

14th September 1963  
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Dr. Leland J. Haworth, Director  
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Washington 25, D.C., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Haworth:

Early in September 1962 I stopped at the NSF office and discussed a radio telescope design with Dr. Keller. At his suggestion, a formal proposal was lodged on 26th September 1962. One exchange of correspondence was made during April 1963. I have not been advised of any other action. The modest request of \$9,000 cannot present a fiscal difficulty. The problems, political or otherwise, should have been clarified by now.

America does not exist in a scientific vacuum. If home-grown ideas are not acted upon promptly, others will pick them up. Past performance demonstrates that too much reliance has been placed upon attempted copies or adaptations of ideas from irrelevant fields of science, or from abroad. This type of thinking displays a lack of self confidence and imagination at administrative levels.

In accordance with your recent sentiments<sup>1</sup>, please look into this matter personally and allay the qualms of the timid.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Grote Reber

1. Physics Today, July 1963, page 21, column 2, top paragraph, last two sentences.

copy to Charles H. Schauer.