

NATIONAL RADIO ASTRONOMY OBSERVATORY
Socorro, New Mexico

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TO: VLBA Members

FROM: Cam Wade

SUBJECT: Site Group Meeting, 860326

PRESENT: Benson, Brundage, Crane, Egler, Hogg, Kellermann,
Napier, Oty, Peery, Porter, Thompson, Wade, Walker

GENERAL MATTERS:

The Site Group recommends that the following order of construction be requested in the forthcoming renegotiation of the antenna contract:

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| 1. Pie Town | 6. Saint Croix |
| 2. Kitt Peak | 7. Hawaii |
| 3. Los Alamos | 8. Fort Davis |
| 4. Washington | 9. Owens Valley |
| 5. Iowa | 10. Northeast |

This is identical with the "Walker 2" option described in VLB Array Memo No. 536 (Walker, 10 Mar 86). The first four are unchanged from the original contract order, but the remaining six are significantly reshuffled.

PIE TOWN:

Site preparation is progressing on schedule. Excavation for the antenna foundation is complete. The power line is installed as far as the transformer pad.

KITTE PEAK:

Site application awaits action by the AURA board, which we hope will approve it at their April meeting. During April, we will solicit bids from contractors for site preparation.

LOS ALAMOS:

Application for the site is still being processed by the Department of Energy.

WASHINGTON:

Final deed for the site is now being drawn up.

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

Nothing new.