

# update

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UPCOMING DEADLINES: 10 February (Mid-Feb) 20 February (March) 10 March (Mid-March)

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BOLIVIA R. Nueva America, 4796.5, in SP 1028-1041. Christmas mx, IDs, vocal selections and anncmts. Good. (Sam Barto, CT 12-25)---Same, 0355-0436\*, fair. Sirens on the hour followed by ID by M, "...calidad de La Paz...Nueva America!...Es Navidad!" Lots of Christmas mx, including a 10 minute Christmas medley. Best ever hrd here. (Kirk Allen, 12-25)---Same, 4797, 1012. Typical Bolivian mx, several IDs, some Christmas mx and into talk in Indian lang. Good. (Jack Jones, MS 12-18)+++La Cruz del Sur, 4875.9, in SP 2250-2300 w/ religious mx, instrumentals, ID and commentary by M. Good level. (Barto, CT 12-18)+++Presumed Radio Santa Cruz, 6138, in SP 1040; fair. Mx sounded Peruvian, and never could get ID. Several mentions of Depto. Santa Cruz. AFRTS on 6140 no help. (Jones, MS 12-24)

BRAZIL RN de Tabatinga, 4814.7, in PT 1030-44 w/ ID and TC, vocal selections. Fair level (Barto, CT 12-25)

CHINA R. Beijing noted on 4815 from 1157 with test-tone; \*1200 EIR IS and into (I'm pretty sure) Mongolian dual 4882. Fair with rapid QSB but bad co-channel het from what I suspect may be Pakistan--because on 12-12 a stn with subcontinental mx dominated the freq. Trouble is that Pakistan isn't scheduled to use 4815 at this time. So? (Bob Hill, MA 12-17)

CLANDESTINE R. Truth, 5015, in EG \*0430-0500\*, poor to unuseable. Bird call IS, followed by ID: "Good morning \_\_\_\_\_, and welcome to the morning \_\_\_\_\_ of our EG language service of Radio Truth." Various commentaries followed. Bird call again for 30 sec. before QRT. Carrier seems to remain on after prgm ends. Strong carrier on 5015.4 producing loud het. (Allen, OK 12-31)

COLOMBIA Ecos del Combeima, 4785, in SP 0354; very good. Several shouted IDs over New Year's Eve pop mx prgm. (Jones, MS 1-1) +++R. Cinco, 5040, in SP 0346; good. New Year's Eve prgm. Lots of noise, LA pop mx and vocals. (Jones, MS 1-1) +++Radio Nacional, 5936.8, in SP 1120-1136 w/ two selections but mostly commentary by M. Very strong signal. (Barto, CT 12-27)

COSTA RICA R. Universidad, 6105.7, in SP 0418-0500\*. Fair w/ heavy QRM. Prgm consisted of operatic and classical orch mx. M w/ ID and freq just before NA and QRT. ID: "R. Universidad de Costa Rica...6105 kHz onda corta en la banda 49 metros." (Allen, OK 1-2)

CUBA R. Rebelde. O happy day! Along with Gabon running 250 kw on 4810 and a USSR relay running gas on 4765, we now have this erstwhile MW outlet on 5025 since at least 12-19 as noted around 2225+ with revistas ans whatnot; ID at 2247. Again 12-20 and 12-21--on the latter date with a Russian-Spanish lesson at 0037, and with merengue mx in the background, no less. Power must be at least 50 kw. (Hill, MA)---Same 3600.1//5025 in SP 0955-1015. Poor on 3600 but very good on 5025. Frequent TCs by M but infrequent IDs. Assume this is a relay of their MW outlet, new to SW. (Allen, OK 12-22)---Same, 5025, 0100 very good. Mx of various LAM countries, M&W annrcs, many IDs. (Jones, MS 12-19)

EQ. GUINEA Servicio Internacional, 15106, in SP-EG 1707; Very good. Rowdy US rock mx, many taped IDs: "La ciudad de Bata-Litoral...en la banda de 19 metros...Malabo...Republica de Guinea Ecuatorial." At 1723 discussion of use of apples in US (!!!) in EG!(Jones, MS 12-19)

INDIA AIR delhi--big signal on 7280 at 1218 w/ IS, then on at 1220 in local tongue. At least two other stations on the frequency as well, one probably FFBS, Fujian, the other likely a USSR outlet. (Hill, MA 12-12)

