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ALGERIA Algiers, 11740 NF, noted in AR from 2100 to past 0400 w/ Koran readings and annmnts by M and W. Time pips and ID on the hour. Good sigs, but horrible modulation (at least 125%). (Jim Roberts, Aaron Hywarren, UMDXSWLC, via Hywarren).

ANGOLA Em Regional do Huambo, 3345, in PT at 0450. Pop and African mx w/ talks and several mentions of Angola. (Harry Jones, VA; 2-17) +++ Em Regional Lobito, 4178, regular at *0500 w/ choral anthem, PT anncr, and long stretches of drum-dominated local mx. R. Nacional now on 4825, ex-4820, after 0500 // 3375, 11955. (Pitt McNeil, DC) +++ R. Nacional, 11955, in w/ excellent sigs 0700. (Stu Klein, FLA) *** Tnx for your many calls this week, Stu. I enjoyed our conversations. tba

ARGENTINA R. El Mundo, 6120, in SP at 1000 w/ pips, electronic chimes, ID, calls and pop mx. (Jack Jones, MISS; 2-23) +++ RAE, 11710, in EG at 2300 w/ world nx and Argentinian nx. (Leithner, TN) +++ R. El Mundo, 11755, in SP 0550 w/ political commentary and clear ID. (H. Jones, VA)

AUSTRALIA RA, 11900, in EG at 1505 w/ world and Australian nx. RA also noted on 15320 at 0400 in FR w/ world nx. (Ruth Vollrath, MO) +++ RA, 15260, on this unlisted freq at 0430. Possibly getting a headstart on M78. Noted 2-25 // many other 19 m freqs. (Glenn Hauser, on the road in OKLA) +++ RA now being heard on 17795 after 0500 on good 16 m nights. (Jim Conrad, IA) *** A sure sign that spring propagation condx, if not spring temperatures, are coming back. tba

AUSTRIA ORF, 17770, in EG at 1838 w/ talk on radiation and acupuncture; then ID by W. Poor. (Dom Yacono, NY)

BELIZE R. Belize, 3285, in EG 1107 w/ country mx. CW QRM. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-20)

BENIN LVRB, 4870, usual stuff at 0541. Fair to good. (Klein, FLA)

BOLIVIA La Cruz del Sur, 4875, in Indian 1027 w/ flutes and strings; wild and lonesome sound-ing. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-20) +++ R. Animas, 6015, w/ Andean flute mx and definite ID at 1028. Poor. (H. Jones, VA; 2-26) +++ R. Panamericana, 6034, at *1034 w/ IS and ID by W. Booming in. (H. Jones, VA; 2-17)

BRAZIL R. Riberao Preto, 3205, in PT 0001-0030 19 Feb. Finally a clear ID and good copy after more than 15 hours of checks over the past several weeks! UTE QRM is murder here on this freq. M anncr, easy-going LA vocals. (Neal Perdue, ALA) +++ R. Itatiaia, 4805, in PT at 2330 w/ ID by M in a jumble of QRM. Poor copy overall but the ID jumped right out. (Perdue, ALA)

+++ R. Cult. do Sao Paulo, 17805, in PT w/ A Voz do Brazil px. (H. Jones, VA; no time given)

BULGARIA R. Sofia, 6070 NF, in EG at 0100*. M gave ID before s/off. This freq no better than old 9705. Very poor. (Yacono, NY; 2-25)

CANADA CBC NS, 11720, in EG w/ Canadian nx 2330. (Leithner, TN)

CHILE R. Univ. de Concepcion, 6135, in SP 1106 w/ nx; fading fast. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-22)

+++ R. Agricultura, 9630, in SP 1034 w/ close of nx, ID, TC and U.S. pop mx. (J. Jones, MISS; 3-7) +++ V o Chile, 11705, in EG 0205 w/ px on food, culture and trade. Also noted on 15130 at 2330 w/ EG nx. (Vollrath, MO) +++ Golos Chiliby, 11924 NF, on this new freq in RS, 1030. (Hauser, CALIF)

COLOMBIA R. Bucaramanga, 4845, in SP 0315 w/ many IDs by M and semi-classical mx. (Yacono, NY; 2-23) +++ R. Cinco, 5040, in SP at 1058; "Escuchan R. Cinco . . .", Caracol plug, run-of-the-mill LA mx. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-20) +++ R. Mira, 6015, in SP at *1113 w/ IDs, TCs, Guitars and vocals. (J. Jones, 2-24, 2-27) +++ R. Melodia, 6140, w/ usual Colombian format 0231, fighting heavy QRM. (tba)

DOMINICAN REP. LV de las Fuerzas Armadas, 4825, in SP 1025; ID, big band mx. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-20) +++ R. Mil, 4930, in SP at 1002 w/ nx, freqs and ID. (Klein, FLA) +++ R. Clarin, 11700 in EG 2300 w/ "This is R. Clarin" px. (Vollrath, MO)

