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DX Listening Post of: Mr. Kermit Geary
1266 Riverview Drive
Walnutport, Pennsylvania PA 18088

Dear Kermit:

Your reception report arrived today along with other reports from Melrose, New York and Tallmadge, Ohio (Details on those were sketchier). Last week, we received confirmable reports from North Chelmsford, Massachusetts; New Suffolk, eastern Long Island, New York; and, Beaconsfield, Québec.

I listened to the A.M. Standard Broadcast band both before and after the DX test. It seemed to be a North-South night on medium-wave; I found signals from Canada all the way south to the Caribbean to be enhanced, while Midwestern stations were nearly inaudible. Overall, I just don't think it was as good a night for propagation as during some other nights we ran DX tests, so I'm not surprised you found reception conditions to be inferior!

Most of the times you cited for reception of our Morse Code were correct; all the times for the European-style, two-tone siren were correct.

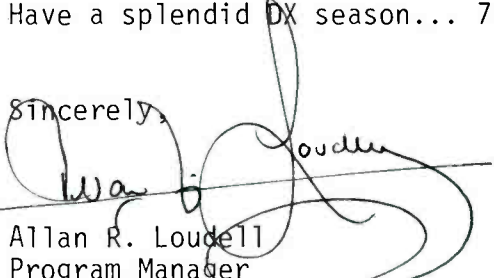
So let me confirm your reception of 1450 WILM NEWSRADIO, Delaware Broadcasting Company, from Wilmington, Delaware... at your listening post in Walnutport, Pennsylvania. You heard us intermittently Sunday morning, December 14th, between 1:12 and 2:40 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, on our assigned frequency of 1450 kilohertz in the A.M. Standard Broadcast band. We were transmitting our usual power of 1,000 watts.

Believe it or not, we actually received calls from local listeners who find the DX tests to be "fascinating". One woman called to say she liked the "mix" of Morse code, sirens, sound effects, and the eclectic playlist of music.

I left WILM at about 3:30 a.m. Sunday to go home. Then, at seven a.m., one of the Sunday-morning news anchors called me at home to say Saddam Hussein had been captured! So, I had to get out of bed, and return to work to contribute to our coverage of the wintry weather AND the dramatic news out of Iraq. Then, just after I had attended an early-morning news-briefing with Delaware's U.S. Senator Joseph Biden, ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (about Iraq), someone called our newsroom to say the legendary former U.S. Senator William Roth of Delaware had passed away (People with retirement accounts know about "Roth" I.R.A.'s!) I confirmed the sad news with Senator Biden, and "broke" that story on-the-air before 11 a.m. So, we had the big stories this past Sunday, & I had gotten virtually no sleep because of the DX test!

Have a splendid DX season... 73's!

Sincerely,



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Program Manager

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