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We would like to thank you for coming all the way to Whitehorse on the second weekend in October to give a demonstration of satellite communications. As you showed us, it is not hard and we do have the equipment to use the RS-10 and RS-11 satellites.

In the matter of coverage of the Yukon Quest, it is the position of YARA that we (YARA members) will provide coverage for the base station in Whitehorse only. Any of the other checkpoints, such as Carmacks and Dawson, will have to use commercial means or amateurs from KL7-land. The YARA has no objection to your people operating here. Our problem is in finding amateurs that can spare the time necessary to cover the outlying checkpoints.

Since you were here, three packet stations have been assembled. VY1AD, VY1AU and VY1DU have PAKRATT 232 controllers and are in the process of learning how to run them. Possibly you could find a use for this equipment for Quest coverage.

Should you wish to contact us, the Alaska Highway Net is on 3.782 at 0400Z on Mon, Wed, Fri nights. Or you can write to the Club Box (4884). It is checked at least weekly.

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