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Dear Grote,

Perhaps I mentioned to you last month that I am to address the Royal Canadian Institute on some popular aspects of radio astronomy. In a lecture of this kind, the more pictures the better seems to be the motto.

If you have any slides or glossy prints, which I could get ahold of, showing (for the most part) equipment, I should be very grateful indeed. In case of red-tape difficulties, address them to either Seeger or me at Cornell. As a matter of fact, I shall be in Ithaca January 26-29, and if they were there at that time, I could take them across the border personally, which is usually much simpler. In any case, I'd like to have them soon thereafter, because the lecture is February 12, and one has to allow a little time for Customs, etc. I hope this will not rush you too much.

Would you have time to give me (straight from the horse's mouth, so to speak) a little about the early days of radio astronomy as known to you, plus as much biography as you wouldn't mind having distributed? I am again thinking primarily of the lecture, but in any case, would like to have the information around. In particular, I'd like to know such things as when and how you got interested in radio, what sort of training, what contact (if any) with Jansky, whether you had any ideas pre-Jansky---or anybody else did---etc. You know.

Have you seen the latest Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada? Hope it is moderately satisfactory. It's not quite in the form we wanted, but these things seem always to be subject to some sort of deadline. We'd have stuck your name on as co-author, but thought that might be taking unfair advantage! Naturally, you can have a batch of reprints, if you want 'em.

Very sincerely,

Ralph Williamson

P.S., would you have at hand any pix of the Herbstreit-Johler-Cottony etc. scaled dipole setups? I should sort of like to have something in that line.

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