

RCA Installs Alaska/Canada Telephone

RCA Alascom announced the installation of a telephone for public use at the Alaska/Canada border.

The telephone, installed by RCA Alascom, with authorization of the Government Services Administration, is located inside the U.S. custom border station at the Port of Alcan.

This is the first time the service has been made available to the public since the custom station was relocated 92 miles from Tok Junction on the U.S./Canadian border.

This public telephone is available on a year-round, 24 hour basis to all travelers. In 1972, an estimated 90,000 people flowed through the border station, and for 1973, the number will surpass 100,000, according to the Department of Immigration.

The telephone is located inside the custom station where it is mounted in an acoustically engineered cabinet for maximum privacy. The unit is specifically designed for outgoing operator-assisted calls. The caller is immediately connected to the Fairbanks long distance operator 298 miles away, just by lifting the receiver.

The following types of telephone calls can be placed at the new facility: credit card, collect, bill-to-third party numbers and special billing number calls.