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- ANGOLA** R. Nacional, 3375, in PT 2348-0001*; M anncr, high life tunes w/ W harmonizing over them RN ID 2356, then s/off proceedings. (John Moritz, OH 1-27)--- R. Nac. 3375 in PT 0438 (later discovered *0433v) w/ anthem resolving into highlife tune. Two long numbers to 0500. Clear R. Nac. ID, talk including ments of Luanda and Nacional. Into guitar rock. Also presume R. Nac. to be the one heard on 4820 at 2300-2330 f/out. PT M anncr in occasionally, highlife and guitar mx and vocals. Fading by 2320. (tba)
- ARGENTINA** R. Rivadavia, 5880a, in SP 2350; M w/ shouted talk, ment of Rivadavia, LA mx, more talk, March and trumpet riff 0005, and R. Rivadavia ID. Strong. (Neal Perdue, AL)
- AUSTRALIA** RA, 6060, in EG 1345; pop and rock mx. NF, // 5995, 6045, and 6080. (Jack Jones, MI)
- **AUSTRIA** Aldrans, 6000, in GM 0715; site ID and local mx. (Klein, FL)+++ORF, 15225, in EG 1830; report from Austria // good 15560 and 21740 poor. Also ORF on 12015 in EG 2305 w/ Austrian SW Panorama. // better 5945. (Bob Zilmer, WI)
- BANGLADESH** RB, 15285, in lang *1229+; IS, mention of Bangladesh by W. Fairly strong but poorly modulated. (Mike Agner, MA 2-4)
- BELGIUM** BRT, 17730, in EG 1705-51*; Brussels Calling Africa. Good sig, poor modulation. (Zilmer)
- BOLIVIA** R. Padilla, 3483a, in SP 2330-2345; seems to be up a bit but hard to be exact. First night W anncr and SP vocals. Second night mostly M anncr w/ W in occasionally. Very bad noise and ID 2334. (Moritz, OH 1-26,27)+++R. Riberalta, 4697a, presumed in SP 0140-55; very weak and mucho QRM w/ really nondescript mx, seemed mostly just SP vocals. M on in SP 0148-53, when M in vocal. (Moritz, OH)+++R. Panamericana, 6035, in SP 2310; long political comment by M, ID, TC, ads. (Don Moore, PA 1-24)---Panamericana noted at 1015; M anncr w/ ID, drama pgm, several ads and ID. (Klein, FL)
- BOTSWANA** Gaberones, 4845, in Setswana 0415; talks by W in very well 1-29. (tba)
- BRAZIL** Rondonopolis, 2480, in PT 2345; M w/ talk, ID and definite mention of Rondonopolis in brief strong fade in. Forgot to turn tape on during reception. Oops! (Perdue, AL)+++R. Cult. Araraquara, 3365, tentative in PT 0140+ MoR mx, one orchestral tune and second w/ M vocalist, both quite long. M DJ in and lost to local QRM. (tba)+++R. Educ. Braganca, 4825, presumed in PT 0937-48; M w/ talk, and local mx by singing groups. Bad QRM. (Moritz, OH 1-20)+++Assumed Cultura do Campos, 4955, in PT 2330-0000; light pop and samba mx and M DJ. No ID yet. (tba)+++R. Educ. do Para, 5045, in PT 0435-0505 t/out; on very late playing record of large studio orch and chorus. M DJ in 0454. Clear Para IDs 0500 and 0504. Usually 0300*. (tba)+++R. Relogio Fed., 4905, in PT 2335; usual pgm of time pips and talks. (Perdue, AL)+++R. Tupi, 11765, in PT 0155-0200; ads and electronic siren noises. (Bob Rankin, KS)+++R. Globo, 11805, in PT 0200-10; superfast soprts pgm w/ 2 M anncrs. Too fast to follow. (Rankin, KS)+++R. Cl. Paranaese, 11935, in PT 0134-55; inspirational talk w/ appropriate mx. (Rankin, KS)+++R. Braz., 15445, in PT 2000; new service with 2d high power tx // 11780. PT at 2000 and on through evening. QRM from WYFR 15440. (Zilmer, WI 2-2)
