

*Mr. York*

October 10, 1947

Mr. John Barron  
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Dear Mr. Barron:

Thanks for my copy of your October 6th letter to Mr. York.

After talking with Cy Braum last week and learning of this new STL angle which was the basis of Asch's complaint to FCC, I tried contacting you but you had left for the day. From your letter to Mr. York it is apparent you have since talked with Braum and came up with the same story. However, as stated to you the other day, Asch's verbal complaint to me ( which he definitely refused to put in writing ), was strictly concerned with his contention that the presence of our transmitter on the proposed site would defeat some long-range network plans W B C A has been working on for several years. The "side beats" which our transmitter would produce would seriously interfere with W B C A's reception of Alpine and Yankee signals received at the Heldeberg station - so Asch ~~is~~. He wants us to be nice fellows and stand aside while he carves for himself a very dominant "key" position in the new FM Continental network.

His claim of STL interference is as ridiculous as his other claim of network interference is brassy. I am convinced that these two conflicting claims occurring in rapid succession suggests a combination of sheer bluff and frustration. General Electric on the very same mountain with its STL relay to Schenectady and with infinitely far more at stake in its million dollar plant than W B C A, has not interposed any objection to our site. What is more, we expect none. How in the world Asch expects to have his claims sustained is beyond me. However, he is a shrewd and calculating individual who can be depended upon to fight fair or foul to win his objective. He will bear careful watching. But if you are satisfied we have nothing to worry technically from the STL angle, the only course for our client is to ignore the other. Whatever Asch and his associate, H. E. Bledgett, attorney, may elect to do legally is, however, another matter.

With kindest regards.

EAB/MW

CC- Mr. York and Mr. Levett.

Very sincerely,  
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