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Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your comprehensive report dated 20th February, 50, and the most interesting information contained therein.

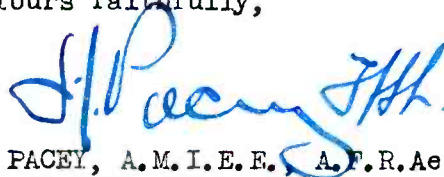
From the details of the programme given by you, it would appear that it was the British Forces Network on 1095 k/cs to which you were listening. As you are probably already aware, the Copenhagen International Wavelength Plan is being implemented in Europe as at the 15th March, 50, although I understand your country is still attempting to be allotted special wavelengths at fairly high powers for broadcasting in Germany. As from that date however, the British Forces Network will lose its present wavelength allocations, and must transmit in synchronisation with the Light Programme of the British Broadcasting Corporation in England.

The frequency used will be 1214 k/cs (247 metres) and our powers will remain as at present. Experiments have already been carried out to ensure that the direct wave from the two groups does not have an effective signal strength during the day, and we shall therefore transmit our own programme during the hours of daylight only. After ionisation, it will of course be necessary for us to take the same programme as the Light Programme in England, and we shall in fact rebroadcast their programme during the hours of darkness.

Needless to say, after March 15th, 50, it will be impossible for you to receive us under any conditions, as the B.B.C. will be broadcasting on the same wavelength with a group of stations totalling approximately 300 KW against ours of only 75 KW.

Best of luck for listening in the future and don't forget to watch for changed conditions all over Europe as at March 15th, 50.

Yours faithfully,



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