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Government Wireless Station, Stanley, F.I.—3



Falkland Islands
Government

The Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station Stanley Falkland Islands

Telephone: 27277/27278

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Medium Wave 550 Khz.

Frequency Modulated 96.50 Mhz.

Mr Jerry Berg,
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Lexington, MA 02173.
U.S.A.

Dear Mr Berg,

I am replying to your letter of June 12 th 1995.

The postcard which you have showed me in your letter is a fairly old card as it depicts the 'Government Wireless Station'. This building is no longer used for this purpose and now houses the F.I. Development Corporation offices only.

The history of the building is this:

Prior to the 1982 Falklands war the building houses a 5 kw AM radio Transmitter which broadcast Island-wide with the signal being sent by landline from our Studios in John Street to this building which is situated on the top of the town boundarys and some 1½ miles from the Radio Station. The building also housed transmitters which were used for sending morse code signals to Britian before the days of telephone, telex and fax.

For example all telegrams from the Falklands for Britian and similarly telegrams from Britain to the Falklands were sent via morse code, using the key system, until the early 1960's. This is why the building was called the Government Wireless Station.

For your information our Broadcast transmitter (Medium Wave) now 10kw is situated at a place called Bush Rincon which is some 35 miles inland, and in a more central transmitting position. Our shortwave transmitter no longer exists and our FM transmitter is situated 2 miles out of Stanley on top of a place called Sapper Hill. There are no plans as far as I know to return to shortwave transmitting, although there are British Troops based on the British possession of S.Georgia which is 800 miles S.E. of the Falklands and there is a feeling that they should here our broadcasts. The Medium Wave transmitter which is designed to cover a 250 miles radius does actually extend as far as 500 miles or more in the summer months and ships in the Antarctic Peninsular report pick'ing up the Medium Wave (550khz) transmission.

I hope that the above has been of some help to you.

Yours Sincerely,

Patrick J. Watts

Patrick J Watts,
Broadcasting Officer.





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