

update

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UPCOMING DEADLINES: 19 February (March) 12 March (Mid-March) 26 March (April)

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AFGHANISTAN Kabul, 4775, in lang 1259+; big sig, chants, singing and sitar and drum mx. S/on annmcs on hour w/ nice ID. Then more mx. (Bill Whitacre, MI 1-18)

ANGOLA Em. Reg. de Lobito, 7001, in PT 2207. Nx to 2215, also African mx and annmcs by W. Some talking 2254 but could not catch ID because of weakened sigs and bad ARO QRM. 2259.5*. Definitely Angola, as R. Nac. mentioned during nx, but will take rare day to get specific ID. (Jerry Berg, MASS 1-20)

ARGENTINA R. El Mundo, 15290, in SP 0114; mentions of El Mundo and tango mx. (Syd Osterman, ONT 1-19)

AUSTRALIA VLM 4 Brisbane, 4920, in EG 0915; ABC nx. (Stu Klein, FLA). +++ RA, 6035, in EG 2214 w/ weather report and mx. Carnarvon listed as site. (Chris Leithner, TN 2-4)

BELIZE R. Belize, 3285, in EG 0226; "World Roundup" VOA nx items. ID by W at 0230. (Jack Jones, MISS; 1-30)

BOTSWANA Gaberones, 4845, from 0345 on 17 Jan. IS, choral anthem and W w/ usual mumbled s/on annmcs. (Whitacre, MI) *** been booming in here almost nightly of late. tba

BRAZIL R. Olinda, 3285, in PT 0820; valiantly trying to push through UTE. Several IDs noted though. (Klein, FLA) +++ R. *Cultura*, 3365, in PT 2315-0000+; disco format, mentions of Araraquara, M anner, and finally an ID at 0001 by W. Have been chasing this one for months; usually fades before 0000. (Neal Perdue, ALA; 1-28) +++ R. Congonhas, 3385, in PT 2320-2335; mostly talk by M, several mentions of Congonhas. Fair. (Perdue, ALA; 1-28) +++ Em. Nac. de Boa Vista, 4835, very nice w/ anthem at 0912, full ID 0915, and mx. (Berg, MASS) +++ R. Inconfidencia, 6000, in PT 0856; ID, freqs, ads, Brazilian mx. (Jones, MISS; 1-29)

BURMA BBS, 4725, TENTATIVELY at 1155 in lang. Very pretty local sing-songy mx by W w/ stringed instruments, and talk by W 1200. Fair. (Perdue, ALA; 1-25) --- Rangoon, 4725, noted 1-18 w/ poor sigs and SSB UTE on high side. 1250+ local songs and W anncr all in Burmese. Now to get them to verify. (Whitacre, MI)

CAMEROUN R. Bertoua, 4750, in FR 0505; nx relay from Yaounde, then EG nx to 0519. (Klein, FLA) +++ R. Garoua, 5010, in EG 0632. Talk by M on Latin America and into vern at 0645. Fair. (Bruce Churchill, RI 2-4)

CANADA CFCX Montreal, 6005, in EG 0710-0825; top 40 pops, nx and weather on the hour. Horrendous QRM from Relej. (Bob Rankin, KS)

CENT. AFR. EMP. Bangui still moving around, to 4985 this time at 2115 w/ Afr mx and dedications. (Berg, MASS 2-3) *** Limits of movement seem to 4985-5005 for this one now. tba

CHINA PLA Fuzhou (list), 3400, in lang 1200; M w/ talk and into CH opera. (Perdue, ALA; 1-27) +++ RP, 4759, fighting usual OC ute on 4760 w/ orchestrals and M in CH 1253+. (Whitacre, MI 1-18) +++ RP, 4786, in CH 1300; fair sigs and propable nx. (Whitacre, MI 1-18) +++ FFBS 2/PLA, 5170, in CH 1158; nothing but stern sounding talks, at good level. (tba)

