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Dr. Grote Reber  
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Dear Dr. Reber:

Thank you for your letter of January 12, addressed to Walter J. Boyne, Director of the National Air and Space Museum.

To the best of my knowledge, a small exhibit on radio astronomy was on display at the National Museum of American History during 1982. That exhibit included a fine model of your original radio antenna dish, as well as several labels describing your pioneer work during the 1930s. The Division of Electricity at that museum was responsible for the display.

At the present time, as you undoubtedly know, your radio antenna is on display at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Greenbank, West Virginia. I was able to inspect it two years ago and found it to be in excellent condition, although I understand that it underwent considerable restoration a number of years ago.

I know that both the National Museum of American History, and the NRAO are keenly interested in the preservation of the historical radio equipment you have retained in Tasmania. I would like to take this opportunity to reinforce their interests, and to wish you well in your present endeavors.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David H. DeVorkin".

David H. DeVorkin  
Acting Chairman  
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cc: Walter Boyne