

Kalamazoo, Mich
April 22, 1953

Mr. Ernest R. Cooper
438 E. 21st St.
Brooklyn 26, New York

Dear Mr. Cooper:

This will verify your reception of Radio Station WKMI on April 14, 1953 from 1:24 A.M. E.S.T. until 1:40:15 E.S.T. on 1360 K.C. using 1000 watts power non-directional during our regular frequency test with Peterkin Laboratories in Detroit. Your time is slightly in error although the data is correct. We do this test from 1:30 AM to 1:45 AM each second Tuesday of the given month. You certainly have a fine record of verifications and are to be congratulated for such a record. We changed our call letters principally because the letters K-M-1 are more easily understood. We found that some people were mistaking the "G" for "B" "C" etc. Also it is "K" for Kalamazoo, "MI" for Michigan. We have no connection whatsoever with either of the two stations mentioned. We changed the letters as of January 1, 1953. The station is also under new management since last October. The present owner is Mr. Howard Steere. The staff are well pleased with the new ownership. The population of Kalamazoo is roughly 70,000 which includes a number of ~~two~~ suburban areas, such as Ridewood, Oakwood etc.

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There are several versions of how the city got its name. The one believed most accurate is that the name is an old Indian word meaning "boiling water" and is thought to have been named this for the way that the "Kalamazoo" river produced "rapids" over rocks near the center of its travel near the early settlements. The city was founded by a Titus Bronson in the early 1850's about the 20's I believe. I understand it was almost called Bronson or Bronsonville. The city has a park just a block or two from the business center. It is called Bronson park. It is now surrounded by 6 beautiful churches, a county Building, a city hall, Civic Theater, YWCA etc. It is the pride of the city and very pleasant although only a city block or two square. It has a beautiful fountain which has colored lights at night. We are happy to send you a coverage map of the station. You will see that we operate directional after local sunset to protect other stations on the channel. Although we have a T.V. grant on U.H.F. channel 36 it is very unlikely that it will be in operation before early 1954. Well I hope this answers your questions. Am on duty at transmitter and run out of letterhead stationary so rather than keep you waiting am answering on this plain paper. Keep up the good dx'ing. With all wishes for good future reception in d-x. I remain, Sincerely yours
 Carl E. Stephens, Chief Eng. WKMI.