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ANDORRA R. Andorra, 6215, in SP 2050; SP mx, pops, IDs, ads for Scotch whiskey in Spain, several mentions of Andorra, complete ID w/ jingle 2136, and "Tequila" at 2207. (Roly Desrosiers, MASS; 12-31)--- R. Andorra, 6215, in well at 0455 w/ FR pop and Elton John tune. 0500 FR DJ w/ talk and ID and quick taped "Aqui Radio Andorra" ID. Then into more FR pops. Loud sigs bu UTE QRM. Also noted at 0900 24 December w/ pops. (Pitt McNeil, DC; 12-25)

ANGOLA R. Nacional, 9535, in PT 2159. IS, ID, and many mentions of Luanda. (Bob Zilmer, WI)

BOLIVIA R. Mamore, 4739v, TENTATIVELY noted on late for Xmas eve, 0508-0525+; straight songs, mostly run of the mill types, though some folk mx played; 0516, talk by M in SP, possible ID, and back to uninterrupted mx. Also noted on 12-21 after 0200 w/ low key LA mx, and DJ coming in once in a while w/ basically unreadable talks. Low level but no QRM. (McNeil, DC; 12-25) +++ R. Emisora Bolivia, 4755.5, from 0940 w/ one huayano, then long series of annmcs and talking in Aymara. 0955-1004, long series of SP ads for, among others, Toshiba, Aerolineas Argentinas, bicycle store. ID by W 1004: "R. Em. Bolivia, la primera emisora campesina." Back to Aymara px, w/ four SP IDs thrown and mentions of Oruro to 1028 t/o. Het w/ the Brazilian to 0955 then clear. On Sunday 24 Dec, s/on was 1000, not 0900 as listed in latest Bolivian listing. (McNeil, DC; 12-22) +++ R. Nacional, Huanuni, 5965, 1004-1024; mainly huaynos of only charango mx and singing and one brass band tune, SP annr in three times w/ talk, and definite ID for R. Nac. de Huanuni 1022. Then yippy song w/ just charango for instrumentation. Poor sig under Gazeta OC. (McNeil, DC)

BRAZIL R. Inconfidencia, 6000, in PT 0800; pop mx, ads, and ID by M. (Stu Klein, FLA) +++ R. Gaucha, 6135, in PT 0810; ID as "R. Ga-ooo-sha". pop and EL mx. (Klein, FLA) +++ R. Cultura, 6165, noted in passing and PT at 2345; talks and classical mx interludes // 17815. Good but fluttery. (McNeil, DC)

BURMA BBS, 4725, in Burmese 1206 1 Jan. Talk by W followed by native vocal/instrumental mx. Decent level w/ clear channel. 5040 not heard well due to hets and QRM problem. (Bruce Churchill, RI)

CAMBODIA V of the Republic of Cambodia (Khmer), 9693, noted every morning 1200-1230 w/ EG nx, comment and mx. Fair sigs. (Zilmer, WI) *** Has this one survived recent fighting? tba

CAMEROUN R. Bertoua, 4750, in FR 0505; Yaounde nx relay. (Klein, FLA)

CANADA CHNX, 6130, in EG 0737; Xmas mx, TCs, ID and Canadian nx. Fair in QRM. (Leithner, TN) --- CHNX also noted 2330-0000 w/ no co-channel QRM and usual px. A good opportunity for this to be logged in WCNA. (McNeil, DC)

CHINA (PEOPLE'S REP.) Peking peaks between 2330-0015 on several 49m freqs, 6225, 6290, 6345.

