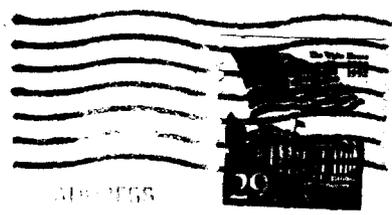


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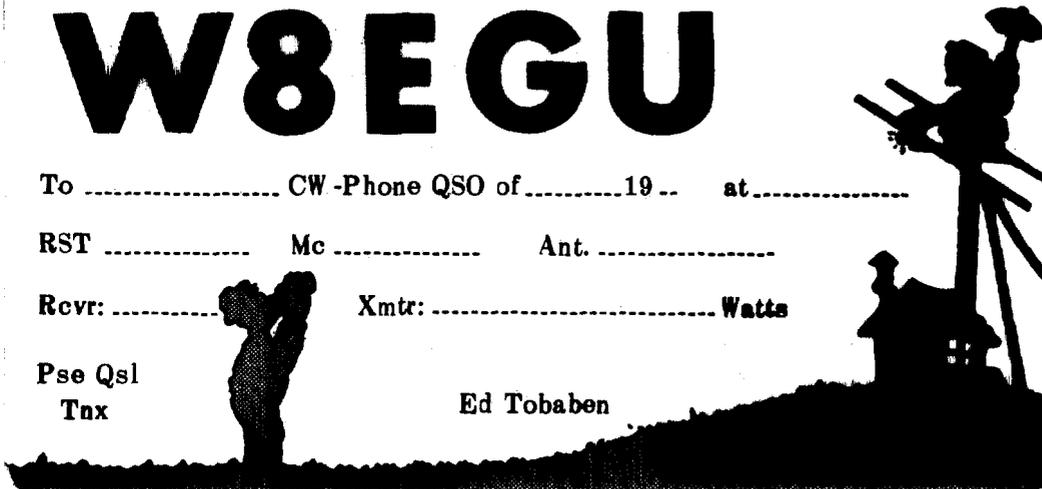
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In regards to Docket No. P.R. 93-267 (Instant Licensing) I wish to cast a NO vote.

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ATTN: John B. Johnston, Chief

Dear Mr. Johnston...

Please associate this letter with our comments on PR Docket No. 93-267 (Extension of Temporary Operating Authority for New Amateurs) or consider them Reply Comments.

We were approached by Lou McFadin, W5DID at the Dallas Ham-Com Convention last summer regarding the upcoming STS-60 Space Shuttle mission - at that time scheduled for January 27, 1994. McFadin, an NASA staffer at the Johnston Space Center in Houston, is the government contact for the SAREX (Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment) program which involves the U.S. space program in the educational process. STS-60 is the first of several joint U.S./Russian joint science missions.

McFadin brought veteran Russian cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev, U5MIR, along with him to the convention, the first Russian scheduled to fly on a U.S. Space Shuttle. Sergei, who is very computer literate, was very interested in our amateur radio study software (which we donated) and he promised to use our program to get his U.S. ham license in time for STS-60.

None of the other astronauts on STS-60 are licensed amateurs but two others were also interested, Charles F. Bolden, Jr. (commander) and Ronald M. Sega (mission specialist.) McFadin set a deadline of September 1, 1993 for the astronauts to qualify for their ham tickets - four months before liftoff.

But due to time constraints, astronauts Bolden and Sega did not qualify for their Technician license until November 28! And Sergei never did qualify due to his very demanding training duties, we were told. Our VEC Office received the test results from our Houston VE team on November 30th which we Federal Expressed (at extra cost to us) to the FCC in Gettysburg with a request for expedited service if at all possible. Gettysburg did the best they could and I am sure they too had extra cost, time and effort involved.

Meanwhile, arrangements were made for several SAREX school educational contacts via amateur radio with the shuttle - including one with a Russian school by Sergei ...potentially a big media event. There is even talk about a Russian-to-Russian U.S. Shuttle to Russian MIR space station amateur radio contact which is certain to draw very favorable publicity for NASA and the capability of amateur radio communications. Sergei spent a total of 1 year and 3 months aboard the MIR space station in 1988/89 and 1991 and has conducted seven space walks. Ham radio operation from space is listed on his NASA Biographical Data as one of his recreational interests.

