

April 23, 1937

Lieutenant Roy DeShaffon,
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Dear Roy:

Where the hell do you get that "dear sir" stuff in addressing letters to me? You will please address letters as "Honorable."

About those western contacts, Roy: it is going to be a rather tough proposition to get that end of the country going, it seems, but I feel sure that following January, 1938, and the resulting clamping down on 'phone communications, that communication to the West will also be up because there will be a great deal of activity in the CW field, and this activity will naturally be advertised. Just as an example, there was a fellow up here the other day from Miami, Florida, and although we have had no word that Miami was coming in the CW net, he explained that the operators at that station were instructed to learn radiotelegraph or quit, and I think this might be true in several other departments, too. Look at our own Missouri State Highway Patrol - you know how they frowned on CW, for the obvious reason that none of them were CW men. Having gotten their feet wet, however, and judging from recent letters from Wherritt, they are very enthusiastic about it all.

There is one thing, though, that has me worried now, and I was wondering how much thought you had given to the question of a reliable contact between the present net and Piedmont, California. I have watched very closely the messages relayed through our station to Piedmont via Tyler, Texas, and I have yet to find a single instance where acknowledgment has been made that the message was delivered or received. I believe about the most important thing before us now is to have positive assurance that messages will reach their destinations without undue loss of time or good reason given for non-delivery. I have asked

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Denstaedt to check into this, and if necessary to announce that the Tyler, Texas - Piedmont, California hookup is at present only experimental.

I guess this is about all for now, Roy. My best regards to all of the gang in Kansas City, and let us hear from you oftener.

Yours very truly,

EEHF: erd

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