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Dear Mr. Reber:

Please accept my sincerest thanks for your letter of 15 October in which you inform me that you are, once again, making a generous gift of your personal funds to the National Research Council. I can assure you that we will make every effort to use the money in the most effective way possible.

We are, naturally, happy that our Australian colleagues have received funding for their proposed array telescope. It will fill a long-felt need for a high-resolution instrument in the southern hemisphere. As you note, however, its construction does not conflict with our own plans for a Long Baseline Array.

The report of the feasibility study of the Canadian array, which I mentioned in my last letter to you, was recently submitted to the Council by the Canadian Astronomical Society. In the coming weeks we will be making a careful examination of this report and taking decisions on its implementation. Not surprisingly the estimated cost of construction of the CLBA has risen considerably since it was first proposed, and now stands at approximately 70 million Canadian dollars. Unfortunately, the economic climate in Canada at the present time makes one uncertain about the likelihood of funding for such a large project. Nevertheless, the Council continues to give it the highest priority among proposals for major new national facilities for research.

Again, many thanks for your kind letter and your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Larkin Kerwin