

NATIONAL RADIO ASTRONOMY OBSERVATORY
Socorro, New Mexico
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TO: VLBA Members
FROM: Cam Wade
SUBJECT: Site Group Meeting, 860226
PRESENT: Bridle, Brundage, Crane, Egler, Hogg, Kellermann,
Mutel, Oty, Peery, Ross, Wade, Walker

GENERAL MATTERS:

The New Mexico Legislature has approved \$3,000,000 to build the first half of the Array Operating Center in Socorro.

PIE TOWN:

Construction began officially on Monday, 24 February. As of today, the work of clearing the site and the access road is almost finished.

KITT PEAK:

Paul Vanden Bout has formally requested the site from NOAO. We will pay KPNO to clear the site and access road, and to do the preliminary grading. Solicitation of bids for the remaining site preparation will start in about a month.

LOS ALAMOS:

The site application is being processed by the Department of Energy.

WASHINGTON:

Purchase of the 3-acre Brewster site is complete except for the final filings at the Okanogan County courthouse.

IOWA:

There is some objection at the University of Iowa to the site we have favored, since it is in an unspoiled area which is valuable for biological studies and teaching. We will re-examine the immediate vicinity of the existing North Liberty observatory.

TEXAS, ST. CROIX, OWENS VALLEY, HAWAII, NORTHEAST:

Nothing new