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Community Radio Consultation
Radio & Media Markets Branch,
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Dear Consultants,

Myers Report on Community Radio

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the subjects under review. May I contribute the following which all tie in with what may be termed Communal Therapy.

1. The recognition accorded to Community Radio is sensible and necessary. The function of Community Radio is tied in with local life situations and is not primarily a money-making concern though obviously needs financial support.
2. Some Community interests are to an extent localised. Each country-town & rural area has local concerns, problems, opportunities which invite attention and can provide valuable input into society. These 'localised' aspects exist even in large cities but can be 'hidden' rather than non-existent and therefore need to be recognised and aired. Community Radio Stations help to meet such needs.
3. I am particularly concerned with the situation of school-leavers and young adults who face tremendous problems. To be able to speak about these problems and needs, and also to hear how others are coping and finding help can bring relief to themselves & their peers. Successful trades folk, business & sports persons may also share insights. Some elderly members of society can provide input. Such participation may indeed be best provided through local Community Radio
4. I feel much can be gained by allowing local Community Radio stations to be given a license for say five years and encouraged to involve local input.

Yours sincerely,



[Mr. G. H. Grose.]