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Dear Grote:

Thanks for the customarily good and informative letter of May second. In the course of the past several weeks my guesses have taken alternative directions - one, that the Australian negotiations had progressed extremely well and that you were already there and quite busy, or two, that they had broken down and you were very busy on Maui. Possibly I should have lent more weight to the latter in any case as there were no indications here of Bowen's interest in Research Corporation's thoughts or intentions.

I am glad to hear, however, that the Tasmanians have proved so directly interested in your currently proposed activity. It was quite interesting that Ellis has picked up so rapidly and gotten along so far with the general idea.

Noting your tentative schedule for the next changeover on Kole Kole and the subsequent journey to Hobart for about eight months, I wonder what this may do to the time schedule we discussed when you were here. Should I assume from the thoughts in your current letter that the Kole Kole observations will be pretty well washed up by the time of your departure, or will the changeover to the higher frequency extend for an appreciable period of time the potentially useful observation time before the sun-spot cycle catches up with you? I wonder, too, what this may do to us budgetwise. As things stand now we have \$2,430 left in funds committed for the budget and an authorization for a couple of thousand more in travel and subsistence funds. There are no time limitations on these, but if you can foresee any major shortcomings in amount we probably should take

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counsel on it before too long.

Things continue to go along at a fairly good pace here. I have been doing a fair amount of travelling around the country and hope in the course of the next few weeks to get to Boston and Washington with intentions of sideline visits to the Harvard and Carnegie Institution of Washington observatories. The summer promises to be a busy time as well and presently foreseeable activities and junkets extend well into October. Accordingly, it would probably be a good idea if you would keep me pretty well posted on your plans as they develop so that if there is any need to move rapidly on anything there will be no embarrassing hiatus.

I return herewith the Ellis papers.

Very best wishes.

Aloha,



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