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UPCOMING DEADLINES: 24 September (Oct); 11 October (Mid-Oct); 23 October (Nov)

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AFGHANISTAN RA, 11770, noted in RS at 1700 in QRM. "Govorit R. Afghanistan" repeated several times by W anncr. (Victor Jaar, PQ)

ALBANIA R. Tirana, 9409.5, in SP 2340 w/ ID. Terrible het against BBC. Haven't noticed it since; hope a one-time off-freq. (Glenn Hauser, TENN)

ALGERIA Algiers, 15044 NF, heard in Ar since 17 Aug, from past 1500 to 2142, 2338 or even later s/off. Generally only fair; occasional QRM from R. Peking. Noted // 9685 once after 2030. (Jaar, PQ)

ASCENSION IS. This site seldom appears on 13m, but now I hear VOA at 1215 on 21610 in SP obviously relayed off air. Assumed this, but it could be Monrovia. (Hauser, TN;9-4)

AUSTRALIA RA, 15320, in EG 0330 w/ "News in Brief" and Beatles mx. (Ruth Vollrath, MO)

AUSTRIA ORF, 9770, in EG 0105-0130 w/ nx, talks and mx. (Vollrath, MO)

BOLIVIA R. Panamericana, 6035, in SP at *1026; carrier popped on 1026. Harp chords at 1030, W w/ ID MW, SW and FM freqs, more harp chords, short pop mx interlude ("Dark Eyes" in latin tempo), "M.B. Dias Bolivia," and Bolivian mx. Het, probably from Soviet on same freq. (Jack Jones, MISS; 8-19)

BULGARIA For Sept 78, Sofia back on 9705, ex-15330 which always QRMed AFRTS for 0000 b'cast. Noted 5 Sept at 0015. By the way, the widely reported 9707 for Sofia's previous use of this channel was merely the result of a typo in their schedule. (Hauser, TN)

BRAZIL R. Iguatemi, 3295, in PT 0005-0030 w/ usual px but fine level on 23 and 24 Aug. Should be widely heard by now. (Perdue, ALA) +++ R. Cl. de Conquista, in PT 0005-0015 24 Aug; when heard here, this one always has a very narrow "window" (10-15 min.); tipoff on this as compared w/ others on freq is M & W anncrs. LA pop mx, full IDs and short, "Conquista" IDs. Full ID is R.Cl. de Conquista. Have only caught this twice definitely. (Perdue, ALA)

CELEBES RRI Menado, 3215, w/ ID and into Jakarta nx relay at 1300. (Jim Fedor, CAL) *** More details needed!!! tba

CHILE VoC still adding new freqs; noted in EG at 1115 on 11755 // 11765 during August. (Jaar, PQ)

COLOMBIA R. Surcolombiana, 5010, in SP 1000 w/ latin mx, ads, and ID. (Stu Klein, FLA) +++ LV de las Centauros, 5955, in SP 2350 w/ sung IDs, latin mx, many mentions of Colombia. (Fischer, PA, 8-29)

COOK IS. R. Cook Is., 5045, noted 0435 25 Aug w/ poor sigs amid lightning noise tnx to call from Andy Robins. W anncr w/ EG nx interrupted by M in local lang and local mx every five min. or so; must have been ads. "Full-fledged" island mx to 0458 when definite ID of R. Cook Is. was noted. At 0500 recorded speech by M in possible Maori to 0508 when Togo wiped them out. My first definite log of them; am stunned at the time. (Bill Whitacre, MI) *** Congratulations, Bill.

