



KBIG

10,000 WATTS • 740 KILOCYCLES •

John Poole Broadcasting Company

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HOLLYWOOD 28, CALIFORNIA • HOLLYWOOD 3-3205

Avalon, California
April 6 1955

Mr. Maurice W. Nittler
Box 94
Geneva, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Nittler:--

Thank you for your letter regarding our signals as received by you on the afternoon of April 2nd. 1955. We appreciate this very much and wish you continued success in your DX.

Just a few words in regard to K B I G, we are located on Catalina Island, 22 miles from the mainland directly across from San Pedro, (see map). Avalon is more or less a Summer resort and is located at sea level.

We are located 5 miles "up the hill" from Avalon at an elevation of about 1500 feet, overlooking the Mainland. This Island is 22 miles in length and at its widest, 8 miles, the highest point on the Island is 2100 feet, and this peak is about four miles West of the station.

The station is housed in a rather modern building on the Spanish motif, it houses the transmitter and associated equipment, one studio, one office for resident manager, a bath, kitchen with electric range, hot and cold water, refrigerator, shower, etc.

As you may or may not know, 40% of our programming comes from our Hollywood studios, the balance from here, I might mention--the Hollywood programming comes via submarine cable, not UHF.

On the Island we have wild Buffalo, Cattle, Goats, Deer, Pigs, Fox and Catalina Raven and other small sundry birds. Unfortunately we have a few Rattle snakes, but strange as it may seem--no rabbits.

This Island used to be inhabited by Indians and from time to time when we are out exploring in the hills, we run across their burial grounds, etc.

The Catalina Island Station

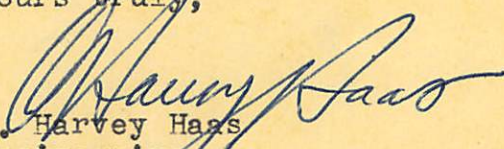
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Mr. Nittler

Our transportation during the Winter months, when the Island, I might mention has a population of about 1200, our transportation as I started to mention is by Amphibian and Water Taxi, it takes the Amphib 15 minutes to reach the Mainland, it takes the water taxi about two and a half hours. During the summer months, starting April 16th. we have additional transportation via the Steamer, which makes one trip each day, it is then that our population increases to about 2000 per day.

Looking down the main street during the Winter months at about 600PM, you are lucky if you can see 6 people, but as you may well understand, during the Summer months, you cant look down the main street account of Summer visitors.

I believe this is about all, which may or may not be of interest to you and we should again, like to thank you and wish you continued success in your DX.

Yours truly,


C. Harvey Haas
Engineering
Supervisor

CHH/vw

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The Catalina Island Station

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P.O. Box T,

Avalon,

Calif.

Your Report Verified

DATE 4-2-55

TIME 5:30 PM P.S.T.

THANK YOU

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AVALON