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Dear Kaj:

Thanks for your nice note of November sixteenth and the Greenstein letter. I return the latter to you herewith.

In response to Greenstein's question on travel funds, we will most certainly make them available to Reber if he will travel. However, he seems to have other ideas. I quote the pertinent excerpts from his letter of November eleventh in response to my letter urging him to come back:

"Your letter of October 1st was very welcome and I was much tempted to take a month out and return to the States. Unfortunately these conferences are at an inconvenient time. As explained, last summer's observations were pretty poor. However, with the return of the equinoxes there has been a marked improvement in observing conditions which now approach those of last spring. Out of four runs last night two gave excellent data, one fair and one blank. This is, so far, an all time high for one night's results. From the very beginning I thought the best season of the year would be November thru February. Apparently this belief is correct. Right now on this venture I am where I had hoped to be a year ago. All the bugs have been removed from the installation and I can go up to Kole Kole with a good expectation that everything will function. It is my intention to make

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the most of the next three or four months and get as much data as possible. By mid-March I intend to fold up for the summer and take the long projected trip back to the States.

"I have sent the manuscript to Bok for his conference and have arranged with Dr. John Kraus of Ohio State, who I know quite well, to give the talk. I want to stop and see him for a few days next spring.

"Jesse Greenstein is arranging a confab for early January. I will send him something also. Unfortunately the more time I spend on this sort of thing the less I can spend securing results. These people don't realize that getting a few drawings and slides made is a major operation out here; and I do most of the operating!"

I am writing Reber again with some endeavor to overcome his economic scruples and make the trip for only a couple of weeks if the seasonal good observation time continues to make absence from the volcano a real problem. Probably I will also mention that several people have talked with me directly urging that we bring him back for these conferences. I only hope it will not get his back up and make him really stubborn about it.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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