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Dear JWB:

I've just a moment to dash off a few lines, so here goes!! I regret not having notified you of our starting date, but I just didn't have time to write. We opened Sunday the 4th, at 9 a.m., and worked like the devil every night during the preceding week. We were the ugliest bunch you ever saw all day Sunday, after practically sleepless nights for several nights. However, most of the kinks cleared up and we were ON THE AIR. We didn't know for certain until 8.30 that Sunday morning that we would be able to open that morning. Difficulties jumped at us from every direction, the main trouble being RF feedback into the mikes. It is still bad, and you will notice it is you listen closely on our voice announcements. There is a distinct 60-cycle hum present. This is the RF just beginning to get in its dirty work. If we advance the gain a bit more the whole transmitter starts to shriek.

I have an announcing period daily from 2 to 3 pm, so listen for me when you can. I don't know how we'll cure our RF troubles here but we're still trying. We are even considering moving the transmitter to some point outside the city, so that there will be no RF field around our studios.

Our best DX on the freq. check was Blair, Nebraska, and Oxford, Maine. Please pass the word to any DXers that we'll be most glad to hear from them, and that all reports will be acknowledged by a special station card. We are getting up a neat card now, and will have it printed shortly.

No more time now, Joe, so will have to QRT. Let me know about the hum, the needle scratch, comparison of voice levels and recordings, etc. Always can find time to read your letters thoroughly, so don't hesitate to write.

Will buzz off a real good ole Dxers letter to you as soon as I can get caught up on sleep, etc. This happens to be the first letter I have written since I left Tupper. 73. Dave.

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