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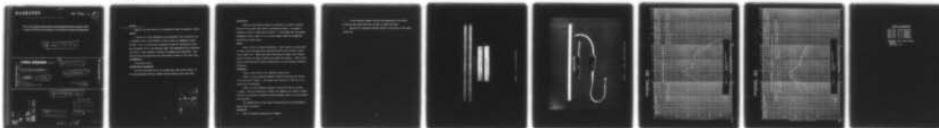
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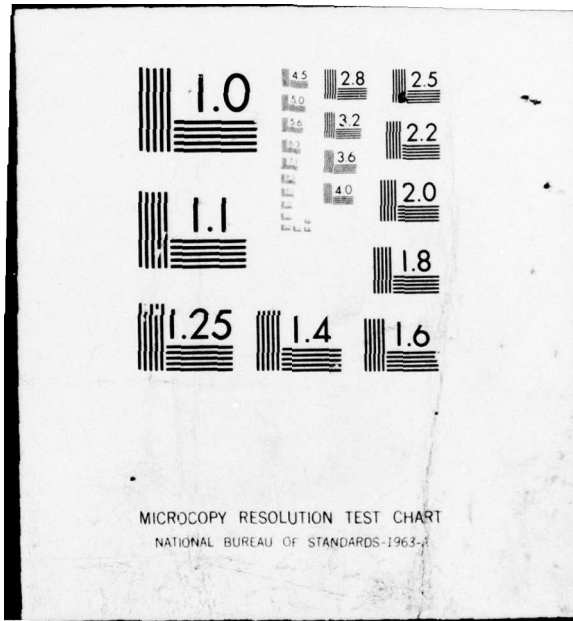
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**PROBLEM**

*The objective of this study was to*

Appraise the practicability of hydrophones formed from magnetic rubber.

**RESULTS**

A series of 23 such hydrophones were assembled, their sensitivity was a tolerable -100 to -120 dbv/dyne in view of their low impedance of about 20 ohms. A 15 to 1 turns ratio transformer raised the sensitivity to the more acceptable -80 to -100 dbv/dyne range. The hydrophones were intolerably sensitive to static pressure variations accompanying sea operations. They could perhaps find application as towed arrays in lakes or very quiet seas.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Discontinue effort.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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## INTRODUCTION

Flexible strip magnetic material as marketed is usually of powdered Barium Ferrite loaded latex rubber or polyvinyl chloride. Its magnetic remanance is about a tenth that of Alnico V. It was hoped that serviceable hydrophones could be made of it to be less fragile than the contemporary piezoelectric ceramic types.

## DESIGN

Figure 1 shows two opened hydrophones. These consist of mating pairs of rubber strip with magnetically opposing bobbins wound with #30 Formvar coated copper wire. Additional rubber rods along the edges, when cemented together provide for about 0.020" air gap between the bobbins. Their mutual repulsion precludes pole locking, characteristic of many variable reluctance transducers.

## PERFORMANCE

Figure 2 shows three of the completed sealed units.

Figure 3 is the frequency response of Serial # 16 which was similar to the top unit of figure 1. The output level from 100 to 1000 cps is considered very satisfactory.

Figure 4 is the frequency response of Serial # 6 which was similar in design. Note the sensitivity to depth that appeared even though a bladder reservoir was attached to maintain internal pressure equal to the surrounding water pressure.

The response level is the series voltage from sets of wound magnetic bobbins shown by figure 1.

## CONCLUSIONS

1. The low frequency sensitivity is adequate.



2. A broad resonant response results from compliance of the rubber strips and gas, associated with the mass of rubber and water.
3. Sensitivity to pressure obviates utility of the device to sea operational use.

