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***LEGAL NX DEPARTMENT: A Kansas City, Kansas, man was convicted in Federal Court here of using obscenities over his CB rig and sentenced to 3 months imprisonment and 21 months probation. These penalties were assessed in addition to administrative penalties imposed by the FCC and appear to mark a change in philosophy on the part of Uncle Charlie. Pirates, please note.

ALBANIA Gjirokaster, 5057, in vern 0740; W anncr, comment, and pgm of what passes for good mx there. (Stu Klein, FL)

ANDORRA AWR, 15026, in RS 1747*; closing down after RS pgm and EG ID anncing 15025. (Jerry Berg, MA)

ARGENTINA RN, 6060, in SP 0917; mx pgm, several Radio Nacional IDs, possible nx headlines at 0930. Poor/fair w/ intermittent QRM. (Chris Leithner, TN 12-30)

AUSTRALIA ABC Perth, 6140, in EG 1022; local pops, ID, TC and sports nx. Good. (Leithner, TN)

BOLIVIA La Cruz del Sur, 4875, noted several mornings in Quechua or Aymara around 1000; rel pgms and one morning *0930. Lang variable. (Pitt McNeil, DC 1-3)---Same in verns 1005; fair in het. M w/ sermonette, child chorus, "Bringing in the Sheaves," ID/TC and more talk. (Klein, FL)+++R. Progreso, 6005, in SP 1040; QRMd by 1055. "Buenos dias, Bolivia," truly beautiful char-

***ango/quena/siku tunes and ad string 1053. First time hrd here. (McNeil, DC,12-26)+++R. Illi-
mani, 6025 dual 4965, in SP. This one, long dormant on SW has been hrd well some evenings
0030-0400. noncommercial pgms and many huaynos featured. SP IDs mention 1020 kHz MW and 94 MHz
FM, not 95 as list in WRTH. (Bob Hill, CA)---Same, carrier from at least 1010, audio at 1030
and IDs in possible Quechua, in midst of long talks with plenty of SP thrown in. Fairly good.
(McNeil, DC)

BRAZIL R. Gaucha, 6135, in PT 0900; good. Mentions of Porto Allegre and EzL mx. ID noted next night. (Leithner, TN)

CANADA CFCX, 6005, in EG 0427 for the first time in a long while here. Long local ad string, top mx of 1980 and IDs throughout. Fair to good. (tba)---Same as early as 0350 w/ call in pgm from 0440 recheck I got on at 0814. (Leithner, TN 30 Dec)

CHILE R. Univ. de Concepcion, 6135, in SP 1012; fair. Id and long, boring talk. (Leithner, TN)

CHINA Lhasa, 4750, in CH 1135; possibly nx by W. (McNeil, DC 1-2)

CLANDESTINE Vo People of Burma, 7571, in apparent Burmese, *1145-1150*; on w/ unusual accordian mx piece, short pause and slow classical piece. Carrier cut 1150. Back at 1200 w/ chimes IS, apparent ID, short anthem, another ID, and into talks by W. Fair. (McNeil, DC)

COLOMBIA R. Guatapuri, 4815, in SP *0925; opening w/ NA, rel. piece, 3 canned IDs, ads and usual mx. Usually 24 hours, so maybe closing on Sun nights only? (Klein, FL)+++R. Cinco, 5040, in SP 0440, presumed. CARACOL pgms 0440, nx 0445, no studio ID so presumed; first time in a while here. (McNeil, DC 12-23)+++R. Melodia, 6045, in SP 0600; in well after channel clears of miscellaneous garbage. Full ID: "Esta es R. Melodia, la del canal preferencial; estacion HJCU, habladoles desde Bogota en 730 kc onda larga, 6045 kc onda corta, con 50,000 vatios de potencia, para Colombia y America. R. Melodia, otro transmisor de la Cadena Lider de Colombia." No SW callsign given. (Hill, CA)---Same, 0715, very good. W anncr, local mx. Maybe off freq a little as hetting Australia. (Klein, FL)+++ Em Nueva Granada, 6160, in SP 1030; excellent. Stn or network promos, address of firm in Medellin, huge level. (Leithner, TN)

ECUADOR Rdf Paz y Bien, 4820, in SP *0920; very good. M anncr, ID ("Desde Ambato, Rdf Paz y Bien") calls, freqs, NA, usual pgms. (Klein, FL)+++R. Cent del Sur, 4890, in SP 0002; loud; ad string, almacenes in Loja mainly being advertised. Romantic mx pgm. Good w/ Lux off. (Mc-

