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Ref: Mine of 12/1/81
Yours of 10/2/81
and 9/3/81

Dear Dr. Kerwin:

I am wondering where "Very Long Base Line Array" now stands. There is an American promotion underway for a similar installation. However, their latitudes are not as auspicious.

At first glance, the two proposals seem like duplication of effort. They are definitely not. At resolution available, and over a wide range of wavelengths, there are adequate sources in sky to keep both installations operating full time for many human generations into the future. A modest duplication of effort is very worthwhile. Details of a few radio sources could be observed by both installations as check of reliability and accuracy. They will provide confidence in overall output. I strongly urge the Canadian proposal be pressed on with at full speed.

On 15/9/80 you acknowledged receipt of my modest donation. I am wondering how it was expended. If I can be of financial assistance in promoting the "VLBLA" please let me know.

Bothwell is at about 1000 feet elevation in Tasmanian midlands in a large amphitheater headed valley. As I write this we are having first major snow of year. The surrounding hills are white. By tomorrow we may have 2 or 3 inches.

Sincerely yours,

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