ECUADOR LV del Napo, 3280, in Indian 1040; TC and ID in SP then talk in Indian. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-25) +++ R. Pastaza, 3315 in SP at *1055 w/ U.S. pop instrumental mx until " . . . Muy B. Dias . . .", ID at 1100 and Ecuadorian mx. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-25) +++ R. Tropical, 3340, in SP at 0030 w/ odd selection of songs for February, including "Jingle Bells" and "Ave Maria." M anncr. Often the best 90m Ecuadorian. (Perdue, ALA) +++ R. Zaracuy, 3390, in SP at 1020 w/ ID, TC, and campesino mx. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-22) +++ LV de los Caras, 4795, in SP at 0409 w/ bedtime mx, soothing narration by M in background and ID. I took the hint and pulled switch. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-26) +++ R. Paz y Bien, 4820, in SP at *0925; Instrumental mx,

"Muy B. Dias," call, freq, rendition of day's b'cast sked. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-28) +++ Canal Juvenil, 4850, in SP 0458 w/ ID by DJ, TCs, and pops. (H. Jones, VA; 2-22) +++ R. Rio Amazonas, 4870, in Indian at *1135 w/ NA, long pause, string instrument (sounds like a large Jew's Harp) w/ log drums; chanting. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-25) +++ R. Cent. del Sur, 4891, in SP 0359 w/ "Esta es Musical" ID. Fairly good level. (tba) +++ R. Splendit, 5025, in SP 1129 w/ typical Ecuadorian mx, ads, and no sign of Quillabamba. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-24)

EQ. GUINEA R. Equitorial, 4926, w/ high life mx and ID 0600. (tba)

ETHIOPIA Vo Rev. Ethiopia, 4905, in presumed Amharic at 0402 w/ local mx interlude and ID 0410 (H. Jones, VA; 2-18); R. Ethiopia, 4905, OC from as early as 0320, *0328 w/ flute IS twice, guy in Amharic w/ ID and mentions of "shrtwavi" and "mediwavi", anthem, 7 pips and into nx. This is probably the old ETLF 100 kW tx that used to be here. Best and clearest Monday GMT. (McNeil, DC); also noted here almost every evening at *0330 w/ format as described in my UnID log of last issue. ID often sounds like "R. Yee-tee-pee." (tba)

FINLAND RF now using 15330 at 1300 w/ EG nx. Poor sigs as they are covered by AFRTS also here. This is // 15105 and 11705. RF also uses 9645 and 11735 at 2300 in EG. Both very poor due to QRM. Two big ITU-IFRB goofs. (Bob Zilmer, WI)

FRANCE RFI using 12005 SSB as FR 3 net feeder. Noted w/ local nx from Paris in FR 0645-0700 and 1330-1345; also noted frequent TCs and chats between engineers after nx relays ended. (Klein, FLA)

FRENCH GUIANA Cayenne, 3385, in FR at *0901 w/ NA, ID, freqs by W, and rock mx. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-28)

GERMANY DW, 4882.5, on USB 0145-0150* w/ EG to NAM, not anncing this freq (big surprise!!!); good in absence of Universo. (McNeil, DC)

GREENLAND Godthab, 9575, at *1459 w/ IS per WRTVH. Into lang talk by M. (H. Jones, VA; 2-23)

GUATEMALA R. Maya, 3325, in SP 1115 w/ waltz mx. IDed as "Esta es R. Maya, TGBA." Fair level.

(Klein, FLA) +++ R. Tezulutlan, 4835, in SP at 2230; earlier than usual fade-in w/ normal marimba mx, M anncr and IDs. (Perdue, ALA) +++ R. Miramundo, 6158, in SP at 1215 w/ marimba mx, ID and talk. I like marimba mx; it's a dead giveaway that you've got a Guatemalan! (J. Jones, MISS; 3-1) *** I agree. tba*** R. Nacional, 6180, in SP at *1055 w/ choral anthem, "Emis. R. Nac. de Guat.," and ID jingle, "T-G-W . . . Radio Naciona-a-a-1". (J. Jones, MISS)

GUINEA Conakry, 4910a, in FR 0410-0415 w/ non-stop talk to ID at 0415. (tba)

GUYANA GBS, 3290, in EG 0953 w/ early morn. DJ px, TCs, pop mx, all under OC. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-28)

INDONESIA RRI Ujung Pandang, 4719, very regular 2200-2245 or so, with Indo nx at 2200, then into Indo pops usually hosted by M. Five minute talk at 2230, maybe more nx?? Then more mx. Sig peaks around 2215. (McNeil, DC)

IRAQ Baghdad, 9745 possibly varying, noted from 2130-2245v* to NAM. (Conrad, IA)

