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Dear Alan (Professor Bridle, indeed!),

Many thanks indeed for the card and the splendid calendar! You must think me very rude or forgetful in the matter of Christmas greetings et al, but I had been expecting you to thrust your head round the door any day (with you attached, of course). I'm not sure of your plans, and having written this you will probably turn up in the next day or two. Anyhow, Merry Christmas! That is, hope you had one. Slightly more topically, Happy New Year!

I went home at Christmas, of course, and had a fairly enjoyable time as Christmasses go. My brother's French friend sent a mysterious telegram at the last minute ('impossible venir ecrivais' or three words to that effect) and bouts of influenza were liberally exchanged between guests and hosts.

We have received the Penticton source catalog recently. (-05° to $+70^{\circ}$). There are some interesting sources in it which do not appear in 4C but most of them are in fact present just below the catalogue limit. We may observe some of the others at 1407. I recently went down to Herstmonceux (first time I have been there) and spoke to many people, and inquired about possibility of my observing there. It seems that I will be able to do dogsbody work (observing for other people) for the first few months before visitors are officially allowed, so it will give me a head start in using

the I.N.T., and we will have some liason. I'm not actually getting involved in any design of image tubes, etc. Donald L-Bell has lots of ideas for observing QSS and radio galaxies, so radio astronomy will not be neglected.

I am beginning to realise that I have but 8 or 9 months of my SRC thing left, with little prospect of anything more exciting than, say, an I.C.I.-type one to follow it. There might be one demonstratorship (?) going, and I'm having a shot at a few College fellowships (research) but.... Any spare jobs going?!

Have you managed to start any new research yet? Hope you still know enough mechanics to keep the lectures going - sure I would've dried up by now! Thanks again for the calendar, and all the best for '68,
Cheers,

Derek

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