***Neil, DC 12-26)+++LV Saquisili, 4900, in SP *1105v; regular w/ Juventud off. Generally starting off w/ "La Palabra de Dios" religious pgm, one morning w/ clear Saquisili ID, not Libertador. Good. (McNeil, DC)

EGYPT Cairo's "Saut al-Arab" service is on new/unlisted 9700 in 1900-0030 portion of the sked though always buried under at least 2 others. Noted 28 Dec // 7050 to 0033*. (Hill, CA)

ETHIOPIA VORE, 9560, in EG 1514; jazz, M&W anncrs, ID for External Service, sked, pips at 1520, TC, M w/ nx, Africa in Focus pgm, piano IS 1559, pips. Poor to fair with several other stns on this freq. Sofia finally did it in at 1600. (Jim Davis CA 1-6)

GABON LV Renovation, 21810h (3x7270), in FR 1626; IS, ID by W, nx by M, possible commentary, classical mx. Poor, high QRN level and notihng on 7270. (Davis, CA 1-6)

GERMANY (FED REP) SDR, 6030, in GM pretty good until wiped out by AFRTS carrier 0832. (Berg, MA)+++SFB, 6190, in GM tentative 0700-0740; talk by M to 0709, recorded mx pgm w/ M anncr to 0730, some US songs and more mx w/ W after 0730. Some BBC QRM. (Henry Lazarus, LA 12-15)

GRENADA RG, 15105rf, in EG 2035-2120*v. Good. Pops and some island mx. Then to 15045, w/ 2130*v. On 4 Jan on 15045 from 2200-45 w/ "The World of Jazz" featuring Afr Jazz artists. Super pgm for jazz buffs. (John Tuchscherer, WI)Welcome, OM. tba

GREECE Athens, 21555, in EG 1535; pretty good. Mixing w/ another, possibly Sweden. GK annmt 1550 and off. Annces 21455. (Berg, MA)

GUAM KTRW, 17720, 0100; vy good and completely readable sigs, better than AM reception. (Berg, MA)

GUATEMALA LV Nahuala, 3360, in SP 0345 12-25; pleasant low beat marimba mx, some Xmas songs and good IDs and religious messages. (McNeil, DC)

HONDURAS R. Luz y Vida, 3250, in SP 0310-38*; gives call as HRTC and IDs as Luz y Vida though not yet entirely convinced I'm copying it correctly. Trumpet fanfare and distinct mentions as being in Honduras. Gives MW and SW freqs. Religious pgms. New stn? (Gene Eastman, TX 1-7)

***Gene called about this one and I don't have anything else to offer except to say that I've seen reports of UnID SP speakers during this time period here. Not yet heard here. Help!!! tba

INDIA AIR, 6155, in presumed Urdu *0128-0130+; IS 0128, 0130 s/on. Sked to 0430*. Tashkent audible underneath. (Hill, CA 12-27)+++ AIR, 7280, in unI Ilang *1330; battling w/ CH speaker. W w/ s/on annmcs after IS. (Hill, CA 12-23)+++AIR, 11870, in Pushtu, occasionally audible at *0245 through a barrage of QRM featuring co-channel spur from HCJB and slop from WYFR on 11870. Yecch. (Hill, CA)The WYFR slop, which sounds like hideous overmodulation here, seems to be audible almost everywhere they operate and runs about 75 kHz each side of the nominal freq. Wretched stuff.

IRAQ BSRI, 6095, V of the Masses put in a respectable long-path sig from 1500 12-23; W giving AR nx and Koran. Possible co-channel QRM from Somalia. (Hill, CA)

KENYA VoK, 4934, at astounding levels lately, e.g., 0345 3 Jan w/ non-stop Indian ragas to 0400 when ID, pips and nx. (tba)

LIBYA SPLAJBC's 2200-0300 tx in AR has shifted to 11830/15245 from old 11825/15234 and now IDs as "Saut el Watan al Arabiyah, Saut el Thowrah t'il Sha'abiyah, Thowrah t'il Gharb (V of the Arab Homeland, V of the Revolution of the Masses, the Revolution of the West.) BBCMS says last word is "Ghad"(West). (Hill, CA)

MONGOLIA RUB, 5054v, noted w/ Moscow IS 0930, relay of Mongolian Service // 7262. Sked shows no fewer than 11 other parallels (6 in UB, 5 in USSR). none of which could be heard. (Hill, CA 12-27)

