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UPCOMING DEADLINES: 22 October (November) 10 November (Mid-Nov) 19 November (December)

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- ALBANIA Tirana, 9749.8, in PT to Brazil 1330; typical stuff. (Dave Walcutt, TX 9-25)
- ALGERIA Algiers, 9610, in EG 2000; pips, M anncr w/ ID, Int. Ser. pgms. (Klein, FLA)
- ANGOLA R. Cl. do Moxico, 5192(a), TENTATIVE at 2306+; screaming M alternating w/ African chorus. Fair to very poor. (Dan Shingler, MI 9-30)
- BELIZE RB, 3285, in SP/EG 0140-45; M w/ SP talk, W w/ EG talk, pgm sked, ID, soap ad. (Neal Perdue, ALA)
- BOTSWANA Gaborones, 4845, in well 0400 w/ Canned Christianity in Setswana. (tba)
- BRAZIL R. Tabajara, 4795, in PT 0735-0900+; lively accordian and LA mx, rapid chatter and occasional ID. (Perdue, AL)---Tabajara noted here at 0316; accordian mx, PT anncr, and ID. On rather later for a Brazilian. (tba)+++R. Bare, 4895, in PT 0845-0900; M anncr, typical Brazilian AM show, singing "Bare, Bare, Bare" jingles, mentions of Manaus. Excellent on 300' V-beam. So-so on other antennas. (Perdue, AL)---Bare noted here 0303 w/ apparent sports and quick ID over anncrs. (tba)+++R. Excelsior, 9585, in PT 0028; high pressure sports play-by-play. ID cut in 0030. First time for this one. (tba)
- CAMEROUN R. Garoua, 5010, in EG *0450-0510; lengthy s/on ritual w/ repetitive flute, wailing and yelling by group. Afr mx 0458, s/on annmnts 0500, mentions of Cameroun by M and into EG nx. Very good in mag storm. (Perdue, AL)
- CANADA CKFX/WX, 6080, in EG 0810; best ever, country mx, usual "Super Country" IDs. (Klein, FL 9-30)---CKFX/WX noted at 1137 w/ C&W mx, ID by M. (Shaffer, IN 9-21)---CKFX/WX 1103; in very well -- only problem was lightning noise. C&W mx, concert promo, IDs, TCs, etc. (Bill Whitacre) +++CHNX, 6130, in EG 0826; baseball scores, TC--"26 past 5 at CHNS". Busted by sudden HCJB appearance at 0827. (Jack Jones, MS 9-19)
- CHILE R. Univ. Concepcion, 6135, in SP/EG *1103; IS, M w/ ID in SP and EG, rest of sign-on procedure. (Klein, FL)+++R. Agricultura, 9629.8, in SP 1052; ID only one minute after rx on-- this is DXing? Talked about Chileanos etc. and had chimes w/ about 6 notes at 1057; loud and clear to VOA Indo s/on at 1100. (Walcutt, TX 9-29)+++R. Minería, 9750, in SP 2335-0057; talk of Chile and Santiago, ID, three-note chimes played on electric organ, banco and vino ads. TC 2341, "Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen," 2345. 0018, local nx in progress, radio play at 0045 by petroelos Chile. Heard well on days when Albania is not dominating freq. Het w/the YV, and jammed after 0100. Also audible 1100. (Walcutt, TX 9-27)
- CHINA UnID site or pgm noted 1203 on 4840, but clearly P.R.China. CH-style opera and talks by W in CH or dialect thereof. No ID possible. (tba)+++RP, 4905, in CH 2225; big sig wiping out the latin. (Shingler, MI 10-7)+++PLA, 5240, TENTATIVE in CH 1200+; talks by M&W, orchestral and opera mx by W 1159, pips at 1200, then talks by M&W to 1213. (Lazarus, LA 9-28)+++RP, 11000, in apparent Swahili or similar 1630. CH mx and talks. (Jim Conrad, Iowa)
- COLOMBIA R. Guatapuri, 4815, in SP *1034; NA, ID, calls and freqs. (Jones, MS 9-29) +++Ecos del Atrato, 5020, in SP 0110; LA mx, M w/ talk and ID. Good. (Perdue, AL)+++LV de los Centauros 5960, in SP 1025; "Super R." IDs, LA mx. Fair in QRM (Shaffer, IN 10-4)+++LV del Centro; 6095, in SP 1000; many ads, ID, LA pop mx. First time in quite a spell. (Jones, MS)
- COSTA RICA More strange things from R. Reloj, 4832. Nothing but OC there 8 October during evening. Don't know if something else is covering them, studio-tx link was out or what. Back to normal after 10 Oct. (tba)---Reloj, 6030, off freq again mixing horribly w/ AFRTS. (Jones, MS) ***Time on above 0830. Sorry. tba
- ECUADOR HCJB, 3220, in Quechua 0913; talk by M, latin mx. (Shaffer, 9-30) +++ LV del Triunfo, 3250, in SP 0445; LA pops, inaccurate TC after each number, ID, including mention of Sto. Domingo de los Colorados, and stn phone number. 0456*. (George Schnabel, NY) +++ LV del Napo, 3280, in lang 1015; usual Indian melodies, M anncr and ID. (Klein, FL 10-2) +++ LV del los Caras, 4795, in SP 0339; folksy ballads for 15 min, then quick ID. (tba) +++ R. Nacional, 4938a in SP 0425-32*; HC mx, M w/ Closing annmnts, two full IDs and NA. (Perdue, AL)---R. Nacional, in SP 0425; mixed HC mx, canned ID. (Klein, FL)+++R. Federacion, 4960, presumed in lang *1100; s/on w/ HC NA, M anncr, poor in het and QRM. (Perdue, AL)+++Ondas Azuayas, 4980, in SP 0403; latin love ballads, quick ID by M. (tba)---Ondas Azuayas also noted 0450-0500*; SP talks, HC mx, ID by M, closing annmnts and NA. (Perdue, AL)+++ R. Progreso, 5060, in SP 1030; local mx pgm called "Musica Nacional" few interruptions by M w/ ID, TC. (Klein, FL 10-2)---R. Progreso, at 1029, w/ ID TC HC mx. (Jones, MS 9-29)
- EQ. GUINEA LV del Rio Muni, 5005 NF, in SP 0446+; giggling M anncr, four mntions of Bata and two of Malabo. Latin style mx, and ID 0515. (Klein, FL 10-10)---LVRM also noted 2110 tnx Berg; M in SP, Afr pops, to 2130* w/ NA. Usually fair to good. (Mike Agner, MA 9-24)
- ***FALKLAND IS. IFBS, 2370, TENTATIVE 0105-15; tuned in and heard M in EG w/ talk and W a couple times briefly. 0115 brief orch mx, then bells like Big Ben and continued talk by M to 0130½.

