Z - CODES - Military & Commercial

Z-Codes are mainly used over commercial and military teleprinter, facsimile and high speed automatic telegraphy links and are not normally used by Radio Amateurs, even when using RTTY, but the list is included for general interest.

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The Z-Code was originally developed as a service code by Cable & Wireless Ltd. for usage in the commercial communications business. NATO military Z-signals are completely different from the old Cable & Wireless codes.

The NATO military Z-signals, ZAA...ZXZ, are defined in ACP 131, but the series ZYA...ZZZ is reserved for the temporary or permanent assignment of meanings on an intra-military basis by any nation, service or command.

In the following table, a non-annotated code denotes the original Cable & Wireless usage, * indicates NATO military usage (ACP-131(E), 1997) and ** indicates Russian military usage.

As the majority of Z-Codes are not normally used as questions, their meanings are given with the answer, advice or information form shown first, with the question form shown in a second column, if appropriate. Z signals shall be read as questions when followed by the interrogation signal (IMI) in civil use or preceded by the prosign (INT) in NATO military use.

Note that the numbers 1...5 following a Z signal have the following meanings:-

- (1) very slight
- (2) slight
- (3) moderate
- (4) severe
- (5) extreme

Code	Advice Information or Answer	Question
ZAA*	You are not observing proper circuit discipline.	
ZAB*	Your speed key is improperly adjusted.	
ZAC	Advise (callsign of) frequency you are reading.	
ZAC*	Cease using speed key.	
ZAD*	Your operating signal (made at)	
	received as	
	(1) not understood;	
	(2) not held.	
ZAE*	I am unable to receive you. Receipt through	
ZAF*	I am about to patch you through to	Will you patch me through (via). to (via you or)?
ZAG*	Break	
	(1) Go ahead with new text tape;	
	(2) Go back feet;	
	(3) Advance your key tape to reference mark	
	number and repeat last transmission (or	
	transmission).	
ZAH*	Unable to relay message in present form.	
	(1) not in prescribed format;	
	(2) format lines incorrect;	
	(3) no on-line facility available;	
	(4) call signs not encrypted;	
	(5) text not encrypted.	
	We file. Transmit correctly prepared message to all	
	addressees (or to).	
ZAI*	Run	
	(1) caller;	
	(2) test tape;	
	(3) synchronizing tape;	
	(4) traffic tape;	
	(5) marking signals;	
	(6) spacing signals;	
	(7) reversals;	
	(8) teletypewriter space bar signals;	
	(9) Date1 test at bd.	
ZAJ*	I have (or has) been unable to break you.	
ZAK	Transmission interrupted at hrs.	
ZAK*	Transmission on kHz (or MHz) suspended until (or	

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	was suspended at) on account of electrical hazards (or	
ZAL). Alter your wavelength.	
ZAL*	I am closing down (until) due to	
ZAL*		
ZAM	I am unable to obtain reply from teleprinter switchboard (for connection to). Request you call switchboard (or	
	other intermediate switchboard) for me.	
ZAN	We can receive absolutely nothing.	
ZAN*	Transmit only messages of and above precedence	
	I cannot understand your speech, use radiotelegraph.	
ZAO* ZAP	, 1 , U 1	
ZAP*	Acknowledge, please.	C1. 11 T W 1
ZAP	Work	Shall I Work
	(1) simplex;	(1) simplex;
	(2) duplex;	(2) duplex;
	(3) diplex;	(3) diplex;
	(4) multiplex;	(4) multiplex;
	(5) single sideband;	(5) single sideband;
	(6) with automatic error correction system;	(6) with automatic error correction system;
	(7) without automatic error correction system;	(7) without automatic error correction system;
	(8) with time and frequency system; diversity	(8) with time and frequency system; diversity
740*	modem ?	modem ?
ZAQ*	The last word (or group)	
	(1) received from you	
7.4.D	(2) transmitted to you was	
ZAR	Revert to automatic relay.	
ZAR*	This is my request (or reply)	
	(1) first;	
	(2) second;	
740*	(3) third; etc.	
ZAS*	Rerun all tapes run on since	
	(1) your present frequency;	
	(2) kHz (or MHz);	
	(3) call sign;	
ZAT*	(4) this channel or channel.	
ZAI*	I am preparing traffic (perforating tape) for transmission. Teletype range taken on your signal(s)	What is taletyne gange taken is to an my signal(s)?
ZAV*		What is teletype range taken is to on my signal(s)?
ZAV*	Transmit traffic for me (or for) by broadcast method	
ZAW*	until further directed (or until).	Chall I topposit 12 in the earth land topposit internals at
ZAW	Transmit 12 inches of blank tape as short intervals at	Shall I transmit 12 inches of blank tape as short intervals at
ZAX*	words per minute.	words per minute?
ZAX*	You are	
	(1) causing interference. Listen before sending;	
	(2) causing interference by inattention to order to	
	wait;	
	(3) sending at the same time as (call sign);	
	(4) causing delay by slowness in answering;	
	(5) causing delay by slowness in answering my	
	service or	
	procedure messages;	
7 A V*	(6) answering out of turn.	
ZAY*	Transmit traffic to me (or to) on kHz (or MHz)	
	without waiting for receipts. I (or) will confirm receipt	
7 \ 7 *	for traffic later (on kHz (or MHz)).	
ZAZ*	One or more transmitters, simultaneously keying on this	
	broadcast, are defective but transmission will continue on	
	remaining transmitters. Traffic so transmitted will be	
7D 4 ±	repeated when full service is restored.	What's a confidence of the con
ZBA*	Delay (or bad transmission) due to	What is cause of delay (or of bad transmission)?
ZBB	Make copies of the following message.	

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	1 I am (Or 18) simumg to transmit on kitz to twitze	
ZBW*	I am (or is) shifting to transmit on kHz (or MHz).	Will you shift (or ask to shift) to transmit on kHz (or
ZBV*	Answer me (or) on kHz (or MHz).	
ZBU*	Report when you are in radio communication with	S POPUL
ZBT*	Text group(s) should be counted as group(s).	How do you count following text group(s)?
	(6) dots are blurring.	
	(5) dots are missing;	
	(4) dot spacing is bad;	
	(3) dots are varying in bias;	
	(2) dots are too light;	
LDS.	(1) dots are too heavy;	
ZBS*	Your	
	(2) dots light.	
200	(1) dots heavy	
ZBS	Blurring signals,	(7) Tepent onek (O) meniou:
	(4) repeat back (G) method.	(4) repeat back (G) method?
	(3) intercept (I) method;	(3) intercept (I) method;
	(1) direct (K) method; (2) broadcast (F) method;	(2) broadcast (F) method;
LDK	(1) direct (R) method;	1) direct (R) method;
ZBR*	Send by	Shall I send by
ZBR	Break circuit, retuning.	when and on what frequency was message received:
ZBO*	Message was received at on kHz (or MHz).	When and on what frequency was message received?
	(1) characters are mulstifict, (2) spacing is bad.	
201	(1) characters are indistinct;	
ZBP*	Your	
	for).	message(s):
200	prosign for each pre-precedence) message(s) for you (or	message(s)?
ZBO*	I have (or has) (numeral followed by precedence	Of what precedence(s) and for whom is (are) your
	(2) mark and space.	
.=,	(1) tape;	
ZBN*	Your is reversed:	
ZBN	Break and go ahead with new slip.	
	(2) a competent operator.	
	(1) a qualified speed key operator;	
ZBM*	Place on watch on this frequency:	
	use break-in procedure.	
ZBL*	I am unable to receive you while I am transmitting. Do not	
	(2) garbled.	
	(1) clear	
ZBK*	I am receiving your traffic	Are you receiving my traffic clear?
	(4) nil.	
	(3) 1 to 6;	
	(2) 7 to 12;	
	(1) greater than 13;	
	your signals (or those of) is	signals (or those of)?
ZBJ*	The estimated errors per thousand printed characters in	What are the estimated errors per thousand characters in my
ZBI*	Listen for radio telephony.	
ZBH*	Make preliminary call before transmitting traffic.	
ZBG*	You are transmitting in UPPER CASE.	
ZBF*	For following message use large message forms.	
ZBF	Use large message formula for the following telegram.	
	(2) information.	
	(1) action;	
ZBE*	Retransmit message to (for)	
ZBD*	Will you repeat what you (or) sent (at)?	Following is what I (or) sent (at).
·	(2) space.	
	(1) mark;	
ZBC*	You are transmitting a continuous	
ZBB*	For following message you will require a total of copies.	
7DD*	Eor following massage you will require a total of garies	

