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UPCOMING DEADLINES: 19 December (Jan) 10 January (Mid-Jan) 20 January (Feb)

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ALGERIA Algiers, 11646, in EG 2100; annced as Int Serv of R. Algiers. Short mx selection, nx, and more mx. Sometimes heard on 11645 too. When they use this freq, 11614 not used, which is also heard some days instead of 11646. Fair to good sigs // 9610. Sometimes heard past 2300 in FR. (Bob Zilmer, WI 12-2)

ANDORRA AWR test, 6215, by R. Andorra at 2000 in EG; religious songs and frequent annmcts. Gave both London and Lisbon addresses, requested rpts, offered QSL. ID 2100: "This is AWR w/ test tx over R. Andorra, 6215, in 49 mb." Quick R. Andorra ID as big het moved in followed by poss s/off. Also heard 12-2 from before 2000 to 2100 and into R. Scandinavia pgm. AWR anncr said they might be increasing power and making adjustments. Also referred to rpts already in which implie that they've been on air. (Jerry Berg, MA 12-1)

ANGOLA ER Huambo, 5060, presumed in PT 2202-2255; net nx // 5100, 5191, 7001 to 2212 then local nx. ER Mocamedes, 5100, presumed in PT 2135-2150; fair w/ M anncr, highlife vocals. (Krueger, FL)

BANGLADESH RB, 15285 in EG 1231-1253; W w/ nx, ID by her 1235 as "This is General Overseas Ser of RB." M w/ five more min of nx, ID, talk, and short instru selection. (John Moritz, OH 11-25)

BELGIUM BRT, 15175 and 11715, in EG 0015-0100; poor 1204. For several days off due to strike except for tone on OC. Poor choice of freqs, and they decided not to use listed freq. (Zilmer, WI)

BELIZE RB, 3285, in EG 1133; DJ w/ pop mx. (Jack Jones, MS 11-28)

BOLIVIA Rem. Bolivia, 4754, tentative in SP 0013-0029; M mentioned Bolivia, group singing and Andean flutes. Good and Bolivians noted on 3479, 4696, 4738 and 5585. (Terry Krueger, FL 11-19) +++ R. Progreso, 6005, in SP-IND 0950; Ind. talk, Boliv. mx, heavy on drums. Fanfare 0959, "La Paz R. Progreso, una palabra para Bolivia (?)." TC for 6 hrs, ID, jingle, mention of La Paz, into pgm "El Centro Campesino Tupavatori (?)." Some mx. Canada weakly beneath. (J.Jones, MS 11-27)

BRAZIL R. Cl. de Marilia, 3215, in PT 0015; 2 M anncrs w/ live sports; ID, and mx at 0050 re-check. (Neal Perdue AL)+++Em Rural, 4765, in PT 0832; ID. (Harry Jones, VA 11-29)+++ R. Nac. Boa Vista, 4835, in PT 0414-37; EL latin mx, M DJ, Exodus theme, good ID 0437. Off 0400 next night. (tba)+++R. Relogio Fed., 4905, in PT 2332; usual pips and talks. (tba)+++ R. Inconfidencia, 6000, in PT 2200; A Voz do Brazil, Inconfidencia IDs at 2200 and 2300. Beautiful sigs. (Jim Conrad, IA)+++ "R. Marumbi Limitada" and R. Marumbi, 9675, OC at 0910. *0918 s/on annmcts, Xmas instrumental mx, references to itself as "voz evangelica." Other IDs at 0926, 0946, and 0952, latter included drums like old ETLF. 0953, mx evangelista. This if former R. Diario de Manha, per Glenn Hauser's DX Digest rpt of 11-5; Glenn also listened to tape, helping unscramble ID. Former on 11-19; on 12-1 already on at 0904, IDing as "R. Marumbi" only; ID 0923 including SW freq, religious mx. Freq drifting down somewhat. S/on varies between 0900-30. Not on at all some days. This on same freq as SP rel stn in Peru, R. del Pacifico. (Dave Walcutt, TX) ***Nicely done, gents. tba

CAMEROUN Garoua, 5010, *0500; 3x IS, M anncr, apparent s/on annmcts, choral NA, FR and EG nx relay from Yaounde. (Stu Klein, FL 12-4)

CANADA CKFX, 6080, presumed in EG 0829-34; country mx, ads w/ phone #s to call, mention of Vancouver. Fast fade. Wiped out by HCJB 6075. 99.99% sure. (J.Jones, MS 11-30)+++CKZU Vancouver, 6160, in EG 0816; jazz and EL mx. ID for MW and SW 0859. NA and provincial anthem and test tone to 0910*. (Chris Leithner, TN, 11-23)

