



AM-1560 • FM-103.9 Meg.

**"Contemporary
Young Sound"**

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Hi Bill:

Yes, you did hear KGHO(AM) on 1560 khz while we were testing with 1 kilowatt Monday, September 25, 1972, between 12:37 and 2:00 a.m. PDT. Dave Rogers also heard the test in Oklahoma so it is within reason we would make it to your state, however weakly.

Aw, c'mon, you can't be getting that far along that you don't recognize some of the hits. Or are you a c&w fan? I also played an old 1964 Jan and Dean record. Some of the records were regional hits here; a few were recent oldies, and most were selected for their loudness and ability to carry great distances (we'll find out if it worked, I guess!). The "ballad" at 2 a.m., the end of the test, was "Good Night" by the Beatles, which ends their two-record no-name album from 1968 - sort of a nice way to end the test.

I think you gave me your times an hour off - the test ran from 12:02 to 2:02 a.m. PDT. "Chug-a-Lug" was played at 1:30. I don't know whether you're in the Mountain or Central zone in your part of Nebraska, and you might not even be on DST although I think you are. But we're 20 miles from the ocean so obviously on PDT!

Since the old KHOK tests in 1963, we've added our FM antenna to the top of our AM tower, which I am sure absorbs some of the signal and probably as much skywave as anything. The FM (2.6 kw) covers our twin-city market nicely, but at only 150 feet above ground and 47 feet above the surrounding hills it doesn't get out like it could. Luckily some 40,000 of this county's 60,000 residents live in the valley within line-of-sight to our FM. Would sure be nice to whip on 100 kw FM atop a nice tall hill, though -- maybe even get into Tacoma --

Thanks for your info about other stns on. David Thomas, an old-time DXer from Florida, reported the Cuban was on, and also heard a test tone from 3:03 a.m. EDT till his 4:20 tune-out - perhaps the same tester you heard. He heard smatterings of a vocal, but couldn't be sure whether it was us or another Latin American. I can't either, without either an identification of what I played or a tape of it - I doubt that David would recognize the current songs.




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But there's no doubt that you picked up the test; you copied several of my ID's the way I gave them and you also identified one of the musical selections I played.

Incidentally, plans to use a test tone for part of the test fell through; the chief engineer said that a tone could only be modulated 80% because of possible overloading of the AM transmitter. An undermodulated tone defeats the purpose of the tone, so I decided not to use one at all. It'll probably be for the best, as it'll eliminate confusion with that unidentified tester back East somewhere.

Thanks for your report and your reply envelope, and thanks for listening for the test. Will stick in a coverage map.

73,


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