Dear Hap:

In accordance with your suggestion of 21/6/80 and my reply of 8/7/80, I've approached the farmer's son about a quit claim on license. He pointed out it was my responsibility to clear ground of poles. I replied that I didn't have any man power and would have to import contractors from Hobart. These fellows might well create unknown kinds of depredations on his property. Conversely, he (son) had manpower which could be used off time to remove poles. We went out to paddock and looked at a few. He proposed removal cost of \$25 per pole. After some discussion, I offered him any hardware on poles. We agreed on \$3000 flat fee with him salvaging wood. He can start on poles at his convenience. I didn't tell him only other figure I'd received was an off-cuff, over-fone estimate of \$65 per pole.

Enclosed is a final accounting up to date. Most of the expense was during years 1974/5/6 when installation was operating. Practically nothing has been expended during past three years. There may not be enough in grant fund to cover the above. If not, I'll settle for whatever is on hand. Do not start a new grant action for difference. However the matter, please convert to Ad and semi-sum to me here.

A few weeks ago a thick package of reports & bulletins arrived from Jennie by sea. I've sorted it and everything has been answered. A few I've redirected here. Over two-thirds I sent notices to remove my name from their mailing list. Soon my mail at RC should dry up. These measures should close up my association with RC. It has been a pleasant and satisfying nearly thirty years. I hope people in New York have not been unduly inconvenienced by my activities.

We are in depth of winter; about like April in northern Illinois; altho sun is still low in sky. Looking forward to seeing you in person some day, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ærote Reber

## Final accounting 31 July 73 thru 31 July 80

Rent on telescope site 1974 - 1980	
@ \$100 per year	\$700.00
Maintenance on roads	328.80
Maintenance on building	177.50
LPG gas to heat building	69.00
Repairs on tractor	216.90
Fuel for tractor	91.70
Labor repairs on antenna	753.10
Workmans compensation insurance	37.66
Ads for disposal of poles	38.90
Batteries for electronic apparatus	84.38
Electronic parts	51.34
Travel for talks on radio astronomy	139.65
Astronomical society dues 1974 - 1980	145.00
Estimate on private vehicle use	100.00
Operations	2933.93
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Release on license to occupy land	3000.00
Total	5933.93

Advances by RC on non-radio astronomy material by letter from Jennie 5 Jan 80

Batteries (Saft America)	3666.61
Glass Panels (PPG Industries)	1744.04
Chain Saw (New Idea)	206.50
	US\$5617.15

Exchange rate US\$1.00 = A\$0.84

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