CLANDESTINE V of Dem. Kampuchea, 11600, powerful on 1-28; carrier on 1157, mx 1200, annmcs w/ time and freqs, then talks. Weak jamming underneath. Must be via Peking. (Berg, MASS)

COLOMBIA R. Guatapuri, 4815, in SP 0430; chimes, stn and Todelar ID, and more chimes. (Klein, FLA) +++LV del Caqueta, 5035, good w/ ID and TC (2 min. slow) at 1028, LA mx frequent IDs and TCs. (Berg, MASS) +++ Rdef Nac. 13848, noted on this freq after 17 Jan from 2330-0300 in checks w/ classical mx, and M or W on hour or half hour w/ ID and annmcs. (Whitacre, MI)

COSTA RICA R. Relej, 12012, noted most evenings w/ a strong harmonic on this freq. (Rankin, KS)

ECUADOR R. Carrizal, 3260.7, in SP to 0333* 17 Jan. Folklorico, IDs, final annmcs but no anthem. Only definite ID hear at s/off. (Whitacre, MI) +++ R. Trifuno, 3259.9, presumed to be the one here 0310 17 Jan. Latin and US pops, het w/ Carrizal. No ID but many mentions of "Trifuno" (or so it sounded) and Ecuador. Stronger than Carrizal. (Whitacre, MI) --- R. Trifuno tentatively the one here on 3262; heard 1-28 w/ possible Trifuno ID and mention of Sto. Domingo de los Colorados at 1118, mx before and after. Faded by 1125. On 1-31, up to almost 3263 w/ carrier on before 1050. Px started 1115 w/ HC mx and though no ID got definite mentions of Sto. Domingo. . . . Seemed an ad for a bank; sirens noted. Out by 1130. Haven't tried during PMs. (Berg, MASS) *** Suggest further checks on this one before we call this definite. tba *** R. Tropical, 3340, in SP 1105; mx, full ID, TCs mx etc. Mx enjoyable. (Berg, MASS) +++ R. Pop. Indep., 4800, in SP 0403; tough in UTE but audible w/ Andean mx and ID 0407. (tba) +++ R. Rio Amazonas, 4970, in SP 0001-0005; light orch mx, M anncr, ID and Ecuad. mx. (Perdue, ALA)

FR. GUYANA FR 3 Cayenne, 3385, in FR 0325-0353*; bouncy LA tunes, M anncr, severe QSB in active condx but strong overall. S/off w/ La Mars'e. First time here at night in a long time. (Perdue, ALA 1-28) *** First reliable nighttime report of this I've seen in quite a while. tba

GABON LvdRev, 4777, at 2335 in FR w/ talk, ID, and Afro and EG pop mx. (Bruce Stover, PA)

GERMANY (FED. REP.) Sender Freies Berlin, 6190, in GM 0735. C&W mx, many, many ads, and GM favorites. Berlin annemt at 0755 and freq mentions of Berlin at other times. SDR 6030 also good this morning. (Stu Klein, FLA 2-1)---SFB also good at 0618 21 Jan. Classics to 0632, then lighter mx. ID 0659, pips, nx, IS twice 0708, then long px review for the coming week to 0730 and into religious mx. (Berg, MASS)

GHANA GBC, 3350, in lang and EG, 2240-2306*; choral songs, EG nx 2245-55, lang prayer 2300, lang ID and off w/ NA. Presume Gabon underneath to 2300*. (Perdue, ALA; 1-31)---GBC 3350 also noted 2225 w/ verns talk by M and tribal mx // stronger 4915. 3366 also in at this time. (Stover, PA)

GRENADA R. Grenada, 15105, at 2030 w/ Calypso Cavalcade and b'day greetings to natives. M anncr had thick W. Indies accent. (Stover, PA) *** A little calypso is good for the soul. tba

GUATEMALA LV de Nahuala, 3360 in SP 0133; ID, mx and vocals by very local sounding combo. (Jones, MISS 1-22) *** touché, Jack. tba *** R. Nac. 6180, in SP 0510; magnificent marimba magnum opuses (opi). (Klein, FLA)

