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A long-range experiment has made at the time of Orson Welles' "Martian" broadcast. Some reports of this sort appear in newspaper files.

Classification II -- Science terrestrial objects

1. The discussion of Russian reports. In this case too, then the considerations of Sections 4 and 5 indicate that we would have plenty to worry about. It is the author's opinion that only an accidental discovery of a degree of novelty above before which it would suffice to explain such devices. It is doubtful whether a potential enemy would expose our susceptibilities in so idle a fashion.

Classification III -- Extra-terrestrial objects

1. Meteorites: It is noteworthy that the British physicist Isacell writes in "Physics Today" mentions the earlier discovery of a new meteorite stream which peaked its maximum during June 1947. The reported objects bore little of their interest, however, if they are of meteoritic origin.

2. Comets: Although the objects as described are more like comets than anything else, there are few reliable reports on extra-terrestrial objects.

3. Space ships: The following considerations pertain:

1. If there is an extra-terrestrial civilization which can make such objects as are mentioned then it is most probable that the development is far in advance of ours. This argument can be supported on probability arguments alone without recourse to astronomical hypotheses.

2. Such a civilization might observe that on Earth we now have atomic bombs and are fast developing rockets. In view of the past history of mankind, they should be alarmed. We should, therefore, expect at this time above all to behold such visitations.

3. Since the acts of mankind that easily observed from a distance are A-bomb explosions we should expect some relation to obtain between the time of A-bomb explosions, the time at which the space ships are seen, and the time predicted for such ships to arrive from and return to Homebase.

PART III -- COMMUNICATIONS

1. The "file" should be continued.

2. A meteorologist should compute the approximate energy

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