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UPCOMING DEADLINES: 20 December (Jan) 12 January (Mid-Jan) 22 January (Feb)

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ALBANIA Gjrokaster, 5057, in Albanian 0500 w/ nice local mx, talk, and ID as "Ju flet Tirana." (Brett Saylor, PA)--Gjrokaster also noted 0500-0530 w/ squeaky violin mx, then M giving apparent dance lessons. ID at 0530 which sounded like "You fled Tirana", which I did. (Stu Klein, FLA) *** Stu, your dance lessons were in fact setting up exercises, which may work out to the same thing. tba *** R. Tirana, 9500 in FR 1429; IS, ID by W, talks. RM IS heard underneath seems late for tx from Balkans on this freq. (Jack Jones, MISS; 11-25)

ANDORRA R. Scandinavia, 6215, again on 12 Nov w/ fair sigs 2058-2159* w/ usual EG DJ, test annemts and Euro and US pops. (Bill Whitacre, MICH)

ARGENTINA R. Nacional, 6060, in SP *0858; band mx, time pips at 0900, ID, calls and freqs by W. (Jones, MISS, 11-25)

AUSTRALIA VLW 4, 4920, in EG 0950; barely audible w/ M anncr, ABC ID and talks. (Klein, FLA)

BENIN LVRB, 4870, at 0414; highlife mx to ID 0418. (tba)

BRAZIL R. Cult. do Para, 5045, in PT 0219; samba and disco mx to ID at 0224. (tba)

CAMEROUN R. Bertoua, 4750, *0430; EG ID, freqs, sked and then into NA. (tba) +++ R. Garoua, 5010, in verns 0525; native chants, FR ID by M, and more mx. (Klein, FLA)

CANADA CHNX Halifax, 6130, in EG 1930; mx, weather, ads for speedreading course, Xmas shopping, jewelry, and "Tender Flake Lard." Best ever. (Roly Desrosiers, MA, 11-28) *** Welcome back, OM. tba *** CKZN St. Johns, 6160, in EG 0940. M host w/ talks and mx; also stories on fishing. Then EL mx, weather, and TCs. (Klein, FLA)

CHILE R. Nacional, 6195, in SP 1000; M w/ many IDs, political talks, and latin mx. (Klein, FLA)

COLOMBIA R. Mira, 6015, in SP 1100-1110; mentions of Colombia and Tumaco, IDs, M & W anncrs. Very Good. (Sam Barto, Conn)--Mira also noted in SP at 1105; M anncr w/ long talk, possibly religious, and several IDs. (Klein, FLA)--Mira also noted at *1103 in SP; ID, freqs, and NA. (Jones, MISS, 11-26)

COSTA RICA Faro del Caribe, 6035 NF, in SP 1035 w/ religious mx and talks // 5055. Nothing from them on 6175. (Klein, FLA)---Faro del Caribe, 6035 NF noted in SP 1153; ID, call, TC, mx. Bad het w/ the Siberian and // 5055. (Jones, Miss., 11-24)

ECUADOR R. Tropical, 3340, in SP 1121; ID, TC, reverb ad, typical Ecuadorian mx. (Jones, MISS, 11-22) +++ HCJB now has two simultaneous different px to NAM; noted in EG on 15115 w/ additional tx 0030-0200. Guess they had an oversupply of b'casters wanting to buy airtime. This was annced on 11915 at 0029 as a "parallel EG px to Central and North America," but it was exactly the opposite--not // to 9560 and 11915. (Glenn Hauser, OKLA) +++ According to Clayton Howard on DXPL, HCJB will move its 3lm freq to NAM from 9560 to 9745 beginning 11 Dec. (Ruth Vollrath, MO)

EGYPT Cairo, 6230, in EG 0320 w/ "R. Cairo Newsdesk." (Vollrath, MO)

ETHIOPIA VoRE, 7110, in presumed Amharic, 0345; talk by M & W, singing, instrumental mx, flute IS at 0400, uneven time pips, ID including Addis Ababa by M, NA and nx. (Saylor, PA)

FINLAND RF seems to have a better sig in Oklahoma than in Tennessee, must be closer to the beam heading. Noted on 15210 at 1440 25 Nov at good level. Can be a nasty het on the high side and other co-channel QRM. I have suggested that they move to 17735 at 1300-1500, which was clear at start of D78 but may no longer be, and on Sundays will still be troubled by adjacent WYFR 17730. (Hauser, OKLA)

