

NATIONAL RADIO ASTRONOMY OBSERVATORY
Socorro, New Mexico

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TO: VLBA Members
FROM: Cam Wade
SUBJECT: Site Group Meeting, 870128
PRESENT: Benson, Bridle, Brundage, Crane, Hogg, Kellermann,
Napier, Peery, Ross, Seielstad, Vanden Bout, Wade,
Walker

PIE TOWN: Site preparation is finished.

KITT PEAK, LOS ALAMOS: Site preparation is nearly finished.
Work should be complete by the end of February.

NORTH LIBERTY: Antenna foundation has been excavated and back-filled. Ring and pintle bearing foundations have been poured. We hope to have a contract for the control building by early April.

FORT DAVIS: As we have said many times before, the site acquisition process is nearly finished. The site development contract will be signed during February.

BREWSTER: We expect to have the site development contract by early April.

ST. CROIX: The site we thought we were going to purchase from Fairleigh Dickinson University has turned out to be unusable owing to restrictive covenants on land use. We are investigating alternative sites on the east end of the island.

NORTHEAST: A decision will have to be made within the next few months as to whether the antenna should be built in New England or at Green Bank. The matter was discussed at length at the meeting. The argument for New England is that it would afford somewhat better u-v plane coverage, although how often this would be realized in practice is questionable in view of the anticipated high levels of RFI. The main points favoring Green Bank are its excellent RFI situation and good logistics.

OWENS VALLEY, HAWAII: Nothing new.