MOZAMBIQUE RM, 3340v, noted *0253 w/ xylophone IS, PT s/on annmcs and EG, too, 12-24. Good that night but not there 12-25. (Hill, CA)

NAMIBIA RSWA, 3270, in AK 0259 4 Jan. Religious pgms during pauses in UTE OC. (tba)---Same tentatively 0433 on 3270. Pop/soul mx. Verns annmcs and SW Africa Namibia in AK. Later mentioned SWAPO. What is this? (Jir Davis, CA 1-7)*** Jim, this is the "official" radio for Namibia, and it b'casts in EG, AK and verns the last after 0400 per monitoring here. Don't know if the verns pgm has a separate name but the stn goes by R. SW Africa. Since it's an "official" I sincerely doubt that SWAPO would have a pgm thereon. tba

NEPAL RN, 3425, in presumed Nepali 1215; talks and local mx // 9589 which was loud. This poor-fair in noise. (McNeil, DC 1-2)

NEW ZEALAND RNZ, 6105, in EG w/ classical mx, ID and nx. Fading. (Leithner, TN)***Time? tba

NIGERIA FRC Kaduna, 4770, in lang 0407; huge! Mostly mx but some short IDs. Some dead air around 0427 then back w/ new mx. (tba)+++ FRC Enugu, 6025, tentative 2243; variety of mx, talk in UnID lang and apparent nx 2300. (Leithner, TN) +++FRC Ibadan, 6050, in lang 2207; vy good. GMT+1 TCs, C&W mx. Best ever. (Leithner, TN 12-30)

OMAN RO all alone on 11890 at 0205 w/ Koran reading. Seldom shows here. (Hill, CA 12-18)

PAKISTAN RP in EG 1700 anncing beam to UK this on 9425 // 9460, neither listed in sked. (Hill, CA 12-26)

PNG R. E. New Britain, 5985, 0625+ 12-25; W w/ annmcs and Xmas greetings in EG, nondescript pops to abrupt 0655*. Unusual to hear this one except during our summer when 4:25pm their time is closer to darkness than it is now during their summer. (Hill, CA)

PERU R. El Sol en Los Andes, 3230, in SP 1003; guitar huayno, new year's wishes, clear ID, Puno style huayno. DJ back w/ ID and apparent religious talks. Fair to good. (McNeil, 12-26) +++R. San Martin, 4810, in SP *1011-34; NA, opening annmcs by W 1014, Andean mx w/ annmt by M. Several TCS, "en San Martin". Bad QRM de Guatapuri 4815. Tnx Klein and Jones. (Lazarus, LA

***12-21)+++ R. Pampas, 4855, in SP 1040; nice guitar huaynos, SP DJ w/ people's names, presumably request pgm. One good ID w/ TC. Fair in slop. (McNeil, DC 1-3)+++R. Chinchaycocha, 4860, in SP 0405; first time in a while 12-23 w/ chicha mx pgm and Jorge Rodriguez. (McNeil, DC)

***** R. Ondas del Titicaca, 4921, in SP 1000,1024; best ever over Brisbane. Huaynos, Aymara DJ. (McNeil, DC 12-25)+++R. Tropical, 4935, in SP 0950 bombing in w/ flute selections, M annr, ID/TC. (Klein, FL)---Same, 4936, in SP 0925; in very well. Huaynos and ID. (McNeil, DC

***1-3)+++ R. Madre de Dios, 4950, in SP 0100+, w/ s/off variable 0213-0222; clear ID 0110 27 Dec. Fair to poor. (Hill, CA)+++R. Moyobamba, 5015, in SP 0155-0320*; apparent political speech by M, request pgm. Ad string, more mx, rather abrupt s/off w/ ID, freqs and NA. Fair. (McNeil, DC 12-20)+++R. Quillabamba, 5025, tentative in SP 1058; guitar huayno, lengthy public affairs talk but no ID. Fading quickly. (McNeil, DC)+++R. Imagen, 5035, in SP 0952; cuimbas and I first thought it was the Colombian but Id by DJ changed that. Good but fading by 1030. (McNeil, DC)---Same 1020 beautiful flute mx. (Klein, FL)

PIRATE R. Dublin, 6316, in EG 0810; good and readable. Ads for auto fuel regulator, airlines etc. Vy interesting. (Berg, MA)

***PORTUGAL R. Renascenca, 11885; guess I lucked out on 12-14 reception of this as subsequent checks show jamming continuing past 2000. Can still make out stn on low side. Believe s/off is still 2030. On 12-14 hrd mentioning 100kW suggesting new xmtr rather than Sines relay. (Berg, MA)+++ Strange to hear RP in FR on 6313 arnd 0030 going off abruptly in mid annmt

at 0044. (Berg, MA)

SIERRA LEONE SLBS, 5980, in EG 0705; BBC nx to 0710, M anncr w/ ID and local nx. (Klein, FL)

SURINAM R. Apintie, 4752v, in DT 0945; good but UTE QRM. M anncr, talk, Hindi mx selections.

