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June 20, 1985.

Manfred Volbracht,
c/o CKPR TV,
87 North Hill St.,
THUNDER BAY, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club. I wish to appologize to you for any embarrassment you may have undergone due to our actions over the past few months. This letter to you is to appologize and to explain our actions. Our intent was not to cause you or CKPR TV any embarrassment and it is unfortunate that this has happened.

During the past few months, we have become aware of a problem with our equipment located at your Mount Baldy transmitter site. We have an antenna mounted at the 350 foot mark on the tower there. It appears that the Heliac cable that we are using to feed the antenna has become saturated with water and it now appears that our equipment may have also suffered lightning damage. I wish to make it quite clear that this is through no fault of yourself or CKPR TV, but our equipment has suffered damage, and we are working toward repairing and replacing any damaged equipment in order to return our equipment to full service.

As an interm measure, we had installed a VHF antenna at the 100 foot mark on the tower. This was meant to serve only as a temporary antenna for our equipment until we were able to obtain replacement Heliac cable for the other antenna at 350 feet. It now appears that our members may have been negligent and had not advised you of this second antenna being placed on the tower.

Several years ago when permission was first granted to us for our equipment installation at the transmitter site, we made mention to Gerhart Buetow that we will be installing a small UHF antenna also on the tower. This antenna was also recently installed by us at the 75 foot mark on the tower. This antenna is meant to serve as a control link and is used for receiving only for our equipment located in the basement.

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Due to this unfortunate misunderstanding, both the temporary VHF antenna and the UHF yagi have now been removed from the tower. The antenna that is installed at 350 feet is still in place along with its associated feedline.

During the past ten years that our equipment has been located at the CKPR TV transmitter site, it has provided us with excellent service and range. This gratuity that has been extended to our organization is greatly appreciated by myself and all the members of our club. We would never in any way, want to jeopardize the excellent relations that we have had during this period of time. For us to lose the site where our equipment is located would most certainly be unfortunate to say the least.

Once again, allow me to appologize for any inconvenience or embarrassment you may have suffered on our behalf and I hope that this incident has not caused any damage to yourself or CKPR TV. In order to avoid any misunderstanding similar to this, we will in future send you written notification prior to our members going to the transmitter site, and what we will be doing while at the site.

Sincerely,

Tom Haavisto

Tom Haavisto - President.