

*O. Struve*

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Staff, National Radio Astronomy Observatory

FROM: I. I. Rabi

At his request Dr. Otto Struve has been relieved of executive responsibility as Director of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory as of December 1, 1961. He will remain in residence for a short period. The Board of Associated Universities, Inc. regrets this move which has been necessitated by circumstances which are personal to Dr. Struve.

Associated Universities, Inc. has asked Dr. David Heeschen to assume the responsibility of the direction of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory with the title of Acting Director. Dr. Heeschen has consented to take on this added burden. I am sure you will give him your undivided support so that the Observatory may continue in its development and progress. Dr. Heeschen has been assured of the full support of the Board and the officers of AUI.