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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
311 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-4801

Dear Senator Byrd:

A major event for West Virginia and the National Radio Astronomy Observatory will occur at Green Bank this coming spring with a groundbreaking ceremony for the Green Bank Telescope. I am hoping that you will choose to join us on this occasion as the keynote speaker.

A date in April is most suitable: early enough for the Project schedule and late enough to allow for the retreat of winter weather. The best specific date for us is April 18, although April 19 would work just as well, in that the Observatory's board of trustees will meet in Green Bank just prior to those dates. We will, of course, be happy to arrange any other date you would find more convenient.

This major new facility is a reality because of your interest and support. I truly hope you will be able to join us to commemorate the start of construction. Your earliest convenient reply will allow us to plan accordingly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Paul Vanden Bout". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Paul A. Vanden Bout
Director

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