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Dear Mr Brauner:

This is to acknowledge your report of reception of Station K T O H on Wednesday, 11th September 1940, between 9:45 and 10:00 p. m. Hawaiian Standard Time. I thought at first that you had not given sufficient data to enable me to verify your reception, but a thorough check through your letter produced enough data which could be checked against the program log and unwritten policy of K T O H to enable me to say that you did hear K T O H on the night in question. I will enumerate these points below so you'll know on what points I was able to verify your reception.

1 "Between 3:15 and 3:29 this station played popular dance tunes" KTOH has a program of dance music each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday night at this time.

2 "no announcements of either station call, location, or song titles" At that time (here is the 'unwritten policy' part mentioned above) a Japanese engineer is on the desk and all he does is run records with no announcements except transcribed opening and closing announcements and a transcribed sign-off announcement.

3 "at 3:22...a song with the words "nineteen-thirty-nine" in the chorus was heard" I am quite sure that the song in question, "Way Back in 1939 A.D." is in our record library.

4 "the call, which sounded exactly like K T O H" With the exception of KVOE, which signs off at 3:00 a. m. Eastern Time, no other call on the 1500 kc. channel sounds like that of K T O H.

Yours is the first report of reception received from any mainland point east of California, and I am going crazy trying to think of some special souvenir which I might send you. I had planned to send the first reporter from each state a very fancy map of Kauai, but I have found that these maps are out of print and it would cost too much just to have a handful printed. Hence the search for a souvenir. Of course, a hula girl would be perfect, but...

P.S. in case you're wondering about the way I verify KTOH reports from here, here's how: All dx mail, as well as a log of all non-oriental tunes played after 9 pm is forwarded to me here, by the station. Occasionally they miss so I double-check them during the FCC checks.

Aloha, and best of dx

Charles J. Fern, Jr.

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