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Dear Reber,

Our letters crossed. Since writing you I have received your comments on my chapter. I have also answered you, acknowledging the receipt of the chapter-- but very foolishly I sent that note with another chapter, which means it won't reach you for weeks.

First, let me reassure. The chapter you have received or will receive is sent only for your interest. I do not ask you to comment because I feel I have already taken enough of your time. I am very hesitant to take your time or the time of any other active investigator, and I sent you the chapter about yourself for obvious reasons. The extra chapter I'm sending you is about Jansky-- it is the chapter which just precedes the one about you in my present organization. Return it when you have a chance, but don't rush because I have another copy. And if you want to comment, criticize or suggest changes you can certainly feel free to do so. My only point is that you do exactly as you please and don't take any of the time that you might be spending on that hole in the sky.

I know about the Jodrell Bank meeting in August and think that if we see each other it will be here in the U.S. I plan to visit Jodrell Bank before the meeting. With very few exceptions I get so much more done during nonmeeting times than during meetings. During formal meetings the investigators are busy exchanging ideas and should not have to speak with reporters. In between times is something different. That is when I try to visit and that is what I plan to do in England.

Your work on the hole is exciting, whatever comes of it. Also, I'm interested to hear you say that the Aussies are doing everything to help you. This is what I would expect them to do. One feels the spirit of vigor, enthusiasm and cooperation even in the correspondence they send you. It is one of my big regrets in writing this book that my budget was far too low to permit a visit and a lengthy one to Sydney. Apparently working with and for the Australian government is something entirely different from working for our government. The only one of the Aussies I have really spoken to is Bernard Mills. We spent a day and an evening together in Washington, with me asking all the questions I could think of and him answering them neatly. He also had the inhospitality and nerve to beat me at pool! I hear from Greenstein in a recent letter that J.G. Bolton is now at Caltech. That's a break for us. Incidentally, it was Mills who spiked the report that the Aussies had put a radio telescope on top of one mountain and blown the top off another interfering mountain.

Thank you again for looking over and criticizing my chapter, and I am delighted to hear that you consider it okay. In the letter that you may have received, but will soon if you haven't yet, I tell you that I shall take all your suggestions, although one or two mildly reluctantly.

Yours,

