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November 8, 1961

Mr. Paul D. Gross  
Television Station WTPA  
3235 Hoffman Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Paul:

This is in response to your letter of November 1 concerning FM channel 255, 98.9 mc. An application was recently granted for a Class B station in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on this channel, so it is not suitable for use at Harrisburg. I do not know whether or not the station is actually on the air in Philadelphia, but there is an outstanding construction permit, so it has to be treated as an existing station.

If the decision is to go into FM, the first thing to do is, of course, to select a suitable channel and the only way to do that is to make a careful channel study of the entire FM broadcast spectrum. Such a study would, of course, take into consideration not only existing stations and outstanding construction permits but pending applications which have not been acted on by the FCC. Our charges for carrying out such a study would run between \$300 and \$400.

If you and Don decide to go ahead and want us to carry out the channel study, let me know and we'll get started just as soon as possible.

As far as I can find out there is no application for 1130 kc at Lancaster, or for that matter for

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any community in Pennsylvania. The only pending application for a new standard broadcast station in Lancaster is by Lancaster County Broadcasters for a 1 kw daytime operation on 1550 kc using a directional antenna. It was filed in March of 1960 and must be involved in some conflict or hearing, or it would have been acted on by the Commission by this time.

With best personal regards, I remain,

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ron", written in dark ink.

Ronald H. Culver

cc: Mr. Donald D. Wear  
William P. Sims, Jr., Esquire

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Mr. Donald D. Wear  
Television Station WTPA  
3235 Hoffman Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Don:

The FM channel study has finally been completed and the results are transmitted herewith. It took somewhat longer than I had anticipated, primarily because the situation is very "tight" in the Harrisburg area.

The only channel we can recommend is Channel 281 on which there is a pending application for Harrisburg by George Voron Company, File BPH-3543, which was filed in September of this year. Paul Gross discussed this application with us when he was in Washington late in October, so I am sure he is familiar with it. This application has been processed engineering-wise at the Commission and from a technical standpoint it appears to be OK. It has, however, not been processed by the Financial and Legal Departments and I suspect that it has some financial problems.

An application could be prepared for Channel 281 which would meet the requirements of the existing FM Rules, but as you no doubt know there is a pending Rule Making Proceedings on the FM Rules and if these were adopted the Channel 281 application would not meet the new Rules. Just what will be adopted is not at all certain, but I am sure that any final decision

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on the Rule Making is months away. In the meantime, rumors have it that an interim policy for processing FM applications will be adopted, but there is no knowing just what this interim policy will be, so therefore no way of determining whether or not an application on Channel 281 would meet the requirements of the interim policy.

A copy of our FM allocation study is enclosed so you can see just what the situation is on all the commercial FM channels. If your decision is to apply on Channel 281, the application should be filed in the near future before there is any final action on the existing application of George Voron Company.

With best personal regards, I remain,

Yours truly,

Ronald H. Culver

Enclosure

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