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Radio Station WDMV  
Pocomoke City, Maryland

Attention of Paul M. Llewellyn, Chief Engineer

Good Morning, Mr. Llewellyn!

Tonight, I managed to get a fair signal from WDMV, during your last program of the day; right after our semi-local, WBIC in Islip, Long Island, signed off, at 6:18 p.m. I have been trying this ever since I installed a new "antenna" on my Hammarlund HQ-129-X. The landlord here will not permit an outdoor antenna, so I heard a suggestion to connect a wire to the screw on the base of the telephone and use that as my antenna. Previous to this experiment, I got very very weak signals on the lower end of the broadcast band, but with this odd arrangement, I get much better results on this end of the spectrum. But I do have some receiver trouble, and that is with images of powerful locals, the three 50 kilowatters WMGM, WINS, and WNEW, and 5 kw. WMCA. While I listened to WDMV tonight, there was suddenly a little click, and suddenly these four locals all popped in on your frequency, just a trifle louder than your S-6 signal. I only wish I knew what causes this, but it seems to happen only when reception conditions are of the Sun-Spot Aurora class.

I do hope you will be able to verify my reception of WDMV, and here is what I heard:

Date: October 25, 1960

Frequency - 540 kc/s.

- 6:18 p.m., E.D.S.T. (as soon as WBIC left the air) - "Billy Boy," in Rock 'n' Roll.
- 6:20 - Correct time given, and said it was twenty minutes after six on the ---- (Rhodes?) show. The announcer mentioned then that WDMV wants listeners to phone in news tips and scoops, and they will receive an honorary degree for a news story WDMV uses. He said to phone Pocomoke 540.
- 6:21 - Old popular number, "I Wonder, I Wonder."

When the images of the local station broke in, and killed WDMV. Previous to that, and from the sign-off of WBIC, WDMV was completely in the clear. I have also a few notes from two other evenings when I tried to log WDMV, but got no definite identification of the station then.

On October 22, at 6:17 p.m., I heard the correct time announced, and that was followed by a male vocal. At 6:24, "Please Mr. Sun" was sung by a man, and at 6:25, there was a plug for a record hop or dance in a fire house in Virginia. At 6:26, mention was made of a show tomorrow with songs from past years. At 6:28:20, the Star-Spangled Banner was heard. On October 24, at 6:20, I heard "Love Walked Right in."

I do hope you will be able to verify my reception of WDMV, Mr. Llewellyn, and please tell me why the call change from WDVM to WDMV, and also what time your station signs on in the morning. Are you planning any special tests of any kind in the near future? If so, may I recommend Monday mornings (after Sunday midnight) for that is the morning of the week most DXers are at the dials during the wee morning hours, since so many of the all-night stations are silent that morning.

Thank you for your kind favor, Mr. Llewellyn, and return postage is enclosed. The best of continued success to you and to all the boys at WDMV!

Yours DXingly

*Ernest Cooper*

*I've heard of the  
Delmarva Peninsula*

*Wonderful!  
Del Mar Va.  
new owner  
desired this*

*not planning  
any at this  
time.*

*Delmarva  
Road show*



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Thank you for your report,  
Paul M. Llewellyn, Chief Engineer