VLBA CC Memo No. 41

NATIONAL RADIO ASTRONOMY OBSERVATORY Charlottesville, Virginia

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To: Coordinating Committee

From: Bill Porter

Subject: Notes from Coordinating Committee Meeting, Dec 28, 1984

Addressees are invited to let Paul Sebring know about errors in these notes.

Participants

NRAO-CV H. Hvatum, moderator

D. Thompson
M. Balister
B. Porter

NRAO-VLA B. Clark

C. Walker

NRAO-SOC P. Napier

W. Horne

NRAO-GB K. Kellermann (phoned from

New York)

Caltech D. Fort

Haystack A. Rogers

1. Action List Update

- 1.1 Porter reported that a revised proposal had been received from the A/E. The contract is being prepared.
- 1.2 Hvatum reported that all VLBA material will be found in the "VLBA" area in the VAX. "Book" will become a subdirectory.
- 1.3 Thompson will provide a full report on the 2-16 GHz synthesizer board at the next meeting.
- 1.4 Clark reported that final M.C. documentation will hopefully be complete by next week.

- 1.5 Clark reported that Spec M/C/Corr Lang & OS will be done in time to discuss at the January review workshop in Socorro.
- 1.6 The meaning of "Spec Monitor Data Base" assigned to Clark was not understood and should be discussed at the Socorro workshop.
- 1.7 The due date for the NMIMT contract has been pushed to mid-March due to VLBA scheduling uncertainty and more pressing issues for Tech's administrators.
- 1.8 The Servo/MC interface has been pushed to Feb 28 due to design schedule.

2. Meeting at MIT

- 2.1 Joe Salah has sent a map for the meeting location to the attendees.
- 2.2 It was agreed that attendance by one astronomer (Benson, Romney or Walker) was desirable and sufficient.

3. Socorro Workshop

3.1 Napier reported the following plans for the upcoming Socorro workshop:

Travel to Socorro - Monday, January 21
VLBA Workshop - Tuesday to Thursday,
Jan 22 to Jan 24

AUI Board Banquet - Thursday evening (all workshop attendees are invited)

The Project will pay for the following number of attendees from each location. The person responsible for assigning attendance is shown in ().

Caltech (Ewing) - 4
Charlottesville (Hvatum) - 10
Green Bank (Hvatum) - 3
Haystack (Rogers) - 4
Miscellaneous (Hvatum, Napier, D'Addario) - 3

It was noted that Caltech had planned to send more than 4 attendees. Napier will contact Ewing to resolve the question.

3.2 Napier and D'Addario will prepare a meeting agenda and discuss it at the next Coordinating Committee meeting.

4. Budget

- 4.1 Hvatum reported on recent telecons with NSF over budget adjustments. NSF has asked for a variety of scenarios and "what-if" situations.
- 4.2 NSF apparently is trying to preserve the funding for VLBA in 1986; however, indications are that funding may be in the \$9-10 million range.

5. Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule for Jan-June 1985 is in the VAX and will be distributed as a VLBA memo.