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RNZI Airs new Radio Heritage Feature
The Lost Nixon Tape
KIBS Canton Island 1953

Join us from Monday, October 15 2012 to hear, for the first time on radio since 1953, the Lost Nixon Tape from KIBS Radio, Canton Island, on the Mailbox program from Radio New Zealand International.

In October 1953, American Vice-President Richard Nixon and the newly wed Mrs Nixon embarked on a 70 day visit to New Zealand, Australia and Asia as far west as Afghanistan at the suggestion of the then New Zealand prime minister.

Nixon was later to say that this trip helped form his views about American foreign relations and the importance of Asia and the Pacific to America's future.

Fred Carpenter at tiny KIBS Radio on Canton Island was waiting, microphone at hand, when Nixon and his party arrived on the island en route to New Zealand, and we have the full interview for you today.

You can listen directly via shortwave radio from RNZI in New Zealand, or audio on demand [for the following month] with full details of current broadcast frequencies [both DRM and analog] and times possible for your area as well as audio downloads at www.rnzi.com.

This lost tape was recently rediscovered and kindly made available to the Radio Heritage Foundation through a family member. You'll hear how Vice-President Nixon enjoyed his wartime work alongside New Zealand forces in the northern Solomons and was very interested in the quality of water available on Canton Island after those experiences on Green Island.

You'll also hear Mrs Pat Nixon talking about their visit to Hawaii and how busy their travel schedule was turning out to be.

These are both delightfully informal interviews from the Pan American Clipper Lounge on the Anglo-American condominium of Canton Island in October 1953 and are far removed from the formality you might expect from an interview with the American Vice-President.

Join us from Monday, October 15 2012 as we enjoy the Lost Nixon Tape, first broadcast from KIBS Canton Island in the central Pacific back in October 1953, and now broadcast for only the second time here on the Mailbox program from Radio New Zealand International [www.rnzi.com].

You can also use our Pacific Asian Listener Radio Guides at our global website www.radioheritage.com to find today's radio stations in the Pacific. Use our Google Search to find our many exclusive features about broadcasting on Canton Island since WWII and unique, long lost photos of the KIBS studio building in 1952.

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