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ZBX*	I am (or is) shifting to receive on kHz (or MHz).	Will you shift (or ask to shift) to receive on kHz (or MHz)?
ZBY*	Pass	,
	(1) on broadcast;	
	(2) on broadcast single operator;	
	(3) on broadcast two operator period;	
	(4) on broadcast general periods only.	
ZBZ*	The printing acceptability of your signals (or those of) is	What is the printing acceptability of my signals (or those of
)?
	(1) unacceptable - totally corrupt;	(1) unacceptable - totally corrupt;
	(2) unacceptable - very corrupt;	(2) unacceptable - very corrupt;
	(3) unacceptable - partly corrupt;	(3) unacceptable - partly corrupt;
	(4) acceptable - occasionally corrupt;	(4) acceptable - occasionally corrupt;
	(5) acceptable - no corruption.	(5) acceptable - no corruption.
ZCA	Circuit affected, make readable signals.	
ZCA*	Satellite(s) is/are pre-empted fromZ toZ.	
ZCB	Circuit broken, signal unheard.	
ZCB*	Change to double-hop working using satellites West	
	andEast now (or at hours).	
ZCC	Collate code.	
ZCC*	Establish on access channel (A/B)	
	(1) 300 dB emergency patch;	
	(2) phase-reverse-keying.	
ZCD	Your collation is different.	
ZCD*	Weight your access to (call sign) by dB.	
ZCE*	Access satellite now (or at hours) with	
	(1) spread spectrum modulation (normal	
	allocation);	
	(2) spread spectrum modulator changed to access	
	(2) annead anostrum demodulator abanced to	
	(3) spread spectrum demodulator changed to access;	
	(4) frequency modulation;	
	(5) phase shift keying modulation.	
ZCF	Check your center frequency, please.	
ZCF*	Remove access now (or at hours)	
ZCI	(1) spread spectrum modulation (1 - 40);	
	(2) frequency modulation;	
	(3) phase-reverse-keying;	
	(4) phase shift keying modulation.	
ZCG*	My frequency modulation deviation is	What is your frequency modulation deviation?
ZCH*	My tracking mode is	What is your tracking mode?
	(1) auto track;	
	(2) manual tracking;	
	(3) hand barring.	
ZCI	Circuit interrupted. Running and available.	
ZCI*	My	What is your?
	(1) is watts;	(1) total output power;
	(2) is %;	(2) quality meter reading;
	(3) is accesses;	(3) number of accesses;
	(4) is watts.	(4) frequency modulation access power.
ZCJ*	I am experiencing equipment trouble with my	Are you experiencing equipment trouble?
	(1) spread spectrum modulator;	
	(2) frequency division multiplex equipment;	
	(3) line modem;	
	(4) time division multiplex equipment;	
	(5) switching or patching;	
	(6) servo system;	
	(7) transmitter;	

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	(8) receiver;	
	(9) parametric amplifier;	
	(10) phase shift keying modulator.	
ZCK	Check keying.	
ZCK*	Loop your	Shall I loop my?
ZCK	(1) spread spectrum modulator channel;	(1) spread spectrum modulator channel; (A/B);
	(2) line modem;	(2) line modem;
	(3) time division multiplex equipment;	(3) time division multiplex equipment;
	(4) frequency division multiplex equipment.	(4) frequency division multiplex equipment.
ZCL	Transmit call letters intelligibly.	
ZCL*	I have checked speed setting on (channel/circuit).	Have you checked speed setting of all equipment on (channel/circuit) ?
ZCM*	Carry out on satellite	May I carry out on satellite?
	(1) spread spectrum modulation back-to-back	(1) spread spectrum modulation back-to-back
	check;	check;
	(2) range measurement;	(2) range measurement;
	(3) power balance.	(3) power balance.
ZCN*	I am ready to synchronize spread spectrum access	Are you ready to synchronize spread spectrum access?
	Your collation omitted.	Are you ready to synchronize spread spectrum access:
ZCO*		
ZCO*	On your FM/FDM access	
	(1) suppress telegraph channel (1 - 9);	
	(2) open telegraph channel (1 - 9).	
ZCP	Conditions poor, increase to maximum.	
ZCP*	Change (total) radiated power	
	(1) on narrow-band to watts;	
	(2) on spread spectrum watts.	
	Note: this power excluded that for	
	access D or E.;	
	(3) of access (1 - 40, N1 - N5, D or E) to watts;	
	(4) of access (1 - 40, RAE) to (0, 3, 6, 9 dB) below	
7.CO.	full access at combiner unit.	
ZCQ*	Change FM/FDM mode to mode (A/D) with deviation	
	kHz.	
ZCR	Using concentrator, make warning signals.	
ZCR*	I am about to initiate	
	(1) serial;	
	(2) parallel synchronization of accesses and	
ZCS	Cease sending.	
ZCS*	Switch your spread spectrum access modulator to	
	(1) code off;	
	(2) search;	
	(2) scarcii, (3) sync. 1;	
	(3) sync. 1, (4) sync. 2;	
	(5) traffic;	
	(6) channel A normal On;	
	(7) channel B normal On.	
ZCT	Send code twice.	
ZCT*	My spread spectrum access demodulator is	
	(1) CW tuned;	
	(2) in short-code lock;	
	(3) in long-code lock;	
	(4) in long-code and data-lock on channel A only;	
	(5) in long-code and data-lock on both channels.	
ZCU*	Set spread spectrum access channel (A/B) to	
200	(1) 1300 bd.;	
	(2) 2600 bd.;	
	(3) 600 bd.;	
	(4) 1200 bd.;	
	(5) 2400 bd.;	

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ZCW* (1) Check your and advise; (2) I have lost; (3) perform back to back through; (4) bypass; (5) I have bypassed; (6) retune demodulator to be used in conjunction with ZCX. ZCX* (1) Test loop 1; (2) Test loop 2; (3) Test loop 3; (4) Test loop 4; (5) paramp; (6) high power amplifier; (7) demodulator; (8) MUX channel A; (9) MUX channel A; (9) MUX channel B; (10) DeMUX channel B; (11) DeMUX channel B; (12) coder; (13) decoder; (14) tracking (including side lobe); (15) 5 MHz standard; (16) synthesizer; (17) power supply; (18) modulator; (19) satellite;	
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(20) crypto equipment;	
(21) patching DC;	
(22) patching RF;	
(23) patching clock.	
ZCY* Operate at (BPS)	
(1) 75;	
(2) 84;	
(3) 150;	
(4) 168;	
(4) 108, (5) 300;	
(6) 336;	
(7) 600;	
(8) 672;	
(9) 1200;	
(10) 2400;	
(10) 2400; (11) 4800;	
(12) 9600;	
to be used in conjunction with ZCZ.	
ZCZ* (1) Coded; (2) uncoded;	
(3) satellite access channel at dBW;	
(4) relinquish satellite access due to sole access	
;	
(5) relinquish satellite access due to violation of	
power restrictions;	
(6) increase power to dBW;	
(7) decrease power to dBW;	
(8) NB ALPHA;	
(9) NB BRAVO;	
(10) change satellite access channel to dBW;	
(11) satellite.	
ZDA* I have a formal message for you (precedence is).	

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ZDB*	Expedite reply(ies) to my	
	(1) previous operating signal;	
	(2) request(s) for repetition and correction;	
7D.C	(3) service message	
ZDC	Diagnosing circuit faults, will advise.	
ZDC*	Last message (or message) requires a message (or signal	Does the last message) require a signal of execution?
ZDD*	of execution. Bring message to the circuit.	
ZDE	Message undelivered.	
ZDE*	Message undelivered,	
ZDE	(1) station closed untilZ;	
	(2) attempting alert station to re-open (for Flash or	
	Immediate precedence only);	
	(3) will continue efforts to effect disposal;	
	(4) advise disposition;	
	(5) will not continue further efforts. Request	
	cancel and file;	
	(6) give more complete address.	
ZDF	Frequency is drifting to degree indicated, 15.	
ZDF*	Message was,	
	(1) received by (addressee(s) designation) atZ;	
	(2) received by (addressee(s) designation)	
	communications center atZ; (3) delivered to (addressee(s) designation) by	
	broadcast atZ;	
	(4) forwarded to (addressee(s) designation) by	
	commercial means atZ;	
	(5) mailed to (addressee(s) designation) atZ.	
ZDG*	Accuracy of following message(s) (or message) is	
	doubtful. Correction or confirmation will be forthcoming.	
ZDH	Your dots are too heavy (long).	
ZDH*	Request corrected copy of message be forwarded to	
ZDI*	Place this message (or message) on	
	(1) MERCAST;	
ZD III	(2) MERCAST one operator period.	TY 1
ZDJ*	I have a message containing groups to transmit to you	How many groups does your message contain?
7DV*	(or to).	Will was report masses (an acrtical 1)
ZDK*	Following repetition (of) is made in accordance with	Will you repeat message (or portion)?
ZDL	your request. Your dots are too light (short).	
ZDL*	Confirmation	
	(1) was omitted	
	(2) differs from text.	
ZDM	Your dots missing.	
ZDM*	I am holding your message	
ZDN*	Report disposal of message your station with any reason	
	for delay.	
ZDO*	I could not send message to	
ZDP*	Hold my message until correctness is confirmed.	
ZDQ*	Message was relayed to by at (on kHz (or	
	MHz)).	
ZDR*	This is a multiple-address or book message tape containing	
	routing indicators in the routing line, which is to be	
ZDa+	routed in accordance with the established doctrine.	
ZDS*	Message (or message) which you have (or has) just	
	forwarded was incorrectly transmitted. Correct version of	
ZDT	message (or part or portion) is Following transmitters running dual.	
ZDT*	Exercise messages are not to be sent until further orders (or	
LUI"	Excresse messages are not to be sent until further orders (or	

