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Socorro, New Mexico

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TO: VLBA Members
FROM: Cam Wade
SUBJECT: Site Group Meeting, 880928
PRESENT: Crane, Hogg, Kellermann, Wade, Walker

GENERAL MATTERS: This is the last meeting of the site group.

PIE TOWN, KITT PEAK, LOS ALAMOS, FORT DAVIS, NORTH LIBERTY,
BREWSTER, OWENS VALLEY: Site preparation is finished.

ST. CROIX: We have not yet had the obligatory hearings before the territorial legislature and the Coastal Zone Board. These formalities should have been completed half a year ago, but extraordinary bungling by certain island bureaucrats has held the process to a crawl. We foresee no trouble with the application itself. It is barely possible that we can complete the site acquisition during October. The site plan was ready three months ago. When the lease from the island government and the Coastal Zone permit are in hand, we can proceed at once with site preparation.

HAWAII: The complicated acquisition process for the Mauna Kea site is going well. Our environmental documents were accepted without significant adverse comment (this could have been a major problem). We expect the site survey and soils investigation to be complete by the end of the year. The last hurdle is the public hearing before the Land Board on the Conservation District Use Application, scheduled for November 17 in Hilo. If no serious matters come up at the hearing, we should have our right-of-way for construction in February.

HANCOCK: The lease from Boston University has been signed. The survey is done. The next task is to clear the site so the soils work can be done. We should be ready to proceed with the site preparation as soon as the weather permits in the spring.