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Dear Sirs,

My hobby is listening to distant shortwave, medium-wave and FM radio stations.

It is my pleasure to report reception of Radio Rhino International Africa broadcasting to Uganda on 17555 kHz on Saturday 18th October 2003 between 1500 and 1540 hours UTC.

My receiver is a communications set made by Lowe model HF-125.

My aerial is an indoor antenna called 'JOYSTICK' plus a 'JOYMATCH 111b' antenna tuning unit.

Reception of your station was POOR. Reception had to be made in Lower Side Band (LSB) mode because in AM mode your signal was severely blocked by a strong unidentified station broadcasting in Chinese with English language lessons on 17560 kHz. In LSB mode, signal strength was fair but there was still some splatter interference from this unidentified radio station. There was moderate atmospheric hissing noise with fairly frequent but shallow fading throughout the listening period.  
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To prove that I actually listened to your station, here are some details of the programme heard.

At 1500 UTC male announcers in English with station identification (Radio Rhino International Africa, the Voice of Freedom and Democracy) several times.

At 1502 UTC male singing 'If I Had a Hammer'.

At 1503 UTC female announcer with station identification, name and contents of programme.

At 1504 UTC female singing African song.

At 1505 UTC female announcer talking in English with female from South Africa about privatisation in South Africa and its affect in Uganda.

At 1517 UTC short piece of male singing pop song.

At 1518 UTC male announcer in English with station identification and telephone number in Germany and Internet address.

At 1519 UTC female announcer introducing next programme - a Ugandan male

living in Germany from the National Democratic Alliance of Uganda with talk about Uganda.

At 1529 UTC instrumental music and male singing African song.

At 1532 UTC Ugandan still talking about Uganda.

At 1540 UTC male group singing 'Guantanamera'.

40 UTC

I hope there is sufficient information to show that it was a broadcast of Radio Rhino International which I heard. Even although Gt. Britain is not the intended target area of your broadcast, I hope also this report gives you some indication of how your broadcast can be heard here in South Wales. I would be obliged if you could please confirm the correctness of my report either in writing in the form of a verification card or letter as confirmation of my reception or by e-mail (showing date, time and frequency of my reception) to the following e-mail address [jimparker@swansea101.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:jimparker@swansea101.fsnet.co.uk).

I have been interested in shortwave and medium-wave and local FM radio for over 30 years and have more that 2000 verification cards and letters from nearly 1750 different radio stations in 191 different radio countries. I hope I can soon add your verification to my collection.

I thank you for your time and for anything sent.

Thanking you in anticipation and hoping to tune in again soon,

Yours sincerely,  
James Parker