

6th March 1986

Dr. Larkin Kerwin, President
National Research Council
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
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Dear President Kerwin:

During the luncheon of thursday 10th October 85, I may have mentioned that I was interested in doing some hecto(100)meter radio astronomy observations in northern hemisphere. At the time I was familiar only with circumstances at Penticton, B.C. However, the next day I was shown about several installations owned by CRC, Shirley Bay. Much to my surprise and delight there is a place called Ashton Site. It has 25 tall wooden poles covering several acres. Wires are atop and suitable backup facilities are on hand. With a few modifications, this place should be ready to operate. Negotiations have been in progress. Recently I've been informed by their Donald Muldrew that everything is in order except - I need a sponsor. Since I am not a member of CRC and they do not conduct radio astronomy observations, he suggested I secure a sponsor from some other canadian institution.

These low frequency observations can only be made during winter near solar activity minimum. This is next two or three winters. Accordingly, there is some urgency. I propose to arrive during May and get everything operating properly that summer. Then I'll be at Ashton Site winters of 86/7 and 87/8. Depending upon how things turn out and condition of ionosphere, I may be there winter of 88/9. Thereafter, solar activity will probably rise and observations will come to an end.

Accordingly, I request your indulgence as a sponsor for this adventure. Please write appropriately to:

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Thanking you for your assistance, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary: If President Kerwin is away, please turn this letter over to his next in command. There is some urgency.

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