CHINA Heilongjiang, 3340, in CH 1126-30; exc // 4925 w/ vocals and W anncr. (Krueger, FL 11-13) +++Heilongjiang, 4925, tentative in CH 1233-1300; vocal mx, annmcts by W, pips 1300. (Henry Lazarus LA 12-7)+++FFBS, 5265, in CH 1045; singing by W, brief annmcts by M. Fair sigs. (Jim Conrad, IA 11-30)+++RP, 7800, in poss GM *1930; IS and talks. Another RP on 7820. (Berg, MA 12-1)

COLOMBIA Em Kennedy, 4775, in SP 0336-57*; talks by high-pitched M or deep voiced W, then by 2nd W; EL mx bridge, more talks by W, more EL mx, 2 W chatting, laughing and singing; "en Colombia", EL mx, talk by W, ID by M, freqs and NA. Carrier off 0359*. (tba)+++R. Bucaramanga, 4845, in SP *1001; instant s/on w/ part of ID, NA, full ID, calls, freqs. Was trying for Fides at time. (J. Jones, MS 11-14)---Bucaramanga, 4845, back w/ usual pgms, ID 0300. (H. Jones, VA 11-22)

COSTA RICA TIFC, 6035, in SP 1115; religious songs and TCs. Thought it might be AWR Guatemala. (Berg, MA)+++ R. Nueva Victoria, 6082, in SP 2355-0100; LA pops, DJ, ID 0100. (H. Jones, VA 11-21)---RNV noted on 6083, 0015-0102; CAm mx, nx by M, ID, mention of Puntarenas. (Krueger, 11-22)

ECUADOR CRE, 4765, in SP 1111; ID, nx. (J.Jones, MS 11-28)+++LV de las Caras, 4795, in SP 0213; tango mx, ID, ads. (Whitehead and Jones, MS 12-5)+++R. Rio Amazonas, 4870, in IND, *1114; long version of NA, short, primitive sounding mx, call, ID, talk. (J.Jones, 11-27)+++R. Federacion, 4960, in SO 0200*; ID, freqs, NA. (Whitehead & Jones, MS 12-5)+++ R. Sonorama/Canal Juvenil, 5010, in SP 1046-1105; don't know if this has moved here or is harmonic of 1250 as audio really strange. Heard many R. Sonorama, IDs, one Canal Juvenil ID 1051. Couple of SP ballads in between. OC 1057-1100 when audio back, but vy weak and not at all "regular". Tx problems or harmonic? (Moritz, 11-25)+++ R. Splendit, 5025, in SP 0250-0300+; LA mx, M anncr, many slogans w/ "Populares"

and "Super". IDs, 0302 and 0304. (Perdue, AL)--- Splendit also noted 1020; M w/ many IDs and mentions of Cuena. Andean mx. Intermittent loss of sig --off for abt 2.5 min out of every 7. Bad show! (Klein, FL)+++HCJB, 26000, in EG 2130; DX Party Line to 2200. According to Hauser, this freq uses only 100w, is on air much of day (perhaps 24h), and is aimed at NAm. Reception remarkably good. (Conrad, IA 11-28)

EQ. GUINEA R. Ecuatorial, 5005, in SP 2045-2112; still here w/ uptempo Afr mx. M in vern, M in SP 2101 w/ ID, and apparent nx and political comment. Many IDs at 2129 recheck. Still going 2135. (Moritz, 11-24)---RE noted on 5005 2125-32; M talking to 2127, ID, brief annmt, and anthem to 2132. (Conrad, IA 11-21)+++R. Malabo, 6250, in SP 2200; ID by W 2200, long anthem to 2205, seemingly same s/off as 5005. (Conrad, IA 11-21)

FALKLAND IS. FIBS, 2370, in EG 0030-32*; jumped down here just in time to catch EG W w/ UK accent ending summary, then clear "This is Falkland Is. B'casting Stn," short orch rendition of GSTQ, and plug pulled. HIC 181. (Krueger, FL 11-19) * Nice. Still eluding me. tba

GABON LVR, 4777, in FR 2200; ID, possible play or drama w/ three people reading parts. Occasional laughter but angry sounding most of the time. (Conrad, IA 11-22)+++Africa No. One, 15265, in EG 1927; old-style ½ hour pgm w/ annmts between records. Fair w/ splatter from RCI on 15260. (Conrad, IA 11-29)***Who won the car??? tba

