

Same to Committee Members:

It is with pleasure that I inform you of your appointment as a member

Mr. Louis R. Padberg, Jr.,
3819 South Grand Blvd.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. William H. Nelson,
2218 Niagara Avenue,
Niagara Falls, New York.

February 21, 1936.

Mr. L. L. Waitt,
232 Manthorne Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Waitt:

It is with pleasure that I inform you of your appointment as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee of the Associated Police Communications Officers. Your duties will begin at once, conditional upon your acceptance, as stated in the Constitution and By-Laws of the APCO.

I, personally, hope that you will see fit to accept this appointment. Your interest in APCO matters and your cooperation during the past year in all matters pertaining to the organization, have convinced me that our organization would suffer a distinct loss should you not accept.

Your immediate reply would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Robt. L. Batts,
President.

RLB:pk

To Committee Members:

It is with pleasure that I inform you of your appointment as a member

Mr. Myron Y. Eck,
432 6th Street,
Niagara Falls, New York.

Mr. D. R. Sample,
Police Dept.,
Orlando, Florida.

February 21, 1936.

Mr. P. M. Smith,
State Police Radio Station,
Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

Dear Smith:

It is with pleasure that I inform you of your appointment as Chairman of the Publicity Committee of the Associated Police Communication Officers. Your duties will begin at once, conditional upon your acceptance, as stated in the Constitution and By-Laws of the APCO.

I, personally, hope that you will see fit to accept this appointment. Your interest in APCO matters and your cooperation during the past year in all matters pertaining to the organization, have convinced me that our organization would suffer a distinct loss should you not accept.

Your immediate reply would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Robt. L. Batts,
President.

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Letters of appointment sent to other committee members:

Mr. E. J. Scroggin,
4101 Montgall Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Lawrence N. Geno,
104 Phyllis Avenue,
Buffalo, New York.

It is with pleasure that I inform you of your appointment
as a member

February 21, 1936.

Mr. Herbert F. Wareing,
4547 North 21st Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Herbert:

It is with pleasure that I inform you of
your appointment as Chairman of the Technical Committee
of the Associated Police Communication Officers. Your
duties will begin at once, conditional upon your accept-
ance, as stated in the Constitution and By-Laws of the
APCO.

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to accept this appointment. Your interest in APCO matters
and your cooperation during the past year in all matters
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accept.

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Yours very truly,

Robt. L. Batts,
President.

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Same letter sent to Mr. Gerald S. Morris, Mr. Roy DeShaffon, Kansas City, Mo. Copy to Mr. H. O. Kelly for information.

February 7, 1936

Mr. Gerald S. Morris
240 Center Street
New York City, New York

Dear Morris:

It is with pleasure that I inform you of your appointment as a member of the Executive Committee of the Associated Police Communication Officers. Your duties will begin at once, conditional upon your acceptance, as stated in Article 6, of the APCO Constitution and By-Laws.

I, personally, hope that you will see fit to accept this appointment. Your interest in APCO matters and your cooperation during the past year in all matters pertaining to the organization, have convinced me that our organization would suffer a distinct loss should you not accept.

Your immediate reply would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Robt. L. Batts,
President.

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Executive Committee - general

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
of
ASSOCIATED POLICE COMMUNICATION OFFICERS

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Article 6

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. How constituted. There shall be an Executive Committee which will consist of the President and Secretary, and five active members. Upon adoption of this constitution, three members shall be appointed for a two year term, and two members shall be appointed for a one year term. Upon the expiration of such terms appointments thereafter shall be made for two year periods so that the terms of three members thereof shall expire at alternate periods with the terms of two members thereof. The president shall make such appointments within thirty days following adjournment of the annual meeting.

Section 2. Powers of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have full power and authority during intervals between annual meetings of the Association to perform all functions and to do all acts which the Association might perform or do, except that it shall not have the power to amend the constitution or by-laws.

Section 3. Duties of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall report at the annual meeting of the Association all measures considered by it during the previous year for the general welfare of the Association, and shall suggest means of advancing and putting into effect the purposes of the Association. It shall supervise all accounts for expenses and audit the account of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 4. Meetings. The Executive Committee shall convene at such time and place as may be determined upon the call of the President. Two weeks written notice shall be given the members thereof, except when this Association is assembled in convention.

Section 5. Quorum. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

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DOOLITTLE & FALKNOR, INC.

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CHICAGO

April 27, 1936.

Captain Robert L. Batts,
Communication Officer,
Police Department,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Captain Batts:

When you are preparing the technical program for the
Davenport meeting, I would like to offer a paper on Applications
of Concentric Transmission Line in Police Communication.

A summary will be sent, if desired.

Very truly yours,

DOOLITTLE & FALKNOR, Inc.,

V. J. Andrew
V. J. Andrew,
Chief Engineer.

VJA/MBB

Convention Program

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

City of Milwaukee



WISCONSIN

J. G. LAUBENHEIMER, CHIEF

Radio Bureau,
1747 N. 12th. St.,
Milwaukee, Wis.
March 2, 1936.

Captain R. L. Batts, President,
Associated Police Communication Officers,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of Feb. 21, 1936,
advising me of my appointment as Chairman of the Technical
Committee of the organization. I assure you I fully appreciate
the honor. I herewith accept the responsibility.

Sorry I could not reply immediately as requested,
but it was necessary to have the approval of Chief Laubenh-
heimer.

Will you notify me when the other members of the
Committee accept their appointments? Please inform me of
the method of getting out the reports. I am unable to use
any Department equipment or supplies in connection with
this work, or to permit it to interfere in any way with my
work here. Who does the mimeographing? In what form is the
material sent to this person?

I think a good starter would be some dope on
methods of checking frequency against WWV, and on visual
frequency monitors. What dope have you from last year on
this subject?, or could I get your complete Technical
Committee files - to be turned over to my successor tog-
ether with my own. What is the deadline for the Bulletin?

Will get started while waiting for further infor-
mation from you.

Yours truly,

H. F. Wareing

H. F. Wareing,
Radio Engineer.

Technical Committee



Department of Police

BUFFALO, N. Y.
JAMES W. HIGGINS
COMMISSIONER

March 1 '36.

Captain R.L. Batts
Police Dept.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Bob:-

Yours of the 21st rec'd and am sure suprised. I thought sure things had folded up out there and I would never hear from anyone again.

Well Bob I sure appreciate the appointment as a member of the technical committee, but I am a little bit afraid I can not devote the time to it, necessary to do a good job. If you think it will be ok, well so be it by me and I will do my best. Drop me a line and let me know what the gang would be the most interested in and will write up some dope on it. Have some "fb" two-way going here and perhaps a word or two on this would not be out of order.

I am still looking for that information on your cycle recievers I wrote about and hope you can find time to shoot a little dope to me on them.

Please accept this as my acceptance to the appointment to the Technical Committee of the APCO.

With kindest personel regards, I am,

Respectfully,

Lawrence D. Geno
Lawrence D. Geno,
Chief of Radio.

LDG:gs

Technical Committee



DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

WPHM

2-26-36

Capt. Robt. L. Batts
President APCO.
Indiapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of Feb 21st. I greatly appreciate the appointment to membership of the Publicity Committee of the APCO. I will accept the same.

Kindly advise me as to the names and addresses of my co-workers on this committee. I feel that in order to gain a large attendance to our convention, and to increase our membership, we will need plenty of publicity. I, for one, am more than willing to work to this end.

I am more than willing to co-operate with you in any way. Advise just what is wanted, the method that you wish to follow and I will be right with you.

We have a communications net in the state of Florida that is actually working out. Actual results have been more than pleasing. I am enclosing one of our message blanks. Perhaps you might be interested in them.

Very pleased to hear that the APCO is still on the map. I am going to do all that I can to keep it there. Let me hear from you in regards to the publicity committees and we will start operations at once.

Very truly,

D. R. Sample
Chief of Radio

DRS:mc

Publicity Committee

ASSOCIATED POLICE COMMUNICATION OFFICERS

Room 619
1200 CLARK AVE.



ST. LOUIS, MO.

EVERETT E. FISHER, Pres.
C. J. SCAVARDA, 1st. Vice Pres.
ROBERT L. BATTIS, 2nd. Vice Pres.
LOUIS R. PADBERG, Sec'y/Treas.
H. O. KELLY, Sergeant-At-Arms

February 25, 1936.

Captain Robert L. Batts, President,
Associated Police Communication Officers,
Indianapolis Police Department,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Bob:-

Your letter of the 21st, received. Wish to thank you for your confidence in placing me on the Resolutions Committee of the APCO. Will be pleased to accept the appointment and hope that I can play a small part in further advancing the organization.