GERMANY (FED. REP.) Sddeutscher Rundfunk, 6030, in GM 0710; M w/ nx to ID at 0714 then apparent sports px w/ 2 M and one W anncrs; IS and ID 0729. (Klein, FLA; 12-1)

GREECE VoG, 9515 NF, ex 9610 due to RSA QRM; // 9760 first noted on 24 Nov 0237 in Greek. Applies to 0200-0350 tx including 0215-0230 EG. A good choice. (Hauser, OKLA)

GUATEMALA TGNA, 3300, in EG 0410; "Songs in the Night" px. (Vollrath, MO) +++ R. Maya, 3325, in SP 1115; accordion mx, IDs as R. Maya, religious mx. (Saylor, PA; 11-21)+++ LV de Nahuala, 3360, in SP 1125; ID by M, talks, and lively local mx. (Saylor, PA; 11-21) +++ R. Mam, 4825, in Indian 0202; native mx by three M in need of immediate adenoid surgery backed by elementary school clarinet choir and marimbas. In short, the usual stuff. (tba) +++ R. Tesulutlan, 4835, in SP 2340 w/ marimbas and ID. (Jim Weber, PA) ***Enjoyed talking to you OM. tba*** Tesulutlan also noted 1205-1212; ID, instrumental mx and talks in Indian dialect. (Barto, CONN)

HAITI R. Nat./R. Citadelle, 6155, at apparent *1000. On 25 Nov, R. Nat. w/ 15 min of LA mx, RN ID by M then short garbled talks in FR/Creole. On 1 and 3 Dec, R. Citadelle IDs at s/on, light mx, many ads. Some Creole talks and religious mx. Hypothesis: R. Citadelle, Sun-Fri; R. Nat., Sat only. (Klein, FLA) --- R. Nat., 6156, in FR 1152-1203; W anncr, vocals and

Lively pop mx. (Barto, CONN) --- R. Citadelle, 6156, at 1150 17 Nov w/ big het, FR pops and talks, many mentions of Citadelle both in and out of ID context. (Whitacre, MI)---R. Cit., a fortunate tune in at 0939 w/ R. Cit. ID, short anthem, possible TC and then into Xmas mx. All in FR. (Jones, MISS; 12-7) +++ 4 VEH, 11835, in EG 2300 w/ "Guidelines for Family Living." (Vollrath, MO)

HONDURAS R. Juticalpa, 4780, in SP 1130; many ads, IDs and TCs by M anncr and nice latin mx. (Klein, FLA; 12-1)+++HRVC, 4820, in EG 0315; "Moody Presents" px. (Vollrath, MO)--HRVC also noted at 0505 w/ "Night Sounds" px, EL mx, religious DJ mentioning listeners mail. Off abruptly after ID during stn info at 0512. (Desrosiers, MASS; 11-29)

INDIA AIR, 11620, in EG 2115; ID by M, Indaian mx, px on mx. (Saylor, PA)

INDONESIA RRI Medan, 4764, in Indo 1155-1207; ID, nx, island mx, and bells or chimes. (Barto, CONN) +++ RRI Ujung Pandang, 4720a // 4753a, in Indo 1220-1230 t/o w/ talks by 2 M. At 1257 recheck, ID by W; SCI at 1258. Faded shortly thereafter. (Klein, FLA)

ISRAEL IBA heard at 0500-0515 w/ nx and weather in EG and FR 05150-0530 on following freqs: 9833, very good; 11638, good; 11655, good; 11840 NF, good (this is a move from 11845); 17630, fair; 17685, fair; 17795, poor; and 17815, fair. 17875, 15415 and 21495 not hears. (Bob Zilmer)

ITALY RAI, 9710, in Italian 0243; ID, opera mx, EL mx (e.g., "Where or When, "Warsaw Concerto") IS at 0325. (Desrosiers, MASS; 11-28)