GERMANY (FED REP) RIAS Berlin, 6005, in GM 0730; M anncr, world and local nx, ID 0740: "Hier is RIAS", and possible comment. Lousy w/ het and QRM off Reloj, but readable. A first here. (Klein FL 12-5)+++ Sudddeutscher Rundfunk, 6030, in GM 0745; nice pgm of "Bierhaus" mx. That's what they called it! (Klein, FL 12-5)+++Bayerischer Rundfunk, 6085, in GM 0737; C&W mx tribute to John Wayne, ads for batteries, Calgon, and computer games. Traffic at 0800. ID 0805. (Leithner 11-23) +++Sender Fries Berlin via Bremen, 6190, in GM 0750; nice old local dance mx. M anncr, TC, ID, weather, mention of the Ayatollah. (Klein, FL 12-5)

GHANA GBC, 3336, in EG 2245; nx by W. Nice level for 10 kW. (Conrad, IA 11-18)***More proof, as if it were really needed, that you don't need 500kW to have good sigs. tba***GBC, 4915, in lang 2115; EL Afr mx to 2130 ID in EG. (Conrad, IA, 11-22)

GRENADA RFG, 15045, in EG 2230-2300; ID and annmts by W, Xmas mx and BBC sports. Air Force QRM. (John Williams, MN 12-6)

GREAT BRITAIN VOA, 6160, in AR 0755; the mystery AR stn is at last IDed as Wofferton. (Klein, FL 12-5)+++ BBC, 6160, in JP 2215; M talking to 2227, theme from Love Story on piano. Some QRM. (Conrad, IA 11-18)+++BBC Euro Ser, 9635, in Czech 1945. Talk pgm. Some QRM. (Conrad, IA 12-1)

GUATEMALA LV Atitlan, 2390, in SP 0257; possibly ad theme and ID. (tba)+++ Sked recently rcvd from AWR, effective 11-1 includes this: "AWR-America, Guatemala City, Guatemala, FM, MW, SW, (all) 10kW. All tx now on air." No further details. (Berg, MA)

HONDURAS R. Juticalpa, 4780, in SP 1136; four minutes of ads, °C, ID, ranchera mx. (J.Jones)

INDONESIA Presumed Ternate, 3345, in Indo 1311; nx-type pgm, W anncr. (tba)+++RRI Banda Aceh, 4955, in Indo 1140-50; good w/ subcont sounding mx and W anncr. (Krueger, FL)+++RRI Yogyakarta, 5046, in Indo, 1246-1307; talks by M&W, one song, tentative site ID 1259, SCI, pips 1300, and talks by M, probably nx. (Lazarus, LA 12-8)

ISRAEL Kol Israel: on 17615 at 1200 w/ EG nx, weather, Thank Goodness Its Friday pgm, poor. This replaces 17605 which RNederland uses now. 9372 at 2215 w/ Hebrew Reshet Bet pgm. Good. On 29720 at *1400 w/ Yiddish talk and 1430 w/ RS. Weak sigs 11-25. Only freq not jammed in this time slot, replacing 29705. (Zilmer, WI)

LEBANON VoL, 6550, in AR 0515; M&W anncrs, couple of IDs, probable nx or comment, ID and mx. (Klein, FL)

LIBERIA ELWA, 3227, in verns 2150-2208; M w/ talk and Afr tunes to 2202, group chorus, and M in EG w/ ID. Back into Afr mx. Poor. (Moritz, OH 11-24)+++ELWA also noted on 4770 in EG 2200 w/ world nx. (Conrad, IA 11-28)

MALAYSIA RM Sabah, 4970, in Malay 1159; ID 1200, piano mx and W anncr. Fair. HIC 199. (H. Jones, 12-1)

MEXICO LV America Latina, in SP on 6165 at *1100; "XEW, LV de America Latina," freqs, QTHs of other stns in net. (J.Jones, MS)

MONGOLIA Ulan Bator, 4950, in CH *1100-1130 and Mongolian 1130+; Not sure what happens at 1200 as very poor by then. For first 45 min, sig is quite good both on 4950 and // 5960. October LN reported 100 and 250 kW tx being installed there and this must be them, as this is far and away the best ever heard from them. Interesting IS 1100 and 1130. (Berg, MA)

MOZAMBIQUE RM Maputo, 3210, in PT 0255; huge sigs. Anthem, four note chimes, ID and mbs by M. (tba)+++Maputo, 3265, in PT 2245; highlife mx w/ Maputo mentioned 2300. Fair. (Conrad, IA 11-20)

NEPAL UADX reports Nepal testing 0050-0350 and 1150-1720 on 9590. Stn heard on low side of 9590 at 1150 seems to qualify but needs more work. (Berg, MA)

NICARAGUA R. Nac, 5950, in SP 1118; ID, latin pop mx. (J.Jones, MS 11-28)