At about the same time another CH stn peaks on 6260. For many years this freq has been assigned to the CH regional stn at Hsining in Qinghai province. 6260 does not use EIR on the hour; instead it has pips, the lad being higher in pitch than the others. Cannot positively ID this myself, and will leave it to someone who speaks CH. (Bob Rankin, KS)

CLANDESTINE VoPeople of Thailand, 9423, at *1159; 12 note chimes IS repeated 4 times, ID by W, then same by M. Anthem type piece then another ID and into lang px. Good sigs but het from Pyongyang. (McNeil, DC) +++ R. Freedom of S. Yemen, 9954v; now heard to 2000v*, apparently ex-1900*. ME songs 1920-1940, short AR talks by M, into Koran recitation; talk and ID 1959, anthem and off. Fair. (McNeil, DC)

COLOMBIA R. Tamboral, 4838v, in SP 0504 w/ many "1979--feliz ano nuevo!" annmcs and definite party atmosphere at stn. Many IDs. About 0512 finally went into some wild mx w/ DJ coming in often. Apparently this is legitimate successor to old Ecos del Puerto Martinez 5568 of 1973; same guy runs it, has the same mail drop in Quibdo, and the official QTH, Rio Sucio, is abt the same place on the Atrato River. Not heard before or since. (McNeil, 1-1) +++ R. Cinco, 5040, in SP 1113; ID, campo mx, Caracol plug. (Jack Jones, 12-30)

COSTA RICA Faro del Caribe, 5055, 0330-0410*; religious nx, gospel mx, and talk on surrendering to God. (Charles George, TEX) +++ R. Casino, 5960, in SP 1122; TC, ads, call (TIQ), freqs and address. (Jones, MISS; 12-20) +++ Jack Jones, Stu Klein, and Wendel Craighead all sent approximately the same report on R. Reloj, 6006: stn had tx trouble between 4 and 6 January. On 4 Jan noted 6030-6034v 0800-1035; not on at all on 5 Jan and back on usual 6006a on 6 Jan. (Craighead, KS; Klein, FLA; Jones, MISS)

ECUADOR R. Iris, 3380, in SP 0135; native mx, ID at 0153; QRM from UTE. Looking for R. Chortis and found this. (Desrosiers, MASS; 1 Jan)+++ R. Rio Amazonas, 4870, in SP 0141; ID, TC and talk. (Jones, MISS; 12-21) +++ LV de Saquisili, 4900, in SP 1050; fast paced

warm-up mx; 1100 DJ w/ "Buenas dias . . .", and into mx. Broke in at 1103 for ID for SW, then back to nice mx. (McNeil, DC) +++ R. Quito, 4920, in SP 1103; Ecuadorian mx, ID: "R. Quito, LV de la Capital . . ." (Jones, Miss; 1-6) +++ Ondas Canarias, 5046, in SP 1102; two not-very-folkish songs to 1106 taped ID by M w/ echo, and into what sounded like a church service, w/ somber organ mx, choral singing and a M preaching. Good sigs at still in at 1131 check, though hampered by RRI 5047. (McNeil, DC; 12-22)

FRANCE RFI operation on 11m still unpredictable, but seems fairly regular for "Cooperation Radiophonique" segment only. Noted on 25620 1515-1548* 25 December w/ EG segment beofre end. Perhaps activated only on request from recipients and/or when propagation looks good. (Glenn Hauser, TN)

GERMANY (FED. REP.) SDR, 6030, in GM 0900. ID by W, gong at 0900 and into GM nx by M. Good sigs, rather surprising considering that it's 10 in the morning there at this point. (McNeil, DC; 12-26)

GUYANA Action Radio, 5950, in EG 1009; nx, many IDs and TCs during nx, sports nx and Viewpoint. Woe be unto speeders in Guyana on 2 January, and much cricket results. (Desrosiers, MASS; 1-2)

GUATEMALA R. Rumbos, 2420H (2 x 1210), w/ marimbas, IDs, and TCs. (Klein, FLA) *** Time, Stu??? tba*** LV de Nahuala, 3360 in SP, 1134; ID, TC, "mas musica Marimba . . ." (Jones, MISS; 12-28) +++ R. Nacional, 6180, in SP *1057; anthem by childrens chorus, ID, calls, and QTH of all stns in net. Into Indian lang. (Jones, MISS; 12-30)

