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Professor I.I. Rabi,
President,
Associated Universities Inc.,
Suite 1750, Coliseum Tower,
10 Columbus Circle,
NEW YORK 19, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Professor Rabi,

I am writing about my proposed visit to the U.S.A. in March. Although formal arrangements concerning my leave from C.S.I.R.O. when I take up the position of Director of Green Bank are not yet completed, arrangements for this preliminary visit will be rushed if it is not planned now.

The suggestion in my letter to you of November 26th was that, since I could not take up the appointment until October next, I should visit the U.S. for about a month in March and April. I should like to leave here in mid-March and arrive home by April 24th. I should like the opportunity for discussions with yourself and the N.S.F. and Otto Struve first thing, and since, I understand, Otto Struve will be in Pasadena at the time, I suggest I stop off in Pasadena for a day on the way over, then meet you - Princeton or New York would suit me well, for my brother-in-law, Dr. F.H. Nicoll, lives in Princeton - and then pay a short visit to Washington before going on to Green Bank. I think we could make further plans after arrival. With respect to my return, the fare via Europe is only about £10 more than via the Pacific and I should like to return that way and see my daughter and son-in-law in Paris.

If this appears satisfactory to you, will it be convenient to you for me to see you early in the week commencing March 19th?

With regard to financial and other arrangements, it will be necessary for me to take leave-without-pay from C.S.I.R.O. for the period of absence from Sydney and I presume A.U.I. can arrange my fares and travel expenses, and remuneration for this period. Another important point is an American visa. This must be arranged from the U.S. end, since it is very difficult for an Australian, who is receiving rather than spending money, to enter the country. I do not know whether or not separate visas for this short visit and my extended stay will be required. For the short visit I shall come alone. For the extended stay I shall have my wife and one son aged 17. For visa purposes the fact that my wife was born in Canada could help.

I am looking forward very much to getting into the job at Green Bank. I must say that your letter welcoming my decision to join you was most cheering and stimulating. We can make Green Bank really good, but I want to get over there and get clear ideas of circumstances and people before I make any firm suggestions.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


(J.L. Pawsey)