DX Advisory Committee Semi-Annual Report

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To the American Radio Relay League Board of Directors

Submitted by Jim O'Connell, W9WU Chairman, DX Advisory Committee Central Division Representative

Introduction

During the second half of 2004, the Committee welcomed the appointment of Arne Gjerning, N7KA, as Rocky Mountain Representative.

In DX news, the operation from the Andaman Islands by VU4RBI turned from dxpedition mode to providing emergency communications capability for the stricken islands after the December tsunami. A number of articles favorable to ham radio appeared in U.S. and international newspapers about the operation.

Other Issues

This has been a quiet period for the Committee with no substantial issues or assignments.

The DXAC will continue to solicit feedback from the DX community on important current DX issues and pass those opinions on to the P&SC and ARRL staff. We are ready to discuss and make recommendations on any matter or issue referred to the DXAC by the P&SC or Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

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