ISRAEL IBA 25605 in Yiddish at *1400. Only unjammed IBA freq at this time, and only stn I've heard on 11m so far. Good sigs 5 March. Other IBA nx: 9835 noted in Hebrew at 0500 (EG listed) w/ fair to good sigs. 11960 fair in EG at 2000. 11655 RF now main IBA freq to NAM for EG at 2000, 2200, and 0500. Good level. (all from Zilmer, WI)

JAPAN FEN, 6155, in EG at 1021 w/ hit tunes of 1939!!! (J. Jones, MISS; 2-25) +++ RJ, 15195, in EG at 0200 w/ world nx and comments. (Leithner, TN)

LEBANON Vo Leb., 6549, in AR 0507. Tnx to Pitt McNeil tip noted 2-10 from 0507 t/in with western mx and talks at 0515, 0530. Faded out around 0550. (Hauser, TN); also noted at *0449 on 6550a w/ OC 0449, music box IS 0450-0452, "Kwai" theme 0452-0455, NA 0445-0456. Then ID by W. Fair in QRN. (H. Jones, VA; 2-22)

LESOTHO RL, 4802, off freq; Lara off at 0355 then RL on at 0400 w/ anthem, a capella version of anthem, and clear ID and freqs. "Power in the Blood" (a hymn) and another ID followed. Slipped down freq and into UTE's clutches by 0420. Lang is definitely not EG, probably Sesotho. (Greg Ravenhorst, MINN); also noted at 0425 w/ mentions of Maesuru; fair level. (Bill Morgens, OHIO)

LIBERIA ELWA, 4770, in EG 0644 w/ BBC nx. (Klein, FLA)

LITHUANIAN SSR R. Vilnius, 15110, in EG 2330 w/ regional nx, folk mx, and comment on Soviet gov't policy. (Leithner, TN)

MEXICO XEAS, 2820 H, w/ ranchera mx, and SP talks by M to 0400*. 2 x 1410. (Charles George, TEX) *** Charlie's card w/ this says he won a Sony TR-6500 MW rig in a drawing by WCCO, Minneapolis. He wishes it was an SW rig instead. Oh well. Congratulations anyway. tba *** LV de America Latina, 6165, in SP 1137 w/ ID, call (XEW), pop mx. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-20) +++ LVAL, 15175, in SP 0100 w/ ID by M and ads. (Yacono, NY; 2-21) +++ R. Mexico, 15385, in SP 0126 w/ ID by W and vocals. (Yacono, NY)

NEW ZEALAND RNZ, 15130, noted many evenings after 0400 w/ cricket matches or comedy px. (Vollrath, MO)

MOZAMBIQUE RM Beira, 4896, 0355-0410 w/ IS, short anthem, several more vamps of IS, ID w/ site and jazz mx. Very good level. (tba; 2-28)

NICARAGUA Ecos de la Brumas, 2920 H, good level w/ various kinds of mx to 0400*. 1460 x 2. (George, TEX)

NIGER ORTN, 5020, w/ close of FR nx, ID and into native flute mx, 0605-0610. (tba)

PAKISTAN RP, 6235, w/ good sigs 2110. M in lang and subcont. mx. (H. Jones, VA)

PERU R. Chinchaycocha, 4860, in SP at 2345! Earliest evening log of this that I can recall. Peruvian mx, M annr, ID. (Perdue, ALA); also noted at 1116 w/ ID, TC and good folklorico mx. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-18) ***Neal's report is dated 2-18. Sorry. tba*** R. Huancavelica, 4885, in SP 0450-0502* w/ upbeat songs, enthusiastic annr, ID and NA at s/off. Fair w/ Ondas del Meta gone on a local Saturday night. (McNeil, DC; 3-6) +++ R. Chanchamayo, 4895, pre-
sumed to be the one w/ Peruvian NA, and SP talks w/ definite mention of Peru 1042. Then Andean mx. (H. Jones, VA; 2-14) +++ R. Eco, 5010, in SP at 1052 w/ M & W annrs, ads and Peruvian mx. (J. Jones, 2-20) +++ R. Quillabamba, 5025, in SP *1059 w/ "Muy B. Dias", ID, calls, freqs, NA, and Peruvian mx. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-20) +++ R. El Sol, 5970, in SP 1128 w/ usual nice Peruvian mx and my favorite F annr. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-20) *** Isn't she the one who sounds "cuter than a puppy", Jack??? tba *** R. Victoria, 6020, in SP 1114 w/ ID, talks and noticias. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-20) +++ R. Tawantinsuyo, 6175, in SP at *1000 w/ anthem, continuous Peruvian mx till ID by W at 1010; then more mx. Fading fast. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-27) +++ R. America, 9505, in SP at 1050. Urban pops to ID at 1055. In the clear for a change. (H. Jones, VA; 2-17) +++ R. Nacional, Tacna, 9533, in SP 1058 w/ ID, freqs and NA. Poor in het w/ 9535. (H. Jones, VA; 2-14)