INDONESIA RRI Banda Aceh, 4954.7, in IN 1155-1208. Weak but clear. ID, vocal selections and local melodies, news following. (Barto, CT 12-14)

IRAQ Voice of the Masses--Another peanut whistle--surely no more than 500kw--is this one, currently heard on 6190 since 12-20 // 7120 and 9690 around 2130 at monstrous level. The 49m channel evidently replaces 7130, which had been dual 7120 when first observed 12-9. The latter is often audible as early as 1700, but suffers het QRM from Kuwait after their \*1830 s/on about 500 Hz lower. (Hill, MA)

KENYA VoKenya, 4804, in EG 2120-2137 w/ mostly religious prgms but on late for Christmas. Very clear but weak level. (Barto, CT 12-24)

LAOS Tentative Xieng Khouang--undoubtedly this one on 5659½ from 1145 w/ woman in putative Lao; 1148 local mx; 1154 woman crooning the very characteristic vocals of that area; 1200 orchestral mx and then man talking--perhaps a relay from Vientiane, although I seem to recall that clock chimes for 7 pm precede such a program. Anyway the signal wasn't just weak; it was WEEEEEEEEEEak. Come to think of it, it was never very strong in California either. (Hill, MA 12-12)

MALAGASY REP. R. Madagasikara, 5011.5, in lang 0255-0304 w/ bamboo IS, s/on, ID, vocal selection and US pop tune. No //s noted in check. Strong signal. (Barto, CT 12-21)---same in presumed Malagasy and FR. \*0300-46. Fair. Brief hymn or anthem followed by FR ID by W and religious prgm. (Allen, OK 12-30)

PARAGUAY Em. Paraguay, 6014.5, in SP 0904-15, poor under severe QRM. M w/ world nx. Brass fanfare followed by ID by M. Mellow vocal mx. (Allen, OK 12-30)

PERU R. Cult. Amauta, 4955, in SP 1050-1103; sign-on, ID and mx by Simon and Garfunkel. (Barto, CT 12-11) +++R. Ancash, 4990, in SP 0850; good. Peruvian mx, IDs and TCs. Annced, "Nacional y Internacional..." (Jones, MS 1-5) +++R. Eco, back on nominal freq of 5010 (actually measured at 5009.9) in SP 0226-0300\*. Fair. Frequent talk abt the national election and seemed to focus almost entirely on politics. Echo ID by M, "Eco! La radio popular de Iquitos. Eco!" Signs of 0300. (Allen, OK 12-31)---Same, 5011, in SP 1026. Nx, "Primera edicion Panorama de Noticias." TCs, IDs few and far between. Christmas talk over background of Christmas mx. A move from 5112. Good. (Jones, MS 12-24) +++R. Moyabamba, 5015, in SP 0335; good. Fast-paced Peruvian mx and vocals. Frequent IDs and TCs. (Jones, MS 1-1) +++R. Imagen, 5443.9, in SP 1115-30 w/ local instrumental tunes and ID. Nice signal but CW QRM. (Barto, CT 12-21) +++R. Oriente, 6188.5, in SP 1030-37; very strong. Sign-on and anthem along w/ ID. M anncr. (Barto, 12-11) +++R. Municipal de Calca, 6242.7, in SP 2245-2303 w/ several IDs, musical selections. Often hrd in this period. Weak but usually clear. Also noted 1038-55 in SP w/ Peruvian instrumentals and vocals, ID and commentary by M 12-11. (Barto, CT) +++R. Continente, 8922.9, in SP 2250-2300 w/ ID, TC, anncmts and LAm selections. Fair and in clear. (Barto, CT 12-17)

QATAR QBS has been heard since 12-8 on new 7320 from \*1710 till 2130\*. IDs are infrequent and difficult to pin down, but pattern of pips (6 on the hour when news follows; no pips otherwise) plus news theme add up to a dead giveaway. Signal is usually fair at first, then builds to a terrifying level by 2000 or so--obviously one of the boring 250 kw death-ray is being used. (Hill, MA)

SYRIA SARBS: in other news of flea-powered Arabic-speakers, Damascus has been noted on new 7430, down from (???)tba) 7425, since 12-12. Off 2329\* after anthem. (Hill, MA)

ZAIRE Voix du Zaire, 7204.8, in FR/Verns, \*0355-0415, poor to unuseable w/ ARO QRM. Possible NA by orchestra, short chant by M then caught partial ID by M: "Ici Lubumbashi... Station Nationale...." (Allen, OK 12-10)

