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AIR MAIL

Mr. Grote Reber  
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Dear Mr. Reber:

Your letter of the 24th of January has been received.

In this you have indicated the possibility of sending us a proposal for a major new facility in the field of long wave length radio astronomy. I regret to say that there is little opportunity of placing any major item in the budget for the FY '68 as it is my understanding that these levels are already fixed, and in fact, will be very little increase, if any, from the preceeding year. Our present hope is that by FY '69 the budget may permit new enterprises to be undertaken by the Foundation. It would be necessary for you to submit 20 copies of the proposal which you have in mind. This proposal would be reviewed by our Advisory Panel on Astronomy. They prefer to consider major facility items at the time of their semi-annual meetings, which occur in the spring and the fall. The next spring meeting is scheduled for April 3-4, 1967 and it would certainly expedite your plans if this proposal was submitted well in advance of this date.

Sincerely yours,



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Program Director for  
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