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Greetings Jennie:

Since my last letter, little of interest has transpired. I have sort of relaxed in the holiday atmosphere. Mr. Schauer's letter of the 3rd arrived the day after I sent mine of the 6th. Two exchanges of correspondence have been had with Firm of Smithsonian. These were limited to discussions of his model project. The old radios were not mentioned. Details of this transaction I'll leave to Mr. Schauer.

Apparently, the new director of NSF has taken a hard look at Green Bank and decided not to put much more effort or resources into it. Two friends of mine left G.B. last September and now have good positions at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California. The rest of the staff is to be moved to Charlottesville as soon as possible next year. G.B. is to be reduced to merely observations with existing equipment. I suspect the operation will be closed entirely in about two or three years. This rather expected turn of events confuses the subject of what to do with my Wheaton equipment now stored by R.C. Also what happens to my radio telescope? These matters are not urgent, but should receive some thought before a snap decision is required.

Income tax time will be here shortly. Please send to me by air mail all those white advice slips from Harris plus two full copies each of form 1040 both sheets (four pages). Last year I only received the first sheet. The I.R. department wouldn't accept this alone, so they sent me the second sheets via R.C., if I remember correctly. Don't bother with the instruction book. I can get along without it by following last years system. I'd like to try for the 31st January deadline to prevent being penalized if possible. If any company gives a notice of total amount per share paid out during 1963, please include that information for my assistance.

Please thank Mr. Schauer for the nice Christmas card and the enclosed letter explaining about Jeff. While the whole affair is tragic, I am certainly pleased to learn the outcome is as good as it has been. Jeff is very lucky to still be with us, much less return to school. I wish him a long and successful future.

Happy New Year

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