Then brief orchestral piece (NA?) to 0131:30 s/off. Vy poor but strong fade up around 0125. Just too weak to pick out ID. (Shingler, MI 9-17)---FIBS PRESUMED 0010+ 9-24 in mag storm. Poor sig, but at least audible. On first reception, orch mx fighting through lightning noise and TV oscillator junk. Best level of evening as things went steadily but slowly downhill. M through QRN 0020; by 0100, I got on suppressed carrier and tuned BBC for comparison. Sure enough, except for slight doppler delay, they relayed world nx and Big Ben. When heard earlier though, FIBS was not relaying BBC, as former was in mx and latter Nx about Britain. Subsequent nights yielded only decreased sigs. (Bill Whitacre, MI)***Keep trying, boys. Would love to see these made definite. Nothing but an occasional carrier here, so far. tba

GABON Africa Number One Moyabi, 11755, 2005-2026 in AR w/ IDs at those times and EG to 2100*. AR mx throughout. Testing 500kW, though doesn't sound that strong. Asking for postcards from which they will select winner of Peugeot car. Address is Box 1, Libreville. (Jerry Berg, MA)

GERMANY (DEM REP) RBI, 21610, in EG 2030; excellent sports pgm. (Conrad, IOWA)

GHANA CBC, 3366, in EG 2300-03*; choral hymn, M w/ ID, pledge of allegiance to mom, dad, Ghana, etc. Second ID--"Goodnight from Ghana." NA. Good in magnetic storm. (Perdue, AL)

GUATEMALA R. Tesulutlan, 4835, in SP w/ very full ID by M at 0304; marimbais underneath. Said would return at "cinco horas." 0306*. Huge volume. (tba)---Tesulutlan also noted 0058 w/ ID and easy listening mx. (Shaffer, IN 10-7)

GUINEA Rdf Nac, 15308v, in FR 2016; M&W annrcs, talks, mentioned Guinea. (Shaffer, IN 10-6)

GUYANA GBA, 5950, in EG 0959; weather by W, and nx by M. (Jones, MS 9-29)---GBS also noted in Hindi at 0805; M annrc w/ religious pgm, ID, TC and Hindi mx. (Klein, FL 10-2)

HONDURAS R. Lux, 4890, in SP 0033; easy listening latin vocals, M DJ, ID 0037. (tba)

