

3rd October 1963

Dear Hap:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent to NSF. You have the reply. Apparently, Mulders and Company have things arranged so that they are (hopefully) merely clerks. By their system, they need not display any initiative, form any judgment, nor assume any responsibility. All that is required is to shuffle papers, write inane letters and collect pay checks. This kind of an affair is to be expected and perhaps is acceptable in the customs department. However, a better class of more enterprising people should be gotten into NSF before we all go down the drain.

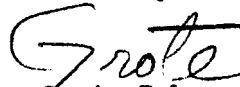
Upon examining my proposal, I have a hunch that the ideas mentioned in part (b) on page 4 and described in second paragraph on page 3, might be of some use in structure and machine design. Perhaps you could call it to the attention of the patent branch of RC for examination.

By now, I expect that Jeff's appearance and hearing have returned to more nearly normal. A few days ago I ran across my hearing aid which I can send if desired. However, I suspect that it will be more bother importing it thru customs than the device is worth.

There has been another resurgence of solar activity so that observations have been poor during September. Presently, conditions are improving again but the nights are getting shorter as spring develops into summer.

Visitors have been plentiful. Among them, the great white father of the CSIRO from Melbourne, plus Americans from Palomar and Boulder. When the weather is dismal next winter in NYC, how about a trip to see the sights here in January?

Best wishes,

  
Grote Reber