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	until).	
ZDU*	Pass the following	
	(1) private message (telegram);	
	(2) service telegram; (number of words charged	
ZDII.	for is).	
ZDV	Your dots varying in length, please remedy.	
ZDV*	Private message (telegram) received for, request	
ZDW*	instructions. In addition to the regular broadcast times, this	
ZDW*	hydrographic message is to be transmitted on the following	
	hydrographic hydrographic	
	schedules	
	(1) schedule;	
	(2) all schedules on (date);	
	(3) all schedules from to (dates) inclusive.	
ZDX*	Messages up to and including serial (or circuit) number	
	have been previously transmitted.	
ZDY*	Private messages (telegrams) are not to be sent until further	
	orders (or until).	
ZDZ^*	On (date) message(s) was (were) mailed to	
77E A ±	(command(s)) bearing serial numbers	
ZEA*	Pass plain language copy to by secure means.	
ZEB*	This is a reprocessed ICAO message.	Have your gradient grades 9
ZEC*	Message (1) not received;	Have you received message?
	(2) unidentified: give better identifying data.	
ZED	Experiencing drop-outs, 15.	
ZED*	The following confirmatory information as received is at	
ZLD	variance with the text.	
ZEE*	Request message be transmitted.	
ZEF	We are experiencing fill-ins, 15.	
ZEF*	This message has been read (received or intercepted) from	
	a ship at sea.	
ZEG	We are experiencing garbles, 15.	
ZEG*	This message is not to be decrypted or reported outside the	
	communications center in	
	(1) aggressor force;	
	(2) friendly force.	
ZEH*	Accuracy or portion of following message (or message) is doubtful. Correction or confirmation will be	
	forwarded when received.	
	(1) heading	
	(2) text	
	(3) group to	
ZEI*	Accuracy is doubtful of heading of message received as	
	follows Check to station of origin if necessary and	
	repeat.	
ZEJ*	Replies to this message (or message) are to be sent now	
	(or at).	
ZEK*	No answer is required.	
ZEL*	This message is correction to message (transmitted by	Is message a correction to message which was
). Note: May only be used in conjugation with 7DG	previously transmitted with doubtful or missing groups
	Note: May only be used in conjunction with ZDG.	(words)?
ZEM*	Pacarvad for Intalligance Community use only	Note: May only be used in conjunction with ZDG.
ZEN*	Reserved for Intelligence Community use only. This message has been delivered by a separate	
ZLIN'	transmission or by other means	
	(1) messenger/courier;	
	(2) mail; to the addressee(s) immediately	

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and:	following this operating signal.	
ZEO*	Transmit this message by rapid means when no charges are involved and to all others by mail.	
ZEP*		
ZEP*	This message (or message) was incompletely received. Each word or group missed, which is indicated by position	
	of ZEP in the message, will be forwarded as soon as	
	obtained.	
ZEQ*	Message (or this message) has been	
ZEQ	(1) missent to this station. Received atZ.	
	Message protected;	
	(2) missent to this station and unable to protect	
	delivery due to Request you re-transmit to the	
	appropriate called station(s);	
	(3) misrouted to this station and has been rerouted	
	to atZ. Recommend corrective action;	
	(4) Misrouted to this station and unable to protect	
	delivery (for) due to Request your station	
	protect delivery;	
	(5) Routed to this station in format line 2, but	
	without delivery responsibility in format lines 7 or	
	8. Advise;	
	(6) Delayed due to misrouting, and is being	
ZER*	retransmitted herewith.	
ZEK*	This is a multiple-address or book message tape containing routing indicators in the routing line for which the	
	station called in the pilot is responsible.	
ZES*	Your message has been received	
ZLS	(1) incomplete	
	(2) garbled.	
	Request retransmission.	
ZET*	Message has been protected and no further action by	
	is required.	
ZEU*	Exercise (drill) message.	
ZEV*	Request you acknowledge message Message (or	
	message) is acknowledged.	
ZEW*	Your attention is invited for	
	(1) action;	
	(2) information;	
ZEX*	to message which is in your files. This is a book message and may be delivered as a single-	
ZEA.	address message to addressees for whom you are	
	responsible.	
ZEY*	This message (or message) has been (or will be) put on	
=	the broadcast schedules (serial number).	
ZEZ*	When delivery is effected of this book message to	
	addressee by commercial means, or when copy is	
	forwarded to confirm message previously delivered by	
	telephone, it is to be sent as a single address message.	
	Note: May only be used in conjunction with ZEX.	
ZFA	Failing auto.	
ZFA*	Following message has been read (received or intercepted).	
ZFB	Signals are fading badly.	
ZFB*	Pass this message to	
	(1) on arrival;	
ZEC	(2) on return to base.	
ZFC*	Check your FSK shift, please.	Have you received (or cont) the arcounting signal ("Eng. (-1")")
ZFC*	Executive signal ("Execute") for last message (or following message) has been made (or was made at).	Have you received (or sent) the executive signal ("Execute") for message?
ZFD	Depth of fading is as indicated, 15.	101 IIICosage:
LID	Deput of facing is as indicated, 1	

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ZFD*	This message is a suspected duplicate.	Commercial
ZFE*	Pass message (which is in your files) to addressee(s) for	
	whom you are responsible using the indicated	
	supplementary heading.	
ZFF*	Inform me when this message (or message) has been	
211	received by (addressee designation) or by	
	(1) action addressee(s);	
	(2) information addressee(s);	
	(3) all addressees;	
	(4) action addressee's/adressees' message center;	
	(5) information addressee's/addressees' message	
	center;	
	(6) all addressees' message center.	
	(Note: Not authorized for use on general messages).	
ZFG*	This message is an exact duplicate of a message previously	
	transmitted, and is to be delivered to all appropriate	
	addresses served by the receiving communications facility.	
ZFH*	This message (or message) is being (or has been) passed	
	to you (or) for	
	(1) action;	
	(2) information;	
	(3) comment; (at the request of).	
ZFI*	There is no reply to message	Is there any reply to message?
ZFJ*	Message(s) number(s) not transmitted on this	
	schedule (or on schedule) are no longer needed.	
ZFK	Revert to FSK.	
ZFK*	Message (or station serial number)	Does message (or station serial number) concern me
	(1) does not concern you (or);	(or)?
GEV di	(2) no longer concerns you (or).	XX .1
ZFL*	Following traffic was addressed to you on broadcast	Was there any traffic addressed to me on broadcast
7EM4	schedule between serial numbers and	schedule between serial numbers and?
ZFM*	Message(s) serial number(s) (to) which was (were)	
	transmitted during unserviceability of one or more transmitters, simultaneously keyed, will now be repeated.	
ZFO	Signals faded/fading out.	
ZFO*	Message is being delivered as a Basegram message.	
ZFO**	Basegram.	
	Frequency shift of your signal is Hz.	
ZFQ ZFQ*	Two messages (and) received under channel number	
LFU	(or station serial number) Both released.	
ZFR	Rapidity of fading is as indicated, 15.	
ZFR*	Cancel transmission (made under channel or station	
Zi K	serial number).	
ZFS	Signals are fading slightly.	
ZFS*	Make message same channel or station serial number as	
21.5	this procedure message.	
ZFT*	Message received without channel number(s) (or station	
	serial number) following message bearing channel number	
	(or station serial number) Message released.	
ZFU*	Channel numbers and preceded message Lower	
~	number was recorded and the higher number blanked.	
ZFV*	Message containing channel number(s) separated by	
	portions of the message, released subject to correction.	
	Take necessary action to provide corrected copy (to).	
ZFW*	BLANK channel number(s); forward message as	
	channel number	
ZFX*	Channel number (or station serial number) is open.	
ZGA*	Your callsign for use on this circuit is	What is my call sign for use on this circuit only?
ZGB*	Send (answer)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
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	(1) in alphabetical sequence of call signs; each	
	station to make its call sign once (or times);	
	(2) in the following sequence of call signs.	
ZGC*	Station to station receipts are not required for this FLASH	
	message (authorization for use must be prescribed by	
765	authorities controlling network/systems).	
ZGD*	Two stations are using the same indefinite callsign on	
	kHz (or MHz). Both stations are to select different call	
70E*	signs.	
ZGE*	Send your call sign(s) once (or times) on this frequency	
ZGF	(or on kHz (or MHz)) signals good for wpm.	
ZGF*	Make callsigns more distinctly.	
ZGG*	Call sign of is	What is call sign of
ZUU"	(1) friendly striking force aircraft;	What is call sign of (1) friendly striking force aircraft;
	(2) friendly striking force aircraft;	(2) friendly shadowing aircraft;
	(3) incoming vessel;	(3) incoming vessel;
	(4) senior officer present afloat (or Officer in	(4) senior officer present afloat (or Officer in
	tactical command);	tactical command);
	(5) ship acting as flagship for	(5) ship acting as flagship for ?
ZGH*	I am using this transmitter to answer calls on two or more	(b) only woung as magamp for mi
	frequencies. Answer to calls may be delayed.	
ZGI*	I am or have been (or is or has been) calling you (on	
	kHz (or MHz)).	
ZGJ*	I will call you again as soon as possible (or at) on	When will you call me again on present frequency (or on
	present frequency (or on kHz (or MHz)).	kHz (or MHz))?
ZGK*	Call me again at on present frequency (or on kHz (or	When shall I call you on present frequency (or on kHz (or
	MHz)).	MHz))?
ZGL*	will answer calls for me (or for).	
ZGM*	I have (or has) been unable to communicate with	Did you (or) hear (at)?
	(since).	
ZGN*	Nothing was heard from you (or) (since).	When was I (or) last heard?
ZGO*	Your number is; answer after number (numbers to be	What is my number and sequence in answering?
7CD	separated by separative signs.	
ZGP	Please give priority.	
ZGP*	Answer calls for me on present frequency (or on kHz (or	
700	MHz)).	
ZGS	Your signals are getting stronger.	
ZGW	Your signals are getting weaker.	
ZHA*	How are conditions for auto reception?	Chall I January for survey and a state of the Little of the state of t
ZHA*	Decrease frequency very slightly (or kHz) to clear interference.	Shall I decrease frequency very slightly (or kHz) to clear interference?
ZHB*	Increase frequency very slightly (or kHz) to clear	Shall I increase frequency very slightly (or kHz) to clear
ZIID'	interference.	interference?
ZHC	interestence.	How are your receiving conditions?
ZHM	Harmonic radiation from transmitter	now me your receiving conditions:
ZHN*	Your automatic transmissions are	How do you receive my automatic transmission?
21111	(1) good;	110.11 do you receive my automatic transmission:
	(1) good, (2) fair;	
	(3) unreadable.	
ZHO*	My speed of automatic transmission in	What is your speed of automatic transmission in
	(1) revolutions per minute;	(1) revolutions per minute;
	(2) words per minute;	(2) words per minute;
	(3) bauds;	(3) bauds?
	is	
ZHP*	Automatic reception is prevented by	What is preventing automatic reception?
ZHQ*	Please listen for me on kHz (or MHz) and transmit to me	
	on kHz (or MHz).	
ZHR*	Your speed of automatic transmission is	