INDONESIA RRI, 3345 in Indo 1140+; W w/ talk to 1143, M w/ talk to 1150, Asian mx to 1157, annrc by W, SCI, possible nx by M. Faded 1205. Unsure of site but two are listed, Ternate and Pontianak. (Lazarus, LA 9-27)+++UnID site RRI, 4000, at 1130 in Indo. M annrc w/ talks assume Kendari. (Klein, 10-2)---Supposed Kendari also noted here w/ nx relay 1215. Excellent. (tba)+++RRI Ujung Padang, 4719 in Indo 1215 w/ usual stuff. S9+40db. (tba)---Ujung Padang also noted 1058 local mx to ID, SCI and nx on hour. Hurt by UTE on low side. (Klein, FL)+++RRI Fak-Fak, 4790, TENTATIVE 1150 in Indo; island mx, M annrc in Indo, no ID. (Klein, FL)+++RRI Ambon, 4845, in Indo 1203; local quality w/ Jakarta nx relay. (tba)---Ambon also noted 1145 w/ island mx and good sigs. (Klein, FL)+++RRI Sorong, 4875, in Indo 1154; best ever. Talks by W, clear ID, SCI, and nx relay. (tba)---Sorong also noted 1135 at huge level. W w/ talks, local mx. (Klein)

ISRAEL Reshet Bet, 15615, very good at 0430. (Conrad, Iowa)

KAMPUCHEA VoKP, 9695, in EG *1200; very short NA, ID by W, a couple of mentions of Phnom Pehn. Very good in magnetic storm. (Agner, MA 10-7)

KOREA (N) KCBS Pyongyang, 11350, in KR 1630; KR opera mx. Fair but fluttery. (Conrad, Iowa)

KOREA (S) Seoul, 15570, in EG *1245; nx. Probably their best outlet when freq is clear of RTTY. Very potent lately. (Agner, MA)

MALAYSIA RM, 5965, in Malay 1119-1230+; Islamic mx to 1200, pops Malaysia style, pips and nx 1230. // better 9665. (Walcutt, TX)+++RM also noted on 15290 in EG 0830; fair w/ nx and no QRM. (Conrad, Iowa)

MEXICO R. Huayacocotla, 2390, in SP 0103; ID and possible nx by M. My first 120m log on new R-4B. (tba)---Huayacocotla also noted at 0030 in well during mag storm w/ usual ranchera mx, ID by M. (Perdue, AL)

MOROCCO RTVM, 15155, in AR 2330; poor in VOA splatter. (Conrad, Iowa)

NEW CALEDONIA Noumea FR 3, 7170, in FR 0835; relaxing pgm of easy listening mx. M annrc w/ ID. (Klein, FL 10-2)

NEW IRELAND RNI 2428, in Pidgin 1025; local island mx, hollow log drums, M annrc and ads.

(Klein, FL 10-2)*** Watch those Spoonerisms, Stu! tba

NICARAGUA LVN, 5950, at 0350; M DJ w/ pgm of current US pops and disco. (Klein, FL 10-1)---LVN also noted at *1059 in SP w/ electronic IS, NA 1101. ID by W w/ freqs (MW, 49m, 31m), mention of Sandino, and into "Musica de Mexico"--a pgm of pure ranchera mx. Big but seemingly overmodulated sig. (Jones, MS 9-28)---LVN also noted at 1055 w/ long ID by M and into LA mx. 1055 apparently not s/on time as noted elsewhere. (Shaffer, IN)***Comparing the last two logs of LVN, it seem that their s/on time varies. tba

NIGER ORTN 5020, in FR or vern *0529; NA opening annrcs, ID, and into AR chants. Pretty good in magnetic storm. (Perdue, AL)

PERU R. Chinchaycocha, 4860, in SP 1040; very strange local mx, almost oriental. M annrc w/ "Cheen-chay co-chaaaa" ID. More mx w/ yipping; must be related to coyotes down there. (Klein FL 10-2)---Chinchaycocha also noted 0403 w/ folklorico guitars and other normal stuff. (tba)

+++ R. Huancavelica in SP 0423+; ID by nasal DJ between songs as "Hwan-cah-vah-lee-ca," accordian style mx, and full ID 0430. (tba)---Huancavelica also noted 0415-40; Peruvian mx, M annrc, talk and IDs. Ondas del Meta off on a Sun night. First time in a long while for this. (Perdue, AL)+++R. Andina, 4995, in SP 1035; nose flutes ruined by WWV splash. (Klein, FL 10-2)---Andina also noted 1044 w/ ID, TC and Peruvian mx. (Jones, MS 9-27)+++R. Eco, 5010, in at 0045-0105 in unbelievably good shape. LA and Andean mx, M annrc, several IDs. (Perdue, AL)+++R. El Sol, 5970, in SP 1040; ID, many TCs--"Sol en Los Andes." (Jones, MS 10-2)

PHILIPPINES R. Veritas Asia, 11775 in EG 1135-1159*; IDs and nx headlines at 1155, anncing to SEAsia. Fine sigs daily. (Walcutt, TX 9-25)