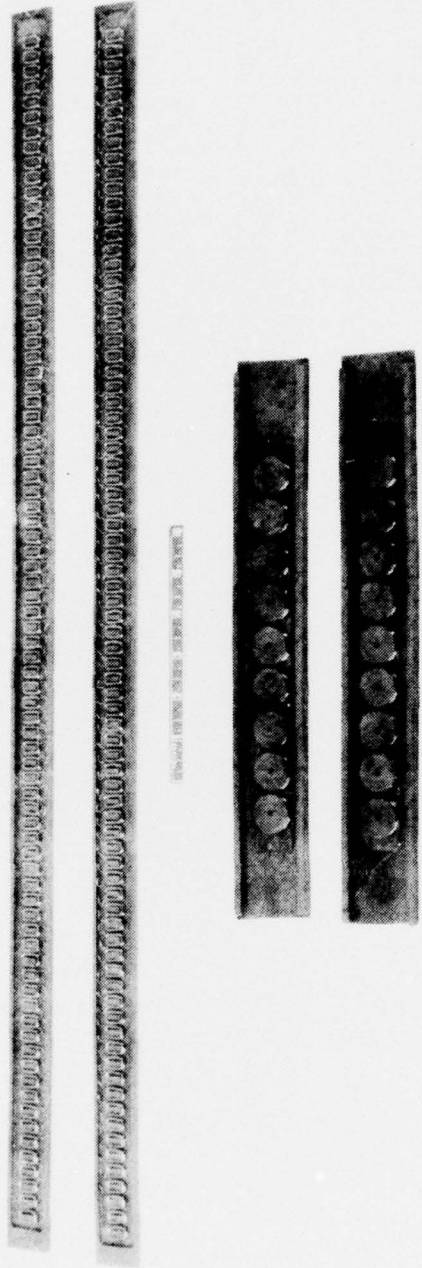


Figure 1 -- Two open hydrophones.

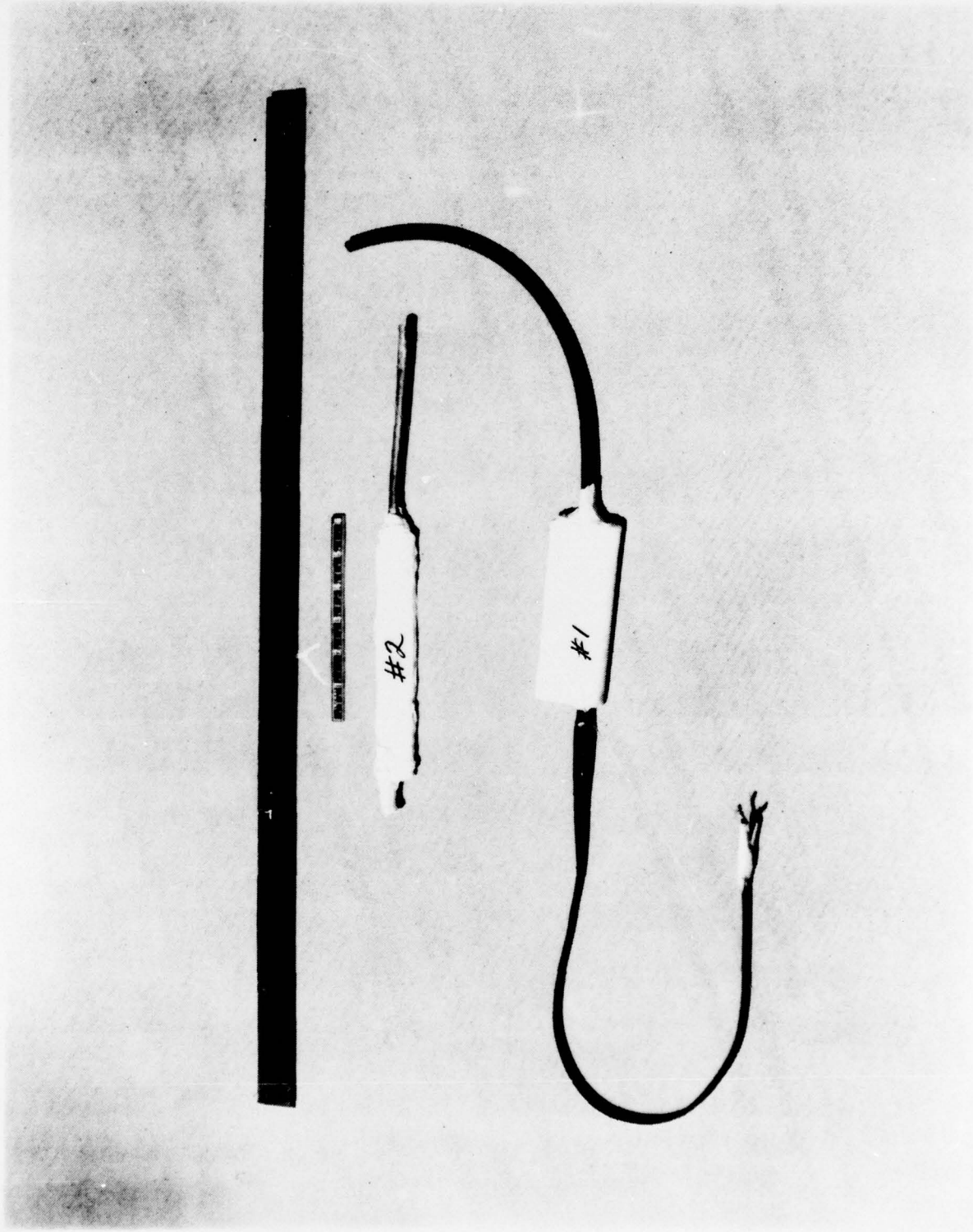


Figure 2 -- Three completed sealed units.



