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ADDITIONAL BASELINE TO INTERFEROMETER
MEMO No. 136

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Dear Dr. Roberts:

By letter dated March 19, 1981, from the U.S. Naval Observatory (USNO), a copy of which was provided to you, the NSF was advised that the USNO desires the NRAO to proceed with the construction of the East-West Baseline to the Greenbank Interferometer. In particular, the NRAO should commence, at this time, the procurement of a 15-meter antenna.

The NSF has received by interagency fund transfer sufficient funds to cover this procurement. However, all of the funds have not as yet been placed in the NSF/AUI contract. So as to not delay this project, this is to authorize AUI to expend NSF funds to procure this antenna subject to the understanding that upon receipt of USNO funds by AUI, all NSF accounts will be fully reimbursed. It is our intention to provide USNO funds to AUI in the very near future by contract amendment.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen J. Franko
Contracting Officer

Copy to: Dr. Hughes, AUI
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