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This radiogram has been delivered by:

What is a radiogram? A radiogram is a telegram sent via a radio communication network. These networks are found all over the world and are run by licensed amateur radio operators (commonly known as *radio hams*). One such network is the New Zealand Net which convenes 365 days a year, and is supported by skilled operators from around the country. These radio amateurs exchange radiogram messages among themselves, and also as a free service available to any member of the public. All radiograms on NZ Net are sent in Morse Code, just as in the old days of the Post Office telegram.

Why do we do this? Sending and receiving radiograms helps radio amateurs maintain skills in message handling and Morse Code. It also ensures that our equipment is ready for immediate operation in an emergency, when other forms of communication may not be working. We also enjoy honouring the skilled operators of days gone by, who would handle hundreds of telegrams a day, carrying news of important events as well as day-to-day greetings.

How does it work? A radiogram can enter our network from anywhere in the world, subject to international regulations and operator availability. It is then routed via NZ Net to the radio amateur nearest the addressee, who is responsible for delivering it to the addressee.

How are messages delivered? Routine messages may be delivered via telephone, email, the postal service, or even in person. Higher priority messages are typically delivered via telephone or in person.

What sort of message could I send? All non-commercial messages are welcome. Radiograms are a great way to send birthday greetings, family news or travel plans. Besides – it's fun!

Why is the radiogram in capital letters? Morse Code does not have lowercase letters.

Is there a charge for this service? No, this is a free public service.

Where can I learn more? Please visit the website <u>zl1.nz</u> and follow the links to the NZ Net section.