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Despite generally miserable condx since the beginning of 1987, we're off to a pretty good start for DXtra! Tnx to reporters Sam BARTO, Bristol, CT ... Dave CLARK, Newmarket, Ont. ... Victor JAAR, Charlesbourg, Que. ... T. KELLY, Bodega Bay, CA ... Dale PARK, Honolulu, HI ... Chuck RIPPEL, Virginia Beach, VA ... Bill SPARKS, San Francisco, CA ... Ron TROTTO, St. Cloud, FL

ALGERIA: RTA -- 6160 from 2145, W in AR, then Arab mx till 2300, when clock chimes and ID. (Trotto 2/5)

BANGLADESH: RBD -- 9945 at 1615, IS of local mx on violin and tanpura, then *1630 in BG and EG. (Kelly 1/21)

BOLIVIA: R. Viloco -- 3340.1 at 1025-1045 w/ instr and vocal pieces; 1028 ID. very weak. (Barto 1/18) . . . R. Paititi -- 4682 at 2324-2347 w/ SP talks, one vocal selection, ID. Also heard this time period: Abaroa/4712.3, Movima/4472, Santa Ana/4648.3. (Barto 1/17)

BRAZIL: R. Três de Julho -- 3568.9 in PT from 2300 to 2314 w/ ID, T/C and cmntry; heavy CW QRM. (Barto 1/18) . . . Rdif Sena Madureira -- 4117.4 in PT at 2354-0011 w/ ID, vocals by male singers and some solos; weak but readable. (Barto 1/19) . . . R. Baré -- 4895 on late 1/11 at 0720 w/ LA mx, PT talk; several ads and ID over mx background at 0732. Fair/clear. (Clark)

(T) BURMA: BBS -- Likely this on 7185 w/ Oriental mx *0030, W in tonal lang past 0040; terrible sig. Used to hear this one in CA from time to time around Dec/Jan. (BH 1/27, 28)

CAMEROON: RNC, Yaoundé -- 4850 at 0630 w/ American pops, FR ID; talk till 0700*. G sigs. (Trotto 2/7)

CHAD: RNT -- Libyan jammers have dislodged N'djamena from 4920. Since 1/16, has been on 4925, 4905 (Clark, BH) and possibly 4960 at 2045 in FR; into vernac after 2200. (Jaar 2/7)

CHINA: RB -- 9900 in PT from 1940; W hosting CH classical mx; 1954 s/off anct followed by "Internationale" to 1955*. P. (Park 1/2)

CUBA: R. Rebelde -- Harmonics of MW 600 on 4200/3600 at 1000-1012 w/ ID, nx; G level. Fundamental also hrd. (Barto 1/18)

ECUADOR: Em. Gran Colombia -- 4911, rare appearance 1/22 at 1150 w/ noticias, ads, ID; strong. (Sparks)

FALKLAND IS.: FIBS -- 3958 w/ OC from 0830, then *0835 w/ rock mx, EG ancts; long silences between selections. 0900 ID and T/C for 6 o'clock, then nx; fading by 0925. This on 1/29; already on by 0830 next day. (Jaar)

FINLAND: RF -- 11935, EG from 0946 w/ ancr answering listener's letter re elections in Finland; 0955 ID. F. (Trotto 2/5)

3395.5, from 2145 w/ EG, pops. At 2155, ancr referred to returning tomorrow, played "Whenever You're in My Arms Again" and went directly into short anthem to 2200*. F on USB. (Clark 1/22)

CLANDESTINE: VO Communist Party of Iran -- 3880.6 at 0410-0430, M&W alternating cmntry in presumed FS. F sig w/ ham QRM. (Barto 1/13)

CLANDESTINE: AV da Verdade -- 4950 heard from 2030 in carrier-plus-USB mode. Low-key PT talk, many mentions of Angola; pops. At 2036, the word NEWS sent three times in Morse code, then anct for "Notícias e revistas." Off 2040 with no anthem. ID assumed. (BH 1/17)

