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UPCOMING DEADLINES: 25 June (July) 11 July (Mid-July) 23 July (August)

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ANGOLA R. Nac. Angola, 9535, in FR 0800; W anncr w/ ID: "Ici R. Nac. de Angola" then nx and commentary by M. (Stu Klein, FLA 6-4)

ANTIGUA/MONTESSERAT DW, 4882.5, on USB in EG w/ good sigs. Probably their not so frequently reported relay here, but what for? Between islands? (Bill Whitacre, MI 6-3) ***Time, Bill? tba

ARGENTINA R. Rivadavia, 5882, in SP 2328; sports coverage, IDs. Fair. (Harry Jones, VA 5-22) +++ R. Splendid, 5985, in SP 0000; many IDs, some with chimes and fanfares. "Informe Splendid" nx pgm. UTE QRM. (Klein, FLA 6-3) +++ RAE, 9590, various mornings at 1100 w/ musical pgm, some SP talks, rather frequent IDs. (Marlin Field, MI)

AUSTRALIA RA, 9560, in Indo, 2130; EG ID, pops, etc. Interesting late afternoon reception. (Jerry Berg, MASS 5-28)

BELGIUM BRT, 15175nf (ex-15190), w/ DX Corner Belgium Sunday 5-27 at 2245. Featured letter from Jerry Arrington. Pgm aired every two weeks. (Jay Novello, NY)

BOLIVIA R. Em. Bolivia, 4755, in SP *0900; s/on anncmts, full ID, talks. Poor in UTE QRM and het. (Neal Perdue, ALA 5-23) +++ R. Fides, 4845, in SP 0000-0010+; audible after presumed Mauritania s/off; M&W w/ talks, frequent IDs, short LA mx exerpts. (Perdue, ALA) +++ La Cruz del Sur, 4875, in SP 0920; M w/ long religious talks interspersed w/ some Indian sounding mx. (Klein, FLA 5-23) +++ R. Panamericana, 603lv, in SP 0105-0137*; mx 0105-0130, anncmts, nx, ads, and plug pulled in mid-pgm at 0137. Very good despite problems from 6035. (Aaron Haywarren, Gary Sapoznikow, UMDXSWLC, Manitoba)

BRAZIL R. Cl. de Marilla, 3235, in PT 0015; mx pgm. No ID heard this time, but heard it some time ago. Fairly good reception. Also heard Brazilians on 3295, 3335, 3365 and 3385. (Field, MI) +++ R. Soc. Educ. Cariri, 3255, in PT 0100; sports b/cast also heard preceeding night at about same time w/ mx. (Field, MI) +++ R. Cultura, 3365, in PT 0200+; easy listening mx, some EG, some SP or PT, and ID as R. Cultura de Araraquara. No other Brazilians on the band. (Perdue, ALA 5-18) +++R. Em Rural, 4765, 0810-0830 in PT; easily heard but hard to ID; finally came through w/ a clear "R. Rural" ID, then catchy LA tunes. Strong peak at 0830. (Perdue ALA, 5-28) +++R. Ribamar, 4785, in PT 0835; M anncr, loud, typical PT pop mx. Several IDs. Good in QRN. (Klein, FLA 5-21) +++R. Tabajara, 4795, in PT 0750-0810+; accordian tunes, frequent IDs by M. (Perdue, ALA 5-28)---After months of following, its Tabajara on 4797, heard 5-27 w/ full ID at 0803 after stuck record. Annecd both MW and SW. Ads. Poor that day. Believe s/on still 0730. (Berg, MASS) +++ Rdf do Amazonas, 4806a in PT 0910; lively accordian mx, M anncr and full ID. (Perdue, ALA 5-23) +++ R. Cult. Cuiaba, 5015, in PT 0840; pop mx to 0845; M anncr w/ ID, talks and more mx. (Klein, FLA 5-17) +++ R. Borborema, 5025, in PT 0840-0850+; organ mx, ID by M. (Perdue, ALA 5-28) +++ R. Maua, 5055, in PT 0720-0740+; still heard most days here w/ typical morning px and IDs galore. Not strong, peaks 0720-0740. (Perdue, ALA 5-23) +++ R. Guaiba, 5965, in PT 0855; PT easy listening mx, ID by M. (Perdue, ALA 5-23) +++ Rdf Sao Paulo, 6095, in PT 0820--tentatively; Brazilian pops, M anncr in definite PT, and definite mention of Sao Paulo. (Klein, FLA 6-3) +++R. Gaucha, 6135, in PT 0840; accordian mx, talk by M, ads, jingles, "Gah-oosha" IDs. (Perdue, ALA 5-23).

