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Dear Frank:

In consequence of my trip to Washington last week, I feel that it was well worth while because it gave us a measure of assurance that we are on safe ground with respect to WBCA's gripe that we are going to interfere with their operations. Everyone I talked with including officials of the Federal Communications Commission expressed this belief.

For the record, Mr. C. M. Braum, Chief Engineer of the FM Division of FCC told me that Leonard Asch, Manager of WBCA, had already been to see him on this very matter and claims that the operation of our station on the proposed La Grange site will interfere with his ST micro-wave signal. Mr. Braum discounted this completely and stated that as far as he could see there was no basis for such a claim. Asch's verbal objection to me on the two occasions we talked about it recently was that our broadcast operations on that location would seriously interfere with his reception of Yankee Network and Alpine micro-wave signals for rebroadcast at his station, - that the interference would prevent him from network operation. He very definitely did not claim our signal would interfere with his ST radio link between his Schenectady studios and his Heldeberg transmitter station.

However, in his objection to Mr. C. M. Braum of the Commission, he stated that we would interfere with his ST link operation. These are two very distinct claims and have no connection whatever.

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Before leaving Washington I was unable to contact John Barren with this information. I think it advisable that you convey it to him immediately - just in case.

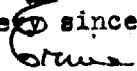
Asch's claim appears ridiculous and without foundation that we will interfere with his ST radio link. Mind, you, he did not make that claim to me, but to Mr. Braum. His gripe to me was network interference. Asch tells two different stories. In the opinion of several Washington people whose judgment I highly respect, neither claim has foundation.

From the very first intimation I had that Asch was gunning for me because of selection of this site, it seemed quite apparent that he was definitely upset and peeved that our transmitter was going to gum up some strictly selfish commercial plans he has nourished for some time, - that he was fearful that we would steal his thunder in his desire to assume dominant position as the "key" operator in the new Continental FM network. I am now quite satisfied that our guess was substantially correct.

John Barren should examine into possible ST interference although personally I believe he will find none. If the recent GE tests indicate we will not interfere with their ST link operation which parallels WBCA's into Schenectady, there is little likelihood that there exists any basis for his claim to Mr. Braum. However, to be on the safe side, I think John Barren should give it a careful check. If there is no ST interference we have little to worry about since everyone I talked with in Washington told me to ignore the other claim completely.

I take this opportunity to confirm that we have a date for next Tuesday morning ( Oct. 14 ) to visit the site with J. Kenneth Kampf, Engineer.

Very sincerely,

  
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