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Next our regular report from Dr. Richard Wood in sunny and warm Hawaii (it is 2 degrees Fahrenheit as a write this . . . tba):

ALASKA: KNLS, 6170, EG gospel 0740, ex-6100 for D season. (11-20)

ANGOLA RNA Luanda, 9660, PT non-political story 1710. (11-24)

BANGLADESH RB, 9855, Bengali, film mx 1715. (11-24)

BOTSWANA RB, 7255, farmyard noises IS, cow moored, s/on in Setswana 0400. (11-21)

BRAZIL Radiobras, 9655, SP to Latin America, "Lo mejor en la musica brasilena." 0040. (11-25)

BURUNDI R. Burundi, 3300, Kirundi talks by man and woman, used some French words, 0335 over TGNA. (12-2)

CHINA Urumqi, Xinjiang, 4735, 1655 Uighur songs, instrumentals, 1705 ID: "Xinjiang Khalk Radiostantsiya," into nx, frequent mention of "Xinjiang Komunist Partiya," alternating male and female. (12-2)

15030 had a horrible mixture of RBeijing SP to LAm 0100-0155, //15180, 15200 and 17650, and CPBS 2d prgm, w/ Beijing Opera, // 11710, 17725. Reminded me of similar superimposition of two prgms on BBC 15070 and 21710 heard in the past. More than just cross modulation with one weaker in the background of the other. (12-1)

Beijing, 3270, 1700-1756 Swahili w/ news of "uhuru ya Afghanistan" (freedom of Afghanistan), mixed with Namibia. So hearing an African lang here at this hour does not necessarily mean Namibia. (11-24)

CLANDESTINE R. Vatan, 15555, Farsi attack on "regime Khomeini" and Persian pop songs 0450, 11-26. 9027, talk on Tudesh (Iranian Communist Party) 0430. (11-23)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA RPrague rarely changes frequencies but noted on new 7105, ex-7245. \*1630 in AR. (12-2)

DOMINICAN REP. R. Earth continues on R. Clarin at usual time, noted 0330 w/ Rudy Espinal's "This is Santo Domingo." 11700. (11-24)

ECUADOR Per suggestions from US DXers, HCJB has replaced poor 6140 at 0200-0500 which was QRMed by Havana EG, also to NAM, with better 6095. Noted with "American Christian Countdown" of religious pop songs 0300. (12-2)

R. Pastaza, 3315, noted with ID, commerial nx and songe requests 0335. (12-2)

CRE, 4656, had sports 0300, apparently a soccer game between "Federacion Ecuatoriana" and "la seleccion Nueva York," Ecuadorians living in New York City. Also R. Nac. Espejo, Quito, 4680, sports interviews 0235. (11-26)

GERMANY (FED. REP.) Interesting situation on 6085 at 0500: two FRG stns both w/ nx QRming each other. Bayerischer Rundfunk dominant, DW slightly under. Also 6030 Sddeutcher Rundfunk, 6030, w/ "das Wetter bis heute abend" (wx) 0505. (11-30)

GHANA GBC, 3366 //4915, EG talk on farming 0600. (11-23)

GUINEA REP. R-Guinee (no longer "La Voix de la Revolution"), unbiased FR nx 0700 until abrupt transmitter breakdown 0702. (11-21)

GUAM KTRW, 17790, caught "We've a Story to Tell the Nations" IS only at 0100\*. (12-1)

INDIA AIR Delhi, 15360, in SR \*0430-0500\*, new freq, ex-15285. (11-26)

Vividh Bharati, Madras (listed), 9525, in Hindi w/ film mx 0200. QRM de VOA SP. (11-21)

Tamil nx 0145 on 11830. (11-21)

IRAN VoIRI back on original 4990, AR slogans and revolutionary mx 1645; jammed. (11-24) New 11790 Qur'an recitations, AR ID and march 0357. QRM V of Yerevan via Soviet Far East 11790. (11-21)

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KOREA (REP.) KBS Home Service 1st Prgm, 3930, KO interview 1655, times signal and nx 1700. (12-2)

KUWAIT RK 6055 \*0230 anthem, AR ID, list of day's prgms, into AR nx. QRM from BBC in SP. (11-25) Also 0500 on 17850 and 21545 w/ fanfare and AR nx. (11-26)

LESOTHO RL, 4800, \*0300 march anthem, Sesotho ID and hymn. (11-26)

