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UPCOMING DEADLINES: 24 April (May); 12 May (Mid-May); 22 May (June)

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ANGOLA *Em Reg Lobito*, 4178, at \*0455 w/ NA, ID in PT by M; then into highlife vocals. Poor to fair in CW QRM. (Harry Jones, VA; 3-5) +++ *Em Reg Cabinda*, 5035, in PT 0640 w/ good sigs. ID as "A Voz do Povo." (Stu Klein, FLA)

AUSTRALIA RA, 9770 NF, in EG at 1200. Unlisted site. Good sigs and // 9580. (Bob Zilmer, WI) +++ RA, 21680 NF, at 0154 and 0217 various evenings, //17795. Not listed on sked. (Bill Morgens, OHIO) +++ Suprised to find 21680 in EG not // other EG freqs at 0404 27 March. This one had separate sports coverage playing fill mx, then joining "third race in Sydney." 21680 is a last minute replacement for 21455. (Glenn Hauser, TN)

AUSTRIA ORF, 15320, in EG to NAM at 1230. Replaces 15425 and is // 17710. Fair reception. (Zilmer, WI)

BANGLADESH RB, 15521, in EG 1230-1300\*, closing w/ ID and address. Covered by UTE, making reception difficult. (Zilmer, WI)

BELGIUM RTB, 6080; the het on the USB side of this one during its 0015 EG tx undoubtedly caused by R. Nac. Peru, 6082, w/ 15 kW. (Zilmer, WI) +++ RTB, 15205 NF, noted 1000-1030. Moved from 15210. (Clayton Sherman, NY)

BELIZE R. Belize, 3285, in EG and SP 1103 w/ devotional in EG and similar one in SP. Then W w/ ID, freqs (gave 3300 SW) and into C & W mx. (Jack Jones, MISS; 3-30)

BRAZIL R. Tabajara, 4795, in PT 0830, w/ excited trilling DJ, then ID. Fair with QSB. (H. Jones, VA; 3-20) +++ R. Cl. do Para, 4855, nightly in PT at 0200-0300. (Theo Donnelly, BC) +++ R. Guarani, 6175, in PT 0830 w/ talks by M and W. ID. (H. Jones, VA; 3-5)

BULGARIA Sofia, 9705, is jammed by USSR at 0000 during their px to NAM. Sounds like poetic justice, with one EEuropean jamming another. Moscow jams 9705 to block RFE Czech px. (Zilmer, WI)

CHILE R. Minería, 9750, in SP 1102 w/ ID, ads, nx. Fair to good. (J. Jones, MISS; 4-7)

CLANDESTINE V of Malaysian Rev., 15790, w/ W in lang, mx, and chorus singing to abrupt 1235\*; // 11830, which was also noted under QRM. Logged this a few years ago but could never find QTH. Can anyone else help?? (Zilmer, WI)

COLOMBIA R. Surcolombiana, 5010, in SP at 0342 w/ M & W anncrs and typical latin mx. (J. Jones, MISS; 3-27) +++ LV de los Centauros, 5955, in SP 1007 w/ rolling vibes IS, ID, calls, freqs, and "B. Dias Colombia" px. (J. Jones, MISS; 3-30) +++ R. Nacional, 15335, in SP 0300 w/ ID, TC for 10 p.m., "la hora oficial en Colombia, 3 horas de Greenwich . . .," and string mx. Very good. (J. Jones, MISS; 3-29) \*\*\* Jack reports that his log of "R. Norte" in the last UD should have read "LV del Norte". tba

CUBA RHC, 19390, in SP at 0015 27 March. I think this is a harmonic of a spur!!! 2 x 9695 variable, where it's not supposed to be either. Maybe a spur from 9550. (Hauser, TN)

DOMINICAN REP. LV de las Fuerzas Armadas, 4825, good in SP at 1015. (Klein, FLA); LVFA also noted in SP at 0256 w/ guitar mx, and M anncr wishing all listeners a good evening. Then IDs. (Dom Yacono, NY) +++ R. Clarin, 11700, in SP 2058 w/ ID audible through AR talk and mx. Libya??? (J. Jones, MISS; 4-1) \*\*\* Probably so, Jack. tba