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	(1) fast;	
	(2) slow;	
	(3) erratic;	
	(4) correct.	
	Is my speed of automatic transmission correct?	
ZHS	Send high speed auto wpm.	
ZHY	We are holding your	
ZIA*	This message (or message) is being (or has been) passed	
	out of proper sequence of station serial numbers.	
ZIB*	Two messages and (or group counts and time of	
	origin and), both received as serial number; what	
	are correct serial numbers?	
	Change station serial number of message to read number	
	or	
	Assign to message station serial number	
ZIC*	Station serial number(s) or channel number(s) of last	What is (are) station serial number(s) or channel number(s)
	message(s) transmitted to you (or to) is (are)	of last message(s) you transmitted to me (or to)?
ZID*	Station serial number(s) or channel number(s) of last	What is (are) station serial number(s) or channel number(s)
	message(s) received from you (or from) is (are)	of last message(s) you received from me (or from)?
ZIE*	Station serial number(s) or channel number(s) (from)	
	has (have) not been received. Repeat message(s) or cancel	
	serial number(s) or channel number(s).	
ZIF*	I (or) did not use serial number(s).	
ZIG*	Number(s) (to) is (are) blank.	Is (are) number(s) (to) blank?
ZIH*	Repeat headings of message numbers to transmitted	
	by you (or) to check serial numbers.	
ZII*	My (or's) message number had following	What was of your (or's) number?
	(1) date-time-group;	(1) date-time group;
	(2) filing time.	(2) filing time.
ZIJ*	I am now changing my channel number/letter. Last number	
	sent in this series is that of this message.	
ZIK*	This is a weather control message which is not to be	
	transmitted in the clear over radio circuits.	
ZIL*	Use channel number(s)	What channel number(s) should I use?
ZIM	Industrial or medical interference, 15.	
ZIP	Increase power.	
ZIP*	Have set continuous watch, or	
	(1) single operator period;	
	(2) two operator period;	
	(3) general periods only;	
	(4) reduced single operator periods;	
	on broadcast indicated. First serial number received is	
	/No number yet received.	
ZIQ*	Have ceased watch on broadcast, last number received	
ZIR	You have strong idle radiation.	
ZIS	Atmospheric interference, 15.	
ZJA*	Reading signaling light of	
ZJB*	Close down visual watch now (or at).	May I close down visual watch now (or at)?
ZJC*	Repeat all flag signals made by the senior officer (senior	
	officer present afloat).	
ZJD*	Use	
	(1) better light;	
	(2) better background.	
ZJE*	Set virtual watch now (or at).	
ZJF	Frequency jumping to degree indicated, 15.	
ZJF*	Visual relaying station between senior officer (senior	
	officer present afloat) (or) and is to be Repeat all flashing (or semaphore) messages made by the	
ZJG*	1 11	1

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	senior officer (senior officer present afloat).	
ZJH*	Your light is unreadable	
	(1) not trained correctly;	
	(2) not bright enough;	
ZJI*	(3) too bright. Call signs of the ships in company with me are (for	What are the call signs of the ships in company with you?
ZJ1.	visual use only).	what are the can signs of the ships in company with you?
ZJJ*	Use double-flash procedure.	
ZJK*	I am (or is) visual guard for	Are you (or is) visual guard for?
ZJL*	Hoist the following signal.	The you (of is) visual guard for
ZJM*	(1) Flaghoist;	
	(2) semaphore;	
	(3) 20 inch signalling projector;	
	(4) 10 inch signalling projector;	
	(5) ALDIS;	
	(6) intermediate;	
	(7) heather;	
	(8) daylight signalling latern;	
	(9) masthead flashing light;	
	(10) infrared;	
	(11) signal search light;(12) omni-directional flashing light;	
	(12) offini-directional Hashing light, (13) directional flashing light.	
ZJN*	Message has been passed to those for whom I am	
2311	responsible (or to) (at) but "L" has not been received.	
ZJO*	Repeat back each group of the text of this message as it is	
2.0	transmitted.	
ZJP*	Message which follows is to be encrypted and passed to all	
	addressees (by). (Only to be used by visual not liable to	
	interception).	
ZJQ*	Repeat signal (or message) the senior officer (senior	
	officer present afloat) (or ship indicated) is now	
	transmitting or is about to transmit.	
ZJR*	Only semaphore is to be used for visual signaling between	
710*	and (or from).	
ZJS*	Directional lights of minimum brilliancy are to be used for all visual traffic between and except for messages of	
	precedence priority and above requiring transmission to	
	two or more ships.	
ZJT*	Broadcast transmitter indicated is about to be taken off for	
	minutes (or until).	
ZKA*	I am (or is) controlling station (net control station) on	Who is controlling station (net control station) on this
	this frequency (or on kHz (or MHz)).	frequency (or on kHz (or MHz))?
ZKB*	It is necessary to obtain the permission of the controlling	Is it necessary to obtain the permission of the controlling
	station (net control station) before transmitting messages.	station (net control station) before transmitting messages?
ZKC*	Substitute code sign (call sign) of control station of group	
	(net) in place of this operating signal.	
ZKD*	Take control of net (for) (until).	Shall I take control of net(for) (until)?
ZKE*	I (or) report(s) into the circuit (net).	
ZKF*	Station leaves net temporarily (or for minutes) (to	
7V.C*	communicate with) (will be on kHz (or MHz)).	
ZKG*	Observe (or direct to observe) schedule with on	
ZKH*	kHz (or MHz) (at). I (or) observed schedule with (at).	Did you (or) observe schedule with (at)?
ZKH* ZKI	Set watch on kHz (or MHz)	Did you (of) observe schedule with (at)?
LIXI	(1) continuous;	
	(2) until further notice.	
ZKJ*	(1) close down (until);	May I close down (until)?
	(2) I am closing down (until).	.,,, (,,,
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ZKK*	Assume radiotelegraph (wireless) organization forthwith	
	(or at).	
ZKL*	Resume normal radio communication now (or at).	
ZKM*	Take guard (for) (on kHz (or MHz)).	
ZKN*	I have taken guard on kHz (or MHz).	
ZKO	Revert to on/off keying.	
ZKO*	I have handed over guard (to) (on kHz (or MHz))	
	(serial number of last message received was).	
ZKP*	I am (or is) radio guard for (on kHz (or MHz)).	Are you (or is) radio guard for (on kHz (or MHz))?
ZKQ	Say when ready to resume.	
ZKQ*	Indicate ships or stations for which you are (or is)	
	guard.	
	(1) radio (on kHz (or MHz));	
	(2) visual.	
ZKR*	I am (or is) maintaining watch on kHz (or MHz).	On what frequencies are you (or) maintaining watch?
ZKS*	Following stations are keeping watch on kHz (or MHz)	What stations are keeping watch on kHz (or MHz) (or are
	(or are in net).	in net)?
ZKT*	I am keeping watch on kHz (or MHz) for	
	(1) first five minutes in each half hour;	
	(2) from 10 to 15 and 40 to 45 minutes past the	
	hour;	
7717114	(3) between and minutes past the hour.	
ZKU*	I am (or is) maintaining continuous watch, or	
	(1) single operator period;	
	(2) two operator period;	
	(3) general periods only;	
	(4) reduced single operator period;	
ZKW	on (call sign) broadcast. Keying weight is percent.	
ZLA*	I have pictures of the following types to transmit	
LLA.	(1) photographs;	
	(1) photographs, (2) weather maps;	
	(3) blueprints;	
	(4) printed matter;	
	(5) test.	
ZLB	Give long breaks, please.	
ZLB*	Transmit at revolutions per minute.	What drum rotation speed shall I use?
	(1) 30;	
	(2) 45;	
	(3) 50;	
	(4) 60;	
	(5) 90;	
	(6) 100.	
ZLC*	Your transmission	
	(1) shows objectionable modulation;	
	(2) suitable for communication but not for picture;	
	(3) shows caption too close to edge of picture;	
	(4) shows buckled print;	
	(5) shows fork drift;	
	(6) picture shows too much contrast;	
	(7) picture shows insufficient contrast;	
	(8) picture shows cross-over.	
ZLD	We are getting long dash from you.	
ZLD*	I am unable to	
	(1) synchronize with you;	
	(2) transmit pictures;	
	(3) copy pictures.	
ZLE*	Send	
	(1) fence;	