- CAMEROUN** Yaounde, 4850, in FR *0420; tone to 0429, s/on in FR; QRM from SRS to 0435. (John Arthur, CA 1-26)+++Garoua, 5010, in FR 0450; local chanting, M anncr w/ ID, Yaounde nx 0500. (Klein)
- CANADA** CFCX, 6005, in EG 0753; clear w/ phone-in show w/ Reloj off. (Rankin, KS)---CFCX noted at 0930 w/ phone-in show clearly heard w/ Reloj gone. (Jim Conrad, IA)---CFCX at 1015 w/ pops and ID. No Reloj. (Klein, FL)+++CFVP, 6030, in EG 0823; M w/ pop and disco mx occasionally emerging from under SDR. ID as CFCN Radio 0828, then disco hit "Light the Fire or similar till killed by AFRTS 0845. (Paul Routenburg, ON 2-3)
- CHILE** R. Univ. de Concepcion, 6135, in SP 1006; NA, ID, mx. (Jones, MS 1-17)---Univ. de Concepcion, 1031, w/ nx and ads to light mx and TCs at 1037. (Moore, PA)
- CHINA** PBS Guangxi (L), 4915, tentative at 1231-1315 in CH; Ch opera mx to 1300, pips and annmnt by W, more mx to 1315 f/out. (Lazarus, LA 1-31)
- CLANDESTINE** R. Libertad de Cuba, 7085a, in SP 0217-29; very good. M talking to "Common people" of Cuba, many references to "el pueblo cubana." Mentioned Cuban involvement in Angola. ID as "Estas R. Libertad de Cuba," and "R. Rebelde de Republica de Cuba." Anthem type mx w/ voice over and then started talking to hams 0224. (Moritz, OH 1-17)
- COLOMBIA** Onds del Orteguaza, 4975, in SP 1045; mx and ads in rare absence of UTE. Many mentions of Colombia, GMT-5 TCs, etc. (Jerry Berg, MA)---Same at 1053 w/ flute mx, M anncr, ID, TC and hype. (Klein, FL)+++R. Mira, 6015, in SP 1105; EzL mx, M anncr, ID, TC and more similar mx. (Klein, FL)
- CONGO** Pte. Noire, 4840, in FR 0420; drifting here from nominal 4843 w/ talks by M, ID for Congo, and highlife guitar mx. (tba)
- **COOK IS.** Raratonga suspected the one on 5045 at 0800 w/ island mx in and out of het from 5043. At 0815 into non-stop talks possibly nx. Very tentative in absence of ID. (tba)
- COSTA RICA** R. Universidad, 6104, in SP 0350; IS, ID on chimes, talk by M orch mx to 0354. Poor in het from 6105. (Conrad, IA)+++Nice digging, Jim. tba+++Faro del Caribe, 6175 RF, at 1200; ex-6035, usual religious pgms. (Klein, FL)
- CYPRUS** CBC Nicosia, 6155, in GK *2215; speech by politician which slowed down drastically as tape batteries ran out. // superior 9585. (Rankin, KS)

- ECUADOR R. Federacion, 3210, tentative in SP 0248-0344; usual strange pgms. 0248-0307, uptempo vocals nonstop by groups. Then sudden cut for W in in Indian, M doing Indian chants as heard on 3360 in past. Then back to uptempo SP vocals and chanting again. Seeming tx problems, as some long periods of OC and brief bits of the same song. M anncr 0335 and more trouble. No ID but assume them on chants and freq. (Moritz, OH 1-26)+++R. Iris, 3380, in SP 0200; ID, pop mx. (Jones, MS 1-20)+++R. Pop. Indep., 4801, in SP 0350; enchanting Andean mx and quick ID 0400. (tba)+++R. Federacion, 4960, in SP 0224; floklorico mx and talks by M. (tba)
