

January 18, 1962

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Dear Grote:

It is a pleasure for me to be able to inform you officially that at the recent Council meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Denver you were selected for the highest distinction which the American Astronomical Society can bestow, namely the Russell Lectureship.

I believe that several years ago you were nominated as Russell Lecturer, but at that time were finally unable to accept. We hope that this time everything will work out.

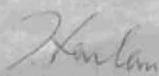
As you probably know, the Russell Lectureship was established fifteen years ago in order to make it possible for the Society to recognize the most distinguished work in our field. The Russell Lecturers have included, in addition to Henry Norris Russell himself, Adams, Chandrasekhar, Shapley, Oort, Fermi, Spitzer, Merrill, Stebbins, Struve, Baade, Kuiper, Schwarzschild, and Morgan. It is now the earnest wish of the Russell Lecture nominating committee and the Council that your name be added to this memorable list in recognition of your 25 years of truly outstanding pioneer investigation in various branches of radio astronomy. Accordingly I express the unanimous hope of the Council that you will be able to accept this honor, and that you will be able at the summer meeting of the American Astronomical Society here at Yale, August 27-30, 1962, to deliver the Russell lecture.

I should add that the Lecture carries a \$200 honorarium, and that although the funds of Society are limited, up to \$500 of traveling expenses can be advanced. We realize that this would not take you from and back to Tasmania, but are hopeful that, for example, the Research Corporation might see fit to recognize this distinction and opportunity by helping to cover any additional traveling expenses. Also, by this time you may have other business which would warrant your return to the U.S.

A final decision on this matter must be reached by the Council at the Harvard meeting on April 1, accordingly may we hear from you in the next several weeks, hopefully with an affirmative answer?

With best personal greetings and hopes to see you again here at Yale this summer.

Sincerely,

  
Harlan J. Smith

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