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Dear Rolland:

Thank you very much for your report of almost a month ago, and I'm sorry it has taken me so long to get a reply back to you.

Your report was most accurate, and covered the morning I was doing a part of our annual Proof of Performance tests -- that was my "melodious" voice you heard making the ID's!!

Yours is the first report I've received following one of the all-night sessions I have to indulge in occasionally. I have been looking forward to such a report - it might make the after effects of being up all night a little more bearable, I thought.

I've been thinking about propositioning the boss about running an all-night broadcast DX'ers program some time, just to see where we do get out to. Actually I could just go ahead and do it, since everybody would be in bed around here, but it really ought to be cleared with management first! My only problem is that I just haven't yet decided to stay up all night when I really don't have to! The all-night vigil is not, in itself, particularly frightful, but the equipment around here has an uncanny way of knowing when I've had little or no sleep and breaking down early the following morning just to be ornery. For example - while I was doing the tests you heard, it started snowing here and deposited about 6 inches on the ground. After doing tests on our FM station also, I left here around 5 am, took my helper for the evening home, then got to my house around 6:15 am. At slightly after 8 that same morning the power lines failed and that event produced several problems like blown fuses, automatic logger failure, etc. (not to mention an overheated emergency power generator), plus a failure in our FM station 'way up on top of a mountain nearby. I got to work again about 8:30, with a full 30 minutes' sleep, and worked until 4 that afternoon.

Maybe some day I'll nevertheless run a DX'ers show! Thanks again for the report. I'll enclose a somewhat outdated, but interesting coverage map for your files or wallpaper.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dick Houston' in a cursive, slightly stylized script.

Richard H. Houston
Chief Engineer