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Dear Jesse:

During the past year I have been busy organizing a new radio astronomy installation about 55 miles northwest of Hobart. A long time was used up in the preliminaries of finding what to do, where to do it, how to do it and making arrangements. Actual construction began in January. If I am fortunate, some results should be in hand by May or June.

Recently I have been asked by the American Astronomical Society to give a lecture. Perhaps you can assist me in part of the background material.

About five years ago you showed to me a few fotos of a Ford model T out in the desert. There were some boxes of instruments and a simple antenna. Someone had set up this gear in the middle thirties to verify Jansky's results. I'd appreciate learning more of the details. Who was it, when, where, what frequency, any recordings, type of receiver and antenna, what was found out, anything published, etc.???

Also I'd like to secure a slide or two of the same pictures you showed to me.

Whatever information, assistance or suggestions you can provide will be of use to me and proper credit will be given.

Best regards,


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