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John Poole Broadcasting Company

AVALON, CALIF. | PHONE 300

GENERAL OFFICES: 6540 SUNSET BOULEVARD
HOLLYWOOD 28, CALIFORNIA • HEMPSTEAD 3205

December 30, 1953

Mr. Kermit Geary
RFD #2
Walnutport, Pa.

Dear Mr. Geary:

Thank you very kindly for your interest taken in our signal.
We certainly appreciate this very much.

Your log and our log agree as to time, date and selection;
and we would like to congratulate you on receiving us.

Just a word might be mentioned about our station. We are lo-
cated on Santa Catalina Island which is twenty-two miles from
the Mainland, and are located about five miles "up the mountain"
from Avalon at approximately 1800 feet elevation.

Avalon and Santa Catalina Island are more or less a great summer
resort, having steamer and plane service daily. Of course, as
you may suspect, the population at present is rather meager; but
starting about May, the population increases daily.

This briefly is the description of the transmitter location.
I might add that at the station we have very modern facilities,
hot or cold shower, kitchen, etc.

Also, we have two 75 KVA diesels for stand-by power and usually
use these daily as the power is more reliable.

Thank you again for your interest.

Yours very truly,



C. Harvey Haas
Engineering Supvr.

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Dear Kermit,

May I add a note to your reply from Harvey?

Being an ole "Keystoner", just wanted to say Hello. My stamping grounds are up in Bradford County. I call Canton my home town.... first saw the light o' day long about Dec. 6, 1915. That is about 40 miles above Williamsport and about 35 south of Elmira, New York.

We were, to say the least, tickled to hear that you pulled in our signal "back home".

At the present time, we are not testing on a regular sked, but if in the future we do set up such a routine, would you care to have it?

I, personally have been here on Catalina Island since October of 1952. It's the greatest place in the world to live and raise children, as the population (regular year-round residents) is about 1000 to 1200, and there is no such thing as crime here. The climate is ideal year round, but the cost of living here is a bit higher than on the mainland, as everything has to be shipped across by boat.

If you should ever happen to take a trip to the great southland, by all means, plan on a jaunt to the island. I would like to extend a special invitation to you to visit our station any time you might be in the west.

Best regards to you and yours, and may the new year bring to you all I wish for myself and family.

Sincerely,



Don Callen
Resident Manager