



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
GOVERNED BY COMMISSION

POLICE RADIO BUREAU
W P E B

April 24, 1944.

Mr. Kermit Geary
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Pennsylvania

Dear Friend:

Your letter received and read with much interest. We wish to verify your reception of our signals on April 17 and 18 , 1944.

Thinking that you might be interested in our equipment I will explain briefly what we have:

- 500 Watt RCA Phone transmitter (one you heard)
 - 500 Watt Auxiliary Phone transmitter
 - 300 Watt Telegraph transmitter - Used to communicate with other cities.
 - 100 Watt Radio station in trailer , powered by Kohler 110 AC lighting plant. This unit is capable of operating anywhere without A C lines (external) - Call letters are WCPX
 - 75 2-way transmitters in cars capable of talking back up to 45 miles. (these include our County as well as surrounding small municipalities)
 - 2 Remote controlled receives located ; one at tower and other on tall building. These are for the reception of our 2-way cars.
- Dispatchers Remote position - you will notice you hear 2 different men talking - one is Dispatcher , a superior officer in our Police Force - the other is the radio operator at the radio station proper.

You have the same type receiver that we use 24 hours daily here for reception of Telegraph signals.

With the exception of the operator you heard, we are all young fellows (comparatively) . I have been here since we opened up 13 years ago. I was 21 then.

Now this is getting to be sort of old stuff and several of us have taken on new hobbies; such as, gardening, farming, and raising chickens and rabbits. The reason I mention this is because I take it that you are a young fellow getting interested in radio as a hobby just as most of us were back some years when we had Amateur stations. Some of us (not me) are still active in the WERS (War Emergency Radio Service) which is the only way amateurs are allowed to operate nowadays.

Well, So Long, and I hope you hear us sometime when something exciting is going on the air. Guess that won't be until the war is over and the boys return though.

Yours truly,

Robert J. Sellon

Acting Chief Engineer WPFB