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Att: Mr. John Sampson

First off I must apologize for the extreme lateness of this letter. There is an interesting story attached, though. In August of 1996 I left CKRX to pursue a career with a company called Digital Courier International in Vancouver, British Columbia. They send radio commercials over digital ISDN phone lines to radio stations all over North America. While I was away, your letter came in. Someone here saw it, and judged it to be a personal letter, based on the handwriting on the front and the fact that I went to school in Phoenix and spoke very fondly of that time in my life. They sent the letter to me in Vancouver and when I opened it, I found it was what we call a "reception confirmation". It then sat in my briefcase for a couple of weeks when the radio station called. We began negotiating my return to the radio station. For many reasons, it seemed to be the right decision, so I moved back to Lethbridge, and your letter, still in my briefcase, came with me. As soon as I got back to town, I began to get ready for the launch of our new FM station. I built a new control room for the announcers and quickly learned the new transmitter site that was constructed in my absence. After the 14 March launch of the FM, we relaunched the remaining AM station 1570 CKTA on 17 March. To do this we decided to move the 1090 transmitter to the 1570 site, retune it and have it ready for the launch. It was a very busy couple of days, and of course the weather was bad. What followed the launch was a couple of weeks of catching up on jobs that had sat because there was no engineer since August, and I was so busy through the first couple of months back. Then today I went through some papers stacked up in my inbox and there was your letter.

So, here is the verification that you have been waiting for. The information that you have provided proves accurate. Once again, my apologies for being so late.

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I have a friend stationed at Luke AFB in Phoenix. I visited him last May. I hadn't been in Arizona in 3 years, but when I stepped out of the car for the first time at the hotel and felt that familiar wall of heat, it was like the last three years of my life melted away and I had never left Phoenix. You're lucky to have the opportunity to live there. I have tried to immigrate, but have not had much luck. If Canada was a wartorn nation, I could claim refugee status, but I don't see that happening in the near future. When I worked at DCI, I had the opportunity to talk to radiostations from Pensacola to Anchorage and everywhere in between. I always envied the guys at the Phoenix radio stations.

Anyways, I've gone on long enough. The new FM went on, as mentioned, on 14 March. 1090 CKRX will remain on the air for a three month period following the launch, ie, until the middle of June, then go silent for the first time since 1959. By the way, as a challenge, the standby is on right now, running at reduced power from our main 10000 watt tx, which went to the 1570 site. See if you can get 1090 now! If you get 1570 CKTA, you're acutually hearing the old 1090 transmitter.

It's been a pleasure returning your letter, I wish you the best of luck in your DX'ing endeavors, and look forward to verifying 1570 or anther 1090 for you.

Kindest regards,

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