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Dear Kermit:

2 CAMBRIDGE, Wixerland (March 20--UPT) -- A combination of left-wing Harvard students and members of the John Birch Society headquartered in Belmont completed their uprising today and proclaimed the Autonomous Republic of Wixerland. The revolution began a week ago with a call to arms by the rebel Radio Free Wixerland, which broadcast code messages erroneously attributed to CIA sources.

Col. P.V. Taylor, commander of the Free Wixerland Forces, and Captain J.A. Callarman, leader of the Somerville command, posted patrols every 10 yards along the boundaries of Watertown, Cambridge, Arlington, Somerville, and Belmont to protect the integrity of the new republic. The Wixerland Navy, under command of Admiral G.P. Nelson, ~~XXXXX~~ streaked down the Charles River, up the Mystic River, then hand-carried the vessels cross country to the Charles again. The strategy, known as the Admiral Nelson Loop, already has military experts buzzing.

Taylor, Callarman, and Nelson, reached for comment on the successful coup, said -- in unison -- "We seek no glory. We seek no power. We only seek --" and here the trio split. Taylor said "advertising revenue," Callarman said "complete news coverage," and Nelson said "reception from Bolivia." The Wixerland triumvirate announced their plans to be the power behind the scenes, and named Nathan Pusey and Robert Welch to head the Wixerland government as Co-Presidents.

Pusey and Welch issued the following statement: "In an effort to reach a concensus form of government, we have decided to institute a 100% welfare state without taxes. We have named J. Paul Getty Finance Minister and Ronald Reagan Minister of Education. The new republic will be run by a series of Neighborhood Councils, who shall elect delegates to a District Council, who shall elect delegates to a regional council, who shall elect delegates to a city council, who shall elect delegates to a republic council. These delegates shall have the authority to rubber-stamp our decisions."

The Co-Presidents immediately decreed their official radio station, WXHR, is authorized to transmit with a 250,000-watt non-directional transmitter, on 735 kilocycles. In the words of Welch, "This will allow the totally-unbiased Wixerland story to be told throughout North America."

A small number of listeners throughout the Eastern Seaboard, apparently tipped off by an informer inside the Wixerland movement, monitored the initial coded broadcasts from the illicit transmitter. Wixerland secret agents reportedly are roving the countryside, wiping out these monitors and destroying their notes.

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"We hate to indulge in Castro-style reprisals," Welch told this news reporter, "but the notes these monitors took would be invaluable in the wrong hands. They contain the recipe for a combination grape juice/Molotov cocktail."

There was one sour note in the establishment of the new republic. Admiral Nelson, reached for comment late today, said through the bars: "Just as I was about to log the 100-watt Bolivian on 799.977, on came the WXHR carrier and destroyed my opportunity. The Canadian Government jammer has been repaired, and is now on the air once again with its high-frequency program of classic slopover."

The co-presidents also issued a joint statement denouncing the United Nations and applying for admission. Meanwhile, Washington circles had this comment: "We'll wait and see. It isn't worth fighting a civil war over. Dissident factions are bound to cause dissent."

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So much for the continued whimsy. Your report was the most delightful and most complete I've ever seen ... and I, too, want the opportunity to verify it: "This verifies your reception of WXHR on March 13, 1967, between 2:56 and 4:29 a.m., EST, on 740 kilocycles."

Further, in my efforts to upgrade musings with creative, adult fare, I hope I can talk you into contributing once again. The teeny-boppers stuff is okay, but there's nothing like good, intelligent narrative to entice some of the other veterans into the contributing fold ... and to set the example for the youngsters. I also intend to reproduce your first paragraph in toto in the bulletin! It was beautiful!

Gordy and I both hope that we can get together with you some time, and discuss possible improvements in the bulletin. Obviously, you read it closely, hi!

Thanks again for the report ... pardon me, that's the first thanks this letter ... and best wishes for continued fine DX.

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Operations Manager.

*Kermit —
forgive my delay — that I'd sent this out —
your WXHR report has provided many good moments for
the production crew.
Would solicit your aid and assistance (to be
repetitionally redundant) re our bulletin efforts
TKH
JAC*