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	(2) white;	
	(3) black;	
	(4) picture;	
	(5) synchronize;	
	(6) fence swinging black until I stop you;	
	(7) fence swinging white until I stop you.	
ZLF*	(1) inverter;	
	(2) converter;	
	(3) 96-line 12x18 transceiver;	
	(4) 100-line transceiver;	
	(5) 300-line transceiver.	
ZLG*	Transmit	Shall I transmit
ZLO	(1) negative;	(1) negative;
		(2) positive?
71 114	(2) positive.	
ZLH*	I am going to transmit map(s) (area time type).	Will you transmit map(s) (area time type)?
ZLI*	Reverse material on drum and rerun until I break you.	
ZLJ*	Use	What size lettering shall I use?
	(1) standard telegraphic typewriter;	
	(2) jumbo typewriter if available;	
	(3) hand lettering at least 3/16 of an inch high.	
ZLL	Distorted landline control signals.	
ZLN*	Facility indicated cannot be operated at present.	
ZLO*	The following facility(ies) is (are) operative at this	Is (are) facility(ies) operative at your station (or at)?
	station (or at).	
	(1) homing beacon;	
	(2) radar beacon;	
	(3) revolving and/or flashing beacon;	
	(4) radio beacon;	
	(5) instrument landing system;	
	(6) ground control approach;	
	(7) approach control;	
	(8) tower transmitter (state which type LF, MF,	
	VHF, or UHF);	
	(9) MF direction finder;	
	(10) VHF direction finder;	
	(11) UHF direction finder;	
	(12) runway lights;	
	(13) Sandra lights;	
	(14) radio track guide;	
	(15) radio range.	
ZLP	Low (minimum) power.	
ZLP*	The magnetic line(s) of shoot of the (facility) is (are)	What is (are) the magnetic line(s) of shoot of the
	degrees.	(facility)?
ZLS	We are suffering from lightning storm.	
ZMA*	Bearing of unknown station (or station using call sign)	What was bearing of unknown station (or station using call
	was (at time) class (on kHz (or MHz)).	sign) at (time) (on kHz (or MHz))?
ZMB*	Bearing of you (or of) was (class) from me (or from	
) at (time).	
ZMC*	Bearing of station which answered message (or	
21.10	transmission) from was (at (time)) class (on	
	kHz (or MHz)).	
ZMD*	(1) Your bearing appears to be between degrees	
TIMID.	and degrees, and sense indicates you are to the	
	(direction) of this station;	
70 (Feb.	(2) your bearing is changing rapidly.	
ZME*	Pass in direction finding bearing (of) obtained on kHz	
	(or MHz) (or between and kHz (or MHz)).	
ZMF*	Bearing of station now transmitting (or of) (on kHz	Will you endeavor to obtain a direction finding bearing of
1	(or MHz)) was (class) sense determined at	station now transmitting (or of) (on kHz (or MHz))?

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ZMG	Magnetic activity.	Commercial
ZMG*	This bearing (course or position) is unrealiable. Error in	
	excess of class C bearing (or position) may amount	
	degrees (or miles).	
ZMH*	Surface craft using call sign cooperating. Change to	
	kHz (or MHz) and follow direction finding procedure	
	when called.	
ZMI*	I am about to send my call sign and dashes of five-seconds	Will you send your call sign and dashes of five-seconds
	duration at intervals in order that you (or) may home on	duration at intervals in order that I (or) may home on
	me.	you?
ZMJ*	Check	
	(1) correctness of last QDR;	
	(2) sense of last QDR;	
	(3) correctness of last QDM;	
	(4) sense of last QDM.	
ZMK*	Cannot determine your (or's)	
	(1) position;	
	(3) bearing.	
ZML*	Steer degrees for 2 minutes if possible and send call sign	
	and long dashes while you are so doing.	
ZMM*	Increase height to enable more accurate bearing to be	
53.5 27	completed.	
ZMN*	Change over to loop direction finding on kHz (or MHz)	
70.40	(and home on transmission made by).	
ZMO	Stand by a moment.	TATE OF THE PARTY
ZMO*	Your position by direction finding cross bearings from	What is my position by direction finding bearing from
70.40	nearest landmark (or from) is (class) at (hours).	nearest landmark (or from)?
ZMP	Mispunch or perforator failures.	
ZMP*	Endeavor to plot position from bearings taken on station(s)	
77.40	now transmitting (or of) (on kHz (or MHz)).	
ZMQ	Stand by for	
ZMQ*	Cannot determine your position, you are in line or nearly in	
ZMR*	line with direction finding station baseline. Take over direction finding guard as previously ordered	
ZIVIK	(on kHz (or MHz)) (from to kHz (or MHz)).	
ZMS*	Carry out direction finding procedure (as locally pre-	
ZIVIS	scribed).	
ZMT*	Sense determination unreliable; bearing may be reciprocal.	
ZMU	Multipath making mark bias.	
ZMU*	(1) Listen (for) on direction finding on kHz	
21110	(or MHz) (or between and kHz (or MHz));	
	(2) shift to direction finding frequency and	
	listen for call sign	
ZMV*	The grid course for you to steer to reach me (or) is	What is the grid course for me to steer to reach you (or)?
	degrees at hours.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
ZNA*	You are encrypting incorrectly.	
	(1) operating signals;	
	(2) radio call signs;	
	(3) address groups.	
ZNB	No breaks, we send twice.	
ZNB*	Authentication (of) is	What is authentication of
	(1) message	(1) message;
	(2) last transmission	(2) last transmission;
	(3)	(3)?
ZNC	No communications with	
ZNC*	All transmissions will be authenticated	
	(1) on all circuits;	
	(2) on this circuit;	
	(3) on frequency.	