CANADA CKZU Vancouver, in EG 0735; relaxed jazz mx, M host, CBC ID 0759; 0802*. (Klein, FLA 5-17) +++ CKZN St. John's, 6160, in EG *0826; "Oh Canada", provincial anthem, ID, weather and into "Weekend AM". (Berg, Mass 6-3)

CLANDESTINE R. Libertad Cubana, 7084.6, noted w/ AM mod, good sigs at 0414 5-31 referring to Sandinista invasion of Nicaragua; my SP not that good but seems to take Somozan side. Breaks in carrier at times when there would be someone answering in SSB; lots of QRM from an idiot swishing a VFO across freq. Not there at recheck next hour. (Bob Foxworth, NY)

COLOMBIA R. Nacional, 9634, at 2100; pop instrumentals to 2100, ID after series of gongs, then more mx. Freq a little unstable. (Berg, MASS 5-28) +++LV de la Selva, 6170, in SP *1000; NA, M w/ s/on stuff, "Buenos dias Caqueta" px. (Klein, FLA 6-4)

COSTA RICA Surprised to note R. Reloj, 4832, relaying R. Sandino, 5-30 at 0447, 0457, interspersed w/ regular pgms. Turns out to be advisory to travelers on Pan American highway of danger from mines at 2 pts. near C.R. Nic. border. Audio seemed to be off-air relay lasting a couple of minutes each time. Not heard next night. (Foxworth, NY) --- Reloj also noted relaying Sandino 0520-0550 8 and 9 June; may have given Costa Rican QTH; am checking further to be certain. (Brett Saylor, PA) +++ R. Noticias del Continente, 6129, in SP 0205-0220; still testing, anncmts every 5 minutes, wording changeable though. Down from 6132.5 settling on 6130. (Bob Rankin, KS 5-23) ***seems to be a simple problem of instability. tba *** R. Noticias also noted on 9610.7 in SP 0245-0359*; test tx w/ repeated tape including anncmts. Easy listening mx. Annecd 9615 as freq (old Voz de la Victor tx??), address: Apartado Postal 172, Paba, San Jose,

Costa Rica. (Dave Walcutt, TX) --- R. Noticias noted on 9613 2243-0215 w/ tx problems for a while. Apparent 0400* (Haywarren, Manitoba)--- Noticias noted on 9615 after Vatican off freq at 0030. 2.5 minute ID tape w/ ID over classical guitar; then LA mx selection, then ID tape again, etc. Cal given as TIRM. This is freq for never materialized "R. Milion." Best after 0230, but strongly bothered by QRM from another stn here at 0257. (Berg, MASS) --- Noticias noted on 9613v w/ same general format; tnx tba. Time 0045-0130 (Klein, FLA) --- Noticias noted on 9615 3 June w/ real tx problems: rapsy modulation and freq jumping 200 kHz at a time though always back to 9615. ID, calls and address given per other reports. (Whitacre, MI) ---Noticias also on 9650 1 June w/ same format. No 49 m freq given. Address : A.P. 172, San Jose. (Rankin, KS) *** Also noted here various evenings tnx Walcutt. I read call as TIRN, Dave as TIRL and others including Jerry as TIRM. Can anyone solve this one once and for all. Tx is clearly afflicted w/ jungle rot to judge by wild freq variations. tba

