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UPCOMING DEADLINES: 20 February (March) 10 March (Mid-March) 21 March (April)

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ANGOLA RN, 11955, in verns 0530 most days after PT talks 0500. (Victor Jaar, PQ)

AZAD KASHMIR AKR, 6274, in poss Urdu tentative 1215-40; M solo chanting, brief annmnts by M, some vocal mx. Nice level but going fast. (John Herkimer, NY)---And more from John: per letter from Dexter this apparently is a realy by Pakistan of AKR, as is 4980; rcvd registered letter from Mr. Sajjad Ali Siddiqui, Eng. Manager for Stn Director verifying report, but not mentioning the realy. (Herkimer, NY)---Same, 6274, presumed 1247-1300 weak and could only hear Asiatic flute and vocal mx. Annmnts too faint to catch anything. (Henry Lazarus, LA 1-31)

BELGIUM BRT Nfs: 15570 in EG 2200-45 w/ Brussels Calling. Poor. Probably replaces 15285 beamed to Afr // 6000 not heard here. ORU 17900 in FR 1800 to 2023*. FR lang net pgm. Poor. (Bob Zilmer, NM)

BOTSWANA Gaberones, 4845, in lang, barnyard IS, pgm in UnID lang. (Dan McCarthy, FL 2-4)***Time on last 0355. tba***Same 0412 in lang. Light highlife mx, talks by W anncr. (tba)

BRAZIL R. Marajoara, 4956, in PT 0202; weak but caught ID in midst of talk by 2 M. First time here. (tba)

CHILE R. Nac. de Chile, 6150, in SP 1032; good. ID, nx, TCs (GMT-3), plug for banco del estado, open 9-2. (Jack Jones, MS 1-27)

CHINA Xizang PBS, 4750, in CH 1130; fair. M anncr w/ ID at t/in, "Xizang renmin kwangpo tientai," to W anncr w/ talk and mx. Another one under this, probably Heilongjang. (Klein, NJ)+++Heilongjang PBS, 4925, in CH 1120; weak. W anncr w/ talk, local mx. (Klein, NJ)

COLOMBIA R. Bucaramanga, 4845, in SP nightly from 0030; good. Upbeat LA dance mx, frequent TCs, IDs, one night with political report. (Herkimer, NY)+++Rdf Nacional Colombia, 15500, in SP 1750-1800; classical mx w/ ID on hour. (Lazarus, LA 1-31)

***ECUADOR R. Antenna Libre, 3240, in SP 1101; fair. Anthem (Baritone w/ choral backup, not HC NA) ID, local mx. Did not hear any mention of "Cultural" or "Mundial". May have been s/on. (Jones, MS 2-5)+++LV del Triunfo, 3252, in SP 1025; good. ID, many ads, local mx. (Jones, MS 2-5)+++LV del Rio Tarqui, 3285, in SP 1037-59; poor. LA mx, annmnts by M, freqs and MBs at 1037. M also gave ID including following: "...Rio Tarqui, la radio de ? sintonia." Blasted off air by R. Belize carrier 1059. Poor because of strong UTE QRM. (Lazarus, LA 1-24) +++R. Rio Amazonas, 4870, in Indian, *1041; vy good. Soprano w/ choral back up in rendition of NA (Seemingly all 15 stanzas) followed immediately by 2 M in animated conversation, about what I can't say. (Jones, MS 1-21)

ETHIOPIA VoRev Ethiopia noted for more than a month on 9560 carrying AR pgm *1400. Id usually before the 1430 nx. Carries mostly local mx. Always bad sideband QRM. Also, Addis ababa'a IS and s/on can be hrd just before 0400 almost daily on 7110, but soon is QRMed by Athens own s/on. (Jaar, PQ)

FR. GUYANA Although 6170 is sometimes mentioned at *0900, Cayenne has only been heard here on 3385, 4972.5 and unmentioned 5055. Beware France audible on 6175 at same time. (Jaar, PQ)

GUATEMALA RN, 6180, in SP 1200 briefly. Full ID over marimba mx on top of co-channel QRM. (Herkimer, NY)

HONDURAS R. Lux, in SP 1112; fair. ID, talk, mixed up w/ PNG co-channel. (Jones, MS 1-30)

