

RADIO VILA

RADIO PORT VILA

The New Hebrides Broadcasting Service
Transmitting on Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday:

Station de Radiodiffusion des Nouvelles Hebrides
Emettant les mardi, mercredi, jeudi et vendredi:

1130 - 1215	:	7260 Kcs	(0030 - 0115 G.M.T.)
1715 - 1800	:	3905 Kcs	(0615 - 0700 G.M.T.)

Sir,

Monsieur,

This confirms your reception of
our transmission on 3905 Kcs., on
Sept 21, 1966 at 0631-0705 G.M.T.

Nous vous confirmons votre reception
de notre programme duemis dans
la bande desKcs., à
G.M.T.

We thank you for your reception
report.

Nous vous remercions de votre rapport
d'écoute.

James Leach
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for Radio Vila.

H. Penoit
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Radio Port Vila.

Date: October 10, 1966

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Mr. Jensen,

RADIO VILA

THE NEW HEBRIDES BROADCASTING SERVICE

You were asking for some back-ground information about the new service which opened on August 2nd, 1966.

2. The New Hebrides Broadcasting Service has been set up as the result of a recommendation made by the Territory's Advisory Council in December last year. It is the first broadcasting service to have been set up in this Anglo-French Condominium. This is at present a skeleton service designed above all to keep people in our islands in touch with local news. The New Hebrides is rather a scattered Group of islands and in the past it has been very difficult indeed to keep people in touch.

3. The Broadcasting Service is provided by the British and French Governments and it is run jointly by the two Government Information Services. Programmes are recorded in the Studio and broadcast over the Condominium Radio Communications Department's Marine transmitter which has a carrier power of 500 watts.

4. We shall be moving soon into a new Studio which is connected by land line to the transmitter. This will enable us to broadcast live - which we cannot do at the moment from our existing studio.

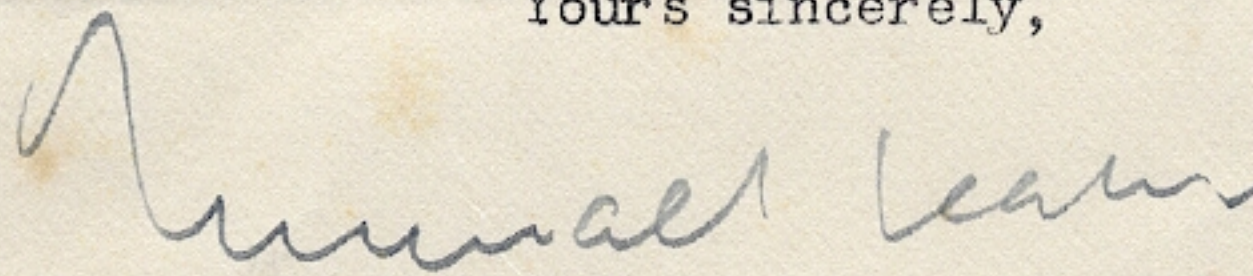
5. The New Hebrides Broadcasting Service was opened on August 2nd by the British Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Fred Lee and we received a recorded message from his French Colleague, General Pierre Billotte, French Minister for Overseas Departments and Territories.

6. On September 6th General de Gaulle visited the New Hebrides and special arrangements were made so that his speech from the French Residency in Vila could be broadcast live. This was our first live broadcast.

7. We have had a number of letters from radio enthusiasts in Australia and New Zealand, the U.S. and one or two from listeners in India and South Africa. We have had reports of good reception in New Caledonia, Fiji and the Solomons.

8. I should like to thank you once again for your interest in Radio Vila and I hope this background information will be interesting to you.

Yours sincerely,



M.J. Leach

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The New Hebrides Broadcasting Service