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Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter to share my thoughts on the newly proposed rules for ham-bands. Personally I am in full agreement with the international no code society.

Morse code is as archaic as the jungle drums or spark gap generators, and it's long past due that the FCC put it out to pasture and ultimately out to rest.

Unfortunately due to a minority of diehards in the ham community believe that the code is somehow beneficial mentally or otherwise, and also partly due to old international agreements, we must put up with the Morse code. Even at minimal level it serves no purpose.

For those who believe Morse code is efficient way of transmitting information, I would like to point out that the current technology provides a means of transmitting pages of data within the space of a single character in Morse code.

I personally (even though, I am opposed in principal) would put up with the minimum requirement imposed by international agreements.

I also believe that the amateur community would benefit from deeper understanding of procedural material rather than schematics, formulas or in depth technical material. Time has long past where the "ham" is the builder of his own equipment; today probably less than 1 percent or hams build their own "rigs".

Knowledge in digital communications is imperative and appropriate additions should be made in the written portion of the test .

Sincerely.

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