When will they settle down? (Klein, FL)***Seems to be back on 5006 again. tba

SWAZILAND Radio SR over SCR, 4980, in EG 0245; pop/disco mx pgm, British accented W anncr, several R. SR IDs, Lexington cigarettes ad, full ID 0300. Good w/ Ecos del Torbes off. (McNeil, DC 12-26) ---Same noted on 6155 at 0413 w/ headache remedy ads, also disco offerings. Bad slop from 6160. (Hill, CA 12-29)***Seems and appropriate choice of ads in view of mx played here. tba

TANZANIA RT, 5050, in SH 0324; upbeat Afr instrumental mx, W w/ talk, // 4785 and back to mx 0334. Good in QRM. (McNeil, 12-20)---Same at 1532+ in SH w/ annmnts ands ads, African and C&W mx. QRM from Singapore 5052, which finally won at 1600. (Hill, CA 12-29) +++External Service of RT, 9683½, audible most days w/ EG nx 1900-1915* also in verns around 1530 but not sure if that's domestic or external at that time. (Hill, CA, 12-26+)

UGANDA Kampala, 5026, w/ usual broken EG 0421. Nx annmnts of government mtgs, and a truly ripe cough by anncr on air. Wonder if they've heard of cough switches? (tba)---Same 0310 w/ EG talks and Xmas mx. One ID QRM 5030 but still usable. (Leithner, TN 12-26)

UAE RCTVDubai is using two new freqs, 9640 and 11940, the former at *0225v-0400+in AR, nx at 0315 preceded and followed by "Caucasian Sketches" theme. Latter from *0520v also in AR but not heard since around Xmas. 9640 is under RM Chile Service and also QRMd by Algiers 9638 another AR speaker.

USSR A new tx on 5915 is being used for both Alma Ata domestic ser and R. Tashkent foreign ser.

Hrd 0045-0129* in presumed Kazakh w/ Alma Ata IS 0100 dual 5035; again at 1429 w/ Tashkent IS and verns talk also dual 5035. Joins Tashkent again for a relay of Uzbek 0230-0330 // 6025, 6155, 7335. (Hill, CA since 17 Dec)+++Tashkent, 5945 // 6025. After EG off, IS and lang pgm. Maybe Uzbek? (Davis, CA 1-7)---Same w/ witty and well-done pgm 1220. Good. (McNeil, DC 1-2) +++Alma Ata-1, 5960, audible under RCI 0143+ w/ emotional RS vocals dual 5260. (Hill, CA 12-24)+++Alma Ata-2, 5970, in Kazakh 0200 // 11950. Pronounced dual-path echo from both sigs. (Hill, CA 12-24)+++Tashkent hrd regularly on new unlisted 6005 for Uzbek *1520-1600*, Farsi *1600-1630* dual 9540, AR *1630-1700* dual 5945. Before 1600, 6005 has severe QRM from Gansu PBS aby 500 Hz higher. (Hill, CA)

YEMEN San'aa, 4853, in AR 0331-51; in very well w/ AR talks // 9780. (Vlad Cucura, PA 1-5)

ZAMBIA RZ, 4910+, in lang, EG *0350-0430 t/out. Bird call IS, longish anthem by choir, lang ID, s/on annmnts, and apparent pgm sked for day. Vy good indeed. First time in a long while. (tba)---Same from 12-28 at *0345; IS, anthem, M in verns to 0420 t/out. Next night into anthem by 0346 and verns by 0349. (Tuchscherer, WI)---Same 12-29 w/ enormous sig 0355; vern ID including MW and SW freqs, program preview, 0400 TC for 6 o'clock, and phrase "One Nation, One Zambia." Into nx. Have they raised power from 50kW? (Hill, CA)Seems so, Bob. tba*** RZ has adjusted to 9582 from previous 9578 and is heard fairly well from *1550 when s/on annmnts given in vern but no "fishhawk" IS hrd. (Hill, CA 12-29)

A fine way to start the year. Many excellent reports the quixotic propagations notwithstanding. Best to all,