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ZND*	You are using authenticator incorrectly	
	(1) verify authenticator system key;	
	(2) check authentication of your last transmission.	
ZNE*	I am prepared to authenticate.	
ZNF*	Addresses who are not holders of the cryptographic system	
	employed in the text need not decrypt (decipher), but shall	
	sight (read) translation at first opportunity and obtain copy	
	if applicable.	
ZNG	Receiving conditions no good for code.	
ZNG*	Commands who are included in the collective address used	
2110	in this heading, who are not holders of the cryptographic	
	system employed in the text, are exempted.	
ZNH*	Plain-text tape of this message should be prepared during	
ZIVII	the process of decipherment.	
ZNI	No call letters (identification) heard.	
ZNI*		
ZNI*	Shift to	
	(1) on-line;	
	(2) plain;	
77) XX-0-	operation now.	
ZNJ*	This message has been transmitted under serial number	
	at by station whose designation follows	
	(1) by on-line cipher;	
	(2) by off-line encryption.	
ZNK*	Addresses who do not hold cryptographic facilities are	
	exempted.	
ZNL*	Receiving cryprographic office concerned should refer	
	queries to the text of this message (e.g., requests for	
	verification) to (address designators except plain	
	language).	
	Note: to be used in codress messages when necessary to	
	indicate originating crypto center and then normally	
	limited to messages of Immediate precedence and above.	
ZNM*	Originaor authorizes the transfer of this message into the	
	secure networks of all authorities addressed, provided the	
	networks are approved for the security classification of the	
	message involved.	
ZNN	All clear of traffic now.	
ZNO	Not on the air.	
ZNO*	Unable to decrypt message (from indefinite call sign).	
	Note: only to be used under circumstances laid down in	
	cryptographic instructions.	
ZNP*	Transfer operation of channel now to	
2111	(1) normal;	
	(2) top secret;	
	(2) top secret, (3) conference;	
	(4) engineering;	
	on-line cipher operation.	
	Note: this signal is for use only when already in on-line	
	cypher operation.	
7NO*		
ZNQ*	This message (or message) received at this station	
	(1) without authentication (when authentication is	
	in force);	
	(2) incorrectly authenticated;	
	(3) correctly authenticated.	
ZNR	Not received.	
ZNR*	This message may be forwarded without change by radio	
	message which follows is unclassified or is acceptable for	
ZIVK	or non-approved circuit. Note: the letter U repeated five times following this operating signal indicates that the	

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	transmission over any circuit in its present form.	
ZNS	Here is new slip.	
ZNS*	Following message has been authenticated (this signal is	
2110	for use only over approved on-line circuits).	
ZNT*	Following message has NOT been authenticated (this	
ZN1*	,	
	signal is for use only over approved on-line circuits).	
ZNX*	You have disclosed an EEFI as indicated:	
	(1) position;	
	(2) capabilities;	
	(3) operations;	
	(4) EW;	
	(5) personnel;	
	(6) COMSEC;	
	(7) wrong circuit;	
	(8) (SPARE);	
	(9) (SPARE);	
	(10) (SPARE);	
	*Note: see ACP 124 for details of BEADWINDOW	
	procedure and the use of EEFI numbers.	
ZNY*	Do not forward this message unencrypted by radio or non-	
	approved circuit.	
	Note: a letter repeated five times following this operating	
	signal indicates the classification for which the circuit must	
	be approved before the message can be forwarded over it.	
ZNZ*	Originator has indicated that this message should be	
ZIVZ.		
	forwarded without service action on the test at relay or	
	addressee stations, as the information conveyed is	
	(1) perishable;	
	(2) for information only and will be confirmed by	
	other means.	
ZOA	Have checked (call letters) OK.	
ZOA*	Relay this message (or message) by visual (to).	
ZOB*	Take (I will take) no further action regarding forwarding	
	message	
ZOC*	Station(s) called relay this message to addressees for whom	
200	you are responsible.	
ZOD	Observing, will transfer when better.	
ZOD*		
ZOD*	Act as radio link (relaying station) between me and (or	
	between and).	
ZOE*	Give me your message. I will dispose of it	Can you accept message for?
	(1) on line;	(1) on line;
	(2) off line.	(2) off line.
ZOF*	Relay (pass) this message (or message) to now (or at	
).	
ZOG*	Transmit (pass) this message (or message) to (for)	
	(1) action;	
	(2) information.	
ZOH	Traffic on hand.	What traffic have you on hand?
ZOH*	Send message for on kHz (or MHz) by	
2011	(1) receipt method;	
	(2) broadcast method;	
TOT:	(3) intecept method.	
ZOI*	Pass this message to the nearest (or) weather	
	central/control.	
ZOJ*	This is corrected version number	
	(1) one;	
	(2) two;	
	etc. of a message previously transmitted with errors and/or	
	omitted portions.	
L	oninos portions.	

70V	We are receiving OV	
ZOK	We are receiving OK.	
ZOK*	Relay this message via	
ZOL	OK, on line.	
ZOL*	I will relay your call sign to senior officer present afloat, whose call sign is	
ZOM*	Delivery of this message by mail in lieu of broadcast permissible (to).	
ZON*	Place this message (or message) on	
	(1) continuous wave broadcast;	
	(2) radioteletype broadcast;	
	indicated by following specific broadcast designator(s)	
ZOO*	Place this message (or message) on MERCAST	
	indicated by following specific broadcast designator(s)	
ZOP*	This message (or message) has been delivered to all	
	broadcast areas (or to the following specific broadcast	
	area(s)).	
ZOQ*	Deliver this message (or message) to all broadcast areas	
700	(or to the following specific broadcast area(s)).	
ZOR	Transmit only reversals.	
ZOR*	(1) Route traffic for via area broadcast.	
	(2) Beginning at traffic for you (or) will be	
ZOS*	routed via area broadcast. Area routing for messages for is	Request area routing for messages for?
ZOT*	Transmit or handle this message at the lower precedence to	request area routing for messages for!
201	the station or address designator(s) which follow(s).	
ZOU*	Route traffic for through (on kHz (or MHz)).	How should traffic for be routed?
ZOV*	Station designation preceding this operating signal is the	Trow should durite for be fouled:
201	correct routing for this message rerouted by	
ZOW*	Broadcast this message at special watch keeping periods	
2011	for ships with	
	(1) one radio operator;	
	(2) two radio operators.	
ZOX*	Place this message (or message) on	
	(1) morse/CW;	
	(2) RATT;	
	submarine broadcast indicated by following specific	
	broadcast designator(s)	
ZOY*	Relay this message only to the station(s) whose	
7074	designation(s) precede this operating signal.	
ZOZ*	Relay this message (or message) in its present form	
704	without decryption.	
ZPA *	Printer line feed not received.	
ZPA* ZPB*	Your speech is distorted. Your transmitter has strong radiation while idling.	
ZPD**	Printer carriage return not received.	
ZPC*	Your signals are	
210	(1) fading badly;	
	(1) fading bady, (2) fading slightly;	
	(3) good for words per minute;	
	(4) getting stronger;	
	(5) getting weaker.	
ZPD*	My signal as checked by monitor is satisfactory	Is your signal as checked by monitor satisfactory
	(1) locally;	(1) locally;
	(2) as radiated.	(2) as radiated ?
ZPE	Punch everything.	
ZPE*	Maximum power is now being radiated.	
ZPF	Printer motor fast.	
ZPF*	The Readibility of the signals of the group (net) (or of)	What is the readibility of the signals of the group (net) (or
	is (1 - 5).	of)?

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ZPG*	Signal strength(s) of group (net) is (are) (or of) is (1 - 5).	What is the signal strength(s) of group (net) (or of)?
ZPH*	This interrupted transmission is canceled. A complete retransmission from this station will follow without	
	request.	
ZPJ*	This is a SUBOPAUTH edited version; either addressees	
213	and/or non-essential text have been removed from this	
	message. Subsequent delivery of the originators unedited	
	message is not intended unless requested.	
ZPK*	This is a SUBOPAUTH edited version; either addressees	
	and/or non-essential text have been removed from this	
	message. The originators unedited message will be	
	delivered by other means.	
ZPL*	Request unedited versions of edited messages, broadcast	
	number(s) be forwarded by means other than the	
ZDNI	submarine broadcast.	
ZPN*	IFF switched ON in distress position.	
ZPO*	Send plain once.	
ZPO*	The text of this message is to be relayed in precisely the same format as that in which it is received. No characters	
	or machine functions are to be added, inserted or deleted	
	and the relative positions of the groups are to be retained.	
ZPP	Punch plain only.	
ZPP*	Message which follows is a submarine surfacing signal to	
	be cleared on calling frequency.	
ZPR	Rerun slip at present running.	
ZPR*	I have messages (precedence) prepared in tape relay	
	format for you (or for). (Consideration should be given	
	to receiving this message directly on to a printing	
	perforator/typing perforator).	
ZPS	Printer motor slow.	
ZPT	Send plain twice.	
ZPT*	This transmission is a transmitter pre-acceptance trial.	
ZDI III	Request expeditious strength and readability reply.	
ZPU*	If more than one tropical wind warning message in this	
	sequence is awaiting transmission, transmit highest serial number first. (Sequence/Serial is understood to include	
	tropical warning name or number and consecutive warning	
	number).	
ZPV*	If the earlier wind warnings identified by DTG(s)	
21 (following this signal are awaiting transmission, file those	
	warnings without further transmission.	
ZPW*	This message canceled at time indicated. File without	
	further transmission.	
ZPX*	This message (or message) is forwarded to you for	
	screening and determination of need for broadcast	
	promulgation. Advise broadcast control commander of	
CADA CO	recommended message disposition.	
ZPY*	This message (or message) has been screened by	
70 4 *	command authority and requires broadcast delivery.	
ZQA*	The landing lights at the aerodrome (or at the aerodrome at	
ZQB*) are out of order. The magnetic direction in which landing is to be made is	What is the magnetic direction in which landing is to be
ZQD"	degrees.	made?
ZQC*	I am (or is) at (time).	Are you (or is)
200	(1) airborne;	(1) airborne;
	(2) waterborne;	(2) waterborne;
	(3) on land.	(3) on land?
ZQD*	You are to carry out the procedures appropriate to the use	Am I to carry out the procedure appropriate to the use of the

