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MEMO TO: L. R. Burchill, F. J. Callender, C. F. Dunbar
FROM: Richard M. Emberson *RME*
SUBJECT: Renewal of Monthly Staff Meetings with the National
Science Foundation

In a discussion with Dr. Berkner last week, he pointed out that there are a number of items -- FY 1960 appropriation, NSF approval of Financial Plan, land acquisition, public education program, protection activities with FCC and FAA, replacement and additional cars and station wagons, etc., etc. -- on which the NSF had been working for considerable periods of time. It is highly desirable that we keep in touch with these activities, in order to attempt to prevent passage of long periods of time with no accomplishments. Accordingly, it was suggested that we reinstitute the monthly meetings that proved to be a successful means of coordination. Dr. Berkner suggested that we have these meetings with the NSF on March 24 or 25, April 27, and May 19. Incidentally, he plans to spend May 20 and 21 at Green Bank. I have talked with Jack Luton, and he says he will plan to come to Green Bank sometime the latter part of April, perhaps the 22nd, 23rd, or 24th, and he will tentatively hold May 13-14 for a visit to BNL. For this latter meeting, I gather that he will come alone.

For these meetings it is not necessary nor desirable that we assemble the entire NRAO staff, except for special problems; only the addressees of this memo will be expected to attend the meetings with the NSF in Washington. Dr. Berkner said that he wanted to have a formal exchange of minutes, as Mr. Dunbar did with Mr. Mitchell in the earlier series of meetings.