ECUADOR HCJB, 3220, in lang 0910; M anncr in Indian dialect w/ local mx all very nice, ID, time signal (...-) at 0930. Very good. (Klein, FLA 6-3) +++ LV de Triunfo, 3555a, in SP 0435-0503*; latin pops, ads, M anncr. At 0501 M w/ IDs and off. (Klein, FLA 6-2) --- Triunfo also noted on 3253 in SP 0406-0447; excellent w/ ID by M, EG/LA pops, frequent mentions of Sto. Domingo. (Terry Krueger, 6-3) +++ C.R.E., 4765, in SP 1020-1030+; tnx tip from Lazarus. This one is back, loud and clear. EzL mx to 1027, then HC NA and M w. full ID as "CRE, Rdf del Ecuador." (Perdue, ALA 5-23)---CRE also noted 1035-1055 23 Apr w/ SP nx called "Informativo CRE," ID flute mx. excellent. Tnx Klein. (Krueger, FLA) ---CRE noted at 0935 w/ similar EzL format to ID at 1030. (Klein, FLA) +++ LV de los Caras, 4795, in SP to 0445*; traditional tunes annced every two or three by M. ID at 0445 and off quickly w/ mentions of Caraquez, which could be mistaken for Caracas. (Novello, NY) --- LV de los Caras also noted 0225-0240 w/ talk, local mx, ID 0237. (Perdue, ALA 5-19)+++ R. Popular, 4800, in SP 0520-35+; various types of Andean and Ecuadorian mx. M anncr, IDs. (Perdue, ALA 5-28) +++Rdf Paz y Bien 4820, in SP 0920; classical mx to 0923 then opening anncmts, ID, freq, and NA. (Perdue, ALA 5-23) +++ R. Luz y Vida, 5840, in SP 0953-1015; unbroken EzL mx to 1008, then M w/ talk and ID. Wish all stns gave such slow, well-enunciated IDs. (Perdue, ALA 5-23) +++ Em Gran Colombia, 4910, in SP 0410-0608*; local mx, M anncr, several full IDs. This and other stns have been reported here during the last month, but as of 5-18 this is the one that's here (this does not imply that other reports were incorrect!). Also, this uses choral HC NA, a real rarity. (Perdue, ALA) +++ Ondas Azuayas, 4980, in SP 0420-0500*; LA mx, M anncr, IDs and freq in RTTY QRM. Off w/ NA. (Perdue, ALA 5-18) --- Ondas Azuayas also noted 5-24 0405-0425; SP ID by M, nondescript LA vocals. Fair in het. (Krueger, FLA) +++ HCJB has left 15115 in favor of 15265. Through chance, coordination or divine intervention, it does not s/on on nf until Finland leaves. (Jim Conrad, IOWA)

GUAM KTRW, 11840, in EG, *0830. Usual stuff. (Klein, FLA 6-4)

GUINEA Conakry, 15310, in EG 5-28 1830-1900 (supposed to be here Mon and Fri). Fairly good sigs, but between het, broken EG, and slightly low mod, not the easiest listening. (Berg, MA)

HONDURAS LV del Junco, 6075, in SP 1200; little chimes to hour, M anncr, TC, ID, short stn jingle. (Klein, FLA 6-4)

INDONESIA RRI Ujung Oandang, 4719, in Indo 1005; local nx, island mx, mentioned RRI. (Klein, FLA 6-3) +++ RRI Ambon, 4845, in Indo 0950; muzak, W anncr, ID on hour. (Klein, FLA)

INT. WATERS (??) R. High Seas Int., 3869, in EG 0310 5-28. Very professional sounding, stongest sig on 75m. M w/ British accent as anncr, said, "Tune in again to somewhere this wavelength for RHI, Radio High Seas Int. transmitting from Free Zone in America, Int. Waters." Then taped jingle. ELO, "Mr. Blue Sky," jingle, tympani and horns three times and off 0316. Hams then took over freq. Subsequent checks have proven fruitless. Don't think this was a bit of ham silliness because of sig strength and sound. (Novello, NY) ***Interesting . . . tba

