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Bill Nittler  
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Dear Bill,

I'm sorry for taking so long to confirm your reception of our station. You were right. At times station employees do get so caught up in the business of making money, that they don't take a few minutes to reply to inquiries such as yours. I apologize for this. Your letters went to the office girls who sometimes don't know what to do with it. I received your second letter 2 days ago even though your postmark was May 11, 1992. In the future it might be better to direct your letter to the station engineer or the manager who is more informed about the technical operation of the station.

I think we might be about the same age. When I was a teenager in the early 60s I too got excited DXing A.M. stations on my Heathkit BC-1A High Fidelity tuner from my home in a Los Angeles suburb. The tuned circuits were so broad to pass the high audio frequencies, it may not have been the most ideal for DXing, but it was pretty sensitive and it sounded good. It's antenna was a loop of wire that could be formed into a 6 foot diameter circle and I could turn it in such a way as to cancel out interfering unwanted stations.

This is to confirm that you did receive KICN, Idaho Falls, Idaho March 2, 1992 from 6:17 - 6:29 P.M. and March 6, 1992 from 5:58 - 6:00 P.M. In fact I'm flattered that you heard my 2 minute local/regional newscast that I recorded earlier that afternoon.


KICN was formerly KTEE a couple of years ago programming music from the big band era. However we (Western Communications) bought the station about a year and a half ago, changing the call letters and the format to CNN Headline News, which we receive from satellite. It is the same news programming that can be heard and seen on many television cable systems, but adapted for radio stations to add in local commercials and/or news. We also replaced the 2 2.5 kilowatt McMartin transmitters connected through a diplex combiner with a 5 kilowatt Harris MW5-B transmitter. We operate at 1260 Khz. with 5000 watts day-time and 63 watts night-time.

CNN Headline News programming is simulcasted onto our sister station KECN, Blackfoot, about 25 miles southwest of Idaho Falls, operating at 690 Khz. with 1000 watts day-time and 20 watts night-time.

We also own KLCE, Blackfoot, an F.M. station operating at 97.3 Mhz with 100,000 watts E.R.P. at all times, programming Adult Contemporary music, locally produced by our local talent.

Thanks for your interest in our operation.

Sincerely,



Carl Watkins  
Chief Engineer