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ARGENTINA R. Nacional, 6060, in SP 1028 w/ ID and mx filler until 1030 talk. (Jack Jones, MS) +++ R. Rivadavia, 10910, good at 0020 w/ IDs for almost every Argentinian SW stn and World Cup nx. (Richard Utter, NY)

AUSTRALIA ABC Sydney, 6090, in EG 0800 w/ ID and ABC Nat'l Nx to 0805. Heavy QRM from 6085 to past 0900. (Jim Fedor, CAL) +++ VLH 15, 15230, from 0806-0815* w/ pop mx, IDs as ABC Radio, TCs and ads for ABC-TV px. Generally, this one only audible when Havana off from 0600-0625. (Schweikart, VA) +++ VLW 15, 15425, in EG 0820 w/ soccer game (Schweikart, VA) +++ RA, 17870, poor at 0430 w/ Australian nx in brief. // 21680. (Bob Zilmer, WI)

AUSTRIA ORF, 9770; at 0300 9 July multi lang Id and IS, then into SP px already in progress. At 0307, same ID and into GM to 0310 t/out. (Jay Novello, NY)

BOLIVIA R. Progreso, 6005, TENTATIVELY noted in SP and Indian at 1014 24 June. M&W anners. ID by M, ads, alternating SP and Indian lang. Many mentions of Bolivia. Possible devotional at 1030. Native Campo mx at 1041. 98% sure of ID. Reloj off air this time. (Jones, MISS)

BRAZIL R. Riberao Preto, 3205, in PT 0100-0130; much talk, some LA mx, annmnts, occasional IDs. Quite good. (Neal Perdue, ALA) +++ R. Asuncao, 3315, in PT 0020-0045 w/ regional pops, IDs at 0030-0045. (Gerry Bishop, PA) +++ R. Cult. Sao Paulo, 17815, w/ BBC style EG lesson by M&W 0043-0104, followed by regular PT px. Threw me to find EG on 17815; thought it was a new BBC freq. (Syd Osterman, ONT; 6-29) *** Welcome aboard Syd! tba

BULGARIA R. Sofia, 15135, in EG 2130 w/ nx and good sigs. (Zilmer, WI; 6-28)

CENT AFR. EMP. LVCAE, 5038, in lang 0626-30 w/ folk mx and ID. (Stu Klein, FLA)

CHILE Another NF for VoC??? Noted on 11890 at 0310 25 June in EG w/ excellent sigs, ID and nx. (George Holmes, COL) +++ VoC, 15175 NF, in EG 0002-0030 talking about oil exploration in Chile. Surprised to find them here; 15150 and 15130 empty. (Greg Ravenhorst, MINN)

CHINA (TIBET) Lhasa, 5935, TENTATIVELY at 3205 w/ CH talks by M and W; little mx. Talked right through the half hour so likely not a FS px. Faded by 2355 recheck. Under a Soviet 2305-2327. (Pitt McNeil, DC) *** Would like to see more checks on this one to verify ID. tba

CLANDESTINE R. Sandino, 7449v, heard in SP 0510-0524 w/ talks about Nicaragua by M & W. ID by W at 0515: ". . . Nicaragua . . . R. Sandino . . ." Then, more talks by M. Freq has been somewhat variable and it took a while to dig out the ID. (Aaron Hywarren, MAN)

COLOMBIA Em Meridiano 70, 4925, in SP 0310-0335* 1 July. Ecuadorian mx, mentions of Quito and Ecuador, then talk of Colombia, ID and Colombian NA. Could sure deceive an unwary listener. (Perdue, ALA)+++ LV de Huila, 6150, in SP 0706 w/ very nice easy listening mx. Very enjoyable. (Klein, FLA)

CONGO RTVC Brazzaville, 15190, in FR 2205 w/ tribal chants and pop mx. (Chris Leithner, TN)

COSTA RICA Faro del Caribe, 9645, in SP 1118 w/ ID, easy listening mx. (Jones, MISS; 6-24)

DOMINICAN REP. RTV Dominicana, 5970, in SP at *0924 w/ piano chords IS, ID, freqs, calls of various stns and cities in net. Choral anthem between IS and ID. (Jones, MISS; 6-21)

