

January 24, 1996

Mr. Kermit Geary 1266 Riverview Drive Walnutport, PA 18088 U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Geary:

Greetings from high in the Andes Mountains. I hope this letter finds you well and experiencing a pleasant week up there in Pennsylvania. Here, we've been enjoying some sunshine during the midst of rainy season, but it looks like rain may start again any minute.

Thank you so much for your reception report of one of our 690 kHz test transmissions. From the exact timing in your report, I can confirm that the transmissions were without a doubt from HCJB. The two tones you heard matched up almost to the second. We didn't air "de HCJB" at any time, but the time you heard the code was a perfect match and I've no doubt it was us.

We were hoping that this test would reach some DXers in Japan, as the terminator passed through Japan at the time. Several of the code words we transmitted were actually in Japanese. You heard the word "omedeto," which means "congratulations." (Each test is completely different with a different set of code words.)

Thank you for the good suggestion regarding the audio frequency of the morse code. I simply record the code off of my ham transceiver at home. Next time, I'll try recording it with the "varispeed" at the slowest position. Then, at HCJB, I'll play it back at the highest speed. The tone will then be at least a little higher.

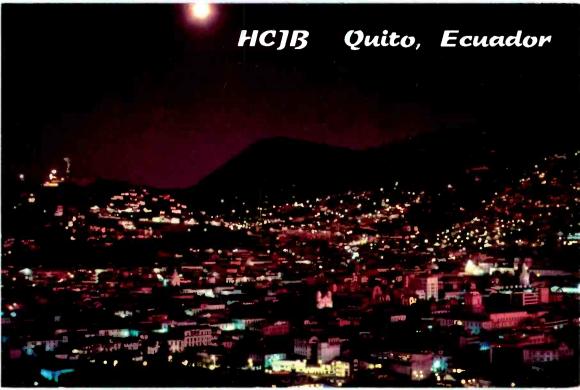
It was a thrill to receiver your report, Mr. Geary. I had a most envious look through your QSL collection in 1993 at the convention in Kulpsville and it's a pleasure to add one more to it.

73 and God bless,

Richard McVicar

English Language Service/Frequency Manager

We're more than a voice... we're friends who care.





QSL 690 kHz

HCJB Casilla 17-17-691 Quito, Ecuador

Dear Kermit Geary .

This confirms your reception of HCJB on January 7,1996 at 0.803-0809... UTC on 690 kHz mediumwave.

Transmitter power was kw.

DX test

Congratulations and 73!

Miller Tox for a great report!

DX Test Coordinator

HCJB's 690 kHz transmitter is located on the slopes of Pichincha Volcano on Quito's western border.

Andean moonrise over Quito, Ecuador's capital city