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Dr. Grote Reber  
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Dear Grote:

The rate of passage of time becomes appallingly evident when I look at the date of your most recent communiques. I had intended to reply much sooner to your last letter from Maui and then was overtaken by the letter of November 18. I have hopes that this will reach you in the reasonably near future at Hobart to convey acknowledgment of your two letters as well as Season's Greetings to you.

I was particularly pleased to have the reprints and the copy of your letter to the editor of NATURE. One thing I have wondered about in the course of the past few months was the extent to which your results might be getting out and securing new recognition. I know that you have a great deal on your hands in getting on with the work, and I appreciate that the problems of writing up results and getting them to a suitable spot for publication are particularly difficult for an individual off working by himself as you are doing. However, with so much activity current and increasingly in prospect in this field which you pioneered to a substantial extent, it would seem unfortunate for you to lose the major recognition and concurrently to have in part wasted your time if others cover closely similar territory and then publish ahead of you.

Somewhat along these same lines, there may well be one or more spots where the data on your big mirror would be helpful. As you know, among various of our schools of thought here aside from the Cal. Tech. plans, there are other promotions on foot for bigger and better equipment

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(emphasis on the former word) and it would seem to be good economics to try to apply your work somewhere along the line if that can be done. I assume that if someone would like more details they should address you directly.

I enjoyed very much your summary of adventures between Maui and the initial landing in Australia. The incidental travel information was also very interesting. I am looking forward to word of your adventures in getting yourself and the variegated load to its final destination.

There is very little more I can offer from this end other than our continuing fascination with the kind of thing you are developing. The ring around the earth is certainly worthy of considerable study, but I assume that you would not propose to dig especially into that any further. The Spread F variations present another nice little problem with which I am sure you will have fun.

If we can do anything for you from here either in the line of support or lines of communication, you know we are at your service.

Very best wishes for the Holiday Season and the start of a new year down under.

Sincerely yours,



Charles H. Schauer

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