Thanking you again, I am,

Very truly yours,
Louis R. Padberg Jr.
LOUIS R. PADBERG, Jr.,
Chief Radio Operator, KGPC.,
St. Louis Police Department.

HMcN/

Resolutions Committee

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

OTTO P. HIGGINS DIRECTOR

ROBT. J. COFFEY,
CHIEF OF POLICE

THOS. J. HIGGINS,
CHIEF OF DETECTIVES



KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

H. F. MCELROY, CITY MANAGER



February 25th 1936

Mr. Robt L Batts,
Supervisor Radio WMDZ Indianapolis, Ind.,
Re: Associated Police Communications Officers
Technical Committee.

Dear Capt. Batts:

This is to inform you of my acceptance of the appointment to the technical committee of the Associated Police Communication Officers.

I will appreciate information regarding who the other members of this committee are and etc.

An interesting letter was received from Wichita Kansas this date giving few signal strength reports and I herewith inclose carbon copy for your information. We here in Kansas City note with keen interest that most of the police radio systems in and around this area all plan on coming into the CW net when it is established.

You may rest assured the personell of Police Radio KGPE will always stand ready to further the work of the APCO. I send best regards to you and your staff and hope to be able to see you again when the APCO meets in Davenport.

Yours Very Truly,

E. J. Scroggin
Chief Operator KGPE
Member Technical Committee
APCO.

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Technical Committee

June 4, 1936.

Mr. V. J. Andrew,
Chief Engineer,
Doolittle & Falknor, Inc.,
7421-23 South Loomis Blvd.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Andrew:

Your letter of April 27th stating your desire to present a paper on Applications of Concentric Transmission Line in Police Communication during the Associated Police Communication Officers Convention in Davenport, Iowa September 21, 22 and 23 has been referred to the Convention Committee.

We shall be very glad to have you on our Convention program and will inform you of the exact date and time when program arrangements have been completed.

Yours very truly,

Robt. L. Batts,
President

RLB:pk

*Mr. Andrews
not contacted
again because
Doolittle & Falknor
would not take Batts
considered purely commercial
on his part in this respect.*

Consent Program ✓

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INDIANAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

SENT MESSAGE

CASE No. KGPC de WMDZ 1 NITE T WPEK 85 Indpls Aug 18, 1936

MAURICE B. O'NEIL
NEW ORLEANS
POLICE DEPARTMENT

HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER AND FINGERPRINT BLANKS STOP DID NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THEIR USE NOR NECESSITY NOT BEING AN IDENTIFICATION MAN STOP AFTER SPENDING SOME TIME WITH OUR LIEUTENANT PERROT WE AGREE THAT THEY ARE EXCELLENT STOP YOU ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED STOP BELIEVE APCO SHOULD APPROVE AND SPONSOR UNIVERSAL USE FOR INTERCITY STOP NOW REALIZE THAT FORMULAE USED IN EXPERIMENTAL WORK OF LITTLE VALUE STOP WOULD YOU CONSIDER DISCUSSING SAME ON APCO CONVENTION PROGRAM QUERY.

BATTS
INDIANAPOLIS 1615

Accepted Program

SPACE BELOW THIS LINE FOR USE BY RADIO OPERATOR OR RECORD BUREAU ONLY:-

SENT	TO	No.	LOCATION	DATE	TIME	OPERATOR
	KGPC	1	St Louis, Mo	8/18/36		
RECEIVED		REFERRED			TO BE SENT	
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DATE _____	DATE _____			DATE _____		
BY _____	FOR _____			AUTHORITY _____		
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INDIANAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

SENT MESSAGE

CASE No. WCK KGPC de WMDZ 4 WCK 6 KGPC Q WCK Z KGPC 159 seventeenth

SGT. EVERETT FISHER
ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPT.

AM WORKING ON PROGRAM FOR APCO CONVENTION AT DAVENPORT OCTOBER FIFTH, SIXTH AND SEVENTH STOP PLEASE NOTE MESSAGES TO DENSTAEDT AND CAPT. LEONARD FOR INFORMATION ONLY STOP SINCE OUR INTERCITY RADIOTELEGRAPH IS ONE OF MAIN OBJECTIVES SPONSORED BY APCO I CONSIDER A SPEAKER ON PROGRAM VERY IMPORTANT STOP YOU COULD DO EXCELLENT JOB STOP WILL YOU ACCEPT QUERY SUGGEST YOUR TALK SHOULD SUMMARIZE DEVELOPMENT TO-DATE, FEATURES, COMPARISONS WITH RADIOTELEPHONE, NEEDS FOR SOME TYPE INTERCITY, ETC. STOP SHOULD ALSO CONTAIN DISCUSSION OF ACTUAL METHODS OF OPERATION AND PROCEDURE STOP HAVE IDEA FOR EXCELLENT VISUAL DEMONSTRATION ON LARGE OUTLINE MAP OF UNITED STATES USING LIGHTS AND KEY AND BUZZER OR AUDIO OSCILLATOR COMMA SPOTTING CITIES IN A NET AND A MODEL ZONE STOP BELIEVE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCH A DEMONSTRATION IN BULLETIN BIG ATTRACTION TO CONVENTION STOP WILL EXPLAIN MORE FULLY STOP WILL YOU ACCEPT QUERY.

CAPT. BATTS

PRES. APCO

INDIANAPOLIS 1440

*map
Program
accepted*

SPACE BELOW THIS LINE FOR USE BY RADIO OPERATOR OR RECORD BUREAU ONLY:-

SENT	WCK KGPC	No. 6	LOCATION Detroit Mich St Louis, Mo	8/17/36 #	TIME 1530	OPERATOR CS
RECEIVED		REFERRED			TO BE SENT	
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DATE _____	DATE _____			DATE _____		
BY _____	FOR _____			AUTHORITY _____		
	PER _____					

Copies to Batts ✓
Fisher

October 29, 1936.

Paul W. White,
Director of Public Events & Features,
Columbia Broadcasting System Inc.,
Wrigley Tower,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. White:

For the past year and one half the Associated Police Communication Officers have been working on a plan to establish a "National Police Communication Network".

The plans for establishing such a system were submitted both to the Federal Communications Commission and the International Chiefs of Police Association. These plans were approved by both bodies.

To say that we have been to a degree successful is evidenced by the fact that on September 15th the Federal Communications Commission will allocate frequencies for the purpose of carrying on this new type of police service. Immediately following the allocation of these frequencies, fifty one cities have expressed a desire to become part of such a network.

Law enforcement in general agrees that such a system has become a necessity. With modern modes of transportation boundary lines have become non-existent to the criminal. No longer are law enforcing bodies concerned alone with local criminal activities. With the speed at which crime now migrates, an incident in Detroit today may be of vital importance to St. Louis tomorrow.

We feel that the establishment of such a system, for the purpose of transmitting messages of both emergency and routine nature, will be a long step forward in law enforcement. There is no doubt that the tying together of law enforcement in this manner will result in closer cooperation and greater efficiency. The answer to "Organized Crime" is "Organized Law Enforcement."

On October 5th, 6th and 7th, this National Organization will convene in Davenport. At that time much consideration will be given this new service by these men actually engaged in police radio. Representatives will be here from the majority of the metropolitan cities as well as the state police systems. The Federal Communications Commission, the Department of Justice, the International Chiefs of Police Association, will all be represented. And we have invited several important personages to speak at our banquet.

In view of the fact that this will be of great news interest to the general public, we should like to interest you in broadcasting a program from the Hotel Blackhawk, on the late afternoon or evening of October 7th.

We feel certain that a very unique program could be worked out and broadcast during the banquet or preceding it. No doubt you can see the possibilities a program of this nature would present, both as a feature for C.B.S. and in the interest of law enforcement.

In the event you decide to work with us on this, we shall cooperate with you in every way possible.

Very truly yours,

Otis J. Stanley,
First Vice-President, APCO.

Bob I would suggest that you also write to this man, what do you think about it?

Stanley

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DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

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PRESIDENT

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

October 2, 1936

Harvey Hoffman
Davenport Daily Times
Davenport, Iowa

Programs mailed Stanley special delivery air mail stop Please contact
him stop No pictures available stop Please give Stanley boost

Capt. Batts
Indiamapolis

PAID - DAY LETTER

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it repeated, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an unrepeated message and paid for as such, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this company as follows:

1. The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeated-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, *unless specially valued*; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.
2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.
3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.
4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.
5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.
6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.
7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.
8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.
9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

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R. B. WHITE, PRESIDENT

CLASSES OF SERVICE

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SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

A. Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

B. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rates for this special Night Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

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An expedited service throughout. Code language permitted.

