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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your interesting and newsy letter of August 23. You certainly have had an interesting career and have been in touch with some prominent amateur radio operators throughout the world.

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I have given considerable thought to your request for advice on how to go about trying to get an amateur radio station going in Iraq as part of your club's program for promoting international good will through radio contacts.

It seems to me that under present circumstances your efforts, though sincerely well-intended, could be misinterpreted by the Iraqi authorities. As you note in your letter we do not have regular diplomatic relations with Iraq. Furthermore, Iraq has suffered from a great deal of political instability in recent years and this has caused the government in Baghdad to be extremely suspicious of activities initiated in their country by foreigners, particularly from western countries. They would be particularly suspicious, I am afraid, of any proposal to establish an amateur radio station anywhere in Iraq. Unfortunately the Government of Iraq is about as suspicious of Syria and Jordan as it is of

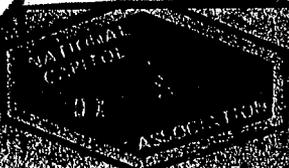
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the United States, so it would not in my opinion, increase the chances of Iraqi approval of your idea if it were made by someone in Syria or Jordan.

My personal suggestion, therefore, is that you hold this idea in abeyance for the time being. Perhaps with the passage of time Iraqi attitudes will evolve in such a way that they would be receptive to the idea of permitting amateur radio hobbyists to maintain contact with fellow hobbyists in other countries. At that time your club could probably establish the kinds of contacts you have with operators elsewhere.

Best wishes to yourself and your fellow club members.

Sincerely,



Dear Howard & Ann,

I have the same last name as yours, but still believe that  
at some respect should be given to important people, hence  
not being myself to address them in the familiar way. He of  
previous acquaintance to yours always insisted on being called by  
name basis whenever we "talked" to each other via Amateur  
but being a govt. employee these past 23 years still make  
difficult to say "Hi Hank," etc. Incidentally, though you  
knew me I have been working for you (Jan 1, 1951) until you  
decided to see Pagan Shah's beautiful country! I also worked  
in communications under Bill Roundtree, Jan 1954 - July 1956  
Tehran, Iran, and imagine there have been many changes since  
Would love to go back some day hunt again in that country  
and see what transpired in the last 20 years!

Enough of the intro - our club (NCDXA) needs some  
expert guidance, and I felt this is where to inquire. Before asking  
specific questions, I would like to give you some background.  
Our club's primary aim is to foster good will thruout the world  
by long distance Amateur Radio. In particular, we desire to  
activate rare countries, specifically those that have not been  
operative for a number of years. In addition, we do not wish  
to do this with flagships such as Americans, but prefer  
contact local nationals in the respective target area, for  
whatever assistance possible (possibly transportation expenses,  
some equipment, antennas etc., maybe diplomatic aid).



facilitate customs dealing with electronic  
equipment and whatever paperwork may be  
needed to bring off a successful endeavor. Toward this end  
I have written a fellow amateur in Damascus Syria - YK1AA  
and asked if he would be interested in putting Iraq (Baghdad)  
back on the air. There was a good possibility this reply will be  
positive. He is no longer working for a living, is a top notch  
operator, speaks the language etc. (I am now awaiting his rep  
stating what kind of assistance might be helpful.) In the mean  
was wondering if you could take a few moments here and  
to help with this venture. All I know about the area is that  
we do not have diplomatic relations with IRAQ, they probab  
not enraptured with Americans, much less anyone bringing  
electronic equipment to their country etc. Possibly King  
Hussein of Jordan could smoothe the waters regarding a  
Amateur Radio station operating in Baghdad for say a  
period of one week or so. Iraqis could even be prese  
and those familiar with Amateur operations could & should  
encouraged to operate and talk to people world wide

I guess by now you see what we are trying to do  
(read in papers today Dr. K. is new head of State Dept, so  
may even be more difficult - but --) we would like  
TRY.

Can you, or would you offer some words of wisdom,  
what you feel our chances of success might be? And co  
you possibly contact Rashid, YK1AA, Box 35 Damascus -  
King Hussein in Jordan to help get the snowball rolling  
downhill?



Incidentally, I am the Treasurer for the club and offered financial assistance if Pashed requires same. This would be one of the most talked about happenings in the Amateur fraternity for a multitude of years. But it has to be done in the right manner.

I know you have been extremely occupied with the back here - testifying etc. and certainly hope one state remained what it should have under your expert control. Have had a chance to talk to several "senior employees" that you talked with in the theatre and believe me, those type activities leave a lasting impression on us and coming next generation. (I have 3 teenagers and just pointed their noses to an excellent book - A from Malaga.) Anyhow, we would be extremely tick if you could guide us or advise. The only reason I have chance to write you is this is my last vacation since I left from Laos (1967-1970) and I'm at Petnam Beach, Del to catch up on correspondence.

In utmost esteem -

Sincerely,

PS - Bill Sullivan has been on TV about these past months too. Met him thru contacts with Hank Meyer.

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