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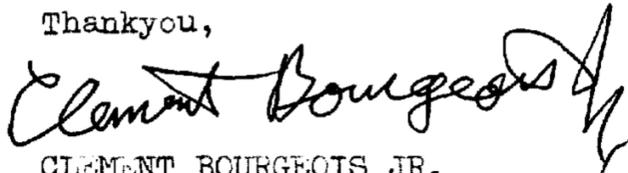
On 24 August 1992 I submitted to you an NPR (notice of
proposed rules making) with this caption: FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

IN THE MATTER OF: Amending the Amateur Service Rules by
eliminating the 20 WPM code test (Element 1-C) now required
for the "EXTRA" operator license and allowing the "ELDERLY"
(65 and over) with a present "ADVANCED" license to obtain the
"EXTRA" operator license by the written test only.

I failed to add a most important point in this proposal in
that as is now the Elderly with often many years of experience
in Amateur Radio, the most technically qualified and experienced,
are mostly precluded from "SPACE OPERATIONS" simply because
they cannot obtain an "EXTRA" license solely due to the
arbitrary code speed requirement.

Also as an NPR most often takes a long time for final
approval it is suggested that you, the Commission, the most
qualified, simply RULE on the matter --THE ELDERLY MAY
NOT HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT FOR THE PROCESSING AND APPROVAL
OF AN NPR!

Thankyou,



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