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Dr Otto Struve  
Director  
National Radio Astronomy Observatory  
Green Bank, West Virginia

Dear Dr Struve:

For the record I am advising you of the action of the Executive Committee of Associated Universities, Inc. with respect to your letter of October 31st requesting to be relieved of your position as Director of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory. The Committee, and I am sure the full Board, deeply appreciates the services which you have rendered to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory during your period of service and understands the reasons why you wish to accelerate your departure from the original date that you set for your resignation of October 1, 1962. Accordingly, the Committee accepts your request for retirement as of February 1, 1962, with leave of absence from December 1, 1961 to give you time to re-arrange your affairs.

We have induced Dr David Heeschen to accept the position of Acting Director beginning December 1, 1961. We very much hope that during the time that you may remain at Green Bank that you will favor him with your advice and counsel in fulfilling the responsibilities of this exacting position. From our conversations I judge that you consider Dr Heeschen to be the appropriate member of the staff to assume the position of Acting Director until a permanent incumbent is selected.

Wishing you success in your new venture and the best of luck,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

I. I. Rabi  
President

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*Heeschen* ✓  
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