



"My name is Mickey Kaplan...and I had the wonderful and fortunate experience to have worked as an announcer with BDN in Austria first as a soldier from 1946 to 1948. After returning to the U.S. in May of 1948 and to my surprise, I was contacted a little over a year later by the then station manager Mr. Bill Willey and Captain Robert Cranston the military commander of BDN (and I believe several years later became the Military head of the the Armed Forces Radio Service in Hollywood). I was offered the opportunity to return to BDN at its headquarters station WOFA in Vienna (which where it all began for me in the service).

Of course I was a civilian now - a bachelor - just turned 21 years old-beautiful Vienna. Needless to say I accepted the offer and in September of 1949 I was on my way back to Vienna, the station was kind enough to do about a month of ! spot announcements telling our radio audience of my return to BDN along with the return of my jazz program called "[STRICTLY SOLID](#)", which was one of the great joys of my life. There is so much about BDN , its staff its programs, its mission and its great popularity with the austrian populace - especially the younger generation ..."

*(Source: email from Mickey Kaplan, January 9, 2001)*