PERU R. Chinchaycocha, 4860, in SP 0430-0530; a favorite here w/ motivos Andinos. (tba)+++ R. Huancavelica, 4885, in SP consistently after 0400 w/ such as "Musica a Huancavelica," IDs and pops. Usually poor to fair. (tba)+++R. Eco, 5010, in SP 0419; nice pgm of arranged folk melodies. Flute in front of lush string sections. (tba)+++R. Quillabamba, 5025, in SP 0427; ad string and ID. (tba)+++R. El Sol, 5970, in SP 1041; fine Peruvian mx and favorite W anncr. "Sol en los Andes" pgm. RS stn also here. (J.Jones, MS 11-27)

SAO TOME RN, 4807, in PT 2200; lots of mx in PT, not African style. Brief IDs 2200 and 2230. (Conrad, IA 11-29)

SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA, 5876, in AR 2302* // 15060. Koran readings, ID by M, NA and off. (H.Jones, VA 11-25)---BSKSA also noted on 5876 0310-0321; M w/ AR chants to 0318, low voiced M, then

another and mention of Koran. Good. (Moritz, OH 11-25)

SOUTH AFRICA R. 5, 3250, in EG/ Afrikaans 0230+; Good Morning SAfr pgm. (tba)

SURINAM R. Apintie, 4794, in Hindi *0827-0950; wailing and M anncr, orch mx 0930, DT DJ from 0940 w/ local pops. (Krueger, FL)---Apintie noted 0900 w/ Hindi chants by W, and sitar mx. DT ID 0912. (H. Jones, VA 12-4)---Apintie presumed at 0847 in Hindi(?); subcont mx and singing. No ID heard. Weak sig and high QRN. (J.Jones, MS 11-20)

SWAZILAND TWR in langs 0258 on 3240; EG ID, IS, lang ID, IS, EG ID, IS, ID in another lang, etc. (tba)+++TWR, 3275, in lang 0300; hymns and sermon. (tba)+++TWR, 9640, in EG 0358; ID and IS, Afrikaans talk and mx. Poor. (Zilmer, WI 11-30)

SWITZERLAND SRI, 15125, in EG 1825; world nx and Dateline. Good sigs but narrow (2.1 kHz) filter needed to cut splatter. (Conrad, IA 11-22)

TAIWAN VoFC, 15270, in EG 2200; nx, comment, local mx. Annced EG pgm from 2140-2240 w/ // freqs 11825 and 17890. Many IDs. Good. (Zilmer, WI 11-24)

TOGO RTVT, 5047, in FR 2130; Afr mx, nearly non-stop to 2200 and only brief anncmts. (Conrad)

*TURKEY Turkish State Meteorological Service, 6900, in lang *0400-0410; poor w/ M chanting-singing, almost wailing at times. Very nice mx. Presumed as no talk or ID heard. (Moritz, 11-23)

USSR Baku, 4785, in RS C345; M&W anncrs w/ usual RM HS pgm. Pips to hour and nx. UTE on low side. (Klein, FL 12-3)---Baku noted here 0410 tnx Klein, usual format // Tbilisi 4930 and Yerevan 4810. (tba)+++Yerevan, 4810, in RM HS relay 0405; nx by M&W. (Klein, FL 12-3)+++RM HS 1 via Vladivostok, 1300. 5x IS and into RS nx. (tba)+++Tashkent, 4850, in RS 1158-1208; RM IS nx.

(Krueger, FL)+++ Yakutsk, 4940, in RS 1208-1235; excellent w/ anncmts and opera mx not // 4935.

(Krueger, FL)+++Alma Ata, 5035, in lang 1140-1201*; soft lang talk, ID by M, short theme and off. (Krueger, FL)+++ The following regionals by Harry Jones: presumed Frunze, 4940, in RS 1205. Presumed Yerevan 4990 at 0413 w/ M&W and classical mx. Murmansk, 5930, 0510-15; M&W in RS to 0514, 2x IS 0515 per WRTH, and clear "Govorit Murmansk." (all 21-1)

WARC NX per VOA nxcast, the 1979 WARC ended w/ no major modifications to International SW b'cast bands. Story was ambiguous on whether same was true of tropical bands. More conferences to be scheduled soon to resolve issues not reached at Geneva. (tba)

VENEZUELA LV del Tigre, 3255, in SP 0207; many mentions Venezuela, talks, and finally an ID. (tba)+++R. Los Andes, 6010, in SP 1050; "R. 1040" ID after long ad string. (J.Jones, MS 11-27)

ZIMBABWE RHODESIA ZRBC presumed the one on 3306 w/ Afr lang talks, brief EG talk 0330. Butchered by het from 3305. (tba)

A very nice turnout for our holiday issue. My best wishes for the happiest of holidays to you and yours and for a prosperous new year.

Best of 73,

Tom