

March 4, 1958

MEMO TO: Members of the Trustees' Committee on Radio Astronomy
FROM: Charles F. Dunbar
SUBJECT: Meeting with National Science Board

The National Science Board has created a special committee of its own members charged with the duty of becoming thoroughly familiar with the work under Contract No. NSF-C50 between the National Science Foundation and Associated Universities, Inc. The committee is made up of Messrs. Roger Adams, T. Keith Glennan, Edward J. McShane, Warren Weaver, and Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, Chairman of the National Science Board, serving ex officio. Dr. Weaver is the Chairman. The committee (Messrs. Bronk, McShane and Weaver) and members of the NSF staff met once on February 10, 1958 with Mr. Berkner and other members of the AUI staff, and Dr. Joseph C. Elgin. A short account of this meeting appears in the minutes of the February Executive Committee meeting. A second meeting is to be held at 4:00 p. m. on March 13, 1958 at the National Science Foundation offices in Washington. We understand that the purposes are as follows:

1. To review the request for a supplemental appropriation in the sum of approximately \$4,862,000 which the staff of the Foundation expects to submit to the Bureau of the Budget before the end of this week;
2. To consider AUI's plans for preliminary studies looking to the ultimate design and construction of a very large antenna.

The principal representative of AUI will be Dr. Emberson. Messrs. Burchill and Dunbar will also be present. Dr. Emberson would like to have as many members of your committee attend as can possibly do so. In his judgment, it is highly important to indicate to the committee of the National Science Board that the members of the AUI Board are in close touch with the work under the contract. In addition, it is desirable that some AUI Trustees attend, so that the full Board can receive from its own members a firsthand account of what takes place. We have consulted Dr. Elgin, and he fully concurs with Dr. Emberson's wishes.

I have already been in touch with most of you by telephone, and the purpose of this memorandum is to confirm the telephone conversation and also tell you what we know about the agenda. Dr. Emberson, Mr. Burchill and I expect to be at the National Science Foundation by two o'clock in the afternoon on the 13th, so that we can have a preliminary review with whatever Trustees are able to be present. A room is being reserved for us. A dress rehearsal of this kind I am sure will be helpful to Dr. Emberson and also to you.

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