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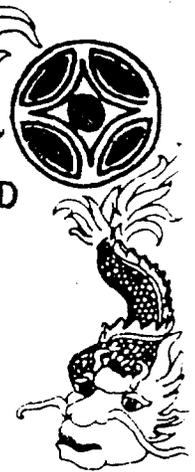
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Attn: Chairman Wm. Kennard
Gentlemen:

I heartily approve of the decision to create a national network of low-power and micro FM radio stations of limited range. In no way would such a network be an economic threat to large stations.

When I was in South Africa, I became acquainted with what was called "Bush Radio Stations". These very small stations, with limited range, addressed the issues of the immediate community, raising health and educational standards, creating civic consciousness, etc., etc..

The same purpose would be served here. Serious issues that commercial radio would never breach because they would not have sponsors would/could be addressed. For example, the Immigration Service is not equipped to teach democratic precepts; give the names of agencies to go to for language lessons, jobs, etc; nor can it examine male/female/child customs such as those that lead to Female Genitalia removal practices. From this list alone one can see how small stations geared to the needs of a specific community can be a force for good, and aid in acclimatizing new-comers to what can be expected of them.

I hope you will not yield to pressure, and keep to the goal of utilizing small stations.

Reply would be appreciated.

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