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VIA AIR MAIL

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Dear Dr. Reber:

Your letter of March 25 to Dr. Geoffrey Keller and the letter of March 13 from Mr. Charles H. Schauer of the Research Corporation to Dr. Gerard Mulders have been brought to my attention, since I was originally assigned the task of contacting you in order to obtain additional information regarding your proposal "Steerable Parabolic Radio Telescope." Please accept my apology for neglecting this pleasant duty. In particular I wish to state that the delay should not be interpreted as a comment in any way on the scientific excellence of the proposal.

I am enclosing a copy of the National Science Foundation booklet, "Grants for Scientific Research," which will furnish all necessary information for completing your proposal. Since you are applying for a research grant to an individual, you should submit one copy of the proposal which has been personally signed by you - this constitutes the official endorsed copy. In the case of such a proposal by an individual, you may ignore the section on page 3 entitled, Name and Address of Institution.

We especially need a breakdown of the budget for the work you propose. This budget may include items under the following categories, although in many cases not all categories are necessary: (1) salaries, (2) permanent equipment, (3) expendable equipment and supplies, (4) travel, (5) publication costs, (6) other direct costs (see pages 6 through 9). For a grant to an individual the item for Indirect Costs is not allowed. You will also notice that a statement is needed regarding other sponsors (page 9). This breakdown of the budget is to furnish the best information available at the time it is submitted; on page 13 you will find a statement of the Foundation attitude regarding the expenditure of the funds, if a grant is made.

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May I suggest that the budget breakdown, the statement regarding sponsors, and any additional statements that you care to include after reading the enclosed booklet, be prepared in multiple copies (20) in the same format as the original proposal so that we may simply attach them as extra pages to the twenty copies we have of the original. The additional material would constitute pages 10, and following pages.

As you are probably aware, the proposals are sent to reviewers outside the Foundation for comment. Please be assured that I will do everything possible to expedite the review process and other necessary actions, in order to cut to a minimum the time needed to arrive at a decision with regard to your proposal. I would appreciate your sending the additional material directly to me, in the Astronomy Section of the Foundation.

Once again may I express my sincere regret for the delay in handling your proposal.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure

Copy to:

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