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Dear Professor Rabi:

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I am very sorry to say that there is still one problem which I hope you can solve. Dr. Pawsey is a contributor to the Commonwealth Government super-annuation scheme, as indeed are all officers of C.S.I.R.O. This is an excellent scheme and Pawsey of course does not want to resign from it, at least during the first three years he is in the United States.

Under the scheme the employee pays a fraction of his salary into the fund and the Commonwealth Government a larger fraction. The authorities which control the scheme have an inflexible rule that if we allow a man to go on leave without pay to a new employer, we must ask that employer whether he is willing to pay into the fund the equivalent of the Commonwealth Government contribution on behalf of the employee. I am sorry to have to do this. This rule is in force even in the case of men going to UNESCO or FAO or other United Nations employment. I must therefore ask if AUI would be prepared to pay into the fund this sum of money. I do not know the exact amount but it is of the order of £a 1000 per annum. The alternative is to have Joe Pawsey pay it himself or for there to be some understanding between you as to how it is paid. Unfortunately this is a matter beyond the power of C.S.I.R.O. to determine. Otherwise I think we might have taken a different view.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ S. W. G. White
Chairman

Mr. Tape - For your info., the Australian pound = \$2.25