ITALY RAI, 17797, in well on west coast during 0350-0410 pgm. Usual format. (Chuck Cornell, CAL)

LIBYA Mebo II tx, last reported on 6206, has vanished from air. Off air entriely??? (Foxworth)

MALAWI M.B.C., 3380, in lang 0350-0400; excited jabbering by a group of men and women. Clear M.B.C. ID by M w/ mention of Malawi. (Perdue, ALA 5-19) *** Nice, Neal. tba

MALAYSIA RM, 15295, in EG to 0855*; pretty good lately. Heard severl times w/ vaired pgms: pops, chamber mx, drama. Nx at 0830. Also good in Mandarin at 1030. (Berg, MASS)

NIGERIA Many reporters submitted reports on the previously UnID stn on 4755: FRC Owerri, 4755, in EG 2250; instrumental mx, some local some jazz, ID to 2301*. (Klein, FLA 6-2) --- FRC noted 2233 w/ local and Swiss sounding mx and ID. (Vlad Cucura, PA) ---Ibo B'casting Service, 4755, w/ jazz, highlife, and gospel mx and EG taped s/off anncmts anncing test on 4755 from 5a.m.-10 a.m. and 5 p.m. 12 midnight and on 6165 10 a.m.-5p.m. local; address for reports: Chief Engineer O.B.S., P.O. Box 329, Oyo. Excellent daily since 5-23. (Krueger, FL) --- Ibo Service noted on 4755 anncing // 6165 and sked as above on several occasions. (Bill McDavitt, NY) --- Ibo service, 4755 noted 5-31 w/ 2259*. Address as above. Other than epriodic anncmts pgm is mostly instrumental pops. Only audible here for about a half hour or fifteen minutes before s/off in summer. (Whitacre, MI)---Stn on 4755 is a Nigerian regional, site UnID able because of bad QRN. (Syd Osterman, ONT)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA R. Southern Highlands, 3275, in PD 1020; M anncr, ID, local chanting. Fair level on good PNG morning. (Klein, FLA 5-19)

PERU R. America, 3240, in SP 0300; musical pgm. Ads included "in Peru". no ID heard. (Field, MI) +++ R. Atlantida, 4790, in SP 0345; M w/ "Aqui transmitiendo R. Atlantida," and then easy listening mx. (Perdue, ALA 5-28) +++ R. Chichaycocha, 4860, in SP 0820; usual FB lively Peruvian mx, M anncr, and ID. (Perdue, ALA 5-18) --- Chinchaycocha also noted 0745 19 May in SP;

M anncr, ID, TC, several ads, Andean mx. Fair. (Klein, FLA 5-19) +++ R. Tropical tentatively noted on 4935 at 1032-40 in SP; M w/ talk and Peruvian mx. (Perdue, ALA 5-23) +++ R. Andina, 4995, in SP 0415; slow choral tunes then yip-ho numbers. Clear ID in fades. (Perdue, ALA 5-19) +++ R. Eco, 5010, in SP *1023v; noted one day at 1016 t/in and *1023 the next. M&W, nice variety of Andean and Indian tunes, Inca Cola ads, LA mx, yip-ho stuff, too. Frequent IDs. (Perdue, ALA) +++ R. Quillabamba, 5025, 0035-0100+ in SP; M&W w/ nx, mentions of Lima and Peruana, TCs. ID and Sousa march 0145. More mx to 0154 ID and into latin ballad and Peruvian mx. Heard the Sousa excerpt several times, possibly a theme. Next night, UnID Brazilian there, probably Vitoria. (Perdue, ALA 5-27) +++ R. Libertad, 5040, in SP 0530-0630+; M anncr w/ Peruvian mx. Strong. (Perdue, ALA 5-27) +++ R. Loreto, 5050, in SP 0510-0649*; Happy Birthday, Anniversary Waltz, unusual M&W Peruvian musical duets, cool DJ, some US pops later in pgm, off w/ NA. Many IDs. (Perdue, ALA 5-18) +++ R. El Sol, 5970, in SP *1032; suddenly there w/ loud singing, ID as "R. El Sol en los Andes," local mx. (Klein, FLA 6-4) SAUDI ARABIA Holy Koran Stn, 15037, in AR 1530 s/on or fade in onward; mostly nondescript AR chants, a little talking. // 15060 for 1800-1820 nx, otherwise different pgm. Good, but not as strong at 15060. 1830*. (Berg, MASS)---Holy Koran Stn the one presumed here at various times between 1520 and 1800. Weakly in, w/ Koran and male choruses singing in unison. Occasional tactical QRM of 15041 provides a diversion. ID per SCDX. (Novello, NY). SWITZERLAND SRI, in EG on 15130 USB for tx to NAM; usual format. This is experimental to Nam. Other SSB tx. 0430-0630 on 15305, 1315-1345 on 21545. (Chris Leithner, TN) URUGUAY R. Carve, 6155, in the clear at 0847 to Citadelle s/on at 0855. Good reception and clear ID. Carve also heard at *0900 603. Tnx McNeil. (Berg, MASS 6-2) VENEZUELA R. Maturin, 5040, in SP *0910a; tuned in w/ YV NA in progress, followed by march mx. M w. opening anncmts, freqs and 5 or 6 IDs. (Perdue, ALA 5-19) +++ R. Turismo, 6180, in SP 1010; long guitar and vocal ballad, M anncr, ID, TC, more mx. (Klein, FLA 6-4)

