

January 6, 1959

MEMO TO: L. V. Berkner

FROM: D. S. Heeschen

SUBJECT: Potential NRAO Staff and Visitors

1. I had a long discussion with Connie Mayer about the possibility of his coming to NRAO. He is not overly interested, because he feels NRL is probably at least as good a place to be as is NRAO, and because he is certain his wife would object to Green Bank. He said he would not consider leaving NRL unless he received a substantial salary increase, and his present salary is \$12,500. In view of his obvious reluctance, and the salary he wants, I have done nothing further, and think we should just forget him for a while.
2. I would like again to bring up Charles Seeger, as I think I was perhaps too quick to drop him when we discussed him earlier. It is certainly true that he is a peculiar personality, and that he is a very slow worker who doesn't seem to accomplish much, but he has two qualifications that might make it very worthwhile to have him here for a year. First, he is very critical and conservative with regard to observations and instrumental effects and uncertainties; and second, he is very experienced in the problems of absolute intensity calibration. In both respects he might be very helpful. If we were to invite him here for a year, it should be made very clear at the beginning that it is definitely just a one-year appointment, and we would have to watch out that his criticism and conservatism didn't dominate us, but it seems to me there is little danger of our getting into trouble with him, and we might gain a good deal. While I do not recommend making him an offer right now, I would like to keep him on the list and be free to perhaps make him an offer a little later, depending on how things develop.
3. Westerhout, from Leiden, will be here during May and June, and I have written to Lovell about John Evans. Aside from these two I have done nothing further about possible foreign visitors. I think it more important now to try and get some good people from American Universities here next year.
4. Sandage cannot come to NRAO this year, but will probably spend a few

months here in about a year. Morton Roberts, an NSF post doctoral fellow now at Berkeley with Weaver, will probably spend 2 or 3 months here this spring. Harold Weaver may also be here this spring or summer for a month or two.

5. I plan to visit several places in February and hope that after that we may be able to make some definite plans for 6 month to 1 year appointments for next year.

cc: R. M. Emberson