COSTA RICA R. Univ. de Costa Rica, 6098, in SP 0222; orchestral mx, several IDs, TCs (GMT - 6), short nx items. Slight het from Venez. stn YVTO. DW absent. (Jones, MISS; 8-25) +++ R. Univ. de Costa Rica, 6098, in SP 0320 23 Aug; first noted classical selections to 0349; then M w/ annmnts and ID as "transmite R. Univ. de Costa Rica". Noticias followed. At 0358 mentioned "Radio Informacion" and Noticias Nacional. Possible NA at 0359 then M w/ ID, slogan freqs, tnx, and buenos nochas. 0401*. (Whitacre, MI) +++ Faro del Caribe, 6175 NF, // better 9645, w/ ID and tnx to listeners to tuning in. Nice easy listening mx followed. (Klein, FLA)

CYPRUS BBC well heard on 21660 w/ EG to 1245* w/o local ID. (Jaar, PQ)

ECUADOR Rdf Paz y Bien, 4820, in SP 0935 w/ pleasant local mx, ID and mention of Ambato. (Klein, FLA); Paz y Bien, 4820, also noted in SP and vern 1010-1030; M in SP and Andean mx to 1020; then into Indian dialect (Quecha listed and presumed). ID at 1030 as Radio-difusora Paz y Bien. (Perdue, ALA); Paz y bien also noted at 0939 on 31 Aug w/ ID, TC, and religious talks, all in SP. (Jones, MISS)+++ As soon as 4 VEH reactivated on 11835, HCJB moved to it from 11800; noted 1130-1200 on 4 Sept. It looks as if HCJB is having a real fight with competing missionary radio stn 4 VEH. With 40(???) times the power HCJB always wins. (Hauser, TN)

ETHIOPIA V o Rev. Ethiopia, 9615, w/ very clear EG ID at 1500, despite relatively poor sig strength. Have also noted Amharic to 1355-1400v; AR from 1355-1400 through 1500, and EG thereafter. Good copy to 1400 or thereabouts. (Wendel Craighead, KANS)

GUATEMALA R. Mam, 4825, in SP 0015; M w/ solid talk to 0025, interrupted only by 10-15 second interludes of slow reflective mx. ID at 0025 by YL. (Fischer, PA 9-8); Mam also heard at 0307* on 8-23; s/off annmcs, ID, calls, freqs, short musical selection, and carrier off at 0310. Always powerful sig, but some form of open carrier UTE always on or very near freq. (Jones, Miss) +++ R. Tesulutlan, 4835, in SP 0029 w/ marimba mx, clear ID at 0030. Still barely audible at 0210. (Fischer, PA)

HAITI R. Nationale, 6156a, noted several mornings w/ *1000v and FR talks as follows: on 21 Aug, noted w/ switch in px format. W w. ID, freqs (MW, FM, "Stereo", but no SW, maybe missed), choral anthem, more R. Nat. IDs, TC (GMT-5), religious px (tlak, hymns) possible mention of Cap Hatien. Awful het. On 29 Aug, noted beginning of choral anthem; modulation suddenly gone but back at 1005. ID by W, then ID and freqs by M. Easy listening US pop instrumentals. Several mentions of Haiti. Intense QRN and het. On 30 Aug, noted w/ ID at 1016: by W as "R. Nat. de la Republique" and by M as R. Nawional d'Haiti. (Jones, MISS) *** now turn to USA for the bad nx. tba*** 4VEH, 9770, in SP 1025-1045 22 Aug; definitely back w/ SP religious px and IDs at 1030, 1044. 11835 not heard. (Perdue, ALA)

INDIA AIR can be well heard on 11775 // 15205 w/ EG; often noted around 1025 or later. (Jaar, PQ)

JAPAN NHK Tokyo, 3607, in JP 1203 w/ mx by M. (Fedor, CAL) *** More details!!! tba*** RJ, 17745, in EG/JP at *2200; IS, and EG and JP IDs. (Vollrath, MO)

MALAYSIA Penang, 7295, in EG 1400 w/ ID and nx. Overpowering sigs. (Fedor, CAL) +++ V of Malaysia, 15295, noted w/ fair sigs in AR. Can be heard from s/on to s/off, but is badly QRMed by RFI. Nx by man noted at 1600; full ID. IS used at s/on. (Jaar, PQ)

MEXICO R. Huayacocotla, 2390, in SP at 0000-0100+ fighting w/ LV de Atitlan, Guatemala, sometimes winning, sometimes not. (Perdue, ALA) +++ Su Pantera, 6105, in SP 1049 w/ talks, TCs, and Mexican ballads. Lazy sort of px. (Jones, MISS; 9-8) +++ LV America Latina, 6165 in SP at *1059. Many "XEW" IDs, freqs of stns in Ciudad Mexico, S. Luis Potosi, Veracruz, Guadalajara, Monterey. (Jones, MISS; 8-23)

