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To: H. Hvatum

From: K. I. Kellermann

Subject:

I suggest that NRAO appoint a "Planning Committee" which will serve only for the approximately 4-month period necessary to prepare a proposal. In this way we can draw on a fairly broad range of people for input to the proposal, without any long term commitment on our part or theirs. Except in a few cases, I would not anticipate written contributions from outside people, but rather critiques of our work, and general input to the various tradeoffs that must be considered.

Depending on how things are finally organized and what additional effort appears necessary and feasible after March, 1982 we can then appoint a longer standing Steering Committee.

I submit the following names from which to choose the Planning Committee: Cohen, Readhead, Moffet, Backer and/or Welch, Burke, Johnston, Rogers, Moran and/or Reid, Swenson, Mutel, T. Clark. The full list is longer than MSR suggested, but considering its limited tenure, it may be better to err on the side of too many rather than too few. If travel cost is a consideration, then it would not be unreasonable to hold only one actual meeting, in January in Boulder. I have not included any NRAO names. It might be easier to consider this an outside committee which may meet once or twice together with NRAO people involved.

It might be appropriate to include Ernie Seaquist, either formally (outsider) or informally (insider) to provide needed liaison with the Canadian effort.

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xc: M. Roberts