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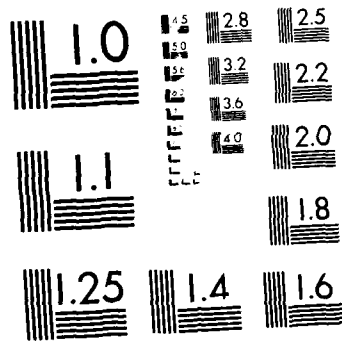
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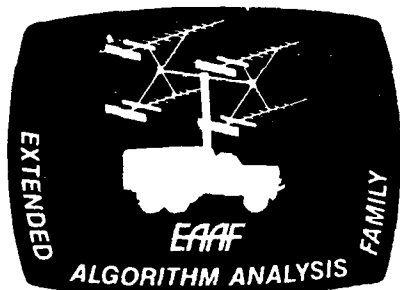
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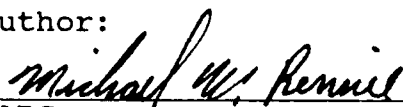
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## Impact Of Bearing Grouping On Bearing Selection

### INTRODUCTION

Define a *group* to be a set of bearings known to belong to the same emitter.

If bearings come in groups known to be associated with a single emitter, then the process of selecting bearings to associate with a particular emitter can be greatly enhanced. The importance of this enhancement increases as the distance between emitters at a particular frequency decreases. It is the objective of this memo to give a basis for both understanding and intuiting this factor.

### THE MODELING ASSUMPTIONS

It is difficult to think in terms of all of the considerations at one time. For the moment ignore:

- 1) the fact that the locations of the emitters one is trying to pick between are not known (in some cases even the existence of the emitter is unknown).
- 2) the fact that the IGRV  $4.5^\circ$  (3 standard deviations) screening criteria is only an approximation as
  - i) the true angular standard deviation is unknown and its estimate may not even turn out to be 1.5 degrees
  - ii) 3 standard deviations does not give 100% assurance that true bearings will not be excluded
- 3) the location of emitters on the battlefield is not random

Ignoring the considerations listed above, what are the odds of having another emitter close enough to make selection ambiguous? The odds turn out to depend on two factors:

- 1) the number of other emitters at that frequency
- 2) the percentage of the total area of the battlefield that is close enough to the observed bearing (plus or minus 4.5 degrees) to pass the acceptance criteria.

Note: this interpretation depends heavily on the random placement assumption above and is acceptable only for illustration purposes.

We shall examine further the odds when there is only one other emitter on the battlefield besides the true at the frequency of interest.