GUINEA Conakry, 4910, in FR 0630-0715; traditional ocal mx, annemts by M in FR. (Chruchill, RI)

HAITI 4 VEH, 9770, in EG 2045; ID and the wiped out by RHC s/on. (Perdue, ALA; 1-25)

HONDURAS R. Lux, 4890, in SP 0001-0030+ announcing winners of something, panchera mx, and ID. (Perdue, ALA 1-25) +++ R. Landia, 4965, in SP 1200; ID caught as I passed by. My first log of this. (tba)

INDIA AIR Delhi, 4860, in EG 1300+ 13 Jan; W w/ ID and nx bulletin, then into local mx and singing. (Whitacre, MI)

INDONESIA RRI Ujung Pandang, 4719, at 1152. Best ever here. W DJ, local rock mx, talks, quick ID 1153. Truly armchair copy. (tba) +++ RRI Ujung Pandang, 4753, in Indo 1156; Habanera from "Carmen", ID by W and SCI. (tba) +++ RRI Medan, 4764, first time on correct freq this season. Noted 1255+ 18 Jan w/ talk by M, SCI and Jakarta nx relay. Poor sigs. This used to be a powerhouse. (Whitacre, MI) +++ UnID RRI, 4790a, in Indo 1200-1215 in checks 23 Jan only. Caught last bars of SCI and partial ID but could not get site. Fak-Fak??? (tba) +++ RRI Ambon, 4845, in Indo 1231; Jakarta nx relay and NA w/ chorus. After NA into local px of jazz. No SCI at this time. Ujung Pandang follows dimilar ID practice on half hour. (Klein, FLA) +++ RRI Sorong, 4875, in Indo 1200 23 Jan and 1215-1220 24 Jan. On 23d, ID by W and SCI. Talks by M and W on 24th. (tba) +++ VoIndonesia, 7108a, in lang (Indo??? tba) 1258; ID, light mx and nx. (Chris Leithner TN 1-18)

KENYA VoK, 4934, in EG 0403; deep voiced M w/ nx. (Osterman, ONT 1-21)

LEBANON VoLebanon, 6550, carrier on 0447, celeste IS 0452, Col. Bogey (River Kwai)March 0455, anthem 0457, pips and ID 0500, into classical mx w/ talkovers. Fairly good. (Berg, MASS)--- VoL, 6550, chimes IS 0454, Col. Bogey March 0457, anthem, and opening annemts 0500. (Osterman, ONT) --- VoL: celeste IS, 0455, Col. Bogey march, anthem, AR s/on annemts, light orch mx. At 0513 chimes and several ads. Seems to be a mix of pop, orch and AR mx w/ lots of annemts. Can anyone supply QSL info?? (Churchill, RI)

LESOTHO LNBS tentatively the one on 4800 3 and 4 Feb mixing w/ the HC and usual UTE. Could clearly make out verns talks though. First time for this one this season. Time 0420. (tba)

LIBERIA ELWA, 3227, in lang nad EG, 2220-2227*; lang talk by M, closing annemts and EG ID and NA. (Perdue, ALA 1-31)

MEXICO R. Huayacocotla, in SP 0055. "La Voz del Negro" px w/ mx hosted by W DJ. Fair. (Charles George, TX)

MOZAMBIQUE Maputo, 3210, 0300+ in PT w/ Afr mx and W anncr. (Whitacre, MI 1-17) +++ Maputo, 4925, in lang 0337 23 Jan; mentions of Zambia, Namibia, Afr drum mx, "Tijuana Taxi", more talks southern Afr style vocals, and ID just before covered by UTE 0350. Also noted at 0330 26 Jan w/ four note gong and ID; then into similar program format. (tba)

NIGER Niamey, 5020, in verns 0645-0700; traditional mx to 0700 then M in verns. (Chruchill, RI)