KUWAIT R. Kuwait has been using several new frequencies for its AR b'casts. Hrd regularly on 15495 and 9880 besides 9840 during most of the day. 11675 noted at 0445 on 1-23 and 5950 at 2105 on 1-24. (Jaar, PQ)

GERMANY (FED REP) RIAS, 6005, can be easily hrd in GM 0630-0800+ during winter nights whenever CFCX is off, which happens often and in spite of Reloj. ID noted once only. Other WGerman outlets well hrd during same time period. (Jaar, PQ)

IRAQ Baghdad Urdu pgm 1300-1400 can be hrd 11935 instead of listed 11825. Noted regularly since end of year. (Jaar, PQ)

LEBANON RL Beirut, has been hrd since December on 5980 (an old favorite of mine) w/ AR pgms after 0500. Does not seem to s/on at 0400 on this outlet. (Jaar, PQ)+++V of Hope, 6215, in EG almost daily 0400-0500; MoR instrumentals, C&W mx, brief religious messages. Fair reception. (McCarthy FL)

LESOTHO LNBS, 4800, very tentative 0405-20 f/our 2-4. M&W anncrs in lang, some choir mx. Was in the right place on a fine Afr night but alas no IDs. Tnx Santosuosso, Krueger. (McCarthy, FL)

LIBYA R. Jamahiriyah, 11815, in EG 2300. Annncd ID repeated many times: RJ, the voice of the Socialist People Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah. Freq given as 11815 and sked as follows; Holy Koran, mx, press review, revolutionary song, Green Bobk, nx, interview, mx to close at 0000. Good. (Zilmer, NM 1-25)---Same 11815 at 2326 t/in, world nx commentary (strongly anti-US) ID 2354 as above. Address given as box 333 or box 4598, Tripoli. NAO000 and into AR. (Ron Howard, CA 1-20)

MEXICO XEW, 6165, in SP 1145; good. Call, TC, talk, QRM from oriental stn. (Jones, MS 1-27)

MOZAMBIQUE RM (as they often ID) is heard occasionally on 11818 around 0440 in PT. Improves after 0500. (Jaar, PQ)

NAMIBIA RSWA, 4965, in EG 2250-2320; almost continuous old US pops including "Zorba the Greek" and "Cry Me a River". ID by M 2302 as "All night Ser. of RSWA." (Lazarus, LA 1-27)---Same 2208 w/ continuous EzL mx and US pops. In well despite Santa Fe co-channel, fading up. (Herkimer, NY)

NETHERLANDS RN, 11735nf, in EG 1430-1520 w/ DX pgm 1450-1520 on Thursday. Replaces 11740 and is // 15560 and 21480. Good. (Zilmer, NM)

PAKISTAN RP, has added 9870 well hrd in UnID lang at 1840-1915*. (Jaar, PQ)+++RP also using 12017nf in FR 2000 to 2015*. Very poor. (Zilmer, NM 2-1)

PERU R. America, 3240, in SP 1036; fair. Several IDs, disco and pop mx. Heavy ORM from high-speed CW stn on low side. (Jones, MS 2-1)---Same noted on all three SW outlets at 0925 1-19 as follows: 3240, weak; 6010 and 9510 best. (Jaar, PQ)+++R. Atlantida, 4790, in SP 0150; uptwmpo dance mx, frequent IDs and requests for "correos de la Amistad" to Iquitos QTH at 0200. (Herkimer, NY)+++ R. Chota, 6296, in SP from 2348; very weak. Ballads and echo annmcts by M. Too weak to pull out ID text and going fast by 0045 recheck. (Herkimer, NY)

PORTUGAL RP, 17880, in EG 1800 w/ nx, freqs and time sked and mx. Poor. FR 1830. (Zilmer, NM 1-30)

QATAR QBS, 15505, in AR 1750-1830 tentative. AR mx to 1800, pips and possible ID that I could not make out by M followed by long nxcast to 1815. Then more AR mx. Rdf Nac Colombia ORM. (Lazarus, LA 1-31)---same hrd daily since mid-December) all in AR 1300-2100 s/off. 9570 not noted however. (Jaar, PQ) ---Same, 1500-1730 in AR 2-4. Ar mx, nx, much ado over Egyptian-US talks, and reference to Palestinians. Fair. (McCarthy, FL)

