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Mr David Thomas
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Dear Mr. Thomas,

Thank you for your fine report of March 18th. This will verify your report of reception of our signals from our NRC pgm of March 17th on your mobile receiver. This is a very interesting report. Although the log you submit is a bit evasive as to program content, still I recognize certain features which would definitely mark the signal as ours.

What is the greatest distance ever reported in a car? So far I have had one casual report and they indicated 147 miles, so that will take the total DX mobile reports. I think mobile reports in a way are more conclusive, since you can get the station in a number of varying condx and can tell more readily what they are really doing. Also, I think cars have better radios than the average BC set. Of course you with your big super pro are out of the class of most DXers.

Really enjoyed your letter, and it is going on file with most of the rest. They are referred to often. I am making a map of our coverage when all the reports are in. I have one from Canada, and New Zealand as well as New Jersey and Pa. I know all about fading of sigs in a short distance. In the shadow of our antenna, we have a dead spot for about 20 feet. Absolutely no signal. But you are certainly doing well with your DX on the car set. However, anyone can do it with a little patience.

From the reports of most of you fellows, I am thoroughly amazed hat how this little rig performs. Of course the location is the whole thing. Here in the middle of a desert and nothing to stop the signal for miles around. Gets a low angle sky wave since it has plenty of room to take off.

I hope this will fill the bill for a verie from us on the new call. The setup here (except technically) has been completely done over, so I hope we have as good a rep with the DXers as we have with the townspeople. Take it easy and gud luk.

73,

R. S. Houston

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