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A service to and from ships at sea, in all parts of the world. Plain language or code language may be used.

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INDIANAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

RECEIVED MESSAGE

CASE No.

WMDZ KGPC 2 P 47 2ND

BATTS
INDIANAPOLIS

LOCAL WESTERN UNION OFFICE REQUESTS A FEW PROGRAMS IF POSSIBLE
IN ADVANCE OF CONVENTION STOP IF THESE ARE AVAILABLE FORWARD
TO WESTERN UNION NINETH AND CHESTNUT STLOUIS ATTENTION MISTER
FARRINGTON STOP PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY IF THESE CAN BE MAILED
THIS EVENING

FISHER
STLOUIS 1040

2 copies sent

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REC'D	FROM KGPC	No. 2	LOCATION ST. LOUIS, MO	DATE 10/2/36	TIME 10.52AM	OPERATOR PK
RECEIVED		REFERRED CAPTAIN BATTS		FORWARD VIA:		
TIME _____	TO: _____		TELEPHONE	NIGHT MESSAGE		
DATE _____	DATE _____		TELEGRAM	PAID		
BY _____	FOR _____	PER _____	DAY LETTER	COLLECT		
			NIGHT LETTER			

RADIO



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INDIANAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

SENT MESSAGE

CASE No.

KGPC WMDZ 5 ~~2ND~~ 18 2ND

FISHER
STLOUIS MO

RE YOUR NUMBER TWO DATE STOP PROGRAMS WILL BE MAILED THIS
EVENING

BATTS
INDIANAPOLIS 1155

mailed

SPACE BELOW THIS LINE FOR USE BY RADIO OPERATOR OR RECORD BUREAU ONLY:-

SENT	TO	No.	LOCATION	DATE	TIME	OPERATOR
	KGPC	5	ST. LOUIS, MO	10/2/36	11.00PM	PK
RECEIVED		REFERRED			TO BE SENT	
TIME _____	TO: _____			FILING TIME _____		
DATE _____	DATE _____			DATE _____		
BY _____	FOR _____			AUTHORITY _____		
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CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

SYMBOLS

- DL = Day Letter
- NM = Night Message
- NL = Night Letter
- LC = Deferred Cable
- NLT = Cable Night Letter
- Ship Radiogram

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CAPT R L BATTS=

INDIANAPOLIS POLICE DEPT INDPLS=

PLEASE MAIL PROGRAM FOR CONVENTION HERE. MUST HAVE IT SATURDAY MORNING FOR PUBLICATION IN AFTERNOON. THANKS. =

HARVEY HOFFMAN DAILY TIMES.

*10 to
Atwater
as per wire to
Hoffman.*

October 1, 1936

Mr. Kenneth D. Fry,
Director of Special Events,
National Broadcasting Company, Inc.,
Merchandise Mart,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Fry:

This will answer your letter of September 30th. I will be glad to see you in Davenport, Wednesday, October 7th, to complete details on the broadcast Wednesday night.

With reference to my digging up of any definite information regarding the plans of our Convention in Davenport, I am enclosing a copy of the August Bulletin which will not only give you an idea of our Convention activities but the entire activity of the organization, particularly with respect to Intercity Radiotelegraph. I will send you a copy of the printed program tomorrow afternoon when I receive them from the printer. All we have on hand now are the proofs of this program.

Looking forward to seeing you in Davenport, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Capt. Robt. L. Batts,
President APCO
Indianapolis.

RLB:D

NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.



A RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA SERVICE

MERCHANDISE MART

CHICAGO



September 30, 1936

Captain Robert L. Batts
Police Department
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Captain Batts:

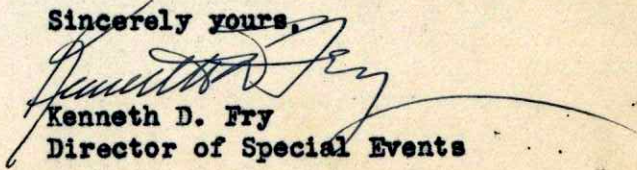
This will confirm my telephone conversation of yesterday.

We have booked the broadcast from the Gold Room of the Blackhawk Hotel, Davenport, Iowa, for Wednesday, October 7, over the NBC Blue Network, from 11:30 PM to 12:00 Midnight, Eastern Standard Time. The publicity on this program is going out in our mail today. We have mentioned that Governors Horner and Herring will be heard, along with Mr. Coffee of the Bureau of Investigations, and the police officials whom we mentioned on the phone yesterday. I expect to arrive in Davenport as early as possible on Wednesday, October 7, along with the announcer who will handle the program, and our Engineer. As soon as we arrive we will look you up to go into further details regarding the broadcast.

In the meantime, if you can dig up any definite information regarding the plans of your conference in Davenport next week, and the definite topics which will be discussed, I wish you would shoot them along to me so that I will have an idea about what is going on and make some plans for the broadcast before we arrive in Davenport.

We will get good coverage on this broadcast, and will do all we can to publicize it.

Sincerely yours,


Kenneth D. Fry
Director of Special Events

KDF:FR

TENTH ANNIVERSARY



A DECADE OF
NBC BROADCASTING

STATE OF OHIO

MARTIN L. DAVEY
GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

JOHN JASTER, JR.
DIRECTOR

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

LYNN BLACK, SUPERINTENDENT



COLUMBUS

Sept. 30, 1936

Capt. Robert Batts,
Communications Division,
Indianapolis Police Department,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir:

Kindly excuse the delay in answering your communication of recent date, inasmuch as it was necessary for me to spend in excess of two weeks in Cleveland, Ohio, preparing communication facilities for our Highway Patrol, to take care of the American Legion Convention.

I shall be pleased to prepare a speech to be presented at the third annual APCO Convention in Davenport, lasting for approximately ten minutes, and will bring with me the Ohio Communication Map that was taken to Washington, together with a series of pictures showing our radio system.

Kindly be advised that also accompanying me will be Radio Engineer J. D. Corley of our organization. I also have information that the City of Toledo is sending one or two delegates to attend.

Trusting that we will meet soon in Davenport, I remain

Yours very truly,

Col. Lynn Black, Supt.,
Ohio State Highway Patrol

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Geo. M. Kinsey". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat slanted style.

By: Lieut. George M. Kinsey,
Chief Communication Officer

GMK/FP

RADIO



GRAM

INDIANAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

RECEIVED MESSAGE

CASE No.

WMDZ DE KGPC NR 2 GR 22 29TH.

BATTS INDPLS.

WAITING FOR INFORMATION ON WESTERN UNION
REPRESENTATIVE AND WILL ADVISE YOU AS SOON AS WE OBTAIN SAME.

FISHER ST LOUIS MO.
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DATE _____	DATE _____	TELEGRAM	PAID
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	PER _____	NIGHT LETTER	

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

WESTERN UNION

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NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

\$2.16 -

September 29, 1936

Honorable Governor Henry Horner,
State House
Springfield, Illinois

Reference letter from Mayor Wells of Davenport requesting you address banquet Associated Police Communication Officers Hotel Blackhawk eight PM October seventh stop Whereas you seem radio communication minded and have installed ultra modern radio system and state in booklet you will install equipment to join new nationwide police radiotelegraph and since Davenport police radio also serves Moline and Rock Island comma we sincerely urge you to accept our invitation stop APCO is national organization of police department radio engineers stop Governor McNutt addressed us last year stop We are officially recognized by International Association Chiefs of Police and F C C stop We began formulation of this nationwide plan two years ago stop Developed plan. conducted experimental work and submitted to F C C stop Just began official operation September fifteen stop Seven large departments already in operation Canada to Gulf stop Plan needs boost from men like yourself as publicity to grow rapidly stop Expect Governor Herring and other notables also stop NBC will definitely broadcast blue network national chain one half hour stop Please advise by Western Union collect

Captain Robt. L. Batts
President APCO
Indianapolis

PAID - DAY LETTER

Program material

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it repeated, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an unrepeated message and paid for as such, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this company as follows:

1. The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeated-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, unless specially valued; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.

3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.

4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.

7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.

8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.

9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

INCORPORATED
R. B. WHITE, PRESIDENT

CLASSES OF SERVICE

TELEGRAMS

A full-rate expedited service.

NIGHT MESSAGES

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day.

Night Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such night messages at destination, postage prepaid.

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A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard night letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

A. Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

B. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rates for this special Night Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

FULL RATE CABLES

An expedited service throughout. Code language permitted.

DEFERRED HALF-RATE CABLES

Half-rate messages are subject to being deferred in favor of full rate messages for not exceeding 24 hours. Must be written in plain language.

