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Dear Gerry,

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We are delighted that you sent us a reception report. Your data is quite exact, so there is no need to place it in this letter. The only problem we had was figuring out the time difference here in Coari. Having that task completed we came up with our data on the show that you listened to.

Sunday January 1st had a special program and we had to remember the time so that we could go back to the tapes to replay them and follow your schema. You were right on the head. One reason you might not have been able to hear us very well is that we are in the Jungle of Brasil with a 48 meter 'line of sight antenna.' Being in the Jungle presents us with many interesting problems heat and humidity to just name a few. We use the radio as our voice of Evangleization. Being 99.1% Catholic we have naturally a Catholic Station. The jungle is loaded with people who do not live in the City, but on the edges of, or fringes of society. We use the Radio to communicate to them the Gospel and also use the Radio as a tool for giving them basic daily health care. Our Equipment that we use is: a gates 250/1000 transmittor, with a 250 Collins as a back up. The studio is completely Gates controlled, that is all the equipment is made by gates.

You might be wondering why this letter is not in Português. I am Fr. Martin Laumann C.Ss.R. of the Redemptorist Fathers, a missionary working in Brasil. I was born and raised in Wisconsin, educated at Edgerton, Wisc. (the same building that the state is thinking of buying for some type of prison, St. Joseph's College Seminary), and had my College at Waterford Wisconsin, Holy Redeemer College. I am very familiar with the Lake Geneva area, as well as most of Wisconsin. I am also the technician for our Radio Station down here in Brasil. As you can see a priest has to be knowledgable in all things, especially in basic Radio. I was also wondering if your technician is familiar with the 250/1000 Gates Transmittor. We both are 1 kilowatt stations. If so we have a few problems he could or might be able to help us with. I appreciate a return on this question. Fr. Marty

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