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Routing Information Letter #11

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Dear Mr. Daum:

Two subjects which were not covered in my ⁹12/22/77 letter, because of time constraints, are pre-screening of InWATS calls and the special routing of 191. These I will cover in this letter, plus something to clarify a Mexico 180 problem.

Inward WATS

It was noted after the implementation of the Hawaiian WATS tariff that some switchers are performing a kind of pre-OSO function. It seems that, in some cases, tandems (located between the end office where the 800 call originates and the "OSO") 6D translate, and send on to the OSO the remaining 800 calls unchanged. This is usually done to detect and route the 800 NN2 intrastate codes. We have no objections to this type of operation, but blocking of unused 800 NNX codes at these tandems presents serious problems to the efficient location and clearance of troubles. It is realized that there are extenuating circumstances which force you into this type of operation, but these situations should be reviewed and, wherever possible, eliminate the blocking of 800 NNX codes at offices other than those listed as OSO(s) in section 2 of the Traffic Routing Guide.

191

As you can tell by the date on this letter, it is now well into October and the loop-around trunks for the special "191" satellite avoidance routing should be completed. Please review your affected offices and verify that the routing has been established. No report is required, just a quick check as tests are to be made soon.

Mexico

Conversion from 138, 158, and 170 to 180 was discussed in my Routing Information Letter of September 22, 1977, and there were two misleading items in the writeup. First was an error on my part. I wrote 182 + 22 + 6D on the second of my examples and it should have been 180 + 22 + 6D.

The second was when I mentioned that ESS will perform the conversion, which is not misleading in itself, but many groups thought that they must do something to the ESS for 11/19/77. This is simply not so. The work that should be done on 11/19/77 is a preconditioning of the toll network so that when or if dialing into Mexico (other than by 905+ or 903+) is inaugurated in a particular area, the entire network will have the ability to handle the calls without further modification. The offering of the service is a local Company decision, dependent on many things, and we are not trying to rush anyone into it.

For your information, however, translation guide 1A and BSP 231-118-324 will be modified to reflect the method by which this can be accomplished in ESS, but it has not yet been determined when the revisions will be made or issued. The Southwestern and Mountain Companies plan to implement expanded dialing into Mexico on a limited basis this quarter.

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