

9-9-72

BILL DUHAMEL COMMENTS ON SECOND FLOOD SITUATION

SAYS HE WAS AT THE STUDIO THE EVENING OF SECOND  
AROUND 5 P.M.  
FLOOD THREAT (DATE?) WHEN SOME WOMAN CALLED/TO REPORT  
SHE HAD SEEN A TORNADO NORTHWEST OF RAPID CITY. SHE SAID  
HER HUSBAND WORKED FOR IAS, AND BILL SAYS HE CALLED THE  
HUSBAND AND HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN TORNADO FORM. BILL  
THEN CALLED US WEATHER BUREA, AND THEY INDICATED AT  
LEAST A PARTIAL TORNADO HAD FORMED, BUT NOW HAD  
DISIPATED. BILL SAID WE'D BEEN RECEIVING CALLS, SO  
WANTED TO PUT SOMETHING ON THE AIR. WEATHER BUREA SAID  
THEY'D GET SOMETHING TOGETHER AND CALL BACK. THEY DID  
AT ABOUT 5:55 WHEN THEY ISSUED THE HEAVY RAIN WARNING  
(FOR WHAT AREA AND PRECISELY WHAT ~~2~~X KIND OF ~~SXXX~~ STORM  
CONDITIONS). WE PUT THE TAPE ON RADIO AND ON TV, THEN  
ABOUT 6 PM  
I CALLED BARNETT / WHO WAS AT CITY HALL). HE HAD HEARD  
NOTHING, AND BILL PLAYED THE TAPE FOR HIM. BARNETT SAID,  
"OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO PULL THE PLUG OUT." BILL SAYS  
A FEW MINUTES LATER THE SIRENS WERE BLOWING (WHAT SIRENS).  
BARNETT THEN CAME TO STUDIO AND MADE THE "MARSHALL LAW"  
STATEMENT, ETC...

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DURING FIRST FLOOD EMERGENCY, BILL D. SAYS MONTE HEARD  
BASTA SAY ON TV AFTER 10:30 "IF YOU BALANCE YOUR LIFE AND  
LIMB, GET OUT."