

NATIONAL RADIO ASTRONOMY OBSERVATORY  
Socorro, New Mexico  
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TO: VLBA Members  
FROM: Cam Wade  
SUBJECT: Site Group Meeting, 851120  
PRESENT: Benson, Crane, Egler, Oty, Peery, Ross, Wade, Walker,  
Wells

PIE TOWN:

The right-of-way for the site has been granted to NSF by the Bureau of Land Management. We expect to receive separate bids for site preparation, the antenna foundation, and the building during December. We hope to start the site preparation early next year.

KITT PEAK:

On November 8, we had our first meeting with NOAO about acquiring the right to build on Kitt Peak. No difficulties are foreseen.

WASHINGTON:

We are in the process of engaging an attorney to represent us in the purchase of the Brewster site.

TEXAS:

Peery and Wade visited Fort Davis during the first week of November. We talked to two landowners who have property which is suitable for an antenna station. Both are willing to discuss leasing, and possibly selling.

HAWAII:

Jim Oty completed his RFI tests. He made a long series of measurements at the Mauna Loa Observatory, and shorter series at Pohakuloa and Waimea. The RFI situation is quite acceptable. We have decided to recommend that the VLBA station be built on Mauna Loa, in the vicinity of the present Mauna Loa Observatory. The land is owned by the State of Hawaii. We have initiated inquiries about acquiring a site, since the general opinion of the people we have talked to in Hawaii is that the approval process will be time-consuming.

LOS ALAMOS, ST. CROIX, IOWA, OWENS VALLEY, NORTHEAST:

Nothing new.