ECUADOR LV de las Caras, 4795, in SP 0450-0513* w/ nondescript LA mx, M anncr, quiet ID just prior to s/off, short Andean riff and gone w/out NA. (Perdue, ALA)+++ R. Luz y Vida, 4850a, in SP 1023; ID w/ some echo, agricultural talk. Seems to be NF, as also noted here on 26 June. Freq consistently on high side of 4850. (Jones, MISS; 6-23) +++ Em. Gran Colombia, 4910, in SP 0737 w/ ID and Argentine mx. (Jones, MISS: 6-22)+++ R. Splendit, 5025, in SP 0630 w/ latin pops and ID by chattering anncr. (Klein, FLA)+++ HCJB, 17755, in EG 1713-1730 on this NF to Eur. (Leithner, TN) +++ HCJB, 21480, in EG at 2000. Fair sigs. (Zilmer, WI)

FINLAND RF, 11755, in EG 1935 w/ px on Finnish middle class. Very good. (Holmes, COL)

GERMANY (DEM REP) RBI, 11840//11890, in EG 0335-0408 w/ px on Neo-Nazis in West Germany. Good sigs. (Holmes, COL)

GUATEMALA R. Mam, 4825, in SP 0235-0255 w/ marimba mx and M anncr. UTE QRM. (Novello, NY) +++ R. Tesulutan, 4835, in SP 0146 w/ ID, guitar mx. (Jones, MISS; 6-21) +++ R. Nac., 6180, in SP 1200 w/ M anncr and marimba mx. (Charles George, TEX)

INDONESIA VoI, 11790, great reception almost daily 1400-1600 w/ EG 1400-1500, Indo (???) 1500 and GM 1530. Have also noted FR at 1300. (Holmes, COL)

JAPAN NSB, 9595, in JP 1315 w/ call-in px on Japanese teachers. +++ RJ, 11950, in GM from *1757. (Both from Holmes, COL) +++RJ, 15105, in EG 2215 w/ very poor sigs and nx. (Leithner, TN)+++RJ, 15195, in EG 0810 w/ excellent sigs. Talk on OPEC prices. (Jones, MISS, 6-22)

