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I am pleased to learn that you are assuming authorship of the proposed article on cosmic static.

Unquestionably material for public consumption must have a human interest touch which you have attained by speculations as to cosmic static having an origin by intelligent beings. However in the interests of exactness it is well not to lay great emphasis on this because it is definitely untrue and the reader should not be left with this idea when he has finished the article.

It has always been my belief that the true facts of nature are more wonderful than any that speculation may conjure up. Practically all people have no comprehension of the grandeur and the magnificent scale upon which our universe has been constructed or the meticulous details of its workings. I think the public would be just as fascinated by an elementary discussion of the scientific explanation of cosmic static. Consequently I have crossed out the most speculative part of your paper and added a few pages describing in an elementary way the true source of cosmic static. If you believe it acceptable as is please advise; or if my lingo doesn't sound like yours, you may rephrase it a bit and send me copy. The lettering on drawings I have left in pencil so that your artist can make them over in ink with good style.

Regarding the next to last paragraph in your letter of the 5th, I'll enlarge my previous limitation to include publication in the Science Digest.

Yours very truly,

Grote Reber

Notice the vague similarity between

- (a) His submitted copy
- (b) My altered version
- (c) What actually came out; and last paragraph