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Dear Grote,

This is supposed to be a very informal letter --also it may well be a somewhat unusual one. Every year a Committee of the American Astronomical Society considers a somewhat longish list of astronomers who they think might well be honored by ^{being appointed as} giving the Russell Lecture. This Lecture is given at the summer meeting of the Society and the next one would be at Nantucket in June 1961. Under normal circumstances the nominee is available--or bends every effort to be available--at the time in question.

The question now is do you wish to have your name up for consideration? My understanding last winter--which is somewhat vague--is that you would be researching in the southern hemisphere for a couple of years. If so, this precludes the possibility of your being at Nantucket. There of course may be other reasons.

The Russell Lecture Committee, of which I am Chairman this year, is getting down to business very soon and a preliminary list of names has already been drawn up. It is a long and distinguished list. May I hear from you at the earliest possible moment?

I still remember your colloquium given about 1950 here in Bloomington. Both Frank Edmondson and I were impressed by your ability in showing our students that research was fun. I hope your present efforts are both rewarding, and fun too.

With best regards,

John B. Irwin

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