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Mr. Ernest R. Cooper, Editor
National Radio Club
438 East 21st Street
Brooklyn 26, New York

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Thank you for your letter of February 11th reporting reception of WTTN. Enclosed is a verification card and a coverage map.

WTTN went on the air on April 2, 1950. This was on a Sunday and we first hit the air waves at 12:00 Noon with a special one hour dedicatory program including short talks by the city manager, a well known local attorney, the station manager, the program director, the chief engineer, and a few other prominent Watertown citizens.

WTTN's regular service area is within a radius of about 40 to 50 miles. On tests we have been heard in Dunedin, New Zealand. We did receive one report of reception in Hill City, Minnesota late in the afternoon around 5:45PM. On Sundays WTTN signs on at 8:00AM. Nathan Williams measures our frequency during regular operating hours.

The present official population of Watertown is 12,391. The best information that I can seem to get on how Watertown got its name is that it was named after Watertown, New York. Watertown, Wisconsin lies mostly in Jefferson County having 11 wards in this county and only 3 wards in Dodge County. So they tell me Watertown, New York lies in Jefferson County in the state of New York. The original name of this town was Johnson's Rapids in Honor of the first white settler here, Timothy Johnson and was later changed to Watertown. This is my home town.

Len Benson was the original chief engineer of WTTN. He laid out all the plans, ordered all the equipment and was in charge of installation. He and I ~~inst~~ installed all the equipment and when we went on the air we got a third engineer. We operated with 3 until last October when Ozzie took a job with WKOW in Madison. Since then we operated with only Benson and me. On February 4th Benson quit suddenly and left me to hold the fort alone. So I have inherited the job of chief engineer. We had another man start to work on Feb. 12th so now I have some help again.

Very truly yours,
Radio Station WTTN

Harold Winkenwerder
Harold Winkenwerder, chief engineer

WTTN is Watertown