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Subject:

The handling of incoming radiogram traffic using *out of local phone area* receiving stations.

To:

All Net Controls, Alternate Net Controls, Members, and Interested Parties.

Background:

- The Net manager has been approached several times from net members who have been discouraged by the practice of which; incoming traffic was routed to receiving stations that were in some cases, *very removed from the addressees' local phone calling area*. Their comments were such as; "*why check in to take traffic when it's given to remotely located stations? Obviously there is no reason for us to volunteer to take radiogram traffic*".
- And I have also been approached by several members who have telephone agreements that provide for unlimited long distance calling and *are willing to deliver Washington State traffic to any Washington State telephone*. They rightfully ask the question; is it not important to deliver the message as efficiently and as soon as possible?
- I also recognize that on many days, when traffic is listed for a specific area, *regular members from that area remain silent, do not check in, and the traffic goes undelivered*.
- My past position *has* generally leaned towards the thought that WARTS Net, as a supporter of the National Traffic System (NTS) should find receiving stations to the best of our ability in the addressees' area. Rationale being, that using remote stations to deliver messages are just about in the same category as that of an originator using his unlimited telephone calling ability to deliver his message direct to the addressee. *Why then have a NTC system?*

The Question:

Should remotely located stations [out of the addressee's local calling area] deliver NTS radiogram traffic to addressees' removed from their local area?

Discussion:

- WARTS Net, being part of the NTS system should make every attempt to handle the delivery of radiogram traffic as *efficiently and timely as possible*.
- Recognize that when radiogram traffic is listed for a specific area, many times *nobody* will check in to take the traffic.
- Recognize those who have the willingness and interest to deliver radiogram traffic to remote areas and not discriminate against them.
- We also recognize that not all net members have the ability or the desire to participate in the NTS system, however do provide some outlet when really necessary in areas that have none. [In addition to traffic handling, WARTS continues as a social gathering each session.]
- Recognize the need to pass traffic to the addressee as soon as possible and efficiently as possible.
- The net Manager has conducted discussion with several Washington State Traffic Managers with regards to traffic handling and the conclusion is that that radiogram traffic should be handled as *efficiently and timely as possible*

Net Managers Direction:

After consideration of the above, please adhere to the following instructions.

- All Net Control Stations should attempt to give a "*Local station*" first crack to handle radiogram traffic, however *not limit the handling of that radiogram to the local area amateurs*.
- If nobody volunteers the NCS station should seek and accept *any station regardless of location* to receive and deliver that radiogram message.
- Promulgate this policy to all net members and interested parties.

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