SAO TOME R. Nacional, 4806.5, in well 2140 w/ local guitar despite Gabon splatter. PT annmcts by M briefly over mx. (Herkimer, NY)

SOLOMON IS. SIBC, 5020, in EG 1115; fair. C&W mx, M annr in w/ PSA. (Klein, NJ)

TAIWAN Taipei's JP pgm noted 1410 on 7130 (weak) // 9765, 11745 (best), 11825. (Jaar, PQ)

TURKEY Both the Police Radio Stn on 6340 and the Meteorological Service Stn on 6900 can easily be heard after 0500. Annmcts seldom hrd, but have noted a female DJ on 6340. Turkish songs are usual fare for both stns. (Jaar, PQ)

USA Many reports on WRNO tests: noted 2000 1-24 on 15090 w/ hard rock mx, including rock version of "Jambalaya" to ID 2015 w/ dixieland in background. Called them at (504) 889-2424 and they moved up to 15355. Gone 2117. (Martin Gallas, IN)---Same, 6155, in EG 1803-05; test tx. Dixieland versions of "When the Saints Go Marchin In" and "Way Down Yonder in New Orleans," and announcements of address as WRNO Worldwide, New Orleans, LA 70002. Phone as above. Annced as test tx. Signal gone in middle of test. (Lazarus, LA 1-23)---Same on 15100 1-23 2115. ID as above with "Rock of the World" slogan. Strong. (Zilmer, NM)---And here on 15355 tnx Gallas. Noted from 2046, vy strong. 7-9 minute snatches of hard rock then ID over dixieland or bop jazz. "ID: "This is a test transmission from WRNO Worldwide on the air for the purpose of equipment adjustment." Vy strong. After 2100 some intermittent dead air as though testing studio audio links or some such. (tba) ---And again on 17895 in EG 1811-15; same kind of format as above. (Lazarus, LA 1-23)---Also on 17895 1-24 at 1844 as follows. OC w/ tone modulation 1837. At 1844, caliope rendition of "Way Down Yonder in N.O.," and "When the Saints Go Marchin In," and ID as above. Tnx Lazarus. (Jones, MS) AND THIS: Mail to WRNO is being bounced by the USPS in many cases despite address given over the air. Called stn 2-4 and they suggested WRNO, 4539 I-10 Service Rd., Metairie, LA 70002. (Herkimer, NY)Hrd via Tom Gavaras that first weekend of regular b'casting is sked for the end of this month. tba

URUGUAY R. El Espectador, 11835, in SP 0054; strong and clear. BeeGees medly, brief SP pop vocal them mx and ID 0100. 3 pips on hour and into ad string. (Herkimer, NY)

USSR Tashkent, 4850, in RS 1200; fair. RM PGM I ID, to local nag pgm. (Klein, NJ)

VENEZUELA R. Frontera, 4760, in SP 0135; light guitar mx, MoR mx pgm, ID by M between cuts. (Herkimer, NY)

YEMEN Sanaa, 4853, in AR 0335-45; non-stop non-Koranic talks by M. Possible nx, I guess. (tba)

LATE ARRIVALS AND MISSORTS:

INDIA R. Kashmir, 3277, tentatively in Urdu or Kashmiri 1301-35 2-7; chanting w/ flutes and strings. No ID. Tnx Dayen. (Tom Gavaras, MN)

LIBYA RJ, 11815, in EG 2300-2358 w/ nx, comment, mx and a feature on a particular area. Easily understood annrcs. ID as above. Some Moscow QRM. (Kraig Krist, VA)

NICARAGUA La Voz del Nicaragua intends to begin an EG pgm in March on their 49 and 25 mb pgms. Skeds and freqs as follows--5950, 11837 (if really being used and pgms 0000-0600 with a repeat 0600-0900. EG to last one hour and includes a selection of most important parts of the SP pgm as well as special pgms for EG listeners. (Irv Leffler via his Cuban pen pal)

USA WRNO 17895 1929-39* in well w/ format as above. (Briscoe, IN)

This goes out amid extreme pressures at work and so I apologize for typos, which may be even more abundant than normal. See you next trip.

TBA