MISSORT:

ISRAEL IBA can be heard on 13m band in EG 2230-2300 on 21565, 21625, and 21675. All heard w/ poor to fair sigs on 6-3. These parallel to listed 9815, 11655, 15485, 17645, and 17685. Reshet Bet Home Service can be heard in Herbrew on 17565, 17585, 17630, and 11643 to 2130*. All fair to good. (Bob Zilmer, WI)

Much sudden nx from Latin America:

Bob Foxworth sends the following report on R. Sandino: RS now on 7316.4 and being regularly jammed in late evening tx. Heard 0330-0600+. Sandino's freq is steady, but the jammer is VFO controlled and moves around the freq, usually around 7317. In contrast to end of May when it was only an OC, it now is modulated w/ a weird mix of disco, old rock and some archaic ballads in SS including one called "Somoza Ole." Occasional voice anncmts from jammer include an ID as La Ve de Nicaragua", heard once, som jammer apparently taking a feed or playing tapes of a local stn. The jammer either cuts off or swishes away once every 15 minutes or so evidently to allow Somozan agents to verify that Sandino is still on air. Then jammer returns. Mx on jammer makes Sandino generally unreadable. A news dispatch from the Washington Post Foreign Service, appearing in that paper on 4 June, identifies Sandino as "the SW stn operating in Costa Rica and named for the 1930's guerilla leader who also gave the current rebel group its name." Elsewhere, the paper mentions "guerilla b'casts coming from Costa Rica . . . ;" the first reference caught by me in the public press definitely alluding to QTH of this one. Clearly, RS does not act to avoid jammer even if they are aware of it or it affects reception. Both RS and jammer appear to be multi-kW stns.

Just after closing, Rob Kenny in KS called to say that Sandino is back on 7587 (or possibly using it as a //) and is being jammed there too.

And, from another reporter (I lost the name) comes word that on the R. Havana Moscow relay, the WS tape suddenly cut in mid-sentence and was replaced by a Sandino tape. If true, this might place Sandino QTH in Cuba, explaining its high power.

Elsewhere in the tropics, R. Havana may now be relaying R. Budapest on freqs in the 16 mb. Bob Rankin reports hearing Budapest on freqs being used by RHC. Suggest that RHC may be becoming a common relay site for EEuro stns. More monitoring is in order.

A really superb trunout, both in quantity and quality this time, and a far cry from last summer, when I had to struggle to fill even one page. Excellent deep skip openings to LAm are available, as evidenced by the number of Brazilians, Ecuadorians and Peruvians showing in NAM. Keep up the great work.

Best of 73,

Tom