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	of the (facility).	(facility)?
ZQE*	My desired rate of descent is hundreds of feet per	What is your desired rate of descent expressed in hundreds
	minute.	of feet per minute?
ZQF*	The length of the runway in use is yards.	What is the length in yards of the runway in use?
ZRA	Reverse auto tape.	What is the rengal in yards of the ranking in age.
ZRA*	Your frequency is	How does my frequency check?
ZICA	(1) correct;	Thow does my frequency check:
	(2) slightly (or Hz (or kHz)) high;	
	(3) slightly (or Hz (or kHz)) low;	
	(4) stable on steady mark;	
	(4) stable on steady mark, (5) stable on steady space;	
	(6) unstable;	
	(7) erratic.	
ZRB	Relayed signals bad, adjust receiver.	
ZRB*		
ZKB*	Check your (or's) frequency on this circuit (or on kHz	
ZDC	(or MHz)).	
ZRC		Can you receive code?
ZRC*	Tune your transmitter to	Shall I tune my transmitter to
	(1) proper frequency;	(1) proper frequency;
	(2) zero beat with my (or) transmitter.	(2) zero beat with your (or) transmitter?
ZRD*	The frequency of the radio facility now in operation is	What is the frequency of the radio facility now in
		operation?
ZRE*	I hear you best on kHz (or MHz).	On what frequency do you hear me best?
ZRF*	I am about to send tuning signal on my present frequency	Will you send tuning signal on your present frequency (or
	(or on kHz (or MHz)).	on kHz (or MHz)) for one minute or until 'AS' is given?
ZRG*	A change in frequency (to kHz (or MHz) will be	When will a change of frequency (to kHz (or MHz)) be
	necessary at approximately	necessary?
ZRH*	Your frequency shift is	Is my frequency shift correct?
	(1) too wide;	
	(2) too narrow;	
	(3) not linear;	
	(4) correct;	
	(by Hz).	
ZRJ*	I will check my	Will you check your?
ZRK	Reversed keying.	
ZRK*	Revert to single channel working.	Shall I revert to single channel working?
ZRL	Rerun slip before new running.	Same reverse sangue enumer weathing.
ZRL*	I am working on the correct code.	Are you working on the correct code?
ZICE	Note: this meaning applies only to frequency shift diplex.	Note: this meaning applies only to frequency shift diplex.
ZRM	Please remove modulation from	110to. and meaning applies only to frequency sinit diplox.
ZRM*	I can receive	Can you receive both sidebands of my independent
ZIXIVI	(1) the upper sideband;	sideband transmissions?
	(1) the upper sideband; (2) the lower sideband;	Sideband transmissions:
	(2) the lower sideband; (3) both sidebands.	
ZDNI		
ZRN	Rough note.	December 14 to the second 15
ZRN*	I intend to transmit on	Do you intend to transmit on
	(1) the upper sideband (USB);	(1) the upper sideband (USB);
	(2) the lower sideband (LSB);	(2) the lower sideband (LSB);
	(3) both sidebands independently (ISB).	(3) both sidebands independently (ISB)?
ZRO		Are you receiving OK?
ZRO*	I can read you on	Can you read me on
	(1) channel A;	(1) channel A;
	(2) channel B;	(2) channel B;
	(3) channel(s);	(3) channel(s);
	(4) all channels;	(4) all channels?
	(5) no channels.	
ZRP*	Transfer signal on channel to channel (should only be	
	used when order originates from a third working channel.	
	See ZRV for use between directly connected working	
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	channels).	
ZRQ*	Change to other sideband.	
ZRR	Run reversals.	
ZRR*	Message(s) number(s) will no longer be broadcast but	
	are effective and of interest (to units indicated).	
ZRS	Rerun message number	
ZRS*	Your carrier is	
	(1) over-suppressed;	
	(2) under-suppressed.	
ZRT	Revert to traffic.	
ZRT*	Radiate full unmodulated power for minutes.	
ZRU*	Your tones for	Are my tone frequencies correct?
	(1) marking and spacing are high;	
	(2) marking and spacing are low;	
	(3) marking and spacing are correct.	
ZRV*	Transfer signal to channel	
ZRW*	Retransmit phasing signal	
	(1) you did not synchronize;	
	(2) check your daily key setting.	
ZRY	Rerun test slip with RYs, please.	
ZSA*	You may ascend to (height).	May I ascend to (height)?
ZSB*	You may descend to (height).	May I descend to (height)?
ZSC*	Switch on IFF.	`
ZSD*	IFF switched OFF.	
ZSE*	(1) we have glider in tow;	Do you have glider in tow?
	(2) we are forced to release glider at (approximate	
	position)	
ZSF	Send faster.	
ZSF*	Switch off	
	(1) IFF;	
	(2) IFF sets for 10 minutes in area denoted except	
	for ships whose call signs follow.	
ZSG*	You may approach using the facility indicated.	May I make an approach using the facility indicated?
ZSH	Static heavy here.	
ZSI	Please furnish signal intensity.	
ZSI*	You are	
201	(1) to maintain height of feet and report over	
	(call sign) range station;	
	(2) to hold on leg of the beam (call sign)	
	range station at height feet.	
ZSM	Microvolt input to receiver is	
ZSN	Give SINPO report on	
ZSO	Transmit slips once.	
ZSO*	Send tapes (or message)	
	(1) once;	
	(2) twice.	
ZSR	Your signal is strong and readable.	
ZSS	Send slower.	
ZST	Transmit slips twice.	
ZSU	Your signals are unreadable.	
ZSV	Your speed is varying.	
ZTA	Transmit by auto.	
ZTA*	(1) radio;	
LIA	(1) radio, (2) visual;	
	(3) land line;	
	(4) teletypewriter (teleprinter);	
	(4) teletypewriter (teleprinter), (5) telephone;	
	(6) automatic;	
	(7) facsimile;	
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	(8) shore telephone;	
	(9) shore teleprinter;	
	(10) radio teletypewriter;	
	(11) satellite.	
ZTB*	(1) transmitter-distributor;	
	(2) autohead;	
	(3) perforator;	
	(4) reperforator;	
	(5) printer;	
	(6) undulator;	
	(7) keyboard;	
	(8) frequency shift keyer;	
	(9) multiplexing carrier base;	
	(10) on-line crypto device.	
ZTC*	(1) Your appears to be faulty;	(1) Does my appear to be faulty?
	(2) my is faulty.	(2) Is your faulty?
ZTD*	Use	Shall I use?
ZTE*	I am (or is) able to use	Are you (or is) able to use?
ZTF	Send fast and twice.	
ZTF*	Repairs	Are repairs completed?
	(1) completed;	
	(2) uncompleted. Estimated completion time	
	minutes;	
	(3) cannot be completed because	
ZTG*	(class of emission/type of transmission as indicated in	
	chapter 6).	
ZTH	Transmit by hand.	
ZTI	Transmission temporarily interrupted.	
ZTI*	(1) receiver;	
	(2) transmitter;	
	(3) power supply;	
	(4) antenna system;	
7TI*	(5) radio direction finder.	
ZTJ* ZTK*	Cease using	A (
ZTL*	I am (oris) connected to I am (or is) about to disconnect.	Are you (or is) connected to? Are you (or is) about to disconnect?
ZTM*	I am (or is) about to disconnect.	Are you (or is) about to disconnect?
ZTN*	Your bias distortion is	What is my bias distortion?
ZIN"	(1) excessive;	what is my dias distortion?
	(2) percent (marking);	
	(3) percent (marking);	
	(4) percent (spacing),	
ZTO*	Your character formation is	Is my character formation correct?
210	(1) correct;	15 my character formation correct:
	(2) defective in the start element;	
	(3) defective in the 1st unit;	
	(4) defective in the 2nd unit;	
	(5) defective in the 3rd unit;	
	(6) defective in the 4th unit;	
	(7) defective in the 5th unit;	
	(8) defective in the stop element.	
ZTP*	The duration of my modulation cycle is 50 Baud	What is the duration of your modulation cycle?
	Equipment:	
	(1) 148 milliseconds (7.42 units) fast;	
	(2) 150 milliseconds (7.5 units) correct;	
	(3) 152 milliseconds (7.6 units) slow;	
	(4) erratic per character.	
	45.5 Baud Equipment:	
	(1) 161 milliseconds (7.35 units) fast;	

