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## NATIONAL RADIO ASTRONOMY OBSERVATORY Socorro, New Mexico 28 August 1986

TO: VIBA Members

FROM: Cam Wade

SUBJECT: Site Group Meeting, 860827

PRESENT: Crane, Egler, Kellermann, Napier, Peery, Romney, Ross,

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PIE TOWN: Foundation and floor slabs for the control building are in place, and the walls are half way up. The building should be under roof by the end of next week. The first shipments of antenna parts arrive next week.

KITT PEAK: Excavation for the antenna foundation is almost complete. First concrete should be poured next week.

LOS ALAMOS: The NSF and the DOE have finally signed a document granting us the site for 5 years. A long-term agreement (25 years) is in preparation. The contract with Brennand Watson and Associates for the site preparation has been approved, and work will begin forthwith.

IOWA: The site use agreement is in final preparation at the Rock Island office of the Corps of Engineers. Solicitation of bids for site preparation will start in a couple of weeks.

ST. CROIX: A good site has been found on land owned by Fairleigh Dickinson University, adjacent to the West Indies Laboratory. Negotiations are under way for purchase or long-term lease.

TEXAS: Purchase should be complete by mid-September. The site survey has been done. A contract has been let for soils tests.

WASHINGTON, HAWAII, CWENS VALLEY, NORTHEAST: Nothing new.