KOREA (PR) Pyongyang, 11885, in EG 1703-28 w/ ID and talk on Japan. (Holmes, COL)
KOREA (Rep.) R. Korea, 9710, in EG 1130-1200 w/ EG nx, comment, mx and poor sigs. // 11965. Apparently replacing 9650. (Zilmer, WI) +++ Seoul sked as given on RJ Tokyo Calling: 0200 KR 0230 EG, 0300 SP, on 11850; 0500 FR, 0530 SP, 0600 KR, 0630 EG, on 15205; 0800 AR, 0830 KR, on 15365; 1130 EG, 1200 KR, 1230 SP, 1300 FR, 1330 EG on 9710, 11965; 2200 KR, 2230 FR, 2300 EG, 2330 RS, on 9640, 9650. 0000 SP, 9650. (Holmes, COL)
MAURITIUS MBC, 9710, in FR 1250-1301*. M w/ talk, two hets to 1259. IDed as "M.B.C." and off with a few basrs of a slow orchestral selection. Tough copy to 1259, but fair afterwards. Confirmed ID via tape made during monitoring. (Perdue, ALA; 6-24) very nice indeed. tba
MEXICO LV America Latina, 15175, in SP 0134 w/ ID, symphony mx, mentions of "Cadena de XEW." (Jones, MISS; 6-25)
NEW CALEDONIA Noumea, 11710, excellent sigs in FR at 0700. ID and nx by M. Then EG rock mx. (Fedor, CAL) *** They turned up here about this time last year. tba
NEW IRELAND RNI, 2428, at 0917 3 July w/ M anncr and easy listening mx. Local QRM and QRN made for poor copy faded at local sunrise (0940). (Bishop, PA)
NEW ZEALAND RNZ, 9620 in EG 0830 w/ world and local nx. Usually poor w/ much QRM. (Osterman, ONT; 7-1)+++ RNZ, 15130, in EG 0526-48 w/ talk and mx. (Leithner, TN) +++ RNZ, 17710, in EG 0309-0350 w/ px about blind and partially sighted. (Leithner, TN)
NORWAY RN, 15175, in EG at 1830* w/ "Norway This Week", end of EG tx. Het trouble. (Jones, MS)
PAKISTAN RP, 17830, in EG 0340-0345* w/ dictation speed nx and ID. (Schweikart, VA)
PAPUA NEW GUINEA R. E. Sepik, 3335, in EG/Pidgin, 1025 w/ DJ, ads, and C&W mx. (Klein, FLA) +++ R. E. New Britain, 3385, in Pidgin 1100 w/ annmnts, mx and ID. (Klein, FLA) +++ NBC, 9520, noted at *0730 // 4890. (Klein, FLA)
PARAGUAY R. Nacional, 6025, in SP *1000, w/ anthem by chorus, ID, freqs, possible nx, and mx. Fair to good. (Jones, MISS; 7-5)
PERU R. Union, 6115, in SP 1022; wild and wolly Peruvian tunes and songs. "Desde la capital . . . B. Dias Peru . . ." Wiped out by Llano's sudden s/on at 1025. (Jones, MISS; 7-2)+++ R. La Cronica, 9530a, in SP 1110; ID, ads, Peruvian mx. Near as I can tell 9530 is freq. (Jones, MISS; 6-24)
PHILIPPINES FEBC, 11920, in EG 1032 then into lang. Two M anncrs in tentative JP. Very poor. (Osterman, ONT; 6-24)
PORTUGAL R. Japan vai Sines, 9670, in EG Gen Ser at 2200-2215 then JP 2215-2230. (Zilmer, WI)
SEYCHELLES FEBA, 9615 NF (?), in lang 0311 after IS and EG ID. Covered by RCI 0314. (Novello)
SIERRA LEONE SLBS, 5980, daily from 2330-0001*. Generally local mx to EG ID at 0000 then NA. On Sundays, s/off is 0015 to allow for religious px from 0000-15. (Schweikart, VA)
SINGAPORE RS, 11940, in EG 1300-1600* w/ strong sigs. Usually W/ anncr w/ good mx. Closes at local midnight. (Holmes, COL)
SOCIETY IS. Tahiti, 6135, at 0725-32* w/ FR mx, ID and NA. // 11825, 15170. (Fedor, CAL)
SOUTH AFRICA SABC, 3215 NF, in EG 0405 w/ farm px. Strong sigs. Not heard here before. +++ Springbok R., 3250, w/ usual mix of mx and ads. (No time given. tba) +++ Radio 5, 3320, at 0345 w/ EG annmnts and pop mx. Poor. (all from Osterman, ONT)
SPAIN SFR, 9580, in EG 2200 w/ EG nx, comment, DX nx, other px. Fair sigs, // 11840. (Zilmer, WI) +++ SFR, 11880, in EG 0230-0300 t/out w/ fine sigs. Effective soon 9630 and 11880 tx will be at 2300, 0000, 0415. Not yet in effect on 3 July. (Holmes, COL)
SUDAN Omdurman, 11800, TENTATIVELY noted 0630-0725 in AR; definitely from mid-east. Mentions of Omdurman, but no clear ID. Chants. (Ravenhorst, MINN)
SWITZERLAND SBC, 21570, in EG to ME and Afr from 1540. (Holmes, COL)
TAIWAN VOFC, 11745, at *0858 w/ IS, "Taiwan-Taipei" anthem, and CH px of mx and talk. (Osterman, ONT; 7-1)
TURKEY Ankara, 7175, w/ IS 0358, *0400 into apparent Turkish nx. ARO QRM. (Klein, FLA)
UGANDA UBC, 15325, in EG 0343-0400 during tests to NAM. Asked for reports. Robert Goss, TEX) ***This one has an unparalleled group of marble-mouthed anncrs. Rather Idi-otic. tba
USA (PIRATE) Jolly Roger Radio, 3240, reported some time ago in LN by Charles Taylor as soon to be active. Heard 7-1 0415-0453 t/out w/ Irish folk mx and possible bluegrass. Location presumed Indianapolis per LN report; sigs poor to fair with extreme QRM. Two clear IDs, and one mention of "High School . . ." from 043-053. M anncr between songs. Noted only on 7-1; did anyone else catch this??? (Dan Robinson, DC) *** Nice catch, Dan. If memory serves, High School Road is a major thoroughfare in Indianapolis. tba *** VoVoyager, 5850, w/ seven note IS, Queen theme mx, "We are the Champions". Mentioned Dave Walcutt, but high QRM and QRN made copy impossible. Also mentioned phony QSL cards (see below--tba). ID and into pop mx interlude. Basically lost to QRM. (Paul Routenburg, ONT; 7-2) +++ VoV also noted on 5850 in EG at 0442 9 July w/ Queen mx. IDed as "May the spirit of the Voyager . . ." and "One mile north of nowhere." Annncd test tx on 11700 at 0530, but I couldn't find it. Gave Dave Walcutt's address for reports. 0515*. (Gerry Bishop, PA) +++ According to a recent annmnt, VoV will close permanently at the end of July (29 July???) (Greg Ravenhorst, MINN)
YEMEN (PDR) Sked per BBC WRC 29 June: 0200-0530 AR on 7190, 5970, 5060; 1100-2030 on above freqs plus 11770. (Holmes, COL)
PSST, YOU WANT TO BUY THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE DEPARTMENT: From Tom Gavarras and VoV: someone is circulating counterfeit VoV QSLs. More next time. Best of 73 to all, Tom