February 16th, 1950
2 East Thonapple St.
Chevy Chase, Md.

Mrs. K. G. Jansky
57 Silverton Ave.
Little Silver, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Jansky:

I deeply regret the death of Karl G. Jansky. His discovery of radio waves from the Milky Way ranks as one of the greatest works of all time in the field of observational astronomy. It is to his interest and encouragement that I as a later worker in this branch of science owe much of my success.

Sincerely yours,

Grote Reber
Karl Guthe Jansky, 44, Authority in Radio

Bell Laboratories Engineer Dies—Discovered Waves of Extraterrestrial Origin

Karl Guthe Jansky of 57 Silverton Avenue, Little Silver, N. J., radio research engineer with the Bell Telephone Laboratories since 1926, who discovered radio waves of extraterrestrial origin in 1933, died yesterday in the Riverside Hospital, Red Bank, N. J., of a heart malady. He was 44 years old.

An expert on radio transmission phenomena and "atmospheric" and other types of radio interference, Mr. Jansky recently received an Army-Navy Certificate of Appreciation for his work on radio direction finders in the second World War. His work was carried on principally at the Bell Laboratories installation at Holmdel, N. J.

Born in Norman, Okla., a son of Cyril M. Jansky, now professor emeritus of electrical engineering at the University of Wisconsin, Mr. Jansky received a B. S. from that university in 1927, and, in 1928, an M. A. degree. He was a Fellow of the Institute of Radio Engineers, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, honor society and Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Sigma Phi fraternities.

Mr. Jansky leaves his wife, Alice K., his parents; a son, David B.; a daughter, Anna Moreau Jansky; three brothers, and two sisters.