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Horman L. Maguire
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Dear Horman,

This will acknowledge your report of reception of our S9 sigs on the occasion of our freq. test of Jan 11. This rig never ceases to amaze me. I have long known that stations in the prairies really get out, but this thing is phenomenal. Of course it is my first experience with plains stations, so perhaps it is standard practice and I don't realize it.

I am glad to hear from you, to add you to the file of states reached. And to add to my personal file of correspondents. Your log is the only one thus far submitted that included the last fifteen minutes of the xasn. Everyone else assumed that when I took the tone off, that I signed off. Obviously we weren't coming in too good if they could not hear the carrier.

This xatr is the oldest I have yet worked with, save for the one at M.L., which is now about to be replaced. However, this one was just refurbished somewhat and sound better than it did. We are still in the process of rebuilding however, and probably never will be finished. Being a ham, you probably know how that goes.

Speaking of hams, I wonder what band you are on. At present I am only on ten, and I have been tuning up our tower after hours. But I haven't had any chance to really test it, so I don't know what it will do. I did this trick at the last station with wave traps so I could operate during broadcasting hours, and it laid out a mighty sig locally, but since it was in the east, that is all the farther it went. I was running the staggering power of 15 watts. At the moment I don't have any rectifiers, having blown them the other day during some trouble, but I hope to be on soon again. The rig uses 6X4's, and there are none available around here. And none of the supplies at the station are as big. The most I could get out of one was about 4 watts.

I have a 1/2 kw that I have not moved out here as yet, and an HQ129 to match, so perhaps we can meet on the air someday. In the meantime, I put on tests like that at least one each month on the first Thursday, normally, but I missed the sked last week. Whoa. That is the second Thursday. Thanx again for the contact, and Till we meet agn, 73.

R.S. (Bob) Houston
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(I'll get my old call, W0VP, as soon as I apply for modification.