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Global radio search for other worlds urged

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WASHINGTON — Scientists from the United States, the Soviet Union and 10 other countries are calling for a global effort to listen for radio signals from any extraterrestrials who may be living on planets of other stars.

The researchers make no claims to the existence of advanced civilizations beyond our solar system, but say now is the time to make a broad, long-term effort to search for intelligent life elsewhere.

"The results — whether positive or negative — would have profound implications for our view of our universe and ourselves," the scientists said in a letter published in the Oct. 29 issue of Science magazine.

The letter said the technology now exists to receive

radio signals from extraterrestrials no more advanced than we are from "at least many thousands" of light years away. A light year is about 6 trillion miles.