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STATION INTERCOLONIALE DE T. S. F.
DE DJIBOUTI
TÉLÉPHONE

Mr. KERMIT GEARY

Walnutport,

Pennsylvania (USA)

OBJET :

Dear Sir,

I must apologize very much for answering with such a delay to your letter of April 13th: since the month of October 1935 until now I was extraordinarily busy, because of the enormous volume of traffic we had to handle (owing to the war between Ethiopia and Italy), traffic which lead us to erect an entirely new station, with two transmitters more; also I received a great number of letters from foreign listeners, asking replies, and even now I am far from having answered to all of them!

I am glad to confirm your report of reception of my station, which is entirely correct: the transmitter you heard was FZE.8 (17.280 kcs), testing with Noiseau (Seine et Oise, France) the central receiving station of the Administration française des P.T.T.; the tone signals you heard were 1600 or 4000 c/s ones. These tests were made in view of picture transmission by the Belin system (During the Italo-Ethiopian war, we sent some pictures coming from the war fields).

Our transmitter FZE.8 is crystal controlled: the amplifying tubes are all screen grid ones, the power tubes are water cooled (a difficult problem here). This transmitter can be operated in CW or ICW telegraphy, or in telephony. Power in the antenna (Chireix-Mesny directive antenna) is about six kilowatts.

We have no regular schedule for our phone transmissions, but you can hear us everyday (if you are a dot and dash fan!) in CW telegraphy at 07.30 and 13.30 gmt (FZE.8) or 19.00 gmt (FZE.9, the same transmitter working on 7.567 kcs).

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