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Mr. Grote Reber
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Dear Grote:

As usual, I am embarrassed at the undue passage of time since my last communique. The past month seems to have stretched out almost endlessly and yet has been so filled with many events that it's almost like a quick look through a kaleidoscope.

With respect to the relatively recent grant made to reimburse you for operating expenses, etc., I am afraid that it isn't feasible for us to open an investment account in your name. We will, of course, be willing to pay out the funds in accordance with any instructions or directions you may wish to send along, but the matter of essentially taking on the position of being your agent in stock transactions has some potential questions that don't appeal to our legal counsel.

As regards the unloading of your museum pieces on the Smithsonian at a strategic time, this is something we will be glad to try to work out. As you probably know, it has been pretty much traditional for the Secretary of the Smithsonian to be a member of our Board since the very beginnings of Research Corporation when Walcott quite literally took Cottrell in hand and helped him put Research Corporation together.

You may remember Leonard Carmichael as a fascinated member of one or more of your audiences when you have told the Board something of your activities and interests. While he has just resigned as Secretary, he will continue on the Board, at least until its Annual Meeting, and meantime I'll question him gently on the subject of your potential contribution.

Mr. Grote Reber

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Meantime, however, the enclosed letter from Finn poses a question or two to my mind. The most obvious, of course, is who Sivowitch may be and whether indeed you expect to be in Washington around the end of this year. Beyond that, I would also wonder whether you'd like to have Finn's query about the Wheaton instrument combined with the prospect of your donating antique radio equipment to the Institution. I am taking the liberty of replying to Finn noncommittedly and merely advising him that his letter is being forwarded to you.

Conforming to the commercial boost to the tides of time, I'll wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with full expectation of repeating it once or twice a little closer to the actual season.

Best wishes,



Charles H. Schauer

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Enclosure