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Dear Alan,

It was nice to have met you again in Michigan, and we hope your observing run was successful. What percentage of variables did you find?

I'm writing to ask if you would like to visit the UT Department of Astronomy and to give a talk (and to visit with Derek and me, of course!) The most suitable time would probably be after the AAS meeting in New Mexico, say sometime on or after 15 January - the first day of the spring semester. We hope Mary could come, too. At the moment we suspect that we would be unable to pay you, but the situation may change.

We are particularly concerned that our graduate students, in radio astronomy especially, are too isolated from radio astronomy in general - knowing only of our atypical monster in W. Texas. One of Derek's students, Frazer Owen, has been observing at Green Bank but most students don't get this mind-expanding opportunity. We hope, at least to some extent, that inviting top radio astronomers to talk about radio astronomy will help.

The Department has a light 'plane which flies to W. Texas at least twice a week so if you can tell us if/when you could come, we hope you will have time to see the radio observatory and maybe McDonald Observatory as well.

As NSF has been threatening to cut our grant this year, we haven't had much time to think variable sources as we've been trying to produce results as soon as possible (on identifications, and structure for several hundred sources observed in W. Texas) - Art Niell may have told you, since we've been asking him for data!

Hope you can make it in January.

Best wishes and happiness,

Bew
Beverley J. Wills

(Derek is at
NRAO right now)

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