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Dr. Grote Reber
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Dear Dr. Reber:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 27 with the attached manuscript. The lantern slides have not yet arrived and they may of course take a while if they are coming by sea. But I found your paper by itself to make very interesting reading and I am sure that it will prove a very useful and valuable contribution to our Symposium.

I had already written to Dr. Kraus about the possibility that he might participate in the Sunday afternoon Panel Meeting. I have now written him an additional note to ask him to present your paper for you at the Saturday afternoon meeting. I shall let you know as soon as I hear from Dr. Kraus.

I shall speak with John Hagen and Peter Millman about the possibility of changing the order of the four papers to be presented on Saturday afternoon. My idea was that I wanted to get solar radio astronomy and radio observations of meteors out of the way before starting on the major topic of the Symposium, which is Galactic and Extra Galactic Radiation. It was for that reason that I placed your paper at the head of the group dealing with Galactic and Extra Galactic Radiation. But I want to assure you that I do not feel in the least strongly about the matter and I think that the best thing in the end maybe to ask John Hagen to decide on the order of the four papers.

I feel very sorry that we had to decide against publication of the papers in book form, but some of the other speakers felt so strongly on the subject that I had no other choice but to decide against publication. Are you thinking of sending your paper with its illustrations for publication to the Scientific Monthly? I think that they might be very much interested, since it is difficult to find all of this material somewhere put together as neatly as you have done it.

You may have heard from Jessie Greenstein about the National Science Foundation Conference on Radio Astronomy that is to be held at Washington on January 4, 5 and 6. This seems to be blossoming out into a really big-scale affair. The purpose of the Washington Meeting is very different from the one in Boston. While in Boston they are primarily concerned with educating the great mass of American scientists and with the propagandizing of the younger generation, the Washington Conference will apparently be a strictly technical one about equally divided between electronic engineers, physicists and astronomers. Is there any chance you might be coming to Washington?

Again my very best thanks for your prompt and excellent cooperation,

Very sincerely yours,

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