

NATIONAL RADIO ASTRONOMY OBSERVATORY
Socorro, New Mexico

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TO: VLBA Members

FROM: Cam Wade

SUBJECT: Site Group Meeting, 860528

PRESENT: Crane, Egler, Hogg, Napier, Oty, Romney, Ross, Peery,
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GENERAL MATTERS: It has been decided to interchange the Washington and Iowa sites in order of construction if the latter can be acquired in time. This means that Iowa becomes fourth and Washington becomes fifth.

PIE TOWN: Cattle guard is in place, and all utilities are in service. Foundation and walls for the pintle bearing room have been poured. Pouring of the ring foundation is about to start. The Lavis contract should be completed in about six weeks from now. The contract for the building is in the process of being approved, and we expect work to start during June.

KITT PEAK: Preliminary site preparation by the KPNO crew is about 50% complete. This work is expected to be finished by June 15. Five bids were received for the main site preparation; pre-award discussions with the low bidder are now in progress, and we expect to have a contract by mid-July.

LOS ALAMOS: The site agreement is still being negotiated between the NSF and the DOE. Bid solicitation for the site preparation will be made within the next few weeks.

IOWA: Negotiations for taking over the North Liberty site from the University of Iowa have begun.

TEXAS: Negotiation of the site purchase is under way.

WASHINGTON, ST. CROIX, HAWAII, OWENS VALLEY, NORTHEAST: Nothing new.