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An overnight service for plain language communications, at one-third the full rate, or less. Minimum of 25 words charged for. Subject to delivery at the convenience of the Company within 24 hours.

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A service to and from ships at sea, in all parts of the world. Plain language or code language may be used.

CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION (36)

SYMBOLS

DL = Day Letter
NM = Night Message
NL = Night Letter
LC = Deferred Cable
NLT = Cable Night Letter
Ship Radiogram

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Received at 18 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Ind. Always Open

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CAPTAIN ROBERT L BATTS=

PALM DEPT INDPLS=

MAJOR HARRY F EVANS WILL ACT AS TOASTMASTER STOP COLONEL A G GILLESPIE OUT OF TOWN WILL TALK TO HIM IN THE MORNING STOP I FEEL QUITE CERTAIN HE WILL SPEAK=

O J STANLEY.

Call from Fry NBC 9-29-36

2:00 P.M.

Notes

- (1) Broadcast definitely will be O.K.
- (2) Will be round table question and answer after banquet beginning at 10:30 P.M. C.S.T., to last to 11:00 P.M. ($\frac{1}{2}$ hour)
- (3) Nationwide Chain - Blue Network.
- (4) Governors not to be used a lot - no more than police representatives.
- (5) Tentatively assigned (from letter from me 9-28-36 listing several)

Leonard
Batts
O'Neil
Morris
Cox

- (6) Fry will be there Tuesday night or early Wednesday, with engineers and announcer. (Invited him to Stag Party - said "Now we are getting somewhere").
- (7) Fry will have wires run into Banquet Hall.

Batts

Notes

Long Distance Call NBC

Called Mr. Fry, NBC, long distance, 11:04 A.M., 9-29-36, re definite broadcast following banquet.

- (1) Has not heard from call to New York yesterday regarding time.
- (2) Told him Chief Morrissey will call Governor Horner.
- (3) He asks us to skip political angle when talking to Horner.
 - (a) Does not want to use Governors any more than members of organization and technical men and speakers. It is their show anyway.
- (4) Assured him it was to be non-political. Only want them to express opinions on new Nationwide Police Radiotelegraph System and possibilities.
- (5) Fry will call New York in short time if he does not hear from them and jack them up.
- (6) Fry will call me back immediately thereafter.

Long Distance Call from NBC

2:30 P.M. 9-28-36

Mr. Kenneth D. Fry

- (1) Regarding banquet, broadcast, notables, etc.
- (2) All details covered in my letter to Fry same afternoon.

Batts

Telephone Call from Stanley*Notes*

- (1) Gov. Herring states he cannot be there.
- (2) I will wire him? Stanley suggests if pressure brought to bear he might re-consider. Will send 150 word day letter.
- (3) Gov. Horner states his secretary is looking over his engagements. Send him same wire - 150 words.
- (4) Stanley will try to get (sure he can) Colonel Gillespie, Commandant, Rock Island Arsenal on Banquet Program, regardless.
- (5) Master of Ceremonies, Major Evans,
Big game hunter and local personage, etcetera.
- (6) Stanley has large APCO emblem 5' x 4' to be placed in Hall.
- (7) Send copy of wire (to Stanley) from Cummings.

September 28, 1936

Mr. Kenneth D. Fry,
Director of Special Events,
National Broadcasting Company, Inc.,
Merchandise Mart,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Fry:

This will confirm our long-distance telephone conversation of this afternoon. With reference to your letter of September 24th, as I mentioned during our conversation, I had intended to get an answer off to you today.

It is correct that the high spot of our Davenport Convention will be a banquet Wednesday evening, October 7th, at the Hotel Blackhawk, Davenport, Iowa.

I agree with you, inasmuch as time on the air will be very limited, that it will probably be better to make this broadcast an informal "question and answer affair" rather than a broadcast of the addresses immediately following the dinner and entertainment. In such a broadcast, which you state will last thirty minutes, it will be possible to hear from several notables present.

However, I think it would be very desirable for you and your announcer to corral these men immediately after the banquet in the banquet hall, itself. This would add more color to the thing, inasmuch as the members and attendants at the banquet are concerned, as well as the broadcast listeners.

The following men are to address us at the banquet:

Honorable Governor Horner, of Illinois,
Honorable Governor Herring, of Iowa,
Honorable Anning S. Prall, Chairman of the F.C.C.,
Mr. E.P. Coffey, Chief of the Technical Laboratories,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,

Capt. Donald S. Leonard, (Michigan State Police) and
Chairman of the Radio Committee of the International
Association of Chiefs of Police.

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Mr. Kenneth D. Fry,

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I might suggest some of the members of the A.P.C.O., who will be present and who represent some of the major police departments of the country. They are, among others:

Capt. L.L. Chatterton,
Chief Radio Engineer,
Cleveland Police Dept.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Lt. E.C. Denstaedt,
Supervisor of Police Radio,
Detroit Police Dept.,
Detroit, Mich.

Sergeant Everett N.H. Fisher,
Supervisor of Police Radio,
St. Louis Police Dept.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Otis J. Ganley,
Supervisor of Police Radio,
Davenport Police Dept.,
Davenport, Iowa.

Gerald S. Morris,
Superintendent of Telegraph,
New York Police Department,
New York City, N.Y.

Maurice B. O'Neil,
Superintendent of Identification & Radio Bureaus,
New Orleans Police Department,
New Orleans, La.

Lt. Geo. N. Kinsey,
Chief Communications Officer,
Ohio State Highway Patrol,
Columbus, Ohio.

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Mr. Kenneth D. Fry,

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Lt. Kenneth R. Cox,
Chief Communications Engineer,
Berkeley, Police Department,
Berkeley, California.

and others without end.

As I stated this afternoon, we will be glad to confine any broadcast of this program exclusively to NBC, provided you agree definitely to handle the thing a few days prior to the Convention.

I will keep you informed of any changes in our banquet program, which I do not expect to occur. I will also try to get Mr. Jett to stay, if possible. I am sure that this will be a very interesting broadcast to listeners because it has to do with police work, which fascinates most people. It will also be educational. The most important thing to us is that it reach police officials.

I will expect word from you as to definitely broadcasting this after you contact New York.

Tentatively, we will plan on the broadcast and will change our banquet program to begin at 8 P.M., instead of 8:30 P.M., in order to be through in time for your broadcast at 10:00 P.M., Central Standard Time.

I also wish to extend to you and your announcer, a cordial invitation to attend our banquet.

Looking forward to seeing you in Davenport, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Capt. Robt. L. Batts,
Supervisor of Police Radio,
Indianapolis Police Dept.,
(President APCO).

NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.



A RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA SERVICE

MERCHANDISE MART

CHICAGO



September 24, 1936

Captain Robert L. Batts
Police Department
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Captain Batts:

I talked ~~today~~ ^{yesterday} over long distance to Mr. O. J. Stanley, Vice President of the Associated Police Communications Officers at Davenport, Iowa, regarding the possibilities of a broadcast over the NBC network during the meeting of your organization at Davenport, Iowa, October 5, 6, and 7.

Mr. Stanley informed me that the high spot of this meeting would occur on Wednesday, October 7, with a banquet, to be attended probably by the Governors of Illinois and Iowa, J. Edgar Hoover, Anning F. Prall, E. K. Jett, and others. He asked me to communicate with you regarding this broadcast.

We are very much interested in trying to arrange a broadcast sometime during this meeting at Davenport, particularly if we can have on the air one or two of the prominent people mentioned. However, we cannot go further into plans for such a broadcast until your plans for this banquet and we can ascertain just who of the prominent people will be available for a broadcast.

Also, I would like, if possible, to arrange for any such broadcast over NBC to be exclusively. I asked Mr. Stanley to write me a letter confirming our telephone conversation today. Please keep me advised on developments, as we would like to get such a broadcast arranged as early as possible.

Yours very truly,

Kenneth D. Fry
Director of Special Events

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TENTH ANNIVERSARY



A DECADE OF
NBC BROADCASTING

Davenport, Iowa.
Sept. 23, 1936.

Mr. Kenneth D. Fry,
National Broadcasting Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

This letter is to confirm our telephone conversation of this morning as well as to give you additional information concerning the association and the work being done.

First, permit me to dispel from your mind any thought that the governors of Illinois and Iowa were invited to address our organization for any political reasons whatsoever.

Both of these states have recently installed state police radio systems. Knowing that both of these men were instrumental in raising appropriations to establish state police radio systems, we feel that they must be "radio minded" and that they are convinced of the value of police radio in law enforcement. We feel that they will be able to foresee at once the inestimable value of a "National Police Communication System."