SARAWAK RMS, 4835, in Malay 1206; evidently a nx pgm. (tba)+++ RMS, 4895, in lang 1152; clear ID, text of which I wasn't fast enough to copy. (tba)---RMS also TENTATIVE on 4895 at 1125 w/

M&W in lang, pops and mention of Kuching. (Perdue, AL)+++RMS, 4950, in lang 1145; talks by W and nondescript muzak. Good level. (tba)

SEYCHELLES FEBA, 15405, in Farsi 0310, after tuning sig 0305. Strong. (Conrad, Iowa)

SOMALIA Mogadischu thought to be the one on 9585 at 0815 w/ man singing to accompaniment of native instruments. YL in possible Amharic, more songs by M, unreadable ID 0833. Then jazzy mx w/ bongos, YL in AR-sounding lang, and 0847 fade out. (George Schnabel, NY)***Sounds like them George. Their native mx is absolutely unique. tba***Mogadischu also noted TENTATIVELY 2035-54* w/ distinctive Somali mx, M in lang, possibly AR and a bad het. Somali march mx from 2050. (Perdue, AL)

TAIWAN VOFC, 15270, in EG 0300; first time in a very, very long time for this one. (Conrad, Iowa)***very rare around here, too. tba

USA (PIRATE) WDAB, 6218.3, noted 9-29 w/ fair sigs amid lightning noises and dangerously close to marine net on 6220. 0128-0209 w/ professional sounding DJ, top 40 and oldies format, songs of 1969-71 era w/ frequent mention of FRC-USA, their mail drop as address for reports -- RD#2 Box 542, Wescoville, PA. Sounds more like a Euro pirate than Americans of the past. (Whitacre MI)

USSR RM HS (could not ID particular service) via Petropavlovsk, 4485, in RS 1150; silly RS vocals sounding like theme from Mighty Mouse cartoons of old. (tba)+++RM HS 1 via Khabarovsk, 4610, in RS 1204 after classical piano mx and ID 1200. (tba)+++Tashkent list and TENTATIVELY the one on 4850 at 1150. Slow lilting Asian vocals, RM chimes 1200. (Perdue, AL)+++Tbilisi, 4930, TENTATIVE w/ probable Mayak ID 0301. RS nx following. First time this season. (tba)+++RM Via Valdivostok, 17845, in RS 0100. Good but fluttery. (Conrad, Iowa) +++ RM, 21490, in EG w/ WS 0400. (Conrad, Iowa)***see below. tba

VENEZUELA R. Mara, 3275, in SP 1010; typical local mx, M anncr w/ ID, TC, and usual stuff. (Klein, FL 10-2)+++R. Carora, 4908a, in SP 2325-35; LA mx, TC, and ID. (Perdue, AL)+++R. Contiente, 5030, in SP *0900; NA, calls, freqs--"desde Caracas". Did not ID as R. Reloj Contiente, only as R. Contiente. (Maybe old s/on tape.)(Jones, MS) +++R. Mundial, 5050, in SP 0805; in nicely w/ LA mx, Cuban sounding rythms. M w/ ID. (Perdue, AL) +++R. Turismo, 6180, in SP 1042; many ads, ID, TC, pop song "Yo No Comprendo." (Jones, MS)+++R. Occidente, 9751, in SP 0200*; also noted 9-29 at 1115 w/ M&W in political talk mentioning Venezuela; finally caught ID three times 1135-36 10-1. Exceptionally weak for a Venezuelan at this QTH; not on every evening though it does seem to be on every morning. (Walcutt, TX)

AROUND THE SHACK: With some extra space, there's room for some nx notes. First, Pitt McNeil, sojourning in Peru, writes that he is on a tour thereabouts and has visited several stns. We'll have future UPDATES on the trip if Pitt writes again.

Mail to UD HQ is again nauseatingly slow. Am seeing reports arrive between seven and ten days after mailing. Nothing to be done except plan accordingly. As I have noted in the past. I try to hold material arriving to late for one UD for use in the next, provided that it will still be reasonably current.

NOTE TO R. MOSCOW VERIE SEEKERS: RM is currently on a binge featuring songs written in honor of 1980 Olympics. Have heard one particular ditty "Olympic Moscow" by the "Young Voices" --a song sounding like a cross between an early disco number and a German beer hall song--on NAM, World and Home Service outlets. Get familiar w/ these numbers; it's safe to say you'll be hearing lots more of them as time for the games approaches.

Also from RM comes nx of interest to stamp collector DXers, a rather sizable number of persons. USSR is issuing a special stamp in honor of RM's fiftieth anniversary (for foreign service b'casts). Anyone entering their current contest gets a first day cover as a prize. Have also heard an annmnt indicating that the same prize might be yours simply for the asking.

And that's it for this trip.

Best of 73,

Tom