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To: VLBA Operations Working Group

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Subject: Summary of the VLBA Operations Working Group December 1 Meeting

The three principal topics discussed were the status of the two reports, Operations Phase (Chapter 9, Volume III) and the VLBA Operations Working Group Site Selection report and the future role of the Operations Working Group.

The Operations Phase report (Chapter 9 Volume III) is essentially complete and will probably be included in Volume III without the tables describing the operations cost because the costs estimates are for a stand alone operation which do not include integration with other parts of NRAO. A more realistic detailed cost estimate will be undertaken once a decision on the location of the Array Operations Center is made.

The report on the Site Selection needs only a few minor changes. These will be made this month and the report will be sent to H. Hvatum.

Finally, the future role of this committee was briefly discussed. It was decided that some of the operations problems still to be tackled would benefit from the input of a diverse group and therefore the group should remain in tack. Since there is no current need for regular and frequent meetings it was decided that the committee would meet to consider specific problems on an as needed basis and in addition meet once or twice a year to keep up to date. The next specific problem will be to determine a more realistic operating budget which is only possible when a decision on the location of the AOC is made. The next meeting will be arranged for February 1984 in anticipation that the decision will be made before this date.

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