CLANDESTINE: AV da Resistência do Galo Negro -- 4973 from 0423, evidently this one w/ either W or high-voiced M in lang harangue. At 0425, typical Af choral selection till 0427, when different ancr (definitely M) took over. Weak-fair w/ some distortion. (BH 2/3)

CLANDESTINE: R. 15 de Setiembre -- On NF of 6265 at 1245 w/ usual anti-Communist talks, some mx, SP ID; strong. (Sparks 1/25)

PIRATE: R. Clandestine -- 4859 at 0010 w/ pop vocal; 0102 anct for "your favorite bootleg station" followed by Buddy Holly's "That'll Be the Day." 0015 ID by host R. F. Burns, then into mock ads. F-G, extremely professional sound. (BH 1/15)

UNIDENTIFIED -- An Asian stn on 4797.8 noted 1/22 at 1205 w/ talk by W in tonal lang; also Oriental mx. (Sparks)

UNIDENTIFIED -- On 5199.7, stn w/ talk in Asian lang at 1350; very weak, gone by 1405 R/C. Suspect VO National Army of Democratic Kampuchea. (Clark 1/23)

Several reporters, quite sensibly, have inquired about reporting guidelines. OK, here we go:

- DXtra is intended to supplement, not compete with, Listener's Notebook and Log Report! Material for Glenn Hauser and John Henault should continue to be sent to them in observance of their deadlines. Hot tips and last-minute items too late for LN and LR are welcome for inclusion in DXtra.
- It will save me a lot of time and effort if you will cut items into strips and put your last name and the logging date at the end of each item. No special reporting forms are required.
- If you're not sure, it's presumed. If you're really not sure, it's tentative. If you're REALLY not sure, it's unidentified.
- Last-minute telephone reports are acceptable, but I strongly prefer written reports. Please use judgment and discretion. If, when phoning, you get my answering machine, just go ahead and dictate your report into the machine. Keep phone reports brief and tightly organized ahead of time, I beg of you!

73 and good DX to all,

Bob

FRENCH GUIANA: RFO Guyane -- Heard on local Sat. running till 0400* (WRTH/87 says 0300*) on 3385/5055. (Jaar)

GREECE: RS Makedonias -- New 7000 several days from 1/16 w/ folk mx from 2015, GK ID 2028; strong. Moved since then. (BH)

INDIA: AIR, Delhi -- Tentatively this on 3365 on 1/27 from 0043 w/ unison chorus, brief anct in lang, S/C vocal by W past 0048; again 2/8 w/ pips 0030, then talk. Once more 2/11 at 0210 w/ S/C singing, talk till 0219, when back to mx; began very rapid F/O coinciding w/ Delhi sunrise time. Always VP sigs, as might be expected. (BH) . . . 4860, tentatively AIR from 0028 w/ weak carrier but no audio detectable till 0032, when presumed nx in lang. Possibly EG nx 0035 to 0041*. Mostly just threshold level. (Clark 1/12)

INDONESIA: RPDT2 Ngada -- 2904.7 at 1058, local IN nx and mentions of Ngada. Weaker Indos same time on 2963 and 3000; all just about out by 1200. (Sparks 1/17) . . . (T) RRI Dili -- 3306 in IN at 1140-1153; no ID noted. Possible Indo also hrd on 3000 under ute tfc at same time. (Barto 1/19) . . . RRI Manokwari -- 3986, Indo songs and ID 1129; tough copy due powerful KR-spkr on 3985. No sign of RRI Biak on 5501 or 5451 at present. (Sparks 1/22) . . . RRI Ujung Pandang -- 4719.2, S/C-sounding instr and vocal mx 1340; also some IN talk by W. 4753, IN nx or talk 2210; at 2228, IS (not SCI) or mx bridge till W talk 2229. Weak; on way out by 2230. (Clark 1/23, 25) . . . (T) RRI Fak-Fak -- 4790.1, maybe this at 2120+ w/ mx possibly // 4753.2 till 2130 but different pgm thereafter. (Clark 1/22)

IRAN: VOIRI -- 4990, presumably home svc 1340 w/ slow Qur'an chants; F sig punching thru moderate band noise. Again 1/16 w/ chanting at 1402; weak. (Clark) . . . Noted on 6080 w/ AR ID 1955; also 9684 w/ AR ID 1645. (Jaar).

