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Greetings Jennie:

Glad to hear that you are back from vacation. I hope you had fun and secured a sun tan at the beach, mountains or wherever.

There is not much business this month. Please send a check for sum of \$31.35 to James H. Stegner, R.D.1, Mt.Zion, Clearfield, Penna. in payment for various items he has delivered to Finderne. The copy of Research Corporation annual report arrived here some time ago but filed away so securely that it is effectively lost. Please send another by sea at your convenience. Two thick envelopes arrived; one with copies of Physics Today which I found interesting, even if six months old. The other had a variety of documents from NSF, etc. which are so involved and poorly thought out that I couldn't understand what is wanted. Thanks also for letters from Wheeler, etc. These were quite good. From an old letter, I gather there is a book entitled Modern Space Science. It might be interesting to see what is in it. Please send it by sea at your convenience.

Hap seemed to think some publicity on the radio astronomy debacle in America might be appropriate. Perhaps I didn't spend a year at Green Bank watching these people fumble for nothing. However, I have found that attempting to debate matters with them is a futile waste of time unless an appropriate audience can be secured. The only audience they are susceptible to are the people who hold the purse strings, namely Congress. Please see if Al Kelleher or Paul Scherer can find a couple of senators and/or representatives who don't like the NSF. They must be people who are willing to do something and not merely file any comments given them. If I can be supplied with some suitable introductions, then in return I'll supply ample evidence to get things started. Maybe a good old fashioned public debate on the conduct of public affairs would be refreshing and beneficial, even if about nothing more than a radio telescope.

The only letters here from AUI are old ones giving their address in the Empire State Building. Please send to me their new address in uptown N.Y.C. Maybe they can be given a run for their money. Too bad that Berkener resigned so soon!

Best regards,

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