JAPAN NSB, 9595, w/ EG "Tokyo Forum Get-Together" at 1545. Px w/ very happy W DJ, laughs all the time and reading weirdo nx stories. Two days earlier, this was supposed to be simulcast w/ KZOO-1210, Hawaii. (Hauser, OKLA, 11-24) +++ NHK, 15195, in EG 0115 w/ "Hello North America." (Vollrath, MO) +++ HNK, 15270, in EG 2344; IS, ID as ECNA Ser, nx, current events, other px. Best ever on this freq //17825. (Desrosiers, MASS 11-27)

KENYA VoK, 4934, in Swahili 0330; talks by M & W, mx by M vocalist w/ guitar, flute IS, reading and chanting. (Saylor, PA) VoK also noted on 4915 w/ Swahili Ser 0400; Mx, pips, ID and into nx by M of Iranian problems. Very strong. Format similar to that noted last spring. (tba; 11-27)

LIBERIA ELWA, 4770, in langs 0615; M w/ religious mx and talks. Multilang IDs and enjoyable IS. (Klein, FLA)

LIBYA PLBS, 5980; *0600 NA, ID by M: "Arabiyah till . . . Libya . . . Jumhariah." Into chants. Joined at 0700 by 5960 via Cyclops (site per Nov LN). (Klein, FLA; 11-25)

MALAYSIA (Sarawak) RMS Kuching, 4950, in EG 1208; nx of Guyanan clut murders and quick ID. (TBA)

MAURITANIA Nouakchott, 4845, in AR w/ chants 0610. (Klein, FLA)

MEXICO R. Mexico, 5985, in SP 0302; ID, talk, mx. WYFR not on. (Jones, MISS; 11-26)

NEPAL R. Nepal, 3425 // 5005 on 17 November w/ fair sigs at 1219+. M anncr, intriguing local mx--mind bending. 5005 much better later in day. (Whitacre, MI)

NICARAGUA Rdf Nac., 5950, in SP *1200 w/ usual stuff. Apparently no longer 24 hours, but am not yet completely sure what new sked is. (Klein, FLA)

NIGER Niamey, 5020, in FR/verns 0532; M w/ FR ID, mention of Niger, and suddenly jumbled by UTE. Ute cleared moments later to reveal M in verns and local chants. (Klein, FLA; 12-1)

NIGERIA NBC Benin City, 4932, 0630; drum mx and ID. (tba; 11-23)

NORTH KOREA Pyongyang, 9977a in EG 2315; Nx by W, ID, martial mx and commentary. Poor. (Desrosiers, MASS; 11-19)

NORWAY RN, 21730, at *1500; IS and into Norwegian. (Vollrath, MO)

OMAN BBC Eastern Relay, 9590 w/ s/on anncmt 0259 24 Nov way over RN Bonaire and mixing w/ Mayak IS. (Hauser, OKLA)

PAKISTAN R. Pakistan, 15515 NF replacing 15520 which RM has settled upon. Heard 1330-1430 and 1442 to after 1500 w/ lang tx, possibly Urdu. May have been nx. Poor to fair // to somewhat better 17640. (Zilmer, WISC)

PERU R. Victoria, 6020, in SP 1045; moderate het but good px of local mx and ID by M got through. (Klein, FLA) +++ R. Nacional, 6082, in SP 0945; already on. ID by M and into latin pops and native flute mx. (Klein, FLA) +++ R. Tawantinsuyo, 6175, in SP 1022; W w/ ID, ranchera/folk mx, and many ads. (Klein, FLA; 11-25)

PHILIPPINES FEBC, 15450, at 2315. Religious px and ID at 2330 followed by nx. Good. (Zilmer, WI; 11-22)

SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA, 15060, in AR 1800; M w/ ID: "Mamlakh till Arabiyah al Saudiah," and nice px of AR mx. (Klein, FLA; 11-29)

SINGAPORE R. Singapore tentatively noted on 11940 at 1214. Badly modulated talks by M & W, and jazz mx, all at poor levels. Couldn't catch an ID but type of mx certainly seems to rule out Cambodia, which also operates hereabouts. (tba; 11-22)

SOUTH AFRICA Springbok R., 9710, in EG/AK 0520; song by Leslie Hamilton, various ads for Kellogs, Goodyear, phone number, dedications, partially covered by RN Bonaire 9715 at 0528. RN carrier cut signal be 50%. (Desrosiers, MASS; 11-29) +++ RSA, 15220 RF, in EG 0200 to NAm. A move from 15155 and // 9585, 9610, 11900. (Zilmer, WISC)

