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*Amateur
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June 16, 1972

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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

To: Tom Whitehead

From: Will Dean

Brief Summary of the Material:

The attachment responds to your question: "Is there an ARRL Convention?
If so, when?"

Why it is worthwhile to read:

Will

Attachment

OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

June 16, 1973

To: Tom Whitehead
From: Will Dean
Subject: ARRL Convention

This is in response to your query of June 13, 1972, "Is there an ARRL Convention? If so, when?"

A check with Ray Spence reveals the following:

a. A national convention of the ARRL was held in Boston in 1970. Additional conventions were scheduled for 1971 and 1972 but were cancelled. A meeting is scheduled for Detroit in 1973 but present indications are that it also will be cancelled. There is even talk of a convention in New York in 1974 but, those close to the source of information indicate that all future national conventions are in doubt. There is an annual meeting in each division--a planning session among the officers involved.

b. There are two "ham fests" in the spring of each year--one at Dayton and one at Fresno. These are informal but well attended (last Dayton meeting estimated attendance of 5,000) sessions.

c. Another significant event, held in March of each year, is the Quarter Century Wireless Association annual meeting. It is held in Washington, and the last attendance was some 1500 people. The speaker at this event two years ago was Dean Burch; last year it was supposed to be Barry Goldwater but he had to default.

d. In summary, the Dayton or the QWCA gatherings are probably the most significant annual amateur events.

Depending upon your specific interests, I am sure that in Ray Spence's capacity he would be more than willing and able to press for your participation in one of the large amateur events. Will await your desires in this regard.

Will

OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY
WASHINGTON

August 25, 1971

MEMORANDUM TO: Tom Whitehead

In response to your query on August 19, 1971, "what can we do to help the hams?", I contacted Ray Spence, Chief Engineer of the FCC and ardent amateur, with the following results:

a. Ray has a running battle underway with the PTT Directors in certain countries where radio amateur operations are not permitted. For example, the enclosure is an exchange with the Director, PTT, Formosa. Your name is cited on page 2, together with Barry Goldwater and Curtis LeMay.

b. In response to my specific query as to what actions might be taken to improve the lot of the amateurs Ray said he has several ideas, amateur radio being nearly a primary occupation with him, and he would be happy to chat with you on the matter. For example, he suggested that while ping pong is great maybe radio amateur operations would be better, i.e., perhaps something could be threaded into the President's forthcoming trip to China which might permit radio amateur operations to be opened to the world from China--a significant accomplishment if realized. Perhaps an imminent amateur could be a member of the President's team. This is just illustrative of the kind of thoughts Ray has and I would suggest that we have lunch with him at your convenience. I would be happy to arrange same.

Will
W. Dean, Jr.
Enclosure

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REMARKS:

Will - several ideas I
have covered be most
suitable for a 'lunch'
discussion. Can you arrange?

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

August 20, 1971

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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AIRMAIL

Mr. W. Lee, Director
Department of Posts and Telecommunications
Ministry of Communications
Taipei, China

Dear Sir:

It has recently come to my attention that your Administration does not grant either an amateur radio operator or amateur radio station license to an alien in China. Further, it is understood that you are of the opinion that only a United States citizen or national may obtain permission to operate his amateur station within this country. You may find the following comments of some interest in this regard.

Since 1964 domestic radio law has allowed the Commission to issue authorizations, under such conditions and terms as it may prescribe, to permit an alien licensed by his government as an amateur radio operator to operate his amateur radio station licensed by his government in the United States, its possessions, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico provided there is in effect a bilateral agreement between the United States and the alien's government for such operation on a reciprocal basis by United States amateur radio operators. Last month the Commission issued at least 55 permits to alien amateur licensees to operate their stations in the United States in accordance with Part 97, Subpart G, of the Commission's Rules and Regulations of which a copy is enclosed for your review. These individuals represented 22 of the 43 countries which already have established reciprocal operating arrangements with this Administration and which include several countries in the East, among them being Australia, India, Indonesia and New Zealand. Further, under the September 3, 1970, revision of the Japanese Radio Law Enforcement Regulations of November 30, 1950 (Radio Regulatory Commission Regulation No. 14) alien radio amateurs in our two countries are afforded similar opportunities to operate.

Another recent change to our domestic radio law permits resident aliens who have declared their intent to become U.S. citizens to be issued amateur station and operator authorizations by the

Commission. Both this change and that of 1964 came through legislation introduced into the Senate by Senator Barry Goldwater, who operates two amateur stations K7UGA and K3DIG. You may be interested to know that many other officials holding key positions in this Government are also amateur licensees among them being Dr. Clay T. Whitehead, KØBGD, who has been appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate as the Director of the Office of Telecommunications Policy, and the General of the Air Force Curtis E. LeMay, WØEZV, who is also chairman of the board of the Network Electronics Corporation. Additionally, Senator Goldwater is an active participant in the single sideband (SSB) radiotelephone program of the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS), and it is noted that your Administration does permit U.S. personnel in your country to operate MARS SSB-equipped stations.

The use of SSB emission is particularly interesting in that it does not accommodate clandestine operations as well as does another emission. Consequently, it has been found that stations employing SSB emission are law-abiding in that they have nothing to gain by not obtaining a station license. Thus, since a station license is issued, the licensing authority consequently is aware of the location of the transmitter. Further, from a surveillance standpoint stations transmitting single sideband telephony are more readily monitored than stations employing Morse code in that the monitor need have no proficiency in the code.

Taking the foregoing into account, you may wish to consider making provisions for those of your nationals who may become amateur licensees to operate when in the United States. This Administration would be glad to undertake the necessary steps toward commencing an exchange of instruments to place in effect a bilateral reciprocal agreement regarding alien amateur licensees, and it may be of note that this Administration has never objected to such a reciprocal agreement in its relations with other administrations. Thus, you may want to consider replying as to whether you would like to avail yourself of the opportunity to consider a proposal as to the language that you might find acceptable to form a reciprocal agreement such as has been outlined above, but which would in any event afford the host government the final decision as to the issuance or recall of each alien amateur permit.

Meanwhile, if you visit our country and in particular the Washington, D.C. area, I hope that you will be able to visit my amateur station and, if you choose, to speak over the air. Additionally, should you yourself be an amateur radio operator I would be most pleased to

arrange a schedule to talk with you "over the air". I have never had the pleasure of a single sideband conversation with anyone in your country and am looking forward to such an occasion. In any event I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond E. Spence, WJQW
Chief Engineer

Enclosures