HAITI Have had several reports from Richard Clark in the Dominican Rep. of a Haitian around 5640-5645, which he finally IDed as "R. Familia" in Port-de Paix, 4 x 1410. No luck with it here until 31 December on 5641 at 2310 when had very weak traces of music and talk. Aero SSB QRM, soon gone. I then heard from Ron Schatz, who had just visited the Dom. Rep. himself, that La Voix du Nord, Cap Hatien, is the one on 5641, ex-6030, not harmonic. (Hauser, TN) +++ R. Citadelle, 6155, in FR/Creole at *0930; ID, calls, short religious talk in FR. Usual wicked het. (Klein, FLA)

HONDURAS R. Lux, 4890, on late (0445) for Xmas eve w/ loud sigs playing wild songs, w/ an enthusiastic DJ popping in between each number w/ IDs. (McNeil, DC; 12-25)

ISRAEL IBA had trouble w/ HS B from 2000-2130 in Hebrew. Started on 11638, moved to 11635 to avoid UTE on 11640, but found 11635 to be covered by a facsimile stn. They then tried 11665 for a few days and returned to 11635, where they now are. (Zilmer, WI)

ITALY RAI, 6010, in EG 0100; nx by W, talk on satellite launchings, mx, IDs and off at 0120. // 9575. (Desrosiers, MASS; 1-4)

IVORY COAST RTVI, 4940, in FR 0655; nx, ID on hour, all at mediocre level. (Klein, FLA)

JAPAN NHK, 9585, in EG, 1505; nx, Current Topics, IDs talk on R. Japan nx, into JP (???) and off w/ ID 1530. Much better level than ECNA Service. (Desrosiers, MASS; 1-4) +++ NSB, 9595, in EG 1534; mx and ad for Seiko watches. Into JP at 1615. (Leithner, TN)

KENYA VOK, 4804, in EG 2100-2115 24 December. Nx followed by Xmas greetings and Midnight Mass from local Cathedral. On late for Xmas w. good sigs. (Syd Osterman, ONT) *** Haven't seen a report on 4804 in some time. tba *** VOK, 4934, 0332-0415 in EG; recorded dance mx, M anncr, and a couple of ads 0332-0355; ID as VoK at 0359.5 and into EG nx to 0413. March mx before and after nx. Back to recorded pops at 0414. Fair level. Based on this px, I would think this is a GS outlet of VoK although it appears to use SW as well. (Chruchill, RI; 12-31)

LEBANON VoLebanon, 6550, TENTATIVELY noted 0554 w/ EG pop mx followed by Merry Xmas. No talks and very poor level. (Osterman, ONT) --- VoL also noted *0447 w/ "Bridge Over River Kwai" theme in progress, then long anthem, and W in AR w/ talks. At 0510 or so. easy listening mx, W hosting in AR, and what seemed to be AR ads. Pretty paltry signal, especially compared to last season when ip rolled in at this time. Noted past 0545 in checks. (McNeil, DC)

LIBERIA ELWA, 4770, in EG 2238 w/ religious talks by M. (Klein, FLA)

LIBYA Ex-Mebo II, 6206, presumed to be the one here w/ Qur'an recitations about 0420 and at a later 0505 check w/ possible AR nx. Good w/ het. (McNeil, DC; 12-25)

MALI R. Nationale, 11965, noted in FR at *0759; anthem, s/on, also anncing 7110, 9635. Px summary at 0802. Good level. Not Sunday only per December NASWA LN, unless this was a holiday special. (Hauser, TN)

NEW CALEDONIA Noumea, in FR 0627. Pop mx followed by world nx. ID 0640. (Leithner, TN)*** Freq, Chris??? tba