If these men address our organization, giving in their own words the effect such a system will have on crime in general, other governors and mayors will hear about it and they are men who are in a position to assist in growth of police radio and in growth of a "National Police Communication System." These are the men to whom we have to go to sell our ideas and to get appropriations to carry on this work. The fact that one of these men thought an idea practical would carry much more weight than the opinion of the foremost police radio engineer in the country.

This organization was founded to promote a more harmonious relationship between persons engaged in police communication activity; to exchange ideas on all phases of police communication; to make studies of technical police radio matters; to make recommendations to the International Police Chiefs Association on questions of policy and legislation, insofar as the use of radio and other communication facilities are concerned.

For the past year and a half the Associated Police Communication Officers have been working on a plan to establish a "National Police Communication System." This plan was submitted to the Federal Communications Commission thru the International Police Chiefs Association and was approved by both bodies. During this year and a half period all three of these organizations have worked entirely toward that objective. To say that we have been to a degree successful is evidenced by the fact that on Sept. 15 the Federal Communications Commission permanently allocated nine frequencies for the purpose of establishing this new police service.

During the three-day convention in Davenport much consideration will be given to this new service, working out details and interesting as many states and municipalities as possible to join.

Men will be here representing the majority of the metropolitan cities, state police systems, the Federal Communications Commission, the Department of Justice and the International Police Chiefs Association.

Members of our organization as well as other officials in law enforcement thought the need for such a system has become a necessity. With modern modes of transportation, boundary lines have become non-existent so far as criminals are concerned. Law enforcing bodies are no longer concerned with local crime activities alone. With the speed at which criminals are able to move now, an incident happening in Chicago today may be of vital importance to law enforcement authorities in Indianapolis tomorrow.

We feel that establishment of such a system for the purpose of transmitting messages of both emergency and routine nature will be a long step forward in law enforcement. The result of tying together of law enforcing bodies in this manner will bescloser cooperation and greater efficiency. The answer to organized crime is organized law enforcement.

I could give you page after page of cold facts concerning the mechanics of the system, but I am of the opinion that you will get the picture better and more complete if I give you a practical example of what will be happening in several months, or what is happening now in a way of beginning. The only difference is that several months from now it will be on a much larger scale. At the present time Indianapolis, Detroit, Houston, Kansas City, St. Louis, New Orleans and Tulsa have radiotelegraph transmitters on the air. Mobile, Memphis, Baton Rouge, Columbus, Cleveland, Buffalo and Leavenworth are equipped and ready to go on. Natchez, Beaumont and Galveston have applied for construction permits. After the convention numerous other cities and states will make application to the FCC.

To get back to our practical example, Joe Doe pulls a stickup in Cleveland and in making his getaway shoots a citizen and kills a patrolman. He's tough until he gets into a corner; he cares nothing for the rules of organized society or the rights of an individual. Doe's description is broadcast over WRBH, Cleveland's municipal station, but being an old hand he planned his steps for a getaway weeks in advance and he gets thru the city police. WRBH goes on the air with a radiotelegraph station and gives Doe's description to the state police at Columbus which in turn rebroadcasts to state troopers via radiotelephone. The state police at Columbus also give the description of the wanted man via radio telegraph to surrounding states. Indianapolis picks up the message and found Doe's car abandoned several hours later and also a latent fingerprint on the dash.

Indianapolis, upon checking their files, finds Doe was one John Green, who had quite a criminal reputation for himself in Peoria, Ill., a few years ago. After advising state police at Columbus via radiotelegraph the information was relayed by Indianapolis to the state police radiotelegraph station at Springfield. (Mr. West, by the way, assured us that Illinois would install radiotelegraph equipment.) The state police then rebroadcast to state troopers via radiotelephone and Peoria via radiotelegraph. When Doe gets to Peoria, he is picked up by city detectives.

We don't say we'll click like that every time, we couldn't possibly do it, but by establishing the National Police Communication Network we are building a formidable system. We will be cutting down the criminal's chance of being successful and at the same time increasing our own chances of getting the breaks for law enforcement agencies. Such a system will accomplish much toward crime suppression which, after all, is just as important as criminal apprehension.

In addition to engineers representing various manufacturers who will appear on our program the following men will talk: Capt. Batts, Indianapolis; Lieut. Denstaedt, Detroit; Sgt. Fisher, St. Louis; Capt. Leonard, Michigan state police, and E. K. Jett, representing the FCC.

As speakers for the banquet we have invited Governor Herring, Governor Horner, J. Edgar Hoover (we understand he will be represented by an assistant director), Anning S. Prell of the FCC and Homer S. Cummings.

Capt. Batts, of Indianapolis, is arranging the program and if you desire any additional information I suggest that you get in touch with him.

We shall cooperate in every way possible, realizing the value of utilizing your facilities in the interest of law enforcement.

Very truly yours,

Otis J. Stanley,
Vice President, APCO.

OJS-g

Bob, I hope this letter is OK. I had to get it out fast because he wants it tomorrow morning, the 24th. He talked very enthusiastically about this broadcast and thought they could work out something good. I tried to make the letter as colorful as possible to show its worth as a feature for them. I tried to make it sound as if we have plenty of material to capture the interest of the average listener. We have I know, but did I make it sound that way.

Stanley

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

September 28, 1936.

Captain Robert L. Batts,
President,
Associated Police Communication Officers,
Police Department,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Captain Batts:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 25, 1936, and I was also pleased to receive the Director's instructions to address the convention at Davenport on October 7th. I will keep in mind the suggestions contained in your letter.

Unfortunately, other commitments will prevent my reaching Davenport before the 7th, the day of the banquet. If I can be of any assistance out there on that day, however, do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

E P Coffey
E. P. Coffey.

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RADIO



GRAM

INDIANAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

SENT MESSAGE

CASE No. KGPC DE WMDZ NR 4 GR 84 TWENTYFOURTH

STANLEY RE RADIO LAST NIGHT HOPE YOU HAVE SOME ANSWER
 STOP J.E. HOOVER ASSIGNED COFFEY TO BANQUET PROGRAM STOP
 ONLY FEW MORE CARDS IN TODAY STOP THEY HAVE NOT HAD TIME
 YET HOWEVER STOP IF YOU HAVE POSTER CUT MADE FOR FRONTISPIECE
 PLEASE SEND IT TO ME STOP REGARDING KARADIO I SENT CONTRACT
 AND TENTATIVELY ASSIGNED BOOTH THIRTEEN THEIR THIRD CHOICE
 ALSO WROTE LETTER AND COPY TO KELLY STOP MAILED COPY OF
LETTER TO CHAIRMAN FCC TODAY STOP REGARDS

BATTS INDPLS 1840

SPACE BELOW THIS LINE FOR USE BY RADIO OPERATOR OR RECORD BUREAU ONLY:-

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September 24, 1936

Mr. Henry R. Luce,
Editor, Time Magazine,
135 E. 42nd Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Luce:

The 1936 National Convention of the Associated Police Communication Officers will be held at Davenport, Iowa, October 5-6-7.

The APCO is a national organization of Police Radio Engineers, with headquarters at Indianapolis. Among other things, it was formed to bring about closer coordination between police departments as pertains to radio and other communication services, with a view toward more effective suppression of crime through greater efficiency and effectiveness of police communications.

In recent years we have seen how State lines, City Limits, and even international boundaries became more and more meaningless - due, of course, to the fast automobile used by criminals.

The need for some kind of communication system or network between cities had become increasingly apparent about 1934. Police Departments throughout the country realized their handicaps, when criminals were escaping outside their own jurisdiction, or had escaped due to inadequate means of communication with other departments, their slowness, and high cost. Police Departments had become radio-equipped, they had become more efficient, and crime had been materially reduced in their own cities. The speed and efficiency of the radio made the Departments more conscious of the vanishing imaginary boundaries.

In 1934 Police Departments begun using their radiotelephone (voice) equipment for communicating with each other. They sent out general alarms, checked stolen cars, broadcast descriptions of wanted persons and missing persons, and so on. The use of wire communications was impractical due to the slowness of laying out barricades of wide areas, individual contact with other departments was necessary, and also the cost was prohibitive. The use of this radiotelephone equipment already in use for dispatching mobile units inside the city limits, was impracticable because it

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Mr. Henry R. Luce,

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interrupted the mobile service to the cars and because of congestion on those frequencies with so many stations. It can be realized that with several hundred police departments "on the air," broadcasting radio runs to the cars caused so much interference and bedlam that it was many times impossible to carry on communication with the department desired.

Two years ago, at our St. Louis Convention, we set to work on the development of a plan for a highly specialized, well regulated Nationwide Police Radio Communication System.