ECUADOR R. Rio Amazonas, 4870, in SP at 0230\*. ID by M, martial anthem, and off. (Yacono, NY) +++ LV de Sasquisili, 4900, in SP 1053, w/ good ID and TC after mixture of pop and Ecuadorian campos mx. Juventud off air lately. (J. Jones, MISS; 3-27) +++ R. Splendit, 5025, in SP 0859 w/ Spanish mx, guitars and ballads, ID and TC. (J. Jones, MISS; 4-1) +++ R. Nac. Progreso, 5060, in SP at 0325 w/ vocal by W w/ accordian in background followed by ID. (Yacono, NY)

EGYPT Cairo, 9475, in EG 0200. "Cairo Calling", w/ nx and mx. (Ruth Vollrath, MO)

FINLAND RF, 9755, in both EG and Finnish during their 2300 b'cast. Couldn't tell if they were also on 9645. (Bob Batson, MO); RF, 9755, in EG to NAM 2300, moving from 9645. Reception much improved. // to poorer 11705. (Zilmer, WI)

FRANCE RFI, 15200, in EG at 1705 w/ "Paris Calling Africa." (Vollrath, MO)

GERMANY (FED. REP.) DW, 4885a, that familiar old IS at 0152. Poor-fair mixing w/ Ondas del Meta. (H. Jones, VA; 3-17)

GHANA GBC Ejura, 4980, in EG 0605 w/ local nx. Fair to good. (Klein, FLA)

GREECE ERT, 11730, in EG at 0220 w/ world nx; then Spanish sounding mx to 0300. (Chris Leithner, TN)

GUATEMALA R. Chortis, 3380, in SP \*1058 w/ drums and flute IS, ID and freq, and ranchera mx. (J.Jones, MISS; 3-30) +++ R. Tesulutan, 4835, in SP at 0159\*. ID, freqs, "M.B. Noches," carrier off at 0200. Reloj off lately. (J.Jones, MISS; 4-5)

HONDURAS R. Progreso, 4920, in SP 0124 w/ W chorals of famous SP vocals, and ID. Poor. (Yacono, NY)

IRAN Tehran heard in Persian on 9770 NF // 15084 at 1728. Fair to good 27 March. (Victor Jaar, PQ)

ISRAEL IBA, 9835, in EG 0505 w/ Israeli and world nx. (Vollrath, MO)

ITALY RAI, 11800, 2200-0330; EG 0100-0120; // 15345. (Sherman, NY, Vollrath, MO)

JAPAN RJ, 15105, in EG 0310 w/ nx and talk on Japanese participation in world sea law conference. (J.Jones, MISS; 3-29)

KENYA V o Kenya, 4915, in Swahili 0305-0335 5 April; talk by 2 M to ID 0310; apparent nx 0315 w/ frequent mentions of Namibia. Ad for Colgate Dental Creme 0319, then into DJ px w/ African style rock to 0335 t/o. VoK also noted in EG on 4934, 0348-0402 w/ African style rock to 0354. National weather to 0355 then more mx. Ad 0358, then pips, ID, TC and nx at 0400. Still there at 0500 recheck. Both freqs should be easily heard on nights of active geomagnetic condx. These were my first definite logs of VoK after years of searching. (tba)

KUWAIT RK still using 9505 // 21685 in AR at 1320 as noted on 26 March. (Jaar, PQ)

LEBANON V o Lebanon, 6550, weak at 0550. (Irv Leffler, NY) +++ RL, 11825, in EG 0245-0315 then into SP. Px on foreign aid to Lebanon. Long closing annncmts at lang change. (David Schweikart, VA); RL also noted on 11825 in FR to Canada and Antilles 0130-0200 w/ Lebanese nx and cultural features. AR px 0200-0230, and EG after 0230. Quite good. (Andre Pineault, PQ); RL, 11825, in EG 0230-0300. (Sherman, NY); RL, 11825, excellent level 0100-0230\*. AR 0100-0200, and SP 0200-0230\*. AR ID: Izaat Louban min Beirut." Suspect s/on to be 0000.

