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AT THE
BROADCAST PIONEERS 23RD ANNUAL MIKE AWARD BANQUET
SALUTING STANLEY E. HUBBARD
HUBBARD BROADCASTING, INC.

HOTEL PIERRE, NEW YORK CITY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1986

I WANT THE COMMITTEE TO KNOW THAT I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF PARTICIPATING IN THE COVETED GOLDEN MIKE AWARD TO HUBBARD BROADCASTING IN HONOR OF THAT GREAT BROADCAST PIONEER, STANLEY E. HUBBARD. IT IS A PARTICULAR PLEASURE TO ME BECAUSE OF THE ESPECIALLY HIGH REGARD I HAVE FOR THIS ENTIRE FAMILY OF DISTINGUISHED BROADCASTERS. I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU A LETTER I RECEIVED BACK IN AUGUST 1979 WHEN I WAS UNDECIDED WHETHER OR NOT I WANTED TO MAKE ANOTHER HECTIC RUN FOR REAPPOINTMENT. THE LETTER WAS MARKED "PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL," BUT ENOUGH TIME HAS PASSED TO MERIT SOME KIND OF STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS EXEMPTION.

THE LETTER READS:

"DEAR JIM: I AM READING SOME VERY DISTURBING NEWS IN "CLOSED CIRCUIT" OF BROADCASTING TO THE AFFECT THAT YOU ARE 65 YEARS OF AGE AND NOT SURE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL SEEK REAPPOINTMENT TO THE FCC.

IN THE OPINION OF EXPERTS RETIREMENT IS REALLY A KILLER! MOST PEOPLE RETIRE, SIT IN AN ARMCHAIR, SMOKE A PIPE AND IN A YEAR OR TWO THEY ARE GONE. MEDICAL EXPERTS TELL ME EXERCISE OF THE BRAIN IS AS IMPORTANT AS PHYSICAL EXERCISE AND WITHOUT THIS, ONE DOESN'T

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LAST LONG. MY MOST RECENT CONVERSATION HAS BEEN WITH DR. MAGID FROM UCLA IN CALIFORNIA WHO STATES THAT, AS SUCH, EXERCISE OF THE BRAIN HAS NOT BEEN AS PUBLICIZED AS IT SHOULD BE. I AM 83 YEARS OLD AND I BELIEVE I AM THE OLDEST ACTIVE BROADCASTER IN AMERICA HAVING STARTED IN 1924. I AM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THIS COMPANY AND VERY ACTIVE. I NOT ONLY PLAY GOLF REGULARLY BUT I AM A LICENSED PILOT AND FLY MY OWN PLANE. HAVING THE DESIRE TO LIVE, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF RETIRING IN THE FUTURE AND, FURTHERMORE, I CAN CONTRIBUTE A LOT TO THE INDUSTRY AND MY OWN COMPANY THROUGH MY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.

WHAT YOU DO, OF COURSE, IS NONE OF MY BUSINESS BUT I WOULD URGE YOU TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO WHAT I HAVE SAID AND CONTINUE ON THE FCC FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. SINCERELY, STAN. P.S. I WAS JUST TALKING TO SOL AND HE SAID YOU HAVEN'T MADE UP YOUR MIND. SHOULD YOU SEEK REAPPOINTMENT, I WILL GO TO BAT FOR YOU WITH MY WASHINGTON FRIENDS."

THE LETTER WAS AN INSPIRATION TO ME AND I'LL ALWAYS CHERISH IT. AS YOU KNOW, I DID SEEK REAPPOINTMENT IN 1980 AND AGAIN IN 1984. TELL YOUR DAD, STAN, THAT GOD WILLING, I'LL BE AROUND UNTIL JULY 1991!

SO YOU CAN SEE I CERTAINLY CAN VOUCH FROM A CLOSE, LONG-TIME PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP AS WELL AS FROM AN OFFICIAL FCC OVERVIEW THAT THIS IS A MOST DESERVED TRIBUTE TO OVER 50 YEARS OF INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE.

SO STAN AND FAMILY, IT IS WITH PRIDE AND PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT TO YOU AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF HUBBARD BROADCASTING, INC. THIS BOOK GLEANED FROM THE RECORDS AT THE FCC, "THE HISTORY OF STATION KOB, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO" AND ALSO THIS TRUE COPY OF THE FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION'S CONSENT TO THE VOLUNTARY ASSIGNMENT OF A RADIO STATION LICENSE TO KOB.

THIS COPY IS PRESENTED TO HUBBARD BROADCASTING IN RECOGNITION OF 50 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ART OF BROADCASTING AND OF DEDICATED ADHERENCE TO QUALITY, INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY IN PROGRAMMING AND MANAGEMENT.

THE OFFICIAL FCC HISTORY SHOWS MANY MAJOR SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMITS, TRANSFERS, ASSIGNMENTS, LICENSES, SPECIAL OPERATING AUTHORIZATIONS, AND LICENSE RENEWALS ALL GRANTED TO HUBBARD TV AND RADIO PROPERTIES.

THE HUBBARDS EXEMPLIFY THE DISTINGUISHED BROADCASTERS WHO PROVIDE THE MOST CONVINCING ARGUMENTS FOR TOTAL DEREGULATION AND FULL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOR ALL BROADCASTERS.

VERY BEST WISHES FOR HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND CONTINUED ACHIEVEMENT (WITH LESS GOVERNMENT INTRUSION) IN THE PROMISING YEARS AHEAD.

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