PORTUGAL RP, 11935, in EG 0312 w/ world nx. (Vollrath, MO)

SENEGAL Dakar on early 27 Feb w/ WAfr mx between reports on national elections. Excellent level 0420-0440 t/o on 4890. (tba)

SOUTH AFRICA SABC, 4835, in EG 0415 w/ agricultural report; Reloj QRM. (Yacono, NY) +++ RSA, 15155, in EG 2305 w/ African Panorama. Also noted on 11900 in EG at 2230 w/ world and Afr nx. (Vollrath, MO) +++ SAUK (Afrikaans) px noted on 25790 on 2-22 only from 1922 t/in; pop mx, frequent mentions of Caprivi, extremely strong AK talk after 1930. Nx at 2000. Top-notch sigs at first, virtually fade free as only 11m can be at its best. After 2000, fading increased as sig strength weakened--as well it might, time being 2200 in SA. Mx px at 2015, but gone at 2027 re-check. Nothing there the next several days. Strongly suspect RSA testing new 500 kW antn. And way back when, I recall that 25790 was RSA's 11m freq. The band is starting to fill up!!! (Hauser, OK)

SWAZILAND TWR, 17745, in FR 1945-2015 w/ religious px and mx. (Leithner, TN)

SWEDEN RS now using 11850 w/ EG nx at 1400 // 17790; 9590 now used at 2300 for EG to NAm // much poorer 9605. ANARC-FRC suggested 9590. Also // 9695. At 0030, RS still on 9590, but destroyed by RN Bonaire. At 0230, using 11855 w/ EG to WNA. This is a move from 11850 onto a WYFR freq. RS poor to miserable on this freq. Don't know who is responsible. (Zilmer, WI)

UKOGBANI BBC WS to NAm on 9510 now using 0915 s/off. This is a deliberate change as listeners are advised to retune to 9510 as other freqs close. (Conrad, IA)

UPPER VOLTA RTVVoltaique, 4815 w/ FR ID 0605. (Klein, FLA)

USA AFRIS carrying NHL hockey these days; no sked for games announced, but check 6030, 15330, or 17765 between 0000-0100. Higher freqs beginning to perk up in this period. (Conrad, IA)

USSR Kalinin, 4055 w/ fair sigs at 0444. Euro pop mx and RS talk by M. Radio. Tikhy Okean, 9810, daily w/ good sigs *0700-0800* // much weaker 9620. IS, clear RS ID at s/on. M and W annrs w/ variety of px: radio drama, RS pops, and concert by kid's choir. (H. Jones, VA)

VATICAN VR, 15120, in EG 1520 w/ talk on Rhodesia and ID. Heavy QRM from HCJB. (Yacono, NY)

VENEZUELA R. Libertador, 3245, in SP 1027 w/ ID, ads, typical Venez. mx. CW QRM. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-22) +++ LV de el Tigre, 3395, in SP w/ ID, TC, and Venez. mx 1025. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-22) +++ R. Universidad, 3395, in SP 1105 w/ singing ID, ads, LA pops. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-25) +++ R. Capital, 4850, in SP 1002 w/ ID, TC, "la Revista Capital", and Venez. mx. Powerful sigs, and Surinam back on 4780, at least for today. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-20); Capital also noted at 2340 w/ SP singing ID jingle and talk by M about Venezuela. SRS usually dominant. (Perdue, ALA; 2-19) +++ R. Mil Cuarenta, 6010, in SP 1041 w/ TC, ID, LA pops underneath OC (VOA Philippines??). (Jones, MISS; 2-23) +++ R. Nacional, 6170, in SP at *0959 w/ NA, chorus, ID short talk by W, and classical mx. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-22) +++ Ecos del Torbes, 6190, and R. Nac. Chile both signing on at 1000. A complete disaster w/ both coming on at once. Pure bedlam. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-27)

CORRECTION In UD 13, I gave freq for Neal Perdue's report of Mebo II as 6025; it should be 6205. Sorry about that. tba

LATE ARRIVAL: USA (PIRATE) V o Voyageur, 5850, in EG 0510-0535 12 March w/ rock mx and theme from "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." Annr described stn as a close encounter of the third kind. Very good level while audible. Power seems to be about 50 w, and sig is a sky wave. Very slick operation. (Jim Roberts, UMDXSWLC, w/ tnx to Greg Ravenhorst and Tom Gavaras) *** Not yet heard here. Tnx for your call w/ this, Jim. tba

Another fine turnout this issue. Don't forget to vote in the great tpestyle sweepstakes. See UD 14. So far we have one vote for the old type and one for the type used last issue. In the meantime, my best to all, and special tnx to the many who called last week.