NEW HEBRIDES R. Vila, 3945, TENTATIVELY noted 0955-1030 in EG; snatches of talk, including "this b'cast," "Australia," and "for the children." Church service w/ EG preacher, hymns, and long slow organ mx. Very poor reception w/ much fading and QRM from the happy "ho, ho, ho" of hollering hams. No ID heard, perhaps on a little late for Xmas. Now if I can identify the hymns, I might get a QSL!!! Strangely, I find it just as hard to ID today's pop mx. (Osterman, ONT; 12-25) *** Nothing strange about that, Syd. tba

NICARAGUA R. Nacional, 5950, in SP w/ mx, IDs 0440, barnyard sounds, galloping horses, etc. and gaucho. (Desrosiers, MASS; 12-30)

NIGERIA FRC, 4990, in EG 2235; ID as Federal Radio Corp., mx, and nx at 2300. (Leithner, TN)

PAKISTAN RP, 15420, in Indi lang 0200-0245*; talks by M, and Pakistani nx 0221. S/off w/ anthem 0245. (Rankin, KS) *** Lang on this is Indo, if memory serves, Bob. tba

PERU R. El Sol de los Andes, 3230, at 0955 w/ guitar strumming and SP talks by DJ. Into a yippy huayno; 1002 DJ w/ 5-2 TC, ID 1003 and then nice campo tunes. DJ back w/ talks, apparently about political organizing, mentioning "los campesinos del departamento de Puno" several times. Fair sigs, low audio. (McNeil, DC; 12-30) +++ R. Inca, 4762, in SP 0400; talk by M, quick ID. Then full ID w/ freqs and a bit of sprightly mx to 0403*. Good but rather low modulation. (McNeil, DC; 12-24) +++ LV de la Selva, 4825 at *1031. S/on w/ anthem in progress, then DJ w. SP talk, a short talk by W, and flute mx. Then they fixed the overmod problem when the DJ, who sounded like he'd just had his coffee and wanted to talk, came back on. Finally an ID at 1041, and into interesting mx--drums, whistle and flute w/ yelling in the background. Good sigs, best heard in a couple of years. (McNeil, DC; 12-22) +++ R. Chan-chamayo, 4896, in SP *1047; anthem in progress, DJ w/ ID, and a bit about "nuestro pais". Into nice campo mx w/ DJ in after every tune. Poor in het, but nice to hear again. (McNeil, DC; 12-22) +++ R. Tropical, 4835, in SP *1029; s/on annmets, MW and SW freqs, slogans, saying they were on 17 hours a day among other things. Into upbeat folk mx. Very nice sigs. (McNeil, DC; 12-26) +++ R. Loreto, 5050, in SP; heard as early as 2335 21 Dec e/ usual mix of latin and US pops, including album version of Al Stewart's "Time Passages", and ads. A pretty slick operation but trouble w/ overmodulation. On all night on 24 Dec. Getting to be boringly regular. (McNeil, DC; 12-21) ***Boringly?!?!? tba*** R. Victoria, 6020, in SP 1053; Beethoven theme, NA, Buenas dias to listeners, ID. Don't think this was s/on. (Jones, MISS; 1-5)

SAO TOME RN, 4807, in PT 0531; choral anthem, M anncr, song w/ guitar, another annmct by M and into local highlife mx. QRM from UTE w/ same s/on time. Good for abt 30 min. before fading. (Churchill, RI)

SICILY RAI, 7175, in IT *0500-0508; IS, talk by M. Bad ARO QRM. (Dave Valko, PA)

SOUTH AFRICA RSA pulled off another all-night call-in px on New Year's Eve, this time w/ a bit more advance notice. Noted on 11900 at 2152, later joined by 15220 and 9610 at times apparently calculated to avoid QRMing other stns. At the outset compere stressed nonpolitical nature of tx, but on next day's nxcasts, RSA made the most of this from the propaganda angle that many, many Americans called in to support S. Africa. (Hauser, TN; 12-31)

