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Sir Arthur C Clarke

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Arthur C. Clarke first suggested the concept of communications satellites in a private memorandum to Fellows of the Society prior to first publication in 1945.

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