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Mr. Grote Reber
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Dear Grote:

That your prospective visit to the Harvard Observatory was cancelled proved a disappointment not only to Ed Lilley but especially to the students in the program, both graduate and undergraduate, who had evinced great interest in meeting and hearing the original radio astronomer. In consequence, Hap and I have once again talked seriously about trying to convince you of the merit of undertaking a series of semi-formal visits to various radio astronomy laboratories with special reference to the more modest installations such as those at Gainesville, University of Delaware, Rensselaer, and New Haven but not excluding Harvard, Ohio and such like.

Folks like the Smiths at New Haven and University of Florida, Bob Fleischer at Rensselaer and the two youngsters monitoring the sun down at Newark, Delaware, would be particularly flattered and stimulated by a visit from you. Their students would, of course, be delighted to hear at first hand of the early history and future directions of their chosen field from its godfather and perhaps to toss a few difficult questions your way. If the revered principle that intercommunication has value is in truth valid then you yourself should profit. I know you'll get great satisfaction from contacts with these people.

If you do have a few free days in your schedule before taking off again for Down Under and would like to have us arrange and underwrite such a tour of laboratories, just say the word and I'll undertake it. If you have preferred places for visiting, let me know these and I'll contact them.

I hope your arrival and stay at Green Bank have been and continue pleasant and profitable. If the Russians would only reveal the size of their planned dish, Lloyd could plan a bigger one and make Green Bank a center of physical science as well as of counter-revolutionary botany. I hope your beans are coming on well.
Regards.

Sincerely,


Alfred Kelleher

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