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WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT WE MAY OBSERVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.

As the year 1966 draws to a close we wanted you to take home a few thoughts and comments on the past and the future.

1966 began with the promise of being a very important year for those of us with NRAO. The much debated Charlottesville move became a reality, which, along with some minor inconveniences, developed into an effective branch of growth for our Observatory. Through it we can all proudly boast of our association with one of the Nation's finest research computer centers, the final conception and preliminary planning of the world's greatest radio astronomy tool yet, the Very Large Array, the near completion of one of the more precise radio telescopes ever built, the 36' at Kitt Peak, Arizona which promises to provide observations at the millimeter wavelengths, the addition of a third antenna to our interferometer system, and, less spectacular but perhaps even more important, the acceptance of our new friends and colleagues. Certainly much more than this occurred during the past year, and each of us will remember in his own way without cataloging here. Yes, it was quite a year, why it even brought us 2.0333 issues of "The Observer." But wait 'til next year.

And how about the future? Well, since my 36 foot crystal ball isn't completed yet, I can only uncork some spirited opinions. The development of a 400 channel autocorrelation receiver, more than likely the only one of its kind (even more channels than UHF, TV), planning for a single, steerable telescope larger than the 300', planning for satellite-borne instruments for radio astronomy, a data link capable of interconnecting all telescopes to a central point, a telephone link capable of connecting Charlottesville and Green Bank, Janet & Lil, our receptionists actually meeting each other, our shuttle service making a Firestone commercial, and finally, proof, that there really is a 36' telescope.

So, until Scorpio enters the house of Jupiter, Leo comes to Cass, and Wednesday falls on a weekend, may the Zodiocal light shine on your nose - and may you (all) have a cool Yule and a frantic first.

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