ly funded by national governments. It is very difficult to find out the total program cost and how these costs are shared. Indeed, it is very difficult to find out what the world expenditures and allocations are in general. My personal estimate is that the United States is paying a very large portion of the total investment; that separate British, French, and Russian weather satellite programs are very wasteful. It is also difficult to get any cost information from the WMO.

The time is rapidly approaching when people will ask rather pointed questions about the costs and effectiveness of the weather program. I understand your reporter tried and failed to secure this type of information.

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Child Studies

In Rheingold's and Eckerman's "The infant separates himself from his mother" (3 Apr., p. 78), I found it frankly perplexing that, in an article on the subject of mother-child separation, there was no mention of Margaret Mahler. Mahler's original and outstanding contributions to this area of study are widely known and accepted. Most of her scientific career has been devoted to this "class of behavior which has not often been the subject of formal study." Rheingold demonstrates her awareness of the psychoanalytic literature and does make use of it, unfortunately, not to any degree of completeness. . .

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We appreciate having Mahler's contribution to the topic brought to our attention. Her discussion is, however, discursive, wanting in quantitative data, and often oriented toward pathology; our statement that the infant's separation from his mother "With only a few exceptions . . . has seldom been the primary subject of study" still stands.

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