NEW ZEALAND RNZI, new name, 6105, in EG 0740 EG weather forecast for Northern Island, Southern Island and Chatham Is. (11-20)

PAKISTAN UnID home service stn on new 4790 reported in UD 173 has been IDed as R. Azad Kashmir, ex-4980, which is now clear for two Chinese stns. Rawalpindi 5010 is back. Noted in UR till 1700, then five equal time pips and M EG annrc: "Pakistan time is 10 o'clock. This is RP. The news, read by..." (12-2)

PHILIPPINES FEBC, 15450, EG nx of Philippines 0430, 11-23. 21515 EG mailbag, answering listener in Singapore, 2345. (11-24)

SEYCHELLES FEBA, 9600, \*1700 IS and into Somali. (11-23)

SOUTH AFRICA Interesting use of 90m during southern hemisphere summer by R. RSA external service; 3230 \*0300 EG to Africa // 4990, 5980. (11-26)

SWAZILAND TWR, 3240 \*0255 IS, 0300 into EG, sounded Liberian-accented, 12-1. 9725, EG \*0400. (11-21)

USSR Havana relay AR 17705 1630 on 12-2.

Baku 4957 0348 Azerbaijani talk, 0349 dead air, 0350 ID "Danishir Baku," more Azeri talk. (11-26)

VENEZUELA R. Occidente, 3225, t/c "10, 35 minutos en R. Occidente" 0335. (12-2)

PERU R. Municipal, Calca, 6242, Peruvian request mx 0320. WRTH 1984 says 0200\*.

More from Richard in upcoming editions.

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As always, it is a pleasure to print reports from Juan Carlos Codina, our correspondent in Lima. This set of reports covers activity approximately during late October and early to mid-November, with more to come in future editions.

3650.2 EL SALVADOR Radio Venceremos, Morazan, surprisingly heard here at the 0000 transmission in parallel, of course, with 6556.5. Previously heard here only at 0230 transmission. (10-30)

4125.1 PERU Radio Gran Pajatén, Celendin, Cajamarca, now here, noted after missing from its last frequency around 4096; surely they moved because of the strong interference from the distorted Brazilian unstable there. Sometimes the Peruvian reaches 20db over s9 here (in Lima), and after 10-31, moved to 4128.5 with good signal/

4170 PERU R. Gran Pajatén here from 11-3 with good signals and annmt that they would begin using "professional equipment". Don't know if they meant new transmitter or only new studio equipment. Hrd 11-3 from 0000-0330+.

4182.8 PERU R. Gran Pajatén on this freq beginning 11-8. Slogans as: "Pajatén, tu mejor compania" and now near its announced freq of 4200. Sometimes noted with mainly an LSB component, but with very little USB, although other times there is no problem. Perhaps a UTE transmitter modified for AM??? Carrier is sometimes as much as 30 db over s9. Sometimes heard the same canned ID as 18 months ago: "Radio GranPajatén, hermanando los departamentos de La Libertad, Amazonas, San Martín y Cajamarca."

5120.4 PERU Radio Mundo, Cuzco, Cuzco. Back on the air after two and a half months off. Last time they broadcast was around 8-15. Good signal, as usual, and giving the address again as Monjaspata No 701. Heard 10-28 at 2240 with Quechua prgm and very nice harp Andean mx. Some Spanish also mixed in the annmts.

5810.8 PERU Radio Acunta, Chota, Cajamarca, new freq. First heard here with amazing signal and perfect modulation 11-11 at first check 2118. Seems to be new transmitter not only because for the first time in 18 months they left the vicinity of 5800 but also because of its new power, exactly at the same level that its neighbor, Radio San Juan de Chota, has with 1 kw to antenna. They must have felt the competition and changed the transmitter. However, on next day back on 5798.9.

6205.1 GREECE Athens heard opening here in GK 11-3 at 0200. Usual IS, followed by anthem and "Edo Athina..." In the annmt mentioned "America" so this must be intended for the American continent. News followed. At 0445 check heard them on 6225 with mx. Also heard following day in EG 2330 on 6225 in parallel with 9865.

6284.9 Radiodifusora Acreana is the correct ID of this stn, and heard an ID at 10-24 at 0045. This is a product of 4884.9 + 1440. Also very faint on 3484.9. The 48 mb suprious, however, could make it to Europe and the States, I think.

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About out of space for this issue. More from "JCC," Richard Wood and Hitoshi Miyashita in our next edition. Until then stay warm and