SOUTH KOREA Seoul, 9720 // 9640 in EG 1550-1630. Carrier on 1550, IS and IDs 1555, complete sked to 1600, nx, commentary, talk on North Korea's attempt to subvert S. Korea by agent, etc. Sadly, foregoing was unaccompanied by mx. Poor w/ severe het. 9640 het free but too weak. Desrosiers, MASS; 11-29)

SPAIN SFR, 11880, in EG *0000-0200*; world nx, Spanish current events folk mx. // 9630. Good. (Bernard Wimmers, PR; 11-30)

TAIWAN VoFC, 15425, in CH (???) *0000; IS, ID by M, including "Taiwan, Taipei", nx, radio drama, covered by SLBC by 0100, but EG ID still audible at that time. (Saylor, PA; 11-20)

TOGO Lome, 5047, in FR *0525; six note IS, vocal anthem at 0528, ID by M, 0530. (Saylor, PA; 11-21)

UGANDA UBC, 15325, at 0415; African drums and chants followed by tirade (by Idi???) and off suddenly 0428. Most impolite. (Klein, FLA)

URUGUAY SODRE International Service, 11885, at 2320 24 Nov about lighthouses. Announced 25 and 31 meters but 9515 not heard. Good here, into SP 2325 after dead air; 0028 repeating EG about lighthouses, strength about equal to REE 11880. At 0031 closing said something about next nx being next Monday at 2100; 0032 into SP. Another day EG segment began at 2138. Very irregular timing. (Hauser, OKLA)

USA Pirate IDing as WPBN on 2450 w/ px of mx by "Foghat" from 0256-0314. Mentioned Garden State Park Center 0314. Believed not a harmonic. PBN acronym for Public B'casting Network? (Barto, CONN) ***I suspect that it stands for Pirate B'casting Network or similar, Sam. tba *** VOA, 12010, in EG 1800; to Africa w/ usual stuff. First time I have ever noted them out of band. (Wimmers, PR; 11-30)+++Fine Arts Radio via WINB, 15145, off to a slightly late start 25 Nov at 0102 and playing wrong tape--"Adventures in Good Music." It looks as if I will be doing a classical mx px on FAR GMT Sats at 0200, and will possibly include a WeekenDX segment. (Hauser, OKLA) ***Haven't been able to catch FAR yet, but strongly support the concept. Please send more details about WeekenDX as they become available. Tnx. tba *** WWV has returned to 20000 because of "improved propagation conditions." Apparently started tx again on or about 4 December. WWVH has not reactivated on this freq though. (Klein, FLA; Cohen, NJ) *** Suspect that improved propagation condx relate to propagation of \$\$\$ from Washington D.C. to Ft. Collins. tba

USSR Dean White writes concerning his UnID RM on 3150 in UD 32: further investigation shows that the RF-2800 (or at least his RF-2800) suffers from 4 MHz images and that this was an image from 7150. (Dean White, ILL) *** Tnx for the info Dean. tba *** R. Tashkent, 6025, in EG at *1200; IS, s/on, world nx. Very good. Should be an easy catch for those who need this one. (Klein, FLA)

VENEZUELA R. Universidad, 3395, in SP 0224 w/ ID as "R. Universidad en Merida." (Jones, MISS; 12-1) +++ LV de Carabobo, 4780, in SP 1005; enthusiastic M annr w/ ID and stn promo, possibly s/on proceedings. Then talks over fast latin mx. (Klein, FLA; 12-3) +++ R. Maracaibo, 4860, in SP 0404. Usual stuff and very strong. Was looking for Chinchaycocha but this was all I found. (tba; 11-19) +++ R. Agnostura, 6120, in SP 0950; ads, ID, slogan "La Emisora Mas ??? ", Xmas carol, "Navidad, Navidad" to tune of "Jingle Bells." (Jones, Miss; 11-21)

ZAMBIA Lusaka, 4911; at 0353; Afr hymn, "R. Zambia" ID by M in EG and into verns talk by M & W. (tba; 11-19)

To all 550 of you mid-monthers, my special best wishes for a joyous holiday season and happy new year. I hope that Santa is especially good to you and that your mailbox groans for all the QSLs that roll in. Hope your dream receiver also shows up under the tree. See you all next year.

73,

Tom