

AIR MAIL

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Dear Bernard:

The enclosed note may be of use to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

Dr. Joseph L. Pawsey

Dr. Otto Struve was the first Director of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory. The Board of Trustees of Associated Universities, Inc. (which operates NRAO under contract with the National Science Foundation, Washington D.C.) had asked Dr. Pawsey in the latter part of 1961 to become the Director on Dr. Struve's retirement, and Dr. Pawsey accepted the appointment.

Dr. Pawsey was hoping to start work as Director in the Fall of 1962. He came to Green Bank for what we hoped was to be a visit of several weeks in the Spring of 1962, but after only a week fell ill. He was treated in hospitals in Washington and Boston, where a major surgical operation was performed, and he returned to Australia in the Summer of 1962. He thus was never able to take up the duties as Director.

I have known Dr. Pawsey since the time I joined Raxcliffe's research group in Cambridge in 1937. Pawsey had left the group by then, but we saw him quite frequently. The later work at Cambridge on horizontal movement of ionospheric irregularities was foreshadowed by Raxcliffe and Pawsey while he was there.

He was known to several others at NRAO, but it was typical of him and his personality that even after only a week here in the spring of 1962 everyone on the staff was delighted at the prospect of having him as our new Director.

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