RADIO-MOUNDOU
Regional Station of the R.N.T.
P.O. Box 122, Moundou

Moundou, December 24, 1983

Dear Mr. Thomas Gavaras,

We acknowledge receipt of your listening report dated November 13, which reached our station on December 19, 1983. You will understand that there has been a delay, a delay due to the communication difficulties we have with the outside world, for—do not forget—my country, Chad, has been at war for several years against Libya.

Were it not for this war, which hinders every effort at development, Chad would already be on the path of progress, showcasing its immense natural potential. This would enable it to grow, to develop its economy, and to expand its communication networks. One such major radio station, which you are now hearing, is a 5 kW station located in the southern part of the country.

This is to let you know that Radio-Moundou was established in June 1979, shortly after the events Chad experienced in February 1979. Legally speaking, this radio station is not recognized by the Geneva Convention as such. “Radio-Moundou” exists only because the Chadian government wanted it to. Its objective has always been and remains the fight for the unity of all citizens of the country so that together they can resist the Libyan invader and work toward the great task of rebuilding the nation after 18 years of fratricidal war.

As I mentioned earlier, our transmitter has a nominal power of 5 kW, but we are currently operating at a reduced power of 2.5 kW. We broadcast every day from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. local time. We cannot broadcast at midday because of the weakness of our transmitter. We need spare parts to repair it, but for the reasons mentioned above, we cannot improve the quality of our transmissions. For now, while awaiting possible aid from friendly countries, we make do with this transmitter. You receive us on the 5-meter shortwave band, at a frequency of 5,286 kilohertz. There is no change in modulation or frequency. The disturbances you noticed are simply due to atmospheric conditions. Your report is therefore accurate, and it will be very useful to us in the future.

Our news broadcasts are as follows:
6:45 a.m. — news in French, followed by translations into Sara and Arabic, which are for now the two national languages spoken on Radio-Moundou.
5:30 p.m. — news in French, Sara, and Arabic.
As for our programs, right after the pause signal and the national anthem, you can listen to them immediately afterward.

So there you have it, Mr. Gavaras, that’s the situation of Radio-Moundou. You will understand our modesty, for we are a poor country. We cannot end without extending to you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 1984. We hope to hear from you again soon.

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[Signature and stamp of the Republic of Chad, Office of Radio-Moundou]

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