MOROCCO Rabat now using NF 21735 w/ AR at 1250, songs, ID and nx. (Jaar, PQ)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA R. Southern Highlands, 3275, in Pidgin (hereinafter PD) at 1245 w/ good sigs. English songs and short PD talks by M anncr. ID at 1300. (Fedor, CAL) +++ R. Northern Solomons, 3322, in PD 1105 fighting a het from R. Maya. Jazzy mx, IDs as RNSol, and mentions of Bougainville. (Klein, FLA); R. N. Solomons also noted at 1100 w/ waltzes. Heard daily but quickly overtaken by UTE. (Valko, PA; 8-29) +++ R. E. Sepik PRESUMED to be the one on 3335 in EG/PD from 1113-1130 w/ Herb Alpert mx, chimes and drums at 1115; PNG ID or mention, lang nx by W to 1125, more chimes, TC and US pops. (Perdue, ALA) +++ R. E. New Britain, 3385, at 1035 w/ frequent IDs and EG pop mx. Fair. (Klein, FLA) +++ NBC, 4890, returning here on 24 Aug at 1200 check. Formerly on 4790v, and since on 9780 (2 x 4890). (Hauser, TN); NBC also noted on 4890 in EG at 1050 on one magic omrning with the Pidgin version of that Beach Boys classic, "Surfin' U.S.A." Unbelievable. (Klein, FLA) *** I wonder if Dennis, Brian and the boys know about that . . . tba

PERU R. Loreto, 5050, noted on 28 Aug while waiting to see if I could hear Cooks again (Don't rub it in Bill . . . hi. tba); nice ID at 0418 by M in SP amid plenty of "big city" style pops. (Whitacre, MI) +++ R. Panamericana, 5980, in SP 1058; ID during the middle of a long ad string; jingles and US pops also noted. (Jones, MISS; 9-8) +++ R. Victoria, 6020, in SP 1041 w/ ID, TC and latin mx. (Klein, FLA) +++ R. Nac. Peru, 6082, in SP at *0900 w/ M anncr, MW and SW freqs, ID and floklorico mx. (Klein, FLA)

SARAWAK RMS, 5005, in lang 1324 w/ brief music passages now and then. (Fedor, CAL)

SEYCHELLES FEBA, 11860 NF, with IS, EG and FR IDs at 1635. Noted in AR 1710. Fair to good.

SICILY RAI, 7175, which is listed as Caltanissetta, heard almost daily lately at *0400. Relays Italian HS w/ many Italian songs. On 12 Aug played Baroques mx almost or apparently without interruption, possibly because of Pope Paul's death . . . (Jaar, PQ) *** If memory serves, this outlet is only 7.5 kW or so, so it's a relatively easy way to drop your QRP total for Europe. tba

SOLOMON IS. SIBS, 5020, in EG 1100-1131* and 1202* Sunday. Armchair copy lately w/ plenty of "S-I-B-S" IDs, full IDs and freqs at s/off. Airs "The Wrold Tomorrow" Sundays 1130-1200. (Perdue, ALA)

SRI LANKA VOA, 15185, sometimes noted w/ good sigs; at 0100 w/ Breakfast Show, for example. (Jaar, PQ)

SWEDEN RS, 17790, in EG 1430 w/ "Swedish Panorama" and SCDX. (Vollrath, MO)

TAIWAN VOFC, 11860 // 9510, often heard during mornings. Possible Mandarin at 1000, and JP at 1100. "Taiwan, Taipei" mentioned in ID at beginning of px. The 0100, 0200 b'cast on 17890 is heard almost daily is generally weak to fair, even on excellent FE days. (Jaar, PQ)

USA AFRTS, 6155, in EG at 0950 after 3 Sept w/ usual stuff. This NF will eliminate reception of R. Nat. Haiti during early morning hours. A pox on AFRTS. (Jones, MISS) *** Late word from Stu Klein, FLA, indicates that this AFRTS outlet closes at 1200, and that R. Nationale is still audible then. tba