(Leffler, NY) \*\*\* It appears that timing of the various px has changed on RL. Beware. tba  
LIBYA Two NFs on this one: 9549 and 9630 noted w/ good sigs at 1854 on 24 March. However, on 26 March 9630 was replaced by former 9650, noted at 2050. Usually // 11700 at this time. (Jaar, PQ)

LUXEMBOURG RTL, 15350, in FR 1400; W reading nx, and Stevie Wonder song, ID followed. Fair to good. (Yacono, NY)

MEXICO Su Pantera, 6105, in SP \*1159. Pop mx, opening remarks, ID and calls. (J.Jones, MISS)

NEW ZEALAND RNZ, 11850, in EG 0505 w/ usual format. Announced this as one of several new frequencies. (Vollrath, MO) \*\*\* Did you catch the others, Ruth??? tba

NORWAY RN, 11850, w/ IS, ID and into Norwegian 0658. (Klein, FLA)

PAKISTAN RP Indo Ser., 15325, noted at 0245\* w/ NA and off. Good level. Tnx to Wendel Craighead for tip. (tba) +++ RP heard w/ weak sigs in UnID lang at 0350 on 17830 // 15325. (Jaar, PQ; 3-24)

PERU R. Panamericana, 5980, in SP 1119; folklorica mx, M & W w/ talks on agriculture and insect pest control. KGEI absent. (J.Jones, MISS; 3-27) +++ R. Tawantinsuyu, 6175, in SP 1014 w/ folklorico mx and ID. Quite regular lately. (J.Jones, 4-3)

PHILIPPINES Tuning across VOA 19 March at 1359 on 11715, surprised to hear them giving freq list, and even more surprised that this one was given as 11717! (Hauser, TN) \*\*\* I've also noticed them giving freq lists at close of African Service b'casts lately. Policy change??? tba

QATAR Due to absence of RNE (now Spanish Foreign Radio--tba) on Good Friday, Doha was heard on 9570 from 1950 to 2101 in AR. Noted several IDs. Signal peaks around 2000, comparable to usual 1300 peak during winter months. S/off preceded by short small-band anthem. First time noted here at s/off. (Jaar, PQ; 3-24)

SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA, 11855, in FR 0500-0700; religious px on Islamic thought. Much better than 2100 b'cast. (Pineault, PQ)

SEYCHELLES FEBA allover everywhere these days. 11705 w/ IS at 0200 4 April, mixing with Moscow and Sweden IS. QRM covered px. (Donnelly, BC) +++ FEBA still moving around. Heard 27 March on 11860 NF w/ AR. Announces AR "on 25 m" 0345-0445 and 1700-1800. (Jaar, PQ)

SOUTH AFRICA RSA, 17780, in EG 1400 at poor level. Listed as one of the new 500 kW tx. (Zilmer, WI) \*\*\* Maybe operating at reduced power??? tba

SOUTH KOREA Seoul, 9525, at 1003 in EG w/ nx, comment and mailbag px. M and F annrcs. (Klein, FLA); Seoul noted in EG on 9650 at 1130-1200. (Sherman, NY); Seoul, 9650, in EG 1130-1200 formerly on 9640. Suspect they moved to avoid VOA QRM on 9640. Poor to fair, but heard every morning. (Zilmer, WI)

SRI LANKA SLBC, 11800, in apparent Hindi Service 1600-1730\*. Mx and some ads. ID: "Yeh SLBC . . . heh." (Donnelly, BC) +++ SLBC, 15425, in EG w/ All Asia Ser. 0230. (chuck Hafter, NC)

SWEDEN RS, 11855, at 0230; noted IS amid bad QRM. (Vollrath, MO); RS, 21650, in Swedish 1200-1230\* to SAsia, replacing 17770. (Zilmer, WI)

USA WGOR (pirate), 1628 in EG at 0355 w/ pop mx and phone in px from listeners using 626-9906. Gone for an hour or so due to problems hooking up tape machine. The three annrcs gave names as James, Larry and Danielle. (Yacono, NY; 3-17) +++ V of Voyageur, 5850, in EG 0520-0551 w/ rock and pop mx. Said goodbye and carrier off 0527. Back on at 0545 tune in w/ seven note guitar IS, ID and freq; "Testing--1--2--3" pop mx, and carrier off at 0551. Het and CW QRM. Tnx to phone tip from Greg Ravenhorst. (J.Jones, MISS; 3-21) \*\*\* has anyone

