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ADDRESS REPLY TO BUREAU

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March 27, 1947

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Mr. Grote Reber 212 W. Seminary Avenue Wheaton, Illonois

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated March 22, 1947 and March 24, 1947, containing detailed information on your cosmic noise gear and recommendations for furthering the cosmic noise measuring project.

An informal opinion concerning the question of the legality and propriety connected with the contemplated purchase of cosmic noise measuring apparatus has been received. It is understood that such a transaction is proper and there would be no doubt as to its legality, assuming, of course, that you were the lowest bidder. Before the transaction is completed, however, it would be desirable to have a written statement to that effect and accordingly a request has been made for such a statement.

Work on specifications for the purchase of 480 Mc/s and 160 Mc/s cosmic noise equipment has been initiated. I am hoping that bids for this equipment can be let within the next week or so.

A request is being made to Evans Signal Laboratory for the two additional steel sides and the third steel cabin in accordance with your recommendations.

It will be necessary for you to file again on Form #57, even though your previous Form #57 was approved for temporary appointment. This matter will be the subject of a separate letter which you should receive shortly.

Very truly yours,

Ross Bateman, Chief

Experimental Ionospheric Research Section Central Radio Propagation Laboratory