The shortcomings of wire telephone and wire telegraph have been set out above. Teletype was out of the question due to the high cost of leasing such service, except in small areas of the northeastern part of the United States where municipalities are not widely separated.

After many weeks of study and several Intercity Communication Committee meetings, we decided to try to bring about a Nationwide Police Radiotelegraph Intercity Communication System (using dot and dash code sent by radio)

After two years of engineering research, study, and actual experimental operation, we have begun to realize the fruits of our efforts. That is why I am writing to you.

On September 15th, following actual experimental operation since February, 1936, by seven Police Departments, the Federal Communications Commission allocated nine frequencies for police departments to use to communicate among each other by radiotelegraph. Those cities were Indianapolis, Detroit, St. Louis, Kansas City, Mo., New Orleans, Minneapolis, and Davenport, Iowa. Interest is wide spread. Since September 15th, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Houston, Texas have joined the network. Memphis is expected to begin operation at any time, having requested permission from the Federal Communications Commission. Several other cities have made application to the Commission, and more than fifty additional cities state their intention of beginning operation within the very near future.

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Mr. Henry R. Luce,

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We chose and sponsored radiotelegraph for many reasons. Some of these reasons are:

- (1). Radiotelegraph does not interrupt the operation of our voice communication with mobile units.
- (2). We are granted radiotelegraph frequencies separate from our mobile frequencies and there is no congestion.
- (3). Radiotelegraph is far more accurate than voice communication. It is the only type of radio communication used by other communication services where an accurate record is required. The Pan American Airways uses radiotelegraph for communication with its China Clippers enroute across the Pacific in preference to voice. Accuracy in police communications, of course, is of the utmost importance. A mistake in a license number, for example, might bring about serious results to an innocent driver.
- (4). Radiotelegraph is not adversely affected by radio interference and static nearly as badly as radiotelephone.
- (5). Radiotelegraph is more rapid since repeats are unnecessary, each letter being transmitted separately, as contrasted to voice communication.
- (6). Radiotelegraph is semi-private and secret since the average criminal cannot read the code signals, nor even be aware that he is hearing police signals. In addition to that angle, due to more privacy ^{using} radiotelegraph police departments are able to handle any kind of police communication, much of which is now handled by letter, wire-telephone, or long-distance telephone, or as in too many cases, completely dropped with only a superficial investigation. It is definitely true that police departments are greatly handicapped by lack of appropriations for such regular means of communication. The officer on the street nearly every day comes across something, suspicious car or racket of some kind,

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which he would investigate further if he knew he would be permitted to communicate with the other Departments concerned in some other city. Department owned and operated police radiotelegraph, makes this possible without question.

- (7). Radiotelegraph signals reach out many times farther than voice signals.
- (8). Radiotelegraph is very inexpensive as compared to radiotelephone.
- (9). We have obtained widely different frequencies which will reach out several hundred miles in the day time, while our radiotelephone frequencies at the powers used have a service range of less than one hundred miles under the best conditions in the day time.

The above mentioned features make radiotelegraph admirably suited to the needs of police departments.

The truth of the matter is that we have gone a step backward to go another step forward; radiotelegraph was the first form of "wireless" communication.

Seven cities are in actual operation, as the nucleus of an eventual Nationwide Police Radiotelegraph Network. We have already proven the speed, accuracy, and reliability of this new service. We formulated and developed the plan for this system, conducted months of experimental work, submitted it to the Convention of Police Chiefs (IACP), which body approved it and submitted it jointly with us to the Commission, and have since seen it begin operation.

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Mr. Henry R. Luse,

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But, for this new service to reach its greatest value, more police departments must learn about it, get appropriations, and commence operation. The more cities, the more valuable it becomes. The APCO publishes a regular Bulletin which reaches every police radio station, but this does not reach the Chief of Police and other city officials. It is, therefore, ineffective in many cases. Perhaps you are aware of the past spread of the use of radio for dispatching mobile units among departments. At first, several far sighted departments quickly took up its use. Then it became a slow, gradual growth. Detroit was the first city to use it, (I helped do it, by the way), but one of our largest eastern cities did not install radio until 1935!

This Intercity Police Radiotelegraph is something brand new. It is very important and valuable. But it needs a boost in the way of publicity.

We are having our 1936 APCO National Convention at Davenport, Iowa, October 5-6-7. At a meeting of the program committee in Springfield, Illinois recently, we discussed means of placing this new system before police officials throughout the country.

We decided to try to hold all publicity until shortly after September 15th, when the thing began officially. One A.P. story got out on the 21st but it was not very good and only made the last page, at least in Indianapolis. U.P. and I.N.S. had the same thing, but Mr. Stanley, 1st Vice President of the APCO, of Davenport, Iowa, was able to stop their stories at Des Moines.

Our Committee decided that the best way to put this publicity across was to get it dramatized on some news Commentators' Radio program and also in a "movie short", such as a news reel. After much discussion at the meeting, we decided to contact you through Time.

We consider your "March of Time" on the air, and your two reels each month, with the same title, the best, most interesting and effective news presentations. Everybody listens to them and sees your pictures.

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Mr. Henry R. Luce,

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Will you consider such a dramatization through these two sources? We are certain that it can be dramatized in such a manner as to give it plenty of listeners' interest and possibly more on the screen. If you do this, it will reach every city in the country.

We thought you might be interested, in view of past releases you have made which were, unquestionably, very beneficial to police departments. We have in mind your subject releases of June, showing the Crime School story of small boys in the slums, the effect of environment, etc; your April release showing Arson squads in action; and another series showing activities of the U. S. in combatting drug running.

I do not need to mention, I am sure, the many ways such releases and programs help police departments in their war on crime.

The dramatization of the use of this new police radiotelegraph would be easy and any of the seven departments now in operation will gladly cooperate in making pictures of the police and radio equipment in actual operation. You can make it both mysterious and exciting. I will gladly furnish our ideas along this line, if you are interested. Please bear in mind that none of us wish any personal publicity. We don't even wish our names mentioned.

Hoping to receive a favorable answer in the near future, I remain

Yours very truly,

Capt. Robt. L. Batts,
President ACPO;
Indianapolis
Police Dept.

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

SYMBOLS

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- NL = Night Letter
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- Ship Radiogram

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CB240 45 DL=DAVENPORT IOWA 23 1044A

CAPTAIN ROBERT L BATTS=

PALM DEPT INDPLS=

RECEIVED WIRE FROM KENNETH D FRY NATIONAL BROADCASTING CO
CHICAGO TALKED TO HIM LONG DISTANCE MUCH INTERESTED IN
EXCLUSIVE BROADCAST RIGHTS HE ASKED FOR LETTER CONFIRMING
CALL AND GIVING ALL DOPE ADVISED HIM TO CONTACT YOU
REGARDING CONTRACTS ETC YOU WILL HAVE LETTER FROM HIM=

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CA898 47 DL=DAVENPORT IOWA 21 306P

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CAPTAIN ROBERT L BUTTS=

POLICE DEPT INDPLS=

AP WANTS MORE INFORMATION I REFERRED THEM TO YOU CONTACT
YOUR LOCAL AP OFFICE CAN YOU ARRANGE SCHEDULE WITH W9WCL ON
80 METERS THIS EVENING IF NOT I WILL CALL YOU AT YOUR
STATION 730 PM UP AND INS ALSO CARRYING STORIES=

OTIS J STANLEY.

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LOCAL AP REPRESENTATIVE WANTS CONVENTION STORY WILL IT BE
OK TO GIVE HIM THE DOPE WHOM DID YOU INVITE TO SPEAK AT
BANQUET=

OTIS J STANLEY POLICE DEPT.

AN ANSWER IS EXPECTED

BY THE SENDER OF THIS MESSAGE. PLEASE GIVE IT TO THE MESSENGER OR TELEPHONE IT TO

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Publicity Committee

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Sept. 19, 1936

Otis J. Stanley
Police Department

All frequencies assigned. Experimentals in operation plus Houston and Memphis stop. More have applied. Still more to follow soon stop. Besides your Governors, expect J. Edgar Hoover and Anning S. Prall F.C.C. on program.

Capt. Batts
Indianapolis

Publicity Committee

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1. The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeated-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, *unless specially valued*; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.
2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.
3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.
4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.
5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.
6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.
7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.
8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.
9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

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R. B. WHITE, PRESIDENT

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Night Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such night messages at destination, postage prepaid.

DAY LETTERS

A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard night letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

- A. Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.
- B. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rates for this special Night Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

FULL RATE CABLES

An expedited service throughout. Code language permitted.