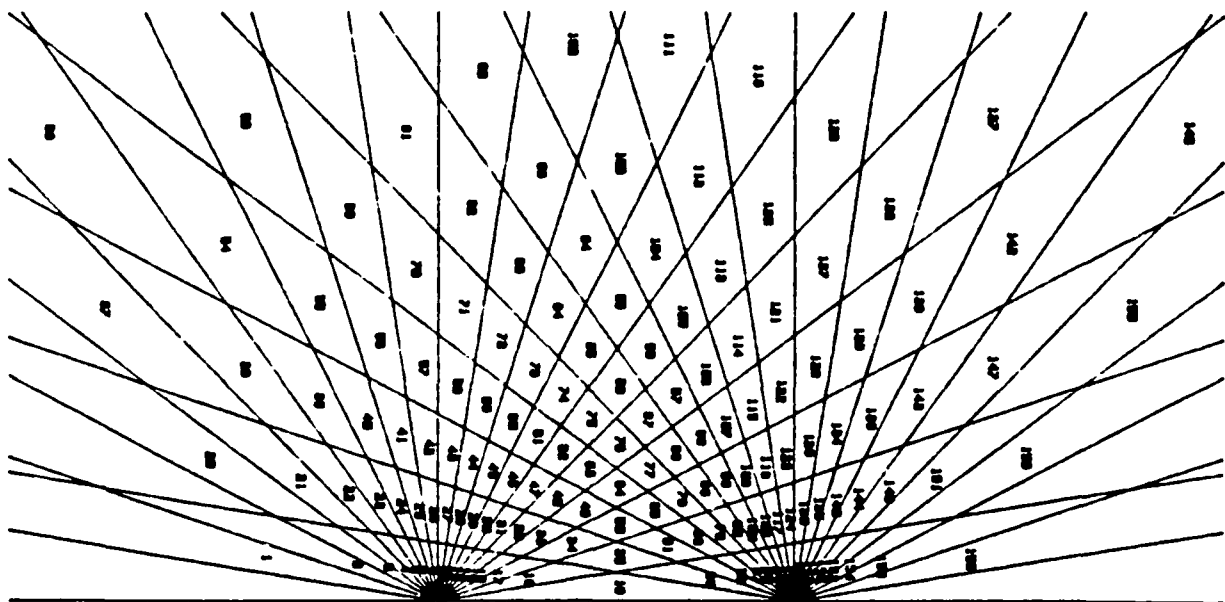
### ANALYSIS OF THE ONE EXTRA EMITTER CASE USING THE MODEL

The two following graphs illustrate two cases using a partitioning analogy. The cases are:

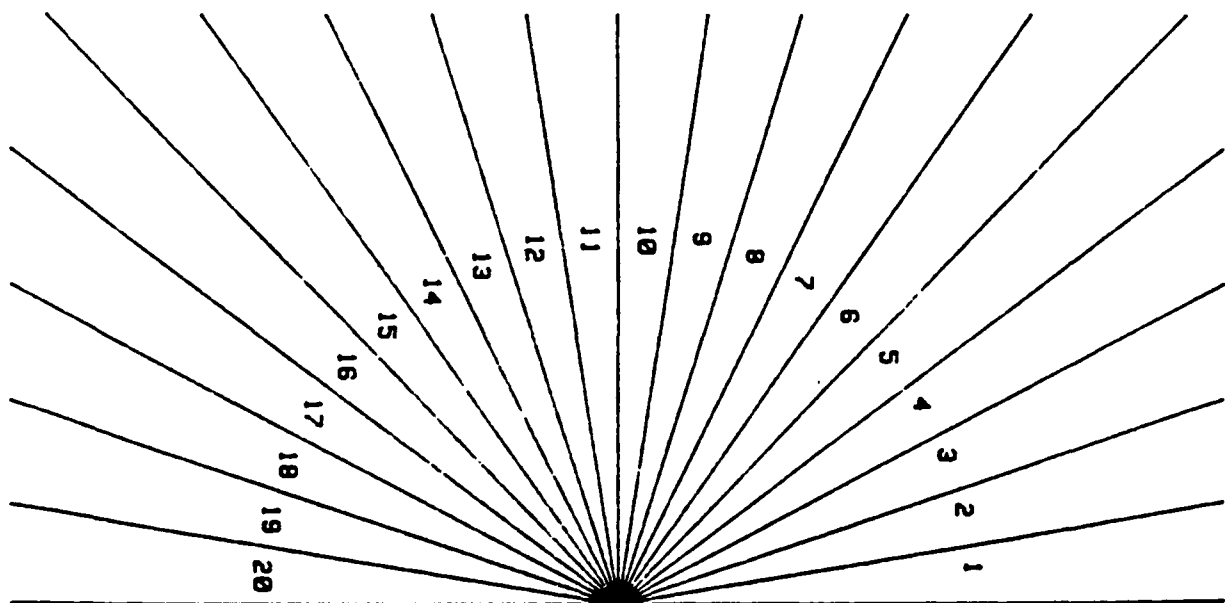
**GROUPS CONSISTING OF TWO BEARINGS:** In this case the odds vary depending on the relative distances to the emitter as can be seen in the top graph on the following page. They are on the order of one in a hundred (or 150) in the two bearing per group case.

**GROUPS CONSISTING OF ONE BEARING:** The odds are on the order of one in twenty as can be seen in the lower graph on the following page. (Note that this assessment makes unreasonably heavy use of the modeling assumption of random placement of the emitter on a 180 degree front. The amount of modification necessary with other assumptions should not, however, be hard to imagine.)

Note: For group sizes greater than two, some additional improvement occurs but the amount depends in part on random considerations and is often less dramatic.



Over 150 distinct regions



20 distinct regions

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