received a QSL from them yet??? tba \*\*\* WINT, Radio 62, 6206, heard at 2258 w/ chime IS, and ID at 2300. Played pop mx to 2329 w/ many IDs. Anncr described b'cast as special test. 2330\* Also noted 0000-0002\* later the same week. Sigs very poor, so suspect this is close by. Sked not yet known. (Zilmer, WI) \*\*\* There seems to be a large increase in the number of American hobby pirates of late. Makes for fascinating listening. tba \*\*\* AFRTS seems to no longer operate 24h at least from US sites, but at least it's still audible \*1800-1400\*. Noted on 15330 closing at 1400 1 April // 6095, 9700, 15430. Also for many months AFRTS has ignored listener requests for pgm schedules, despite an entirely new format of four network nx b'casts one after the other on most hours, musical interludes between pgms, significantly reducing clutter (and those inane PSAs too . . . tba) and many other schedule and px changes. (Hauser, TN) \*\*\* Glenn and Louis Goldstein have put together an AFRTS sked based on actual monitoring. It appears in the April Review of International B'casting. Non-subscribers can obtain a copy of the Apr issue for \$0.75 in NAM; for overseas airmail, \$1.35 or 7 IRCs. Write Glenn Hauser, University Radio, WUOT, Knoxville, TN 37916 USA. I have a copy already and recommend it highly to those who tune in to AFRTS. tba

USSR Anadyr, 4030, in RS 0740; fair w/ classical mx and talk by M. (H. Jones; VA; 3-20) +++ Mayak, 6020, site unknown, w/ IS 0000 then into "God Save the Czar"!!! Quite unbelievable. (Klein, FLA) \*\*\* I agree. tba\*\*\* R. Kiev, 9610a, in EG at \*0300 w/ mailbag session by W. This is apparently a test tx (or a NF ??? tba) in anticipation of a move from 9580 which is badly QRMed from BBC and nearby RNederland. (Yacono, NY) +++ RM, 18030, in EG to UK at 1900. Good sigs. (Zilmer, WI) +++ RM, 18150, at 2350; Far East site presumably, on RCSSB 28 March. Mx 2350, and anncmt at 2355. (Hauser, TN)

VENEZUELA R. Frontera, 4760, in SP at 0259\* w/ full ID and YV NA. My first definite log of this. Poor to fair in UTE QRM. (H. Jones, VA; 3-22); Frontera also noted 0310 on 4760 in SP w/ ID by M and major league ball scores. Bad het. (Yacono, NY) \*\*\* Are you completely positive about this Dom??? Frontera s/off is normally 0300 or somewhat earlier. tba +++ LV de Carabobo, 4780, in SP 0206 w/ ID after long, long ad string. Then Venezuelan mx. (J. Jones MISS; 4-5) +++ R. Valera, 4840, in SP 0944 w/ ID, "B. Dias Venezuela," local mx. (J. Jones, MISS; 4-5) +++ R. Sucre, 4960, in SP 0330 w/ talk by M, latin mx and ID. (Yacono, NY)

VIETNAM Hanoi, 15009, in EG 1800-1900 and 2100-2130. (Sherman, NY) +++ Hanoi, 15012, in EG at \*2030 w/ NA or signature tune, two IDs by M and W, then into regional and world nx. Bad QRM from VOA 15005. Another freq would be better. (Yacono, NY)

WANTED *Handicapped Aid Program US needs a volunteer to read UPDATE onto tapes for sight impaired DXers. They will furnish necessary tapes, or will reimburse reader for necessary expenses. If you're interested, please contact me (tba) or write Wayne Davis, HAP-US Director, 27 Cleveland Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08609 USA, for further details. Tnx.*

EDITORIAL BUSINESS: The votes in the great typestyle sweepstakes are now in, and the tabulation is complete!!! I got eight votes, four in favor of the new style, and four preferring the old. Since the new style didn't get a majority of the votes we will stick with the Prestige Elite style we have been using. Tnx to all who expressed an opinion. +++ During the last month or so, I've received several change of address forms and subscription requests from current or future UPDATERS. By way of reminder, ALL SUBSCRIPTION-RELATED MATTERS SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO HQ, at Box 13, Liberty, IN 47353. I try to forward these items as quickly as possible, but delay and possible error may result. If you send subscription matters to me, you risk missing issues of UPDATE. Please help us give you the best subscription service possible. +++ Finally, when reporting to UPDATE, please bear in mind that it is designed to report the latest SW news, not items that are several weeks old. With quickly changing frequencies and propagation conditions, old items are essentially useless except in a historical sense. I don't like to do it, but very old items (rule of thumb: more than one month) will be edited out from this point on. In this way, we can keep to UPDATE's essential purpose: a twice monthly report of the hottest SW related nx. Tnx.

Tnx to all who made this another fine issue. Although summer condx are rapidly approaching, the tropical bands are still yielding large amounts of high-quality DX. Good hunting and my best to all---