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Radio Station KUDU
Ventura, California

Attention of the Chief Engineer

Dear Sir,

This morning, I managed to hear your station here in Brooklyn, and I would like very much to send you this report of reception, in the hope that if it is correct, that you will verify it for me. Here is what I heard:

Date: October 16, 1954

Frequency - 1590 kc/s.

11:29 p.m., P.S.T. (as I tuned in) - End of an announcement, in which it was mentioned that some one (or some thing) had ten years of service.

At the end of the announcement, the announcer said "In fifteen seconds, it's 11:30." Then he gave station identification.

11:30 - "I Hear a Rhapsody," sung by Ray Eberle, I believe.

11:33 - Girl vocal, "I'm Yours."

11:46:15 - Gave correct time as thirteen minutes and forty-five seconds before twelve.

12:04 AM - Some football scores given.

12:04:30 - Weather report.

12:05 - Began signing off, saying, in part, "This is Radio Station KUDU in Ventura, California, operating on a frequency of 1590 kilocycles with a power of 1,000 watts. ----- very pleasant Good Night and Good Morning."

Before and after this announcement there were bells ringing.

KUDU had a lot of trouble making it in here, due to, first, XEMC in Mexico City, and, second, due to a wavering signal, but that may have been caused by the presence of more than one signal on the same channel. XEMC was considerably stronger here than KUDU, and it was often difficult to tell what was coming from KUDU. What helped was that XEMC was using Spanish.

My receiver is an 11-tube 1947 Hammarlund HQ-129-X, and the antenna is a 120' long, 35' high NE-SW inverted L, with single lead-in taken from the NE end. In almost 22 years of DXing, I have managed to log and verify some 2,463 different standard broadcast stations, like KUDU. I never did log you as KVVC, but I do have a verification from your local competitor, KVIEN, who broadcast a DX program for the National Radio Club a couple of years back.

(THE FULL NAME IS SAN BUESAVENTURA NAMED AFTER THE MISSION HERE.)

I wonder if you could tell me how Ventura got its name, and what its population is. When (and why?) did you change calls from KVVC to KUDU? Is there any significance to the new call? Does your directional antenna beam your signal my way, or not? Might I possibly have one of your coverage maps, please? What are your regular hours of operation, and do you have an early-morning frequency check?

YES,

RADIO COULD DO (KUDU)

(CHANGED AUG. 10, 1954)

(GENERALLY YES)

5 AM - 12:05 AM PST

ABOUT 20,000

(NO)

Thank you, Bob Reynolds

Return postage is enclosed, and I hope you will verify my reception of KUDU, and if you will, please use the word "VERIFIED" for that establishes proof of reception. Thank you, and the very best to you and to all at KUDU, and I hope to hear you soon again.

Yours DXingly

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