- EQ. GUINEA Bata, 5005, in SP 0436-0557; nonstop Afr mx and IDs for both Malabo and Rio Muni. (James Clifford, OK)---Same 0530 w/ pgm of current Afr mx, M anncr and ID as LV de Rio Muni. (Klein)
- ETHIOPIA VoRE, 9560, in AR 1440-1445; piano, drum IS, AR mx to 1450, ID and into EG 1459. (John Arthur, CA)
- **FALKLAND IS FIBS, 2370, in EG 0115-29* tentative; M speaking, reports from correspondents, clear GSTQ 0129. Poor readability. A index of 18 this night. (Rankin, KS)
- FRANCE RFI, 7135, at 0530; nx on Afghanistan, Iran // 9660 and 11845 not hrd. (Ralf Munster, GA)
- FR. GUYANA Cayenne, 3385, in FR *0858-1001; guitar IS, choir mx, nx 0930, FR mx 0951. (Clifford)
- GERMANY (FED. REP.) RIAS, 6005, in GM 0710; nx, pop mx, several IDs. Excellent w/ Reloj off. (Klein)
- GREENLAND Godthab, 3999, tentative in lang 2155; EL mx, M anncr, drama, and mix of mx. Much ARO QRM. Tnx Schipiluti. (Agner, MA)---Godthab, 5988, in lang 1014; IS, anthem, M anncr, chimes and pips. (Moore, PA 1-26)
- GUAM KTRW, 11840, in EG *0815-27; IS, chimes, EG ID and choir hymns. (Rankin, KS)---Same, 17705, in CH *2258; IS, W anncr, mention of Agana. Good on 16m loop. (Agner, MA)
- GUINEA Conakry, 4910, in lang 0346; guitar mx like North Mississippi blues--chromatic progressions and single string plucking. Very nice and happily free from usual het. (tba)
- HONDURAS R. Juticalpa, 4781, in SP; "letters" pgm in progress at 1100 and a few snatches in EG too. (Berg, MA 1-26)+++R. Lux, 4890, in SP w/ usual stuff 0130 and co-channel flutter, not a het. Unusual. (Conrad, IA)---Same, sans het or flutter here 0230. (tba)+++LV del Junco, 6075, in SP 1247; IDs over pop mx. (Jones, MS 1-26)
- **INDIA Bhopal (L), 4990, tone on 0050, AIR IS 0058, ID 0100 and into Indian mx and short anncmts. Seeming nx 0130, more mx. Yerevan carrier on in all this but AIR held its own to 0145 f/out. (Berg, MA)---Same, at 0113+; W singing like that on AIR Ext Ser, usually followed by W w/ soft anncmts. AR like mx sometimes. Pips on half hour. Killed by Yerevan OC. (Agner, MA)
- **ISRAEL IBA prime time service to Americas as follows on 7412, 9815, and 11637: 2300-25 Yiddish to NAM; 2330-55 SP to SAM; 0000-30 EG to NAM; 0030-0100 Hebrew to NAM; 0100-30 EG to NAM; 0130-0200 PT to SAM; 0200-30 EG to NAM; 0230-55 SP to SAM on 7412, 9435 and 9815. Began 31 Jan through help of ANARC-FRC. Also noted IBA on 27790 in RS 1400-55, Baharian 1455-1510 and Georgian 1510-30. Ex-29725. Should shake up some CBers! (Zilmer, WI)
- JAPAN FEN, 6155, in EG 1300; ID, freq after 1941 Glenn Miller hits. Into nx. (Jones, MS 1-26)
- KENYA VoK, 4915, tentative 0352-0414 f/out; unknown lang. Afr lang, anncmt by M, recorded anncmt, marching mx 0359, pips 0400, nx to f/out. (Lazarus, LA 2-1)***Undoubtedly them, Henry. tba***VoK, 4915//4934, in Swahili 0402; M w/ nx, ID and comment by 2d M. Tnx Alleman. (Klein, FL)---Same on both freqs 1-29 at incredible 40 db over. Usual format and still in at 0500! (tba)
