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DEAR ERNEST COOPER,

JULY 7, 1987

I AM SO SORRY THAT IT TOOK THIS LONG TO ANSWER YOUR LETTER. YOU INDEED DID PICK UP WGVE, 88.7 FM IN GARY, INDIANA, ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 15, 1987. WAS I SURPRISED TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTER!! IT IS IRONIC THAT I HAVE LISTENERS WHO COMPLAIN ABOUT RECEPTION, YET THEY LIVE LESS THAN 20 MILES AWAY.

THE REASON IT TOOK SO LONG TO ANSWER YOUR LETTER IS THAT THE TRADEWINDS RADIO READING SERVICE, OF WHICH I AM THE STATION MANAGER AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR, IS NOW OPERATING ON THE MAIN AND SUB-CARRIER CHANNELS OF WGVE. WE ARE A READING SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY HANDICAPPED OF NORTHWEST INDIANA. THROUGH THE USE OF THE AREA'S CABLE COMPANIES, WE BROADCAST ON THE SUB-CARRIER WITH HELP FROM A CABLE BOOST, SO TO SPEAK. DURING THE SUMMER, WGVE, WHICH IS THE GARY COMMUNITY RADIO STATION, IS NOT IN OPERATION, THUS, FORCING US TO ALSO BROADCAST ON THE MAIN CHANNEL.

THE TRADEWINDS RADIO READING SERVICE ACTUALLY REACHES MORE HOMES THAN WGVE, BECAUSE OF OUR USE OF THE VARIOUS CABLE SYSTEMS IN THE AREA. THE CITIES AND TOWNS IN LAKE COUNTY WE COVER ARE: GARY, HAMMOND, EAST CHICAGO, WHITING, MUNSTER, HIGHLAND, GRIFFITH, MERRILLVILLE, SCHERERVILLE, HOBART, LAKE STATION, NEW CHICAGO, DYER, ST. JOHN, CROWN POINT, CEDAR LAKE, LOWELL, AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LAKE COUNTY. WE ALSO REACH INTO PORTER COUNTY, CITIES SUCH AS CHESTERTON, PORTER, PORTAGE, VALPARAISO, AND HEBRON. IN ADDITION, DUE TO THE IRREGULAR ZONES OF THE CABLE COMPANIES, WE ALSO REACH



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WE READ THE DAILY NEWSPAPERS OF THE AREA, ALSO A NUMBER OF NOVELS AND NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS SUCH AS THE NEW YORK TIMES, USA TODAY, AND THE WALL STREET JOURNAL. WE ARE FUNDED THROUGH THE TRADEWINDS REHABILITATION CENTER IN GARY. DUE TO FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS IN SOCIAL PROGRAMS DURING 1985, WE ARE DOWN TO A SKELATAL CREW, OF JUST MYSELF AND ABOUT TEN VOLUNTEERS.

IT IS REALLY SAD THAT YOU HAD TO PICK UP THE MESSAGE ABOUT OUR FINANCIAL TROUBLES AND OUR REQUEST TO RETURN UN-USED RECEIVERS. WE ARE HAVING A TERRIBLY HARD TIME TRYING TO OBTAIN FUNDING TO KEEP US IN OPERATION.

THE REASON WHY IT TOOK SO LONG TO ANSWER THE LETTER IS THAT IT WAS ADDRESSED TO LARRY VENTURA, WHO IS THE STATION MANAGER OF WGVE, WHICH IS NOT IN OPERATION AT THE TIME. HE WAS ON VACATION, AND CAME BACK ON JULY 6TH. HE GAVE ME THE LETTER. BOY, WAS I SHOCKED. I'D HAVE TO ADD THAT I AM FLATTERED, AND YOU ARE, FOR SURE, THE FURTHEST LISTENER THAT I HAVE EVER HAD.

I WILL ENCLOSE ANYTHING ABOUT THE STATION THAT I CAN FIND. BUT, WE ARE SO POOR THAT I CANNOT EVEN GET MONEY FOR OUR OWN STATIONARY. I HAVE NO PRINTED PHAMPLETS OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATION FOR THE SAME REASON. TRADEWINDS CAN BARELY AFFORD TO PAY ME THE MC DONALDS RESTAURANT WAGES THAT THEY PAY ME.

THANKS AGAIN FOR A REAL DAY-BRIGHTENER. IF YOU DO RECEIVE US AGAIN, I'D LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT IT.



The main channel operates on 600 Watts.

TAKE CARE,
STEVEN M. HAAS

P.S. We operate 4 hours a day, from 4pm - 8pm.