19th April 1958 General Delivery Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Rear Admiral Heil K. Dietrick, USN Commandant 14th Naval District Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii

Dear Admiral Dietrick:

Back in 1951 I came out here to conduct radio astronomy experiments from the top of Mount Haleakala. The enclosed snap shot gives some idea of the installation as it was. Later I spent three years in Australia. Recently I have returned here to continue my observations. During my absence the rather elaborate framework came down in an ice storm. Presently I am using a temporary makeshift affair.

The purpose of this letter is to inquire about some aerial fotos made of my installation during 1953 or 1954 by Lt. Omdr. Barber of Barbers Point Air Station. He showed these to me once at a meeting of the local section of Institute of Radio Engineers in Honolulu. I asked him for copies but none ever showed up. Since the structure is no longer in existence, it is not possible to take more fotos. I would be much obliged if you would have someone look thru the air force foto library and try to find the appropriate negatives. There were three or four of them giving different views. If something can be found, I'd like to secure a couple of prints or each by purchase, or otherwise.

Presently I am writing up my scientific results and would very much like to include a good aerial view. A preliminary discussion is given on the enclosed reprint from Nature. Whatever you can do for me on this subject will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Info from Little who is helper of Steiger on 3 or 4 fotos of Kole Kole hell.

taken in Julyon August 1954 from 12000 ft by Lt, Endr. Jim? Barber of Burbors Point air Station.

Prictures were classified but are now supposed to be declassified.