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September 16, 1959

Greetings, Ernie

Thanks very much for your report of reception of KIXZ on April 20, 1959 between 4:51 and 4:59 a.m. C.S.T. I am pleased to verify that report for you with this letter.

I'll try to remember to enclose a coverage map for KIXZ with this letter to answer your question about directional patterns. Actually, most of our signal is beamed to the Northwest, and Omaha is definitely on our weak lobe.

I'm not 100% positive of our regular test period, Ernie. I believe we check frequency on the third Monday between 4:45 and 5:00 a.m. That's the word from John Tudenham, anyway, and I haven't the foggiest idea with whom we check.

The set up here is four tours directional day and night with a kilowatt, but the new 5 kw daytime transmitter is being installed and we expect month-long tests to begin any day now.

If I may, a small hint, now. When a station fails to verify the first report, it's better -- if you hear them again -- to write a brand new report, without reference to the first one. If you're unable to hear them again, a short note accompanying the report to the effect that you realize that the station has very little time to answer DX mail when more important station business takes precedent, but you'd appreciate it if they'd find time to dash off a short note in verification. This is the "tried and true" method. Most stations look upon DX reports either as a nuisance or purely from the "curiosity" standpoint, and it's a favor from the station when they verify. This, of course, does not apply to stations such as KIXZ, KCOY, KAKC, and others where DX'ers are working, but it does to most of them.

I, too, got great gobs of enjoyment from the convention ... and don't know yet for certain HOW I'm gonna make it to White Plains, but do know I'm gonna be there. And to you and the other co-hosts, it was a fabulous show and my hearty thanks for doing such a great job. (I only hope we can come close to your showing in Amarillo in '61.) Of 52 hours in Omaha, I was awake 46 -- so that shows how DX conventions go for me ... and how great a job you guys did.

DX here fair, though lots of Texas static has made itself felt in recent days. Monday, KRNY's test pegged the needle at 70 db over S9, and was great hearing Phil's voice along with Hal Williams, on the phone. Didn't get home soon enough from work to hear Mike Rice, hi! KEOK may have been heard, though I doubt it. Sent Cronin a tentative report. Lots of tone

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Monday on 1420, but no ID heard. I didn't stick with him too long at one time, however, preferring a log and tape on 1460 and 1450. May have been K000, do you know??? Was 20 db over S-9, peaking to 40. Would sure like to have K000 in my log, but can hardly send a report when there was no ID, heard, that is, unless someone else knows definitely.

Got a real fine write-up in the N.Z. DX times on our phone call to Ken Mackey (though Ken thought one of the callers was Anthony Lagatutta, hi!) and will duplicate in the next bulletin (if Lefty hasn't already!) Mackey was apparently quite thrilled at the history-making event, as they termed it!

Yeah, will be very pleased to hear an ET from K0WH. I believe, as expressed to Murray, that we can work DX'es from daytimers through DXEC, particularly if HQ remain in Canada. FCC no touchee. Besides, I doubt they'll be so strict this year since Congress ain't breathing down their collective necks.

Well, sir, I guess I'll close this "killing-two-birds-with-one-stone" letter. Good to hear from you, Ernie, and I sure hope it's regularly.

Sincere 73,

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