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via air mail

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Dear Mr. Bennett:

During the past few days I have been thinking over our conversation of last Tuesday. I am unable to recall whether or not I mentioned that at the suggestion of Dr. Shapley I had written to the Navy Dept. relative to this matter some time ago. In order that you may be fully informed of the situation I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Dr. Urner Liddel. A copy of the financial statement is also enclosed. The memorandum I made out for you from memory at Madison should be discarded in favor of the enclosed statement. So far, no reply has been received from Liddel. If you can expedite this matter personally I will be greatly appreciative.

After you left I had a chance to talk to Minnaert who is an associate of J. H. Cort at Leiden, Holland. He informs me that Cort is embarking on a rather large program for the investigation of Cosmic Static. Plans have been drawn for a mirror 25 meters (82 feet) in diameter on an altazimuth mounting. The cost in the American equivalent of Dutch money is \$40,000. Due to higher costs here it is likely that the same mirror constructed in America would cost substantially more than the above sum. The work is to be performed by the concern which builds locomotives for the Dutch railways. Minnaert didn't know much about the electronic equipment to be used. However it was apparent from the conversation that a comprehensive program had been planned which covered measurements on a variety of wavelengths from a few centimeters to several meters. The budget for electronic equipment I could not determine. In any case it seems the Dutch are convinced of the merit of this work.