

WSKB

5000 WATTS DAY ● 500 WATTS NIGHT ● 1250 KC

Box 111

McCOMB, MISSISSIPPI

August 8, 1953

Mr. David F. Thomas,
Long Wave Listening Post,
Radio WUMS,
Proctorville, Ohio.

Dear Dave:


I delayed answering your interesting letter a couple of days until I was in the mood to write more than just a cut and dried verification of reception. I take it from your comments re your trip thru this area that you tuned us in Friday, June 26th, 1953, between 4:30 and 6:00 E.S.T. during our Disc and Data show which you mentioned and at a distance of 75 or more miles on a Nash Motors Car Receiver with a whip antenna. I am pleased to verify your reception of this station at that time.

If I have misunderstood your letter as to location of reception please correct me. Your printed form states that we were heard at your Proctorville, Ohio, listening post but that does not seem reasonable during the time stated and your interesting comments on your trip and about our laying down a nice solid signal over a 75 mile distance leads me to believe that it was during your trip that we were received. Hence I would suggest for the sake of clarity that in the future you cross out the "here at my Longwave Listening Post and Radio Station WUMS" in the first line of your printed form.

You say that your last verification from WSKB was in December of 1939. At that time we were a local station and had just been on the air a few months. Now we are 5000 watt daytime and 500 watt night with a three tower directional at night. Unfortunately our night pattern is very tight in order to give protection to Tampa, Fla., Port Arthur, Texas; Little Rock, Ark.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Pittsburgh, Penna., and a host of others. Hence we are limited at night to about 6 or 7 miles except due south whence we extend about 30 miles. In other words our major lobe of the pattern points south. Daytime operation is non-directional with the end towers hanging free.

I am interested in learning what type of station your WUMS is as I can not find it listed in the Broadcasting/Telecasting yearbook. The next time you are down this way and pass thru McComb (on Highway 51) please pay us a visit. Our equipment is mostly composite and the transmitter is located 3 miles N.E. of McComb.

Cordially yours,


Robert L. Sanders, C.E.