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Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you for your letter. I am attaching a copy of your first envelope. I was not aware that there are two "Christmas Islands" and had assumed the letter had gone to the one in the Line Islands, a U. S. possession about 1100 miles NE of us.

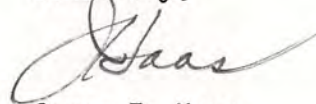
I have received letters from New Zealand and Australia and one from Japan saying they have heard WXLE. The station is intended only for the 34 of us living here: 27 U. S. citizens, 2 American Samoans, 4 Western Samoans and 1 Tongan.

WXLE is housed in 3/4 of a housetrailer near the Administration Bldg/Hospital where I work. My house is about 200 yds from the station, so it's not too much of a hardship to run. I play three sets of 3 - 3 hrs. tapes (9 hrs.) a day, starting them at 0700, when I start work, at 1600, when I finish work, and at 2200. I usually do a live newscast from the AP teletype at 10:30 am, Monday through Saturday. I often use Saturday afternoon to make new tapes and also work some evenings. In addition I work every third night broadcasting TV video tapes received from San Francisco weekly. Unlike the radio, the TV station broadcasts approximately 1/2 mile only.

Canton Island receives AFRS news at the Communications Center here, but normal radios can pick up only WXLE. I have never received any acknowledgement from any other small islands in the vicinity of from the Samoas, so I don't know if we are heard. Canton is the only inhabited island of the Phoenix Is. group.

Thank you again for your interest.

Sincerely,



Joyce E. Haas

