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Dear Mr. Ormes:

Irwin ("The training of an astronomer", 17 June, p1597 and 26 August, p934) has the right idea. First class results can only be secured where first class observing conditions prevail. No amount of money or convenience will alter this. I knew that observations of cosmic static at two megacycles frequency would be controlled by ionospheric obscuration which is rather similar to optical cloudiness. On the basis of previous experience I also knew that the best observing conditions prevailed in this part of the world near solar activity minimum. Consequently I came to the right place at the right time and did the right thing. It has paid off handsomely. The results are far beyond anything possible with rockets or satellites. Also the cost has been trivial compared to space vehicles.

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