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Dear Dave:

at Armidale, N.S.W.
I have recently received a letter from a professor in the University of New England, asking whether I might appoint one of his students for a time at Greenbank. The student's name is Bourne and the professor is R. A. Smith from the University of New England. I am obviously not in sufficient touch to make any definite statements to Bourne but I have written asking him to write to me, giving his particulars: academic record, research, publications and so forth. I think that you and I could discuss his appointment after I receive this letter. Smith's letter to me (April 18, 1962), however, gives an assessment of Bourne, which I would like to quote verbatim and you can have it on record in this way:

"I can give Bourne an unqualified reference. He is a tremendous worker, outstanding experimentalist, is full of ideas and quick to note anything worth further study. He is developing all the time and I believe he has quite a future as a radio-physicist.

"Agreeing to let Bourne leave here is like agreeing to have my right hand cut off. To let him benefit from his efforts for the high power work I would like the starting date, if you agree to appoint him, left rather flexible -- say between January and April of next year. If you wish I will arrange for Bourne to go to Sidney to see you."

I know Bourne personally, though not terribly well, and I think he would be an excellent man. We can discuss this further after I receive his letter and when we can get together.

Yours sincerely,

Joe
J. L. Pawsey

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