- LAOS Oudom Xay, 6907, tentative at 1056 in lang; W w/ comment KOed by UTE 1100. (Moore, PA)
- **MALAWI Strongly believe Blantyre, 3380, mixing w/ Iris at 0348 29 Jan. Talks by 2 M in Afr lang and highlife mx. Could not clean up the QRM from Iris, but this sure was an African. (tba)
- **MALDIVES 4754. No ID but had to be them 1-22 from 0040 t/in w/ Koran chants. Prayer or speech 0100 and into pgm of mostly Indian mx 0113. Anncmts in between. W took over 0145. Sig fair at time and but for QRM might have yielded positive ID. Weak by 0153 and gone by 0200. Nothing more than slight carrier in later checks. (Berg, MA)***Nice, Jerry! tba
- MALI Bamako, 7110, tentative in FR 0800; polished FR and WAfr nx. Have also heard wake up marches from this 0729. Not an EAfr by propagation. (Rankin, KS)
- MONGOLIA RUB, 4950, in lang 1136; tentative. Comment by deep voiced M. (Moore, PA)*** Needs more work to confirm. tba
- NEPAL RN, 3425, in lang from 1313; nx 1350. Clear ID 1435 and freqs as 9590, 3425 and 792. Back to Nepalese 1520. Fair until 1500 when started to fade. (Arthur, CA 1-28)
- NICARAGUA R. Zinica, 6120, in EG 1237; "Special Sunday Morning Pgm in EG," mixture of U.S. Country and steel drum mx. (Jones, MS 1-27)
- NORWAY RN, 17840, in EG 1400-30; Norwegian Way of Life. Difficult to understand in QRM. (Bodle)
- **OMAN Muscat, 11890, in AR 1854-1917; almost 100% sure but couldn't get an ID. M chanting to 1900 ID which I couldn't copy due to QRM. Very short instr selection heavy on strings, M w/ nx. Many ments of Arabiya and one of Libya in nx. (Moritz, OH 1-25)
- PNG R. E. New Britain, 3385, in lang 1230-1303*; various mx, anncmts by M. TC as 11:00 at 1300, ID, ment E. New Britain, NBC, NA and off. (Lazarus, LA 1-26)
- **PERU R. Oriente, 3285, in SP 0030-0300*; site Yurimaguas. Stronger than Huallaga. Mostly latin pops w/ much talk and ments of Yurimaguas, Iquitos and Loreto. ID w/ MW and SW freq listing last as new. Call to government confirmed this on air, but address not available from that source. MW address is Comercio 107, Yurimaguas. (Kevin Meyer, PERU 1-30)+++R. Cooperativa, 4785, in SP 1004; s/on w/ NA, catchy tune w/ ID over, calls, freqs. Pretty fady and bad ute. (Berg 1-24)+++Ondas del Titicaca, 4921, presumed in SP 1015; OA mx w/ anmts. Bad het from 4920. Poss ID but not sure. (Berg)+++ R. Imassi (phonetic), 5035, in SP many mornings after 1000; ads for Moyobamba and Tarapo. Local mx, gives site as Tarapoto and ments San Martin. Fair. (Klein)---R. Im-BAH-ty noted on same freq after 1-21; NA, ID, varied mx. S/on varying after 1000. Mentions of Dept. of San Martin. Same basic format 1-24. (Berg, MA)---Same submitted as possible R. Ya-gar-i at *1005. (Terry Krueger, FL)***Not heard here yet. Sounds like another Chinita-Zinica problem, but stn is clearly there. Kevin Meyer, can you help? tba

