



THE IDEA STATION, HASTINGS, NEBRASKA 68901

1550 on the A.M. Dial
93.5 on the F.M. Dial

Febr. 7, 1971

David F. Thomas
Box 11531
Tampa, Florida 33610

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Yes you did hear KICS Radio on 1550 KHz. This letter will serve as verification of your reception of KICS-AM, Febr. 1, 1971 at 3:00 AM, CST. The reason you did not hear us after 3:00 AM CST was that the transmitter was signed-off shortly after 3. I had the transmitter on the air for our annual audio proof of performance measurements. I had begun the tests shortly after 12:30 AM CST.

KICS went on the air in 1963. We have a power of 500 watts. Our transmitter is a Collins 20-V-3. The station is authorized for day time operation only.

KFKX, that used to be at Hastings is no longer on the air. It may have been purchased and moved from Hastings, but I have no info on this. There is another station in Hastings. It is KHAS. They are 1000 watts day and 250 watts night at 1250 KHz. They also operate Channel 5 TV.

I am the Chief Engineer for KRGI in Grand Island, Nebr. (25 miles north of Hastings) and only act as Chief Engineer for KICS on a part time basis. They are two separate Companies.

KRGI is a Stuart Station on 1430 KHz with 5000 watts daytime and 1000 watts directional-true north at night. I do conduct a Frequency measurement test program at 12:50 to 1:05 AM CST on the fourth Thursday of each month. (Right after midnight Wednesday) If you wish to log a DX report on this, you could give it a try.

I have been with the Stuart Stations for 27 years and have recieved some very unusual DX reports. The reports recieved on the test for KICS on the first ranged from Vallejo, Calif. to Tampa, Florida. That is the largest distance spread that I have recieved for KICS. Thank you for your report. It is very unusual to override the large number of stations that would cause the interference. As my tests are run with modulation at 25%, 50%, 85% and 100% with the diferent audio freq. it would explain why the signal would vary. At 100% I would be able to really kick out the cobs.

Sincerely:

Elmer G. Nelson

Elmer G. Nelson Chief Engineer
KICS AM/FM
Hastings, Nebr. 68901

Just For "KICS" on Route 6