

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 7, 2010

Mr. Matthew J. Lapham
(Address withheld)
(City/State withheld)

**Re: WARNING FOR UNLICENSED RADIO OPERATION
EB-10-GB-0064**

Dear Mr. Lapham:

Information before the Commission indicates that you have periodically been operating under the amateur radio call sign of KC5RLU. This call sign is licensed to Matthew A. Lapham of Baker, Louisiana, who is currently serving in the United States Air Force in Iraq. Commission records indicate that you do not have an amateur license.

Operation of radio transmitting equipment without a valid FCC authorization is a violation of Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,¹ and may subject the responsible parties to substantial monetary forfeitures,² *in rem* arrest action against the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions including imprisonment.³ Because unlicensed operation creates a danger of interference to important radio communications services and may subject the operator to severe penalties, this warning emphasizes the importance of complying strictly with these legal requirements.

**ANY UNAUTHORIZED OPERATION OF THIS RADIO STATION MUST
CEASE IMMEDIATELY.**

You have ten (10) days from the date of receipt of this warning to respond to this office. The response must contain a statement of the specific action(s) taken to come into compliance with the Commission's rules and should include a time line for completion of pending corrective action(s). **You are directed to support your response with a signed and dated affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury, verifying the truth and accuracy of the information submitted in your response.** Your response should be sent to: 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 and reference the listed case number.

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 301.

² Fines normally range from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

³ See §§ 401, 501, 503, 510.

In an inquiry of this type we are required to notify you that under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3), the Commission's staff will use all relevant information before it, including information you disclose in your reply, to determine what, if any, enforcement action is warranted in this matter.

You may contact me at 717-338-2577 should you wish to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Smith
Special Counsel

Cc: Detroit Field Office
Northeast Regional Director