PHILIPPINES R. Veritas Asia, 17770, in lang 0000-40; IS, brief nx, ID twice, Bible readings and ment of Metro-Manila 3113. Wierd, as unlist and time and not // normal 17790 or FEBC 17810. (Krueger, FL 1-27)

- **POLAND Polish Pathfinders Stn., 6195, at 0845; 11 note, 11-sec flute-type IS, but blocked by Brazil 0848 and both by BBC Antigua 0850. Weak but IS checked against PPS IS on Ed Shaw's IS tape from 70-71. Vy tiny reception window since s/on said to be 0900 Sun. Tnx Ed, wherever you are. (Berg, MA 1-27) ***Jerry describes this as a rare DX moment. Understatement, I'd say. Congrats, OM. tba
- SINGAPORE RS, 5010.0 2307-2330 tentative; per Crawford. Soft EG M&W between EL remakes of Western pops, overridden by HJ 2321. Weak time sigs 2330, but not sure whose. (Krueger, FL 1-23 only)
- SRI LANKA SLBC, 9720, in EG 1400; Radio Monitors Int'l. Poor. (Zilmer, WI 1-20)
- SURINAM R. Apintie, 4794, in DT 0950; anncmts by M, some mx and ID. (Moore, PA 2-2)
- SWAZILAND TWR, 3240, back here w/ usual lang religious pgm 0330* after short absence. (tba)---TWR 11700, in test to Asia 2230; continuous mx, occasional anncmt. S/off w/ chimes 2300. (Zilmer, WI)
- **TRANSKEI Capital R., 7160, at 0429-53; pop/rock dj format in EG. Many rock tunes, and old gospel hit "Happy Days." Anncr gave titles before and after tune. Nx by W 0430 and ads. Severe ARO trouble but none taking copy. Pleased. (Moritz, OH 2-1)---Am hearing pop mx here around 0430 but no ID yet. Suspect this one. (Berg, MA)---Tentatively here w/ rock format several evenings w/ seeming 0425 s/on. No reliable ID, and will keep checking. (tba)
- TURKEY Turkey Polis R., 6340, in TK 0520; local mx w/ vocals by M, anncmt w/ ment Polis Radio, more mx, broken by occasional anncmts. Almost gone by 0620. (Routenburg, ON 2-3)
- USSR Kalinin, 4055, presumed 0408-34, seemingly *0400. Usual M&W talks, mixture of mx. (Moritz, OH 1-22)+++Dushanbe, 4635, in lang 0157-0218; almost fair sigs. W singing, M&W at top of hour w/ nx in presumed RS. Into light instr local pgms 0217. (Moritz, OH)+++RM, 4860, 0224-44 in EG ser; mostly usual commentary format. Is feeder no? (Moritz, OH 1-23)***Da. tba***Tyumen, 4895, presumed 0305-14 w/ weak sigs and QRM. Instr mx and M&W alternating in talks 0312. (Moritz, OH 1-22)+++Baku, 4958, 0258-0304 presumed in RS; Moscow chimes 0300, W in briefly and instr mx. Never in as well as 4785. (Moritz, OH 1-22)---Baku on 4957.5 at 0328; piano mx and into probable Azeri Turkish, a dialect spoken in Caspian Sea area. Unsure if // 4785. Think this is Baku 2 while 4785 is Baku 1 pgm. (Routenburg, ON 2-2)+++Yerevan, 4990, in RS 0205-20; ending organ tune and M&W in talks. Instr mx at 0217. (Moritz, OH)+++Arkhangelsk, 5015, in RS 0331-45; super sigs and presumed site. W w/ nx or comment to 0337 and into light instr mx. (Moritz, OH 1-22)---Same 0435-0504 fair w/ W anncr, light mx, Mayak IS and into nx 0500. (Krueger, FL)+++Vladivostok, 5015, tentative 1145+ in RS; W anncr and sleepy violin mx. No ID so site tentative. (Agner, MA)+++Petrozavodsk, 5065, 0230-40 in RS; W