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3 CYCLES X 70 DIVISIONS

Measured at TRANSDB  
10 June 1965

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RECEIVING RESPONSE OF RUBBER #16

Temperature: 21° C  
Depth: 3 meters

Open-circuit voltage measured at  
the end of the cable supplied  
with unit.

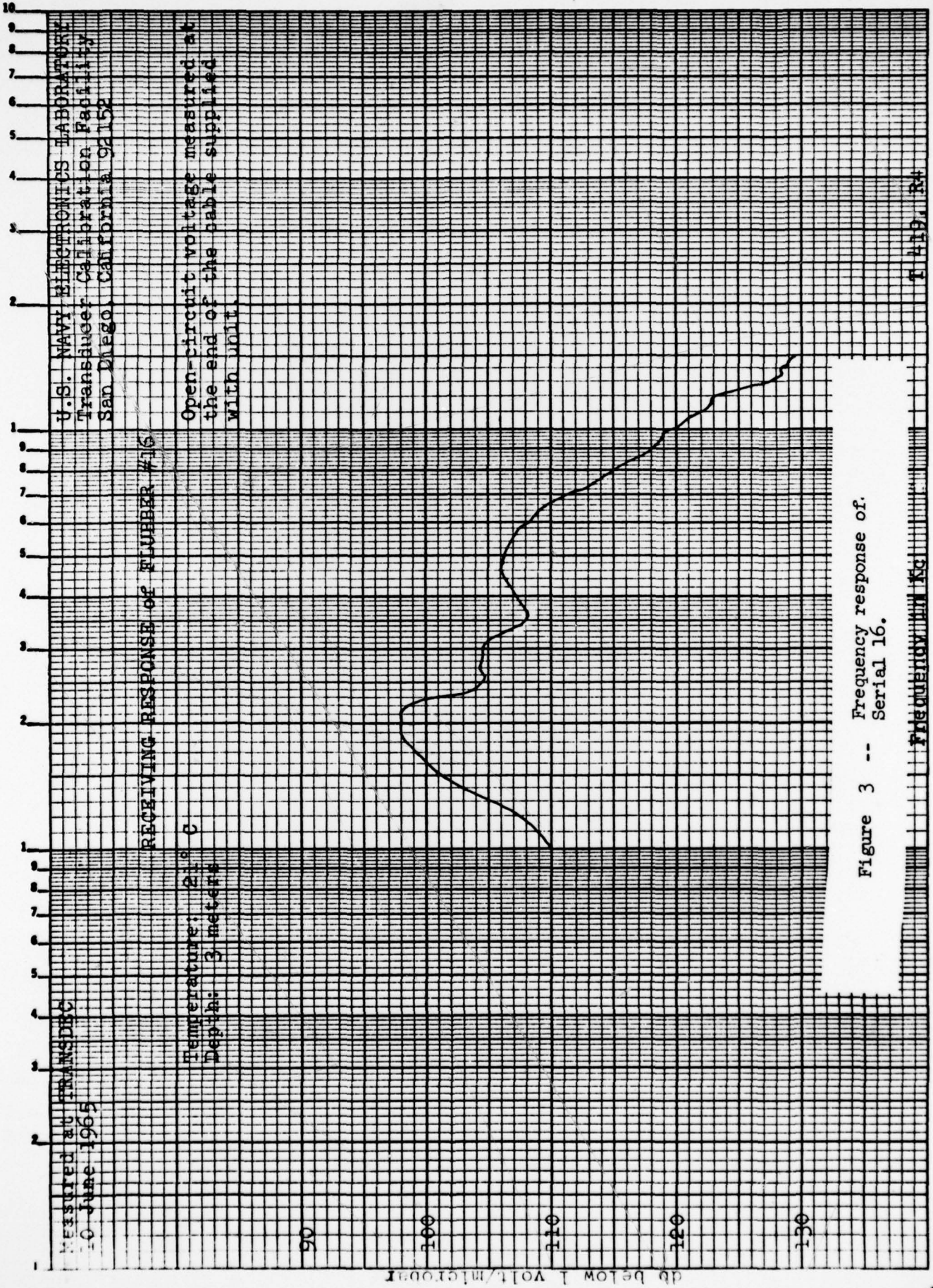


Figure 3 -- Frequency response of  
Serial 16.

Frequency in Kc

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RECEIVING RESPONSE of PLUBBER No. 6 with transformer

Temperature: 17° C  
Depth: 2.0 meters  
1.0 meters  
6.0 meters

Open-circuit voltage measured at the  
output of the transformer supplied  
with unit.

db below 1 volt/microbar

70

80

90

100

Figure 4 -- Frequency response of  
Serial 6.

Frequency in Hz

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