NIGERIA FRC Benin City, 4932, at 0432 during s/on proceedings. (tba) ---Benin City 4932 also noted 2303-2306* in EG, w/ close of nx and s/off proceedings w/ anthem. (Perdue, ALA)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA R. Morobe, 3220, in Pidgin (PD) 1225; EL piano mx, ID by M 1230 and into long talk. (Klein, FLA) +++ R. Milne Bay, 3360, in PD 0840; C&W and island mx, M DJ and ID at 0900. (Klein, FLA) --- R. Milne Bay noted at 1023 3 Feb w/ C&W and island mx. ID 1100, TC, 1106. Mixing a little w/ CH stn from 1045, and blocked at 1113 by Nahuala s/on. (Berg, MASS) +++ R. E. New Britain, 3385, at 1235 w/ TC 1239 as 19 minutes of 11. First time for this. (Stover)

PERU R. Chinchaycocha, 4860, in SP 0420; rustic Peruvian mx, M anncr, and ID. (Perdue, ALA) +++ R. Andina, 4995, in SP 1042; ID and talk w/ Peruvian mx background. (Jones, MISS 2-1) +++ R. Eco, 5010, in SP *1030; catchy OA tune, then right into ad string. No s/on ID. Frequent mentions of Iquitos. More mx 1038. (Berg, MASS 1-22) +++ R. Victoria, 6020, in SP 1040; M anncr w/ TC and ID. (Klein, FLA)---R. Victoria also noted at 1058; end of devotional, catchy tune called Viva Peru and ID. Usual het. (Jones, MISS 2-1)

PHILIPPINES VOA Tinang, 7190, in EG 1305. World nx and Bkfast Show. (Leithner, TN) +++ R. Veritas, 15275, at 2258; ID by M as R. Veritas Asia, MoR mx, march and into Indo. (Osterman, ONT)

RHODESIA Gwelo, 3396, in EG 0410-0420; M and W anners, pop mx and usual px. (Perdue, ALA 1-26)

SAO TOME R. Nac., 4806a, in PT 2250-2302*; US pops, EL mx, ID by M, choral song 2258-2302*. Tough copy because of junk on freq. (Perdue, ALA)

SARAWAK RMS Kuching, 5030, in lang 1156-1202 2 Feb; talks, ID on hour and old r&r mx. (tba) --- Kuching 5030 tentatively noted in lang 1302 w/ moans and groans. (Perdue, ALA 1-24)

SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA, 6085, in AR 2227; nx, religious px, ID NA and off 2258. (Leithner, TN)

SOLOMON IS. Honiara, 5020, at 0950; lovely island mx w/ few interruptions. (Klein, FLA) --- Honiara also noted 1010-1035 in EG; M w/ nx, TC and island mx. Bad het. (Perdue, ALA 1-25)

SOMALIA Mogadishu, 9585, in lang 1950-2058*; M w/ talk on Somalia, great distinctive Somali mx, "Mogadishu" ID by W. Everyone should listen to this once. (Perdue, ALA) ***agreed. tba

SUDAN Omdurman, 5039, in AR 0438-0449. AR nx by M. Not noted before or since. (Churchill, RI)

SWAZILAND Syd Osterman wrote re my comments on his log of SRC in UD 34. He's right, of course, as my own log confirms---SRC, 4980, in EG 0411; old r&r mx, ads and ID. (tba)

TOGO Lama-Kara, 3222, in FR 2220-2231; Afro pops, and FR annemts. 2231* w/ choral anthem. (Stover, PA)