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Half-rate messages are subject to being deferred in favor of full rate messages for not exceeding 24 hours. Must be written in plain language.

CABLE NIGHT LETTERS

An overnight service for plain language communications, at one-third the full rate, or less. Minimum of 25 words charged for. Subject to delivery at the convenience of the Company within 24 hours.

SHIP RADIOGRAMS

A service to and from ships at sea, in all parts of the world. Plain language or code language may be used.

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Mr. E. K. Jett,
Assistant Chief Engineer,
Federal Communications Commission,
Washington, D. C.

PLANNING BOARD
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CONF. BOARD F. COMM.

Dear Mr. Jett:

The 1936 National Convention of the Associated Police Communication Officers will be held in Davenport, Iowa, October 5-6-7.

You are cordially invited to attend all sessions and the banquet which will be held at 8:30 P.M., October 7th.

Also, as I warned you in my brief letter of the 13th, submitting our application, you are hereby requested to appear on our program.

As announced in the last Bulletin, the Frequency Allocation Committee will report on its presentation at the June Hearing. We would like for you to follow these men, probably Denstaedt, with about fifteen (15) minutes of informal, general discussion of the hearing. You may cover the thing as you see fit. Perhaps your discussion should apply mainly to the Police Service and the value and effect of the APCO presentation.

In addition to that, we wish you to give another short talk; probably to precede Everett Fisher in his talk and demonstration on Operating Procedure. (See page 3 of August APCO Bulletin). I suggest that you precede him because your general statement, say about fifteen minutes, would clear up many points of his talk. Your talk should be confined to the general subject of Police Radiotelegraph. I suggest that you discuss the Rules and Regulations, general needs for operating procedure, zone and interzone; listing some "don'ts", as in your letter to me of August 4th.

I will be glad to receive any suggestions you may have along this line.

I am sure that your appearance and help along this line, representing the Commission, will greatly benefit the APCO, boost the radiotelegraph, and make for a much more successful Convention.

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Capt. Robt. L. Batts,
Indianapolis,
President APGO

Washington, D. C.
Federal Communications Commission,
Assistant Chief Engineer,
B.D. Mr. E. K. Jeff

Dear Mr. Jeff:

The 1936 National Convention of the Associated Police Commissioners will be held in Davenport, Iowa, October 8-9-10.

You are cordially invited to attend the convention which will be held at 8:30 P.M., October 9th. In your case we cannot take "No" for an answer. Also, if you are unable to attend, you are hereby requested to appear on our program. Will you please advise me of your acceptance by return mail? As announced in the last Bulletin, the Frequency Allocation Committee will report on its presentation at the June Hearing. We would like for you to follow these men, probably Densford, with about fifteen (15) minutes of Mr. Fisher's general discussion (before) hearing. You may cover the thing as you see fit. Perhaps your discussion should apply mainly to the Police Service and the value and effect of the APGO presentation.

In addition to that, we wish you to give another short talk probably to precede Everett Fisher in his talk and demonstration on Operating Procedures. (See page 3 of August APGO Bulletin). I suggest that you precede him because your general statement, say about fifteen minutes, would clear up many points of his talk. ~~September 18, 1936~~ I suggest that you discuss the Rules and Regulations, General needs for operating procedures, some and interesting some "don'ts", as in your letter to me of August 4th.

I will be glad to receive any suggestions you may have along this line. I am sure that your appearance and help along this line, representing the Commission, will greatly benefit the APGO, boost the radio-teletype and make for a much more successful Convention.

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Mr. E. P. Coffey,
Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Coffey:

The 1936 National Convention of the Associated Police Communication Officers will be held in Davenport, Iowa, on October 5-6-7. You are cordially invited to attend.

We will be very glad, indeed, to have you out there. Your attendance will permit you to renew acquaintance among the members of the APCO, you will be more closely associated with our activities, and more than likely we will again call on you for some assistance in an advisory capacity.

We will look forward to seeing you in Davenport.

With kindest, personal regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

Capt. Robt. L. Batts,
Indianapolis
President APCO

RLB:D

✓ Convention 1936

September 18, 1936
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Federal Communications Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Attention: - Mr. John H. Reynolds, Acting Secy.

Gentlemen:

The Associated Police Communication Officers will hold its 1936 National Convention at Davenport, Iowa, October 5-6-7. This meeting will culminate the year's activities in police radio. The features of our program will be the June Engineering Hearing and the new Police Radiotelegraph Service. Members of the Commission and its engineers are cordially invited to attend. The banquet will be held at eight thirty P.M., October 7.

We deeply appreciate the cooperation and assistance you have given the APCO in the very important work it has been doing the past two years. Prior to the formation of our organization, the Commission fostered and guided the means of police communications which probably has been the greatest single factor in crime reduction in this country; police radio. In the past two years the APCO has been able to offer some little assistance in these problems. We hope to have the privilege of continuing to do so.

The Commission, by making Police Radiotelegraph available to all departments of the nation for intercity communication, has permitted them to take another step forward. Very necessary guidance again was extended. While the Commission might have simply set aside frequencies and set up rules and regulations, it went a step farther and established an Operating Procedure so necessary for accuracy, reliability and proper growth of the new service. The APCO is proud of the part it has played in its development.

R.H.D.

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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D. C.

Federal Communications Commission, Mr. - (page 2) - A

Gentlemen:

The Associated Police Communication Officers will hold its 1936
annual convention in Chicago, Illinois, on September 22-24, 1936.
In behalf of the APCO, I also take this opportunity to
express to the Commission our sincere appreciation of the very fine
cooperation and assistance given by Mr. E. M. Jett. We know that
without his assistance at several meetings and conventions and through
correspondence, we could not have accomplished what we have. From our
many contacts with him, we feel we know him quite well. Several times
various members have suggested that we write the Commission acknowledging
his assistance, but such has always met with his quick objection. We
hold the highest regard for him, both as a man and as a very capable
engineer. We deeply appreciate the cooperation and assistance you
and your staff have given the APCO in the very important work it has been doing.

For Mr. White, who is better known among our membership in the east,
the same high regard is felt. He has been a guiding and helpful
factor in the APCO's development and has been the greatest single factor
in its growth. Again, cordially extending an invitation to our Convention, I remain,
the APCO has been able to offer some little assistance in these
problems. We hope to have the privilege of continuing to do so.

Yours very truly,

The Commission, by making Police Radio-Telephone available
to all departments of the nation for inter-city communication,
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steps have been taken. While the Commission might have
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its development.

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Lieutenant, E.C. Denstaedt,
Supervisor Police Radio,
Detroit Police Department,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Lieutenant Denstaedt:

As you know, the 1936 National Convention of the Associated Police Communication Officers will be held at Davenport, Iowa, October 5-6-7. You are cordially invited to attend.

This will confirm my radiogram of several weeks ago, stating the desire of the APCO Program Committee, for you to report to the Convention on your presentation and report before the Federal Communications Commission in June, as Chairman of the Frequency Allocations Committee.

We have taken the liberty of including you on the program because the great importance to police radio, throughout the nation, of your report and because of the excellent job you are doing. Please refer to my remarks on this subject in the APCO August Bulletin.

Other members of the Committee have been requested to condense their reports to ten minutes, but due to the length and greater importance of your own, I know you cannot do so. Can you do it in twenty minutes?

I have requested Mr. Jett to follow your Committee on the program with a fifteen-minute informal, general discussion of the Hearing and the value and effects of the APCO presentation, as concerns police radio.

Please advise me of your acceptance at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

RLB:D

Capt. Robt. L. Batts
President APCO (Indianapolis)

Convention 1936

September 17, 1936

Capt. Lloyd N. Chatterton
Central Police Headquarters
2001 Payne Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Captain Chatterton:

I presume you have received the August APCO Bulletin and read it through by this time.

While we were in Washington at the June Hearing, you told me you would attend the Davenport Convention. Therefore, I have placed your name on the program with other members of the Frequency Allocation Committee, to report your presentation at Washington to members of the convention.

Please refer to the August Bulletin, (pages 3 and 9), for discussion of this part of the program. I have you listed as a speaker to report your presentation at Washington, covering "Municipal Police Frequency Assignments and Needs".

I would suggest that you condense the matter covered at Washington so that you can read a general statement showing what you asked for and why you asked for them. You probably should also state what other municipal police representatives approved your report or were closely associated with formulating it.

Please condense your report to ten (10) minutes or less, since we will be short of time in a three-day convention.

As I stated in the Bulletin, please give this plenty of attention so that it will be rather complete, although very much condensed. You did an excellent job in Washington.

Will you please verify your acceptance by return mail?