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	(2) 163 milliseconds (7.42 units) correct;	
	(3) 165 milliseconds (7.5 units) slow;	
	(4) erratic per character.	
ZTQ*	I will	Will you
	(1) get the circuit engineer/facility control	(1) get the circuit engineer/facility control
	technician to speak on the circuit;	technician
	(2) hand the line over to the circuit technician for	to speak on this circuit (or circuit engineer/facility
	check and call you when check has been	control);
	completed.	(2) hand the line over to the circuit
		engineer/facility control technician for check?
ZTR*	I will	Will you
	(1) disconnect (or I am disconnecting my	(1) disconnect your equipment from line and carry
	equipment from line and carry (or to carry) out	out local test, reconnecting to line in minutes;
	local test, reconnecting to line in minutes;	(2) connect my transmit line to my line to your
	(2) connect your transmit receive line to enable	receive line to enable me to carry out a loop test for
	you to carry out a loop test for	minutes ?
7770*	minutes. The line is	To the line and for the man
ZTS*		Is the line satisfactory?
	(1) satisfactory;(2) unsatisfactory.	
ZTT*	(2) unsatisfactory. Fixed aerial	
ZII.	(1) omni-directional;	
	(2) rotatable;	
	(3) directional.	
ZUA	Conditions unsuitable for automatic recording.	
ZUA*	Timing signal will be transmitted now (or at). The	Request a timing signal now (or at).
ZUA.	numerals indicating the time will be followed by a five-	Request a tilling signal now (or at).
	second dash terminating exactly at the time indicated.	
ZUB	We have been unable to break you.	
ZUB*	At	
ZUC	Unable to comply, will do so at	
ZUC*	From to	
ZUD*	Until further orders (or until).	
ZUE*	Affirmative (Yes).	
ZUF*	Air raid	
201	(1) warning;	
	(2) in progress;	
	(3) all clear.	
ZUG*	Negative (No).	
ZUH*	Unable to comply.	
ZUI*	Your attention is invited to	
ZUJ*	Stand by.	
ZUK*	(Appointment Code) is now ready to begin key	(Appointment Code) desires key conversation on this
	conversation with (Appointment Code). Will you	circuit with (Appointment Code).
	indicate when you are ready?	
ZVA*	Station called is responsible for relay or delivery to all	
	stations in line two (2) or to stations indicated.	
ZVB	Varying bias.	
ZVB*	My time over last compulsory reporting point was and	What was your time over last compulsory reporting point,
	ETA at next compulsory reporting point is	and ETA at next compulsory reporting point?
ZVE*	Security conditions at my termination(s) of this channel (or	What are the security conditions of your designated) are
	channel/circuit	termination(s) of this channel (or channel/ circuit
	(1) secured for Restricted;	designated)?
	(2) secured for Confidential;	
	(3) secured for Secret;	
	(4) secured for Top Secret.	
	Note: the answer to this signal may only be passed on	
	circuits cleared for classified traffic.	
ZVF	Signals varying in frequency.	
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ZVF*	This channel (or channel/circuit designated) is	
	unserviceable for classified traffic.	
ZVP	Send VVVs please.	
ZVQ*	This message, relating to a warning, an alert, distress, or an	
	emergency, is authorized to be relayed via the facilities of	
	your network without prior arrangement.	
ZVR*	Retransmit this message (or message) at once to all	
	subordinate stations.	
ZVS	Signals varying in intensity.	
ZWB*	Indicate name of	
	(1) operator on watch;	
	(2) senior rating on watch;	
	(3) operator who transmitted last message (or	
	message).	
	Note: this signal is authorized for use in connection with	
	operator training only; it may not be used for any other	
	purpose.	
ZWC	Wipers or clicks here.	
ZWC*	The following is to be taken as applying to personnel on	
	watch only.	
ZWD*	Carry out communication (visual exercise number at	
	senior officer (or) is to conduct).	
ZWE*	Voluntary exercise (number) may be carried out now (or	
	at).	
ZWF*	Incorect.	
ZWG*	You are correct.	
ZWH*	Try again.	
ZWI*	Answer last question (or question).	
ZWJ*	Stations are to answer taking the following duties A,	
	B,C, etc.	
ZWK*	Following is answer to the last question (or question).	
ZWL*	No forwarding action to the designation(s) immediately	
	following is required.	
ZWM*	Correct answer to last question (or question) is (or	
	will be found in).	
ZWN*	Correct version of the part of the last message (or message	
700) which was sent incorrectly is (or will be found in).	
ZWO	Send words once.	
ZWO*	Following message (or question, or exercise) is for the	
	exercise of	
	(1) junior operators;	
	(2) senior operators;(3) ratings on watch.	
ZWP*	A junior operator is to carry out	
7 W.L.	(1) a standard flashing exercise;	
	(2) a standard reasoning exercise;	
	(3) a standard radio-telegraphy transmitting	
	exercise;	
	(4) a standard radio-telegraphy receiving exercise.	
ZWR	Your signals weak but readable.	
ZWS	Wavelength (frequency) is swinging, 15.	
ZWT	Send words twice.	
ZXA	Adjust to receive speed (fax)	
ZXA*	The following group is a call sign, delivery group or	
	address group. (Used in plain language texts of messages	
	other than procedure messages).	
ZXB*	Station(s) to whom this message is routed obtain a	
	complete copy of this interrupted transmission by	
	addressing a service message to the originating station.	

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ZXC	Pix conditionally accepted.	
ZXC*	This transmission has been interrupted. A retransmission	
	will follow without request. (Must be followed	
	immediately by valid end of message sequence).	
ZXD	Send dashes, please. (fax)	
ZXD*	This message is to be delivered to the addressee(s) in tape form.	
ZXE*	Reserved for future use by NACOSA/ISSC.	
ZXF	You are floating fast. (fax)	
ZXF*	(1) For peacetime operations: This message has	
	been generated/mediated by a COSMIC TOP	
	SECRET ATOMAL System High SCARS II	
	System. The Maximum security classification	
	authorized without off-line encryption released	
	from SCARS II into the NICS TARE network is NATO SECRET. ATOMAL information at any	
	security classification level released into the NICS	
	TARE network requires also off-line encryption.	
	(2) For TTW/Wartime operations after	
	authorization from Operational Commander: This	
	message has been generated/mediated by a	
	COSMIC TOP SECRET ATOMAL SYSTEM	
	HIGH SCARS II SYSTEM.	
ZXG*	This MESSAGE has been generated/mediated by a NATO	
	CONFIDENTIAL System High automated data processing	
	system.	
ZXH	Limits high, reduce cycles. (fax)	
ZXH*	This MESSAGE has been generated/mediated by a NATO	
ZXI*	SECRET System High automated data processing system.	
ZXI*	This critical SCARS II MESSAGE should be given precedence over other Flash messages.	
	Note: signals listed are reserved for use by NACOSA.	
ZXJ	You are jumping out of phase. (fax)	
ZXK	Is your synchronizing correct? (fax)	
ZXK*	Station called relay this message (or message) to in	
	addition to predetermined responsibilities.	
ZXL	Limits are low, increase cycles. (fax)	
ZXO	Last run defaced due to (fax)	
ZXO*	Request you obtain retransmission of messages from	
	station	
ZXP	Go ahead with Pix.	
ZXP*	I have for you	
	(1) a request for direct air support;(2) a reply to a support request;	
	precedence is	
ZXQ*	I have for you	
LAQ	(1) a request for tactical reconnaissance;	
	(2) a request for photographic reconnaissance;	
	(3) a request for artillery reconnaissance;	
	precedence is	
ZXR*	Intensive flag signaling will take place shortly (or in	
	minutes).	
ZXS	You are floating slow. (fax)	
ZXS*	Message which follows is to be handled by	
	(1) officer emergency cryptographic team;	
	(2) ratings emergency cryptographic team;	
	(3) senior communications rating;	
	(4) junior communications rating;	
	(5) coder (educational).	

	Z Codes – Military and	Commercial
ZXT*	This message is not to be transmitted by radiotelegraph or	
	radiotelephone in any form over part of its route.	
ZXV	Your modulation is varying. (fax)	
ZXW*	This message has been delivered to all action addressees	
	whose designations follow this operating signal.	
ZXX*	This message has been delivered to all information	
	addressees whose designations follow this operating signal.	
ZXY*	Transmit this message to the addressee(s) indicated by the	
	numeral(s) following	
	All addressees are to be counted consecutively as they	
	appear (numbers to be separated by the Separative Sign).	
ZYA	Cease traffic, send As on A channel. (multiplex)	
ZYC	Cycling on ARQ, errors stored your end. (multiplex)	
ZYK	Check your keying on channel (multiplex)	
ZYM	Change from single printer to multiplex.	
ZYN	Make bias neutral. (multiplex)	
ZYO*	Message originated with mobile units.	
ZYP	Change from multiplex to single printer.	
ZYR	Please put on MUX revolutions.	
ZYS	The speed of transmission is	What is your speed of transmission?
ZYT	Check your thyratrons.	
ZYT*	Forward this message without service action.	
ZYX	Revert to MUX frames channels.	
ZZA*	Tell name of operator who has transmitted last message (or	
	message).	
ZZD**	Readability is ("I hear you");	
ZZF*	Incorrect.	
ZZN*	Message is a drill message for	
	(1) beginning operator	
	(2) advanced operators	
	(3) operators on watch.	
ZZO*	Beginning operator.	
ZZS**	Change freq. to ("Go to");	