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In reply refer to RA-IV/C10./15

San José, 20 July, 2015

Dear Tyrone,

Regarding your letter reference 4.7.71 & 4.7.77, regarding the assignment of Station Numbers – Montserrat- I agree with the subjects, please proceed to communicate this agreement to WMO.

Best regards,

Juan Carlos Fallas President Regional Association IV

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4.7.71 & 4.7.77

16 July 2015

Mr Juan Carlos Fallas
President Regional Association IV
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Dear Mr Fallas,

Subject:

Assignment of Station Numbers - Montserrat

Prior to the eruption of the Soufriere Hills volcano in 1995 in Montserrat, personnel at the W.H. Bramble Airport in Montserrat were transmitting synoptic observations to Washington, the Regional Telecommunication Hub (RTH). However, an investigation performed in 1999, could not find any station numbers assigned to Montserrat. In fact the station number 78859, which was being used, is actually assigned to the island State of St. Kitts and Nevis.

The W.H. Bramble Airport was destroyed by the eruption and observations ceased. A new airport was eventually built at another location. Montserrat would like to start making synoptic observations from the new John A. Osborne Airport. However, since Montserrat has no station numbers assigned to the country, this has to be resolved before observations can be transmitted to the RTH.

St. Kitts and Nevis had been assigned the station numbers 78850 to 78859, as stated in **WMO No. 9 - Volume A - Weather Reporting**. At the moment, the State of St. Kitts and Nevis is only using three (3) of the ten (10) station numbers assigned, which are:

1. 78857

Basseterre, St. Kitts

2. 78858

Robert Bradshaw Airport, Golden Rock, St. Kitts

3. 78859

Vance Amory Airport, Charlestown, Nevis

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As the Permanent Representative for the British Caribbean Territories with WMO responsible for these islands, I am proposing that the station numbers assigned to St. Kitts and Nevis be reduced by two (2) and these numbers be re-assigned to Montserrat. Since the State of St. Kitts/Nevis is using the last three numbers of the range of station numbers 78850-78859, the proposal is for 78850 and 78851 to be assigned to Montserrat. The numbers 78852 to 78859 should be kept as assigned to St. Kitts and Nevis.

I am seeking your approval for the reassignment of the station numbers from St. Kitts and Nevis to Montserrat before requesting WMO to make the required changes to WMO No. 9 - Volume A - Weather Reporting and WMO No. 9 - Volume C1 - Catalogue of Meteorological Bulletins.

I look forward to your early response.

Yours sincerely,

(Tyrone Sutherland)
Permanent Representative of the
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