

113 Lakeview Avenue
Cambridge 38, Mass.
May 28, 1950

Mr. James M. Pettit, Manager
WNBH, Bristol Broadcasting Co., Inc.
588 Pleasant Street
New Bedford, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Pettit:

Thank you for your letter of May 22 in regard to my advertisement in Broadcasting Magazine under box 185F. I am indeed very much interested in position you offer; I should like you to consider my application; and I would be very happy to ~~work for~~ WNBH. Here are the details for which your letter asked.

I am 20 yrs. old and unmarried. In 1946 I graduated with honors from Germantown Friends School in Philadelphia; in 1949 I received an A.B. degree from Harvard College; and this year, - if my examinations next week go well, - I hope to receive an M.A. from Harvard also. My work at Harvard as included courses not only in various sciences but in history and literature and philosophy as well.

My technical education is largely the product of my own initiative and interest and my ability to "catch on" quickly. Electricity and radio have been hobbies with me since I was a child. On February 4, 1947 I passed the first class FCC examination and in the following summer I obtained a position with WOPI and WOPI-FM in Bristol, Tenn. My job at WOPI was only a temporary one. From the very beginning it had been decided that while I was there all the other members of the technical staff should have a turn at vacations. Hence I worked first at the A.M. transmitter, then I did studio work, recording, etc., and finally with the brave-sounding title of "engineer in charge" - I was only 17 at the time, - I was put to work at the stations FM transmitter.

This was doubtlessly the most important part of my experience. I was completely alone, - except for a dog and a cat, - on 5200 ft. White Top Mtn. some 33 airline miles from the studio. Not only the 10,400 Watt (BTF-3) RCA FM transmitter had to be looked after, but a 50 KW diesel generator and the "Link" built 244 Mc. receiver with which programs were picked up from the studio, had to be tended to as well. I believe I did my work well and efficiently. I am fond of radio equipment, and I like to work.

I have no letters of reference which I could forward to you at the moment. The best I can do is to give you several names of people who know me and with whom I have worked, to whom you might write if you wish to verify what I have told you about myself. I would be ready to begin work on June 15, and since my plans must be made soon, I should appreciate an early reply.

In closing I feel it is only honest to mention the fact, although it might prejudice my chances of getting the position, that it would probably be only temporary for me, and that, if you are looking for someone to ~~work~~ with you for many years, you should not consider my application. I am enclosing a transcript of my grades at Harvard which I happen to have on my desk. ~~Please be~~ kind enough to return it to me.

Very truly yours,

Ernst J. Meyer

References:

Concerning

~~Concerning~~ my previous experience:

Mr. R. V. Robinson, Chief Engineer
WOPI
Bristol, Tenn.

Concerning my moral character:

Rev. R. F. Ludwig
Konnarock
Virginia

Concerning my academic work:

Mr. J. D. Kivelson
Physics Department
Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Associate Prof. Whitman
Classics Department
Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Mass.

liebe Margaret:

These letters are merely to keep you informed
of my play. One makes me happy - the
other was hard to write and makes me
feel lonely all ready. But we must do
what ever is best. I think you often
and all in all have not been doing enough
work.

Being for her.