SRI LANKA SLBC, 9720, in EG 1600 w/ nx at poor level after RM WS s/off at 1559. (Desrosiers, MA; 12-22) --- All-Asian Ser of SLBC, 15425, 0130-0300. Vy strong w/ "Back to Bible" 0130, BBC WS nx 0200, and mx 0210. No positive ID until 0209. (Rankin, KS)

SWAZILAND SCR, 4980, in EG 0403; pop mx, vocals, ads, and TC. Seems to ID as "Radio SRC." (Osterman, ONT; 12-23) *** Didn't R. Truro px formerly air during this slot??? tba

SWEDEN RS and ANARC-FRC have worked together to improve reception of RS in NAM. As a result, RS has moved from 9695 to 9690 at 2300-2330 EG and 2330-0000 Swedish. This to escape a jammer on 9695 aimed at RFE/RL and splash from DW 9700. Move occurred on 4 Jan and has improved reception markedly. I wish that more countries with similar trouble would request this kind of help. (Bob Zilmer, WI) *** Bob is chairman of the FRC, by the way. tba

SWITZERLAND SRI has appeared on 17735 at 1330 in EG. Apparently ex-17790 doe to BBC. 17735 was the formerly clear freq I had tried to get R. Finland to take to escape mess of 15210. SRI // 21570. (Hauser, TN; 12-30)---SRI, 21570, in EG 1315-1345. This a move from 21670 and reception is now very good. (Zilmer, WI)

TOGO Lome, 5047, in FR 2250; annmets by M, mentions of Togo, and native mx. (Klein, FLA)

USA KXEL, Waterloo, Iowa, 3080H(2 x 1540); 1207-1215 w/ nx, waether and IDs. Strong. (Sam Barto, CONN) +++ WAGC, Centre, ALA, 3120H (2 x 1560); 1219-1230 w/ C&W mx, IDs, TCs. Good. (Barto, CONN) +++ Pirate WFAT in New York area, 1615 and 3230, in EG 0930-0945 1 Jan. Many IDs, pop mx by 10 CC and others. My first log of '79. (Barto, CONN) +++ VoVoyagers, 6220, seems to be sked for 0315-0500 Sat and Sun. Gives WDØAYM as call and telco loop of (612) 537-9929. Announced that they would move to 6210 in near future. (Rankin, KS) *** AC 612 is central Minnesota. tba

VENEZUELA R. Los Andes, 6010, in SP 1115; usual latin format w/ IDs as "R. Los Andes Mil Cuarenta." (Klein, FLA) --- R. Mil Cuarenta, 6010, in SP 1045; Venez mx, ads, TC, and ID by W. (Jones, MISS; 12-30)*** Mil Cuarenta is official ID, I think. tba

YEMEN Sana'a, 4852.5, loud and clear 0345 w/ pleasant mx, and AR talks by M on Mideast situation to 0355, then back to mx to 0403 t/o w/ notihng on hour. R. Capital off this night. (McNeil, 12-21)---Sana'a heard throughout December of 4853 w/ Koran chants 0303-0325 f/out. Sandwiched between SRS and R. Cl. do Para at poor level. (Chruchill, RI)

MISSORTS BENIN LVRB, 4870, in verns 2243 w/ rythmic high-life mx. (Klein, FLA)

TANZANIA Dar es Salaam, 4785, TENTATIVELY at 2116-2132 in presumed Swahili and EG. AR style chants and songs by W soloist, and this by W in EG: "We have enjoyed that you are listening to us." Some reference made to Xmas. ID by M lost in QRN. Also on late for Xmas 24 Dec. (Osterman, ONT; 12-24)

A sensational turnout this time troops. Tnx to several new contirbutors, and to some who have rejoined to "fold" after an absence. Next issue will, space permitting, have an UPDATE on RM WS, regional and home service freqs (and sites, where known) audible here.