

possible. AIP and other societies, therefore, agreed to act as contractors to the government for this activity.

In spite of this agreement, however, one should not assume that AIP is any more in favor of all, or any, policies of our government than are various industrial and business firms or their employees who act in one or another capacity as contractors to some government agency. Instead, one should assume that AIP as a federation of scientific societies undertakes activity under contract to the government on a nonpolitical, technical basis for the benefit of its member societies and members. Therefore we at AIP do not feel that our participation in the National Register in any way compromises the independence of AIP as a private, nonpolitical, scientific organization.

We trust that this letter will help to clarify the position of AIP and to allay any misgivings that may have arisen about our involvement with the National Register.

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Credit where credit due

Your reviewer, John Scott, criticized with considerable relish many features of "Vol. 4, Methods of Experimental Physics." The author index, for example, was "carelessly put together" with "misspellings or confusion over initials." Apparently the disease was catching, since the reviewer himself identified the wrong authors.

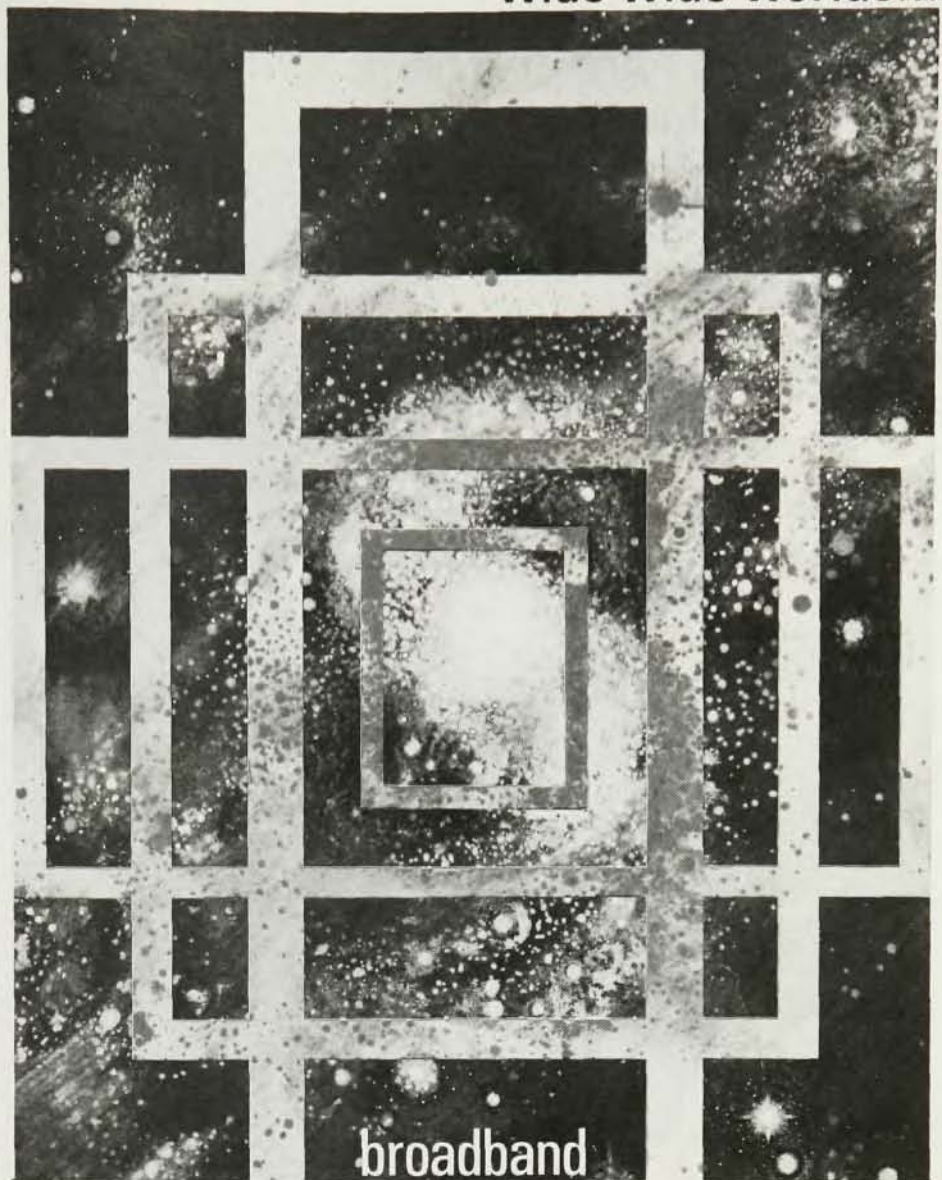
The section on secondary electron emission was written by me. If my section had fared less well in the review, I would be happy to forget the whole matter, but it is discouraging to have it termed "excellent" and credited to somebody else.

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Foundation can't help

While it is perhaps flattering to be included with the Ford Foundation as one of the "rich private foundations" to which scientists are directed by Representative Craig Hosmer (PHYSICS TODAY, June, page 23), I feel it important to make it clear, before our doors are battered down, that Research Corporation hardly falls within

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