in between nice folk mx, some w/ accordians and vocals by W. (Moritz, OH)+++Alma Ata, 5260, in RS *0000-0200; HS IS, state and republic NA, ID, messages in presumed Kazakh, unfamiliar IS 0100 and 0200. Good nightly. (Krueger, FL)+++Krasnoyarsk, 5290, in RS 0200-0301; first time here, six pips, light mx past 0231. (Krueger, FL 1-24)+++RM Dom. Ser. via unID site, 7260, 0209-56; usual pgms. (Rankin, KS)***Should make logging Comoros very difficult. Hi. tba***RM via Kazan, 11845, in possible Hindi 1615. Clearly them by ID and rather sure its SAsia Ser. Site per UHN. (tba)
- VENEZUELA LV del Tigre, 3255, in SP 0130; more or less beating heavy QRM, ID and mention of Caracas. Slogan like "musica a l'aventura." (tba)---Same in sports pgm 0145-0303*. One ID in all that time and NA at close. (Rankin, KS)+++R. Los Andes, 6010, in SP 1038-1048 in clear w/ great sigs for a change. Many Mil-Cuarenta IDs by breathy W and mixed bag of mx. (Moritz, OH)---Same 0956 w/ latin pops and usual emphatic ID by W as R. Mil Cuarenta. (Jones, MS 1-30)---Same at 1050 w/ soft mx, ID and no Reloj trouble as no Reloj. (Moore, PA 1-26)+++Ecos del Torbes, 6190, in SP 1113; nx, ads all squeezed between VOA and BBC WS. (Jones, MS)
- YEMEN San'aa, 4853, clearly in between SRS and RClPara in AR 0338-0400. Chanted poetic selections which were probably Koran chanting, but of a kind unfamiliar to me. Interesting and haunting. (tba)
- ZIMBABWE ZRBC, 3306, in EG/lang 0402+; disco mx, M DJ in format of EG talk, mx, lang talk. (tba)

MISSORTS:

- CHECHOSLOVAKIA Prague, 6055, in EG 0015+; mx to half hour, comment in EG on how the Afghanistan situation was the fault of the US. (Zilmer, WI)
- ECUADOR R. Rio Amazonas, 4870, in Ind. *1029; Long NA, usual primitive sounding mx, HC mx 1033, talk by M&W 1036 which may have been SP lessons. (Jones, MS)
- PERU R. Atlantida, 4790, in SP 0355-0405; clear ID and mx under TWR Swaziland. (Rankin, KS)+++R. Tropical, 4935, in SP 1102; M anncr, local mx, many IDs usually after mx and ads. (Klein, FL)
- ROMANIA RB, 11775, in EG 1500; nx, comment, mx. Fair to good. (Zilmer, WI)
- RWANDA DW Kigali, 11785, in FR 0151 w/ NA and FR ID at close. (Arthur, CA 1-28)
- SOUTH AFRICA R. 5, 3250, in EG 0345-0415; r&r mx, ads for movies and Schlitz. (Clifford, OK)+++SABC, 4880, in AK 0330; mostly talks and at 0400 a non-stop half hour that may be nx. (Conrad)
- TANZANIA Dar es Salaam, 4785, in lang 0345; M w/ talk, ID 0400, mixing w/ USSR stn. (Perdue, AL)---Same here many nights *0257 celeste IS, ID, NA, 2d NA and hymn like mx. (tba)
- UNITED KINGDOM BEC, 9510, will s/on to Nam at 2200 instead of 2000 beginning in March. Also noted on 12095 at 2100 in EG w/ World Radio Club // 15260, 11750, 9510, 9410, 6175 all heard. (Zilmer)

You people continue to submit wonderful DX. Like last month's this mid-monther contains a number of truly fine catches. Makes it a pleasure to put the thing together!!! Keep up the good work, and I hope that the newcomers this time will continue to report.