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Dear Mr. Reber:

We recently corresponded concerning the proposal for a very long baseline array of radiotelescopes which has been proposed by a group of Canadian astronomers with the backing of most of the astronomical community in the country.

At its meeting February 17-18, Council considered a number of requests for new national facilities which had been proposed during the past year or so. Following a long and difficult discussion, the decision was taken to promote one of these - the radiotelescope project. This means that second phase studies will now be undertaken, and in due course a request will be made to government for capital support. This is estimated to require about \$20M in 1980 dollars, and will be almost entirely Canadian content. The decision also means, unfortunately, that other projects of great scientific merit will not be promoted.

I know that you will be pleased at this result and I wish to thank you again for the interest which you have shown in the project. We will keep you informed of further developments.

Yours faithfully,

Larkin Kerwin
President