The launch of STS-60 is now scheduled for February 3rd - two weeks away and there was much pressure on everyone to determine where the licenses stood. Everyone had done all they could under the circumstances. Unlike previous shuttle missions, the big problem with STS-60 was that none of the astronauts were ham radio licensed. If the tickets do not

arrive in time, everything has to be cancelled and there would disappointed school children. Arrangements had been made to carry the SAREX equipment on board Discovery orbiter, but it could not be used without at least on licensed amateur on board!

McFadin contacted us last week to inquire about the status of the licenses for Bolden and Sega. The plan now was for Sergei to operate under the control operator authority of one of the other astronauts. That's IF their licenses could be obtained. We had considerable difficulty (and expense in terms of telephone calls) trying to ascertain the status of the needed licenses - primarily due to federal holidays, inclement weather, power problems, staff meetings, closed facilities, etc.

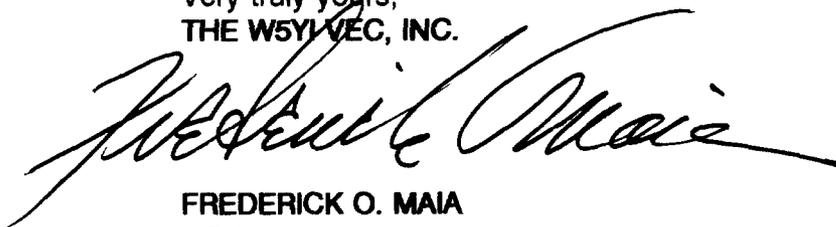
In any event, thanks to Larry Weikert at the FCC/Gettysburg, we have now learned that the Technician licenses were mailed on January 12th. We understand that Bolden (from South Carolina) is now KE4IQB and Sega KC5ETH (Texas) ...and plans for SAREX aboard STS-60 look much better! At this writing, however, the astronauts still have not received the actual licenses, probably due to the very poor weather conditions on the east coast. They should arrive in a day or two.

This whole situation has been trying for us ...but not unusual. I realize that the NASA astronauts were late in taking the required examinations but we tried to accommodate them as best we could under the circumstances.

The objective of this letter, however, is to point out that if there had been an arrangement extending temporary operating authority to new amateur operators in effect as proposed by the Commission, we (or the VEs) could have assigned the astronauts a temporary amateur call sign.

Under our suggested alternate plan (refer to our comments on PR Docket No. 93-267 and our STA request) we could have assigned WY4STS and WY5STS - or something similar - to them and the time sensitive pressure on call sign issuance with its accompanying disruption would not have occurred.

Very truly yours,
THE W5YI VEC, INC.



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RE: In the Matter of PR Docket 93-267

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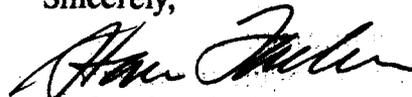
The following comments are submitted in connection with the Commission's "instant licensing" proposal set forth in the above captioned matter. Please note that I support the ARRL position, in opposition to this proposal.

While recognizing the increased work load imposed by the growing number of amateur radio applicants, the solution suggested by 93-267 is not the appropriate cure. Instead, the Commission should allow electronic filing of applications to reduce the paperwork burden.

The proposal set forth in PR docket 93-267 provides for self assigned temporary call signs. There are already numerous instances of improper, unlicensed operation. The scheme contemplated by 93-267 will further facilitate such operation. An unlicensed operator can simply pick his or her own temporary call--neither amateurs nor the FCC will be able to validate one of these temporary call signs. Many hams recall that this practice marked the beginning of the end of Commission regulation of the Citizen's band. No one wants the same treatment for the Amateur service.

Many in the amateur service believe that amateur radio licenses have become too easy to obtain. The ease of obtaining the license can lead to lack of respect for the privileges afforded to amateur operators. It is not the Commission's responsibility, nor is it desirable for the Commission to provide instant gratification to new applicants. It is, however, in the best interest of all to expedite careful, controlled issuance of new licenses. Electronic filing of applications will serve this goal well.

Sincerely,



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