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Mr. Kenneth B. Warner
Secretary and General Manager
American Radio Relay League
West Hartford 7, Connecticut

Dear Ken:

Through my various underground and ethereal sources word comes to me that on April 26 you will have completed a quarter of a century as General Manager of the ARRL. I want to offer my sincere congratulations on your achievements.

I can remember when the ARRL was just an infant and you were its wet-nurse, but it turned out to be a very lusty infant, with lots of potential stored up in its various condensers. As it grew up it really went places. It will continue to go places, under your management, which I hope will continue for many years.

We who are connected with the communications business know only too well how large a part has been played by the contributions of the amateurs, in the way of new developments in the field. My recollection is very clear in regard to these early days when the hams were "monkeying with short-waves," to the derision of some of the high-powered engineers. There were other things too, not to mention the close friendships and international amities fostered by the communications exchanged among lads in our own country, and between lads in our country and in foreign lands.

Much of what has been accomplished by the ARRL is attributable to your leadership, organizing ability, engineering knowledge, hard work, and genuine love and interest in the game. More power to you and to the League in the coming years.

With cordial greetings to you and your family, I am,

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman
Director of Communications
Research

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On April 26th, Ken Warner will have completed twenty-five years of managing the League. The group of us here in Hartford plan to mark the occasion with some suitable affair and, as the central event of that affair, we want to take advantage of an idea suggested a few days ago. It is to tell a substantial number of Ken's friends, those with whom he has had contact in one way or another, about the coming anniversary so that they may, if they so desire, write him a letter of greeting for the occasion. Then we plan to gather these letters all together and have them bound into a book, with a suitable handsome binding which will make a memorial volume with which Ken will, of course, be delighted.

It is our plan to do all the preparation secretly -- to present the volume to him on April 26th as a complete surprise. In order to be sure no rumor of it reaches him, it will be advisable to keep all of the correspondence out of the League's office. Therefore, the letter itself may bear the usual League address but the ENVELOPE should be addressed to Dave Houghton's home, i.e.:

David H. Houghton
174 Four Mile Road
West Hartford, Conn.

We feel a bit awkward to be thus soliciting these letters. Of course, Ken would be highly indignant if he knew about it. But the people outside the office with whom we have had opportunity to talk urge that we do it because, they say, there are a great many people who would very much like to write Ken on this occasion who might not otherwise be aware of it.

Time is short. The job of binding will take close to two weeks. If you wish to write a letter, will you do it right away? Here by April 10th will be the last moment.

The book will be $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 11". Therefore, please write on an $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 letterhead and leave a good wide left margin.

Please forgive this not being personally written -- but even all of us together could not get the letters out fast enough except by mimeograph. Also, if you know of any others in your organization who you think would care to write, please tell them about it.

And please don't forget to send the letter to Dave Houghton's home address, as above before April 10th.

Thanks, and 73,

Self-appointed Committee
David H. Houghton
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