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Superintendent

## DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT



May 4, 1944

Mr. Kermit Geary  
R.F.D. #2  
Walnutport, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Geary:

I ask you at the outset to accept our sincere apology for not promptly replying to your very kind letter of April 5, 1944. As a matter of fact, the letter was given by me to our Radio Engineer to look over and conditions did occur here beyond our control and which accounts for the unfortunate delay in replying to your very kind letter.

The reporting of our reception by you is certainly interesting and gratifying to us to know that our transmitter is capable of carrying messages for such a distance. Of course, we know that radio does perform some freakish things and it is possible for it to receive messages at distant points but such messages would be intermittent and dependent entirely upon atmospheric conditions. Your report, however, is very complete and the transmissions as recorded by you and contained in your letter of the 5th are identical with our logs of April 3rd and 4th. The matter of your receiving such complete transmissions on the two days, that is, April 3rd and 4th, is certainly interesting to us, and we are indeed grateful for your kindness in informing us accordingly.

Our transmitter is a 50 watt Western Electric and we have had it in service since 1934. We were the first municipal Police Department in the New England States to install a Police Radio System and this was in 1934. Since that time we have installed a separate system of cars to station, this being a General Electric F.M. System.

Again thanking you most sincerely for your kindness in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

  
Superintendent of Police

JAL/s