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Dear Dr. Reber:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 14 concerning the new radio telescope at Parkes. Its manufacturers and the CSIRO astronomers are very much to be congratulated on having achieved such a high degree of surface precision, and we are eagerly awaiting news concerning its over-all performance as a radio telescope.

We are currently re-examining a number of aspects of the design and construction of the 140-foot telescope at Green Bank, and hope to be able to make the crucial decisions concerning its completion in the near future. Dr. Keller is planning to visit Australia next month, at which time he will be interested in obtaining more data concerning the Parkes instrument.

Sincerely yours,



Alan T. Waterman
Director

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