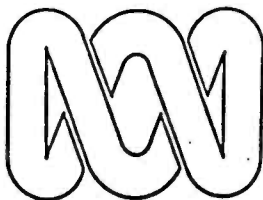
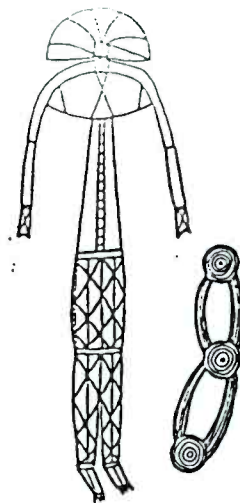


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Two Australian Aboriginal motifs appear on the central shield of the Northern Territory Coat-of-Arms. The woman figure is derived from the sacred rock art of Neolithic Rock in Arnhem Land. The characteristic X-ray art style decorates the body with a backbone and branching limbs.

The abstract motif flanking this figure represents a greatly stylized Central Australian Aboriginal "Charrung" - a sacred map-like carving on stone or wood that has special symbolic meaning to its owner.

13.12.88

Dear Mr Geary,

Please accept this advice as confirmation of your transmission report from our Northern Territory High Frequency Service.

STATION: VL8K (TOP END RADIO) FREQUENCY: 2.485 Khz
DATE: 26th November, 1988 TIME: 1025 UTC

The Northern Territory has the smallest population of any state in Australia, and the lowest population density which averages one person for every ten square kilometres.

The Territory's most important natural resources are minerals. For more than a century, mining has played a key role in the development of the "Top End".

Tourism is the second most important industry. The unique environment and rich cultural history attract visitors from all over the world: The most popular areas are the national parks, some of which are World Heritage Listed. Kakadu National Park in the "Top End", Ayers Rock in Central Australia (thought to be the largest monolith in the world), and numerous rock paintings by Aboriginal tribes are scattered throughout the Northern Territory. These are some of the oldest and most extensive in the world, giving an unbroken history of Aboriginal life throughout the centuries.

Cattle and buffalo production is the largest primary industry and there are 237 pastoral leases. These produce for local and overseas markets and vary in size from small stations of 270 square kilometres, to huge properties such as Wave Hill Station, which runs cattle over 12,359 square kilometres.

The Territory fishing industry was initially based on Trepang (bech-de-mer) and pearling. Now it focusses on prawn, barramundi and more recently crocodile meat.

We hope this verification has been of assistance to your shortwave listening and wish you luck with future receptions of our A.B.C. radio stations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. Camilleri'.

SUE CAMILLERI (Broadcast Production Officer, N.T.)