USA PIRATES VoVoyagers, 6220, usual crazy px. Using (612) 537-9929 as loop. Talked of moving to 6210 and FM 89 MHz. (Valko, PA)+++WFAT 1620 w/ r&r 1004-1018 using telco loop 212-664-9979. Talked w/ Larry McCrea and he said QSL would be in in abt two weeks. (Valko, PA) +++ WGOR, 1620, 0401-0607*; some Elton John mx but mostly calls from listeners through (212) 626-9906. DJ said he'd send a verie letter. (Valko, PA) +++ PRN Radio, 1620, anncing as New England pirate hrd 3 Feb at 0935 w/ rock mx, calls, offering QSLs. Used (212) 355-9979). Also heard 2-4 from *0752 saying using 1/2 power and much poorer. Called, and they said they were in Mass using 90 w. Then covered by WFAT, who also took over loop. (Berg, MASS) +++ VoVenus, 7490, 0337-0345; tnx to tip from Whit; LSB and barely readable in UTE QRM. Caught 2 clear IDs and an UnIDable tune and talk. (tba)

USSR Anadyr presumed to be the one on 4030 1140-1200 in RS. Two clear Mayak IS segments at 1200. Noted 26 Jan only. (Rankin, KS) +++ Petropavlovsk, 4485, strong nightly, relaying Vladivostok, 0830-0930. (Rankin, KS) +++ Yakutsk tentatively on 4800 at 1234; solemn choral singing in lang, short intervals filled by W in apparent CH. Very clear mention of Yakutsk. Does not sound like USSR and China mixing. (Osterman, ONT) +++ Frunze, 4940, in RS 0530; uninterrupted EL piano mx to 0544, ID as "Froon-zeh" by W and RS talks. (Klein, FLA) +++ Petrozavodsk, 5065 //4780; Moscow relay to 0514; silence to 0515, short organ IS twice and into presumed local px, which may have ended 0525. 4780 a little better. Neither very good. (Berg, MASS) +++ RM via Irkutsk, 11765 in CH 0324-0335; CH talks by W, RM IS 0330 and ID Site per UHN. (tba) +++ RM WS via Irkutsk, 15175, 0715. Quite good. Site per UHN. (tba) +++ RM WS via Riga 15220 at 1120. Site per UHN. (Klein, FLA) +++ RM WS via Chita, 15385, 0358. CH talk to 0359, RP&P IS, "Moscow Nights" and into WS. Fair at best. (tba)

VENEZUELA R. Agnostura, 6120, in SP *0941. NA, ID, calls, freqs and into typical YV format. (Jones, MISS 1-30)

YEMEN Despite recent note in Feb LN, Sana'a heard as late as 1-18 on 4853 w/ best sigs yet. Koran reading 0303-0334, M anncr, talk by M 0343. Good throughout. (Churchill, RI)

ZAMBIA Lusaka, 4911, at 0350 in EG; talk and nx. (Whitacre, MI 1-17)

MORE MOSCOW SITES AUDIBLE HERE (sites per UHN where listed)

9490	Moscow-Nikolaev	RP&P in SP 0410 WS 2047 WS 2133	11810	Serpukhov	WS 0517
			11820	Frunze	S&SEAsia Ser 1412
9575	Armavir	Afr Ser, 2045	12010	Serpukhov	WS 0429-0530
9635	Ivanofran-kovsk	Afr Ser, 2042 vy poor	12020	Dushanbe	HS1a 0425, badly hetted WS 2125
9720	Riazan/Simferopol	WS 0400-0530 WS 1430 WS 2131	15135	Lvov	WS 1405
			15150	Minsk	WS 1400
9785	Zhigulevsk	WS 0530	15180	Petropav-lovsk	WS 2121
9795	Serpukhov	WS 1709 WS 2042-2110 HS1 2205	15450	_____	Rodina 1401
			15455	_____	ID in UnID lang 1400
11770	Minsk/Kiev	WS 1407 WS 1658	15460	Moscow	WS 0414-0430. poor

DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND MY CONTROL: Because of recent vandalism of my mailbox, I am getting mail intermittently these days. If your material didn't make it this time, that's probably the reason. Hope this problem will be resolved by next issue. Tnx for bearing w/ me.

DON'T FORGET that the eclipse on 26 Feb passes near Vancouver 6080 and Calgary 6030, possibly making them audible for us.