VENEZUELA R. Occidente, 3225, in SP *1029 w/ NA, ID, calls, freqs and miserable UTE QRM. (Jones, Miss; 9-8) +++ R. Capital, 4850, in SP at 1018 w/ Banco de Venezuela ad, ID, TC, W anncr, disco mx, and excellent sigs. (Jones, MISS; 9-7) R. Capital also noted at 1020 w/

US pop mx, ads, W anncr who IDed in mid-song and no trouble from SRS. (Klein, FLA); Capital also noted at 0035 w/ upbeat and clear ID at 0040. No SRS. (Fischer, PA); Capital noted several mornings w/ s/on varying from 0952-1001; NA, opening anncmts by W; mixing w/ SRS. (Perdue, ALA) *** Did you really get up that early Neal??? tba *** R. Maracaibo, 4860, in SP *1000 w/ ID, freqs and nx by 2 M. (Klein, FLA) +++ R. Nac., 6170, in SP *0956 w/ ND, ID, chorus, calls, freqs and into nx. Selva not on. Heavy QRN from Tropical Storm Debra. (Jones, MISS; 8-29)

AND FINALLY . . .

Tom Gavaras and Greg Ravenhorst have sent the cream of the crop from the Minnesota DX Club's all-night DXpedition to Northfield, Minnesota on 9-9. They invited me to stop by and share in the festivities, but other commitments forced me to decline. Seeing their reports makes me wish I could have been there!!!

From Greg Ravenhorst:

3322 PAPUA NEW GUINEA R. N. Solomons, 0955-1040 in PD and EG w/ pop and choral mx. M & W anncrs w/ IDs and freq. Also IDed as R. Bougainville. Finally overpowered by a latin at 1045a.

3335 PAPUA NEW GUINEA R. E. Sepik, 0945-1030; very strong w/ pop and C & W mx. M anncr w/ horrible bassy voice in PD. Bad choice for a DJ.

5020 SOLOMON IS. SIBS best ever 1115-1130* in EG w/ George Harrison and similar rock mx. M anncr. Tremendous signals: real easy chair copy.

6082 PERU R. Nacional, 0858-0910 w/ SP IDs as RNP; Andean mx. No nx on the hour.

From Tom Gavaras:

2340 NEW BRITAIN R. W. New Britain, 1125 in PD and verns w/ M anncr. Mentioned New Britain and New Guinea. Very little mx and poor sigs.

2428 NEW IRELAND R. New Ireland, 0957-1032 in PD w/ talks, ID and vocals by M. Poor sigs. (Also submitted by Ravenhorst)

3385 NEW BRITAIN R. E. New Britain, 1053-1124 in PD w/ choir mx. PD IDs w/ mention of Rabaul. More instrumental and choral mx. ID and TC at 1100. Very good.

3905 ADMIRALTY IS. R. Manus, 1140-1159 in PD w/ much talking, native and pop mx. Weak sigs w/ much HAM QRM.

5045 COOK IS. R. Cook IS TENTATIVELY noted 0615-0800 w/ talks in lang and some EG words from time to time, especially after 0630, when they are scheduled to relay RA or RNZ. No recognizable EG mx played, but many drumlike instrumental songs w/ M singer were played. Very polynesian sounding. Much QRM from Togo and a poor sig. (Also submitted by Ravenhorst)

6080 CANADA CKFX/CKWX Vancouver, 0819 w/ clear IDs for both stns. TC as 1:19. Played much country mx (Willie Nelson, Glen Campbell) and talked about Church of Vancouver. Fair sigs. Must be more than 10w. (Also submitted by Ravenhorst, who said that a call to the stn yielded a statement that this is still 10w!!!)

Not a bad night's work, gentlemen.

That's it for another UD. As you can see, there is much excellent DX available, particularly from the South Pacific. Additionally, if CKFX/CKWX makes it to Minnesota, it should also be audible at other sites. Go to it, folks. My best until next time.

73,

Tom