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Subject: VLBA Operations

We now have to begin examining the operating requirements of the VLBA in more detail. In particular we need to fine-tune the operating budget, the number of personnel required and the floor space plus other special requirements of the Array Operations Center (AOC). We will be working closely with Buck Peery on the AOC space needs. I would like each of the group leaders to examine number of operating personnel required, floor space (and other special) requirements of the AOC and any other major operating expenses.

Since the AOC needs have to be set before summer, I would like to obtain your input by March 22. I will assume that the requirements as set out in the file, operations.txt, in CVAX::UMA3:[VLBABOOK] are sufficient if no response is received.

In addition there are some areas of the VLBA operations which may be difficult [eg. correlation and tape operations, scheduling, etc] that need to be given more thought. A realistic operational approach [especially for the correlator operator] should be established before the design of the system is set in concrete.

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