Yours very truly,

Capt. Robt. L. Batts
Indianapolis
President APCO

RLB:D

✓ Convention 1936

September 17, 1936

Lt. George M. Kinsey
1117 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Lieutenant Kinsey:

I presume you have received the August APCO Bulletin and read it through by this time.

While we were in Washington at the June Hearing, you told me you would attend the Davenport Convention. Therefore, I have placed your name on the program with other members of the Frequency Allocation Committee, to report your presentation at Washington to members of the convention.

Please refer to the August Bulletin, (pages 3 and 9), for discussion of this part of the program. I have you listed as a speaker to report your presentation at Washington, covering "State Police Frequency Assignments and Needs".

I would suggest that you condense the matter covered at Washington so that you can read a general statement showing what you asked for and why you asked for them. You probably should also state what other State Police representatives approved your report or were closely associated with formulating it.

Please condense your report to ten (10) minutes or less, since we will be short of time in a three-day convention.

As I stated in the Bulletin, I consider the report on the June Hearing very important to every Police Department. Also, I wish you could take out to Davenport, your large map of Ohio that you had in Washington. This could be used in your discussion and also would give your police radio system some good advertising. It was an excellent job.

Will you please verify your acceptance by return mail?

Yours very truly,

Capt. Robt. L. Batts
Indianapolis
President APCO

RLB:D

✓ Convention 1926

August 28, 1936.

C o p y

Western Union Telegraph Co.,
900 Chestnut Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I wish to report, for your information, that at present there is being developed a nation-wide system of radiotelegraph communication between police departments. When the plan is put into full operation, approximately fifty major cities in this country will construct radiotelegraph stations and form a network for exchanging of police information and handling of traffic concerning police work.

Authority has been granted for daytime operation between cities which have been engaged in experimental work along this line, and we are informed that, after September fifteenth, general authorization will be granted for daytime and night time communication.

Inasmuch as all cities in the country will not be represented in the network, we wish to include your service to reach these points which we may not reach by radio. In other words, if a message was originated in New York City, and addressed to, say, Hannibal, Missouri, and if Hannibal, Missouri, had no radio facilities, we would wish to forward the message from New York City to St. Louis, Mo., via radio and thence to Hannibal via landline. Under the present system it would be necessary for the St. Louis Police Department to pay for message from St. Louis to Hannibal, and then collect for same (if message was to be prepaid) from the Police Department at New York City.

Obviously, we expect a great amount of traffic of this nature and I am requested to ascertain whether or not your company would, if proper instructions were given, bill the charges to the originating station when such messages are sent prepaid. Other landline commercial systems are being contacted and I am to report on the subject at convention of the Associated Police Communication Officers, October 4-5-6, 1936.

August 28, 1936.

Western Union Telegraph Co.

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I also wish to report that the plan which is to be placed in operation, has the full approval of the Federal Communications Commission and the International Association of Chiefs of Police, representative of the majority of Police Departments.

Your cooperation is respectfully requested in this matter, and I will appreciate an early and favorable reply.

Very truly yours,

EVERETT E.H. FISHER
Chairman Procedure Committee
Associated Police Communication Officers.

Address communications:

Room 619, 1200 Clark Ave.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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GEORGE REYER
SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

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MAURICE B. O'NEIL
SUPERVISOR IDENTIFICATION BUREAU

August 28, 1936

Captain Robert L. Batts,
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Dear friend Bob:-

Many thanks for your letter of the 21st., just received this morning with newspaper clipping and department bulletin.

I have purposely withheld sending out an all station message to the various branches of this department pending more favorable working conditions between here and St. Louis. When the first contacts with St. Louis were made, I remained on watch during the first week to handle what traffic might be directed this way, also to get first hand information as to signal strength and results obtained from receivers used to make a final decision on which make to purchase for the department. Unfortunately, we have been experiencing some of our usual severe static weather during this time of the year. Regular daily, in fact nearly continuous thunder storms.

Under prevailing conditions, communication with St. Louis is impossible, except for a few minutes during the first part of the morning and during the last half hour of the evening schedule as previously stated in radiograms forwarded. When the signals from St. Louis are heard at all, it is absolutely necessary to use 'phones and mighty strong imagination, plus experience of copying thru heavy static to read a message. It is for this reason that it became necessary to request the Operators at St. Louis to send double whenever they have traffic for us and until such time as the present thunder and lightning storms have ceased, usually in the later part of September or beginning of October, depending upon how cool the weather changes in this section of the Static Belt as we know it.

There is no doubt in my mind, following extended daylight tests during the past two weeks, that you and the rest of the men in your section of the States can depend upon this station to put your messages thru, even under the conditions stated whenever it is less than a severe local electrical storm. Reliable reports received from listening operators at Mobile, Ala., Birmingham, Ala., Memphis, Tenn., Beaumont, Texas and Houston, Texas give us an extra good signal report, dependable thru out the day and easily readable.

Following an extended chat with Bob Franklin of the Houston Texas department, Bob working his rig on Forty mtrs (W 50X) and WPEK on 5140 used here, I explained many disturbing thoughts to him regarding a quick method of cutting a few coils to get going.

As a result, he advises that he is waiting on his crystal to begin



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official operation on 5135 or 40 kilocycles. In rather lengthy letters to Mr. Andrew Coffin, Electrical Engineer, in charge of the Mobile Police Department Radio equipment, I outlined the plan carried out successfully with Bob Franklin at Houston, suggesting that he endeavor to put some kind of a rig on the air immediately to extend working points of our station here. He told me in a letter that he had an Amateur rig in the station ready to go, so I am doing my best to get him in the network. If he has put in his application, the chances are that if he wires for permission to begin operations, it will be granted. If he can put in any kind of a signal at all, we will do our level best to copy it. During my amateur work I found no difficulty working Mobile on very little power both day and night on eighty meters.

Operator L. C. Krom of the Birmingham, Ala., police dept gave us a splendid check on our signals throughout the day. I have written to him, explaining as I did to Bob and Mr. Coffin to shake a leg and get going. Gave him the dope the best I could with an armful of encouragement laying stress on the fact that Birmingham is needed badly to close up the gap between St. Louis and New Orleans for consistent work. The same brotherly appeal has been forwarded to Mr. Veasey of the Memphis, Tenn., Dept. I am looking for results most any day now.

As the situation now stands, you can annex to your list of stations that traffic can be accepted for, Houston, Texas, Beaumont, Texas, Galveston, Texas and Mobile, Ala., (In an emergency we get Mobile to listen thru the Coast Guard Stations co-operation)

Our annual Police Festival is to be held this Sunday which fact will hold me here in New Orleans until it is over. After this week, I will have a few days to roam about this section. My intentions are to go to Memphis, Tenn., Birmingham, Ala., and Mobile, Ala., and exert every effort to establish some working system with the cities named. As I see this problem, it is absolutely necessary that as many cities as can possibly be induced to do so should join in the work. Not months from now, nor weeks, but NOW. Personally, I don't care what they get on the air, as long as it is legally controlled as to stability and we can hear their signals. Just get going. The effect of their efforts will induce others and in the meantime they will be able to perfect their equipment. This whole idea must be clinched by action on the part of progressive police departments, not idleness on the part of skeptical pessimists. Letters, as a general rule I have found are worthless. In some instances, even telegrams bring no results although that is more infrequent than letters. We are fortunate to have a Superintendent with progressive ideas who has given me permission to use my own judgement as to making the above mentioned trip as well as many others in the past for the benefit of the department.



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Summing up the events since we entered the Inter-city network, I can truthfully say that I can see little to overcome in this section, any obstacle to prevent a worthwhile extension of the network.

It is true, as I have already stated, personal contacts with those in charge of Radio Departments of other cities will be necessary. That is no trouble at all, usually a pleasure, especially when you have the right kind of backing, as we have here to enable you to carry on.

Before closing, I have just one suggestion to offer to my good friend Mr. Fisher to whom I am sending a copy of this letter.

Beginning next week, or as soon as he receives his copy of this letter, let his operators make every effort to reserve the last half hour of the evening schedule and the first half hour or forty-five minutes of the morning period to work WPEK only since I understand it is no trouble for him to work the other stations at will during the rest of the day when we cannot hear his signals at all. If this is done, I will be able to send out my all station message announcing that our Intercity Service is open and hope to get messages, if any are filed, thru. In the evening, we catch the devil from Cuban and Mexican stations right on KGPC's frequency. They are self rectified sets and very broad.

I promise our friend Mr. Fisher to do what I can with the Memphis gang next week to close the gap. In the meantime, lets make it in one jump. With phones, concentration and double sending, it can be done.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

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