thing."

**Footnotes:**

#1: See Dec.-Jan. (1956-1957) SAUCER NEWS, Page 12.

#2: See the Spring, 1955 SAUCERIAN, Pages 37-38.

#3: See Dec.-Jan. (1956-1957) SAUCER NEWS, Page 9.

#4: As of this writing, Frank Edwards has already resigned from NICAP.