JAPAN: NSB -- 9760 from 0425, W in JP talking a blue streak, evidently describing fast-paced event of some kind. Still at it when R/C 0459, then M ID "Kochira wa ... Radio Tanpa desu ..." Weak-fair; alone on freq. (BH 1/16)

KENYA: VOK -- 4885, *0258 IS, 0300 six pips, assumed SH ancts, then into nx. Af mx 0420 R/C. P-F, w/ QRM from R. 5 on 4880 and high-side ute. (Clark 1/26)

KIRIBATI: RK -- 14802, C&W-style vocals ("Let It Be Me," "I Never Promised You a Rose Garden") from 1942, also some native vocals; ancts in presumed I-Kiribati lang. Seemed only OC after 2004. F w/ slow, deep fades. (BH 1/30)

KOREA, NORTH: RP -- 7270, 0815 M in South Korean-accented KR; talks re economy and new super-dam in No. Korea. F w/ QRM from Seoul/7275 in JP. 9930, KR talks re Taiwan 1915; F. New freq? (Park 1/6)

LIBYA: VOGAH -- New 21645 at 1300, grandfather-clock chimes, 3 pips, AR ID "Saut al watan al arabiyya kibir ..." // 15415. Strong. First time I can remember hearing Libya on 13 meters. (BH 1/17)

MADAGASCAR: RN Relay -- 9590 at 2130 w/ electric piano IS, stirring theme, W w/ IN ID "Inilah R. Nederland"; into nx. Rarely noted this hour. (Park 1/1)

MALAYSIA: RMS, Kuching (Sarawak) -- 4834.8, ML lang and Qur'an chanting from 1355; same 1405 R/C. This on 1/23; again 1/25 from 1350 w/ pops and EZL mx to 1400 pips and clear lang ID. (Clark) 4949.9, W in CH at 1347; came back 1400 to catch pips (2-3 long, then 1-2 short) and M in poss EG nx. (Clark 1/23)

MEXICO: XEQ -- 9680.4 just making it 1300 w/ LA vocals and instrs, SP ID, ads; long slow fades. (Sparks 1/25)

MONACO: TWR -- New 6265 (x-6260) in RS at 1830. (BH 1/19)

NIGER: LV du Sahel -- 3260 in FR from 2145 w/ IDs, ancts by M&W; several

flute pieces, local Af mx. Off at 2200. (Barto 1/25)

PAKISTAN: RP -- 5010, EG nx heard from 0237; " ... end of the news from Radio Pakistan" at 0245. Silence, or extremely low audio, till 0247, when familiar IS and cut off. This freq is supposed to be the PBC regional svc from Rawalpindi (sked 0045-0400), but what I heard coincides with 0230-0245 slow EG nx from the external svc (7315/11745/15115 per WRTH/87). Strange! (BH 2/11)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: R. West New Britain -- 3235 at 1313 w/ local mx, M&W ancts in PD. (Rippel 2/9) . . . R. Gulf -- 3245 at 1100 w/ ID, chimes, EG nx; 1107 "This news comes to you from Radio Gulf." Other PNG's heard on 3205, 3235, 3260, 3275, 3315, 3375 same morning; next day none were copiable. (Sparks 1/22) . . . R. Madang -- 3260 at 1314 w/ local mx, seeming PD talk. As w/ other PNG's, enhanced reception 15-45 minutes after local sunrise. (Rippel) . . . R. Milne Bay -- 3365, local mx and PD talk at 1230. (Harold Cones, VA, via Rippel) . . . R. East New Britain -- 3385 w/ W in PD, local mx. (Rippel 1/18) . . . R. New Ireland -- 3905 heard at 1239 w/ local mx. (Rippel 1/28)

PERU: R. Altura -- 3340 heard past usual 0500* on local Sats. (Jaar) . . . R. Marginal -- 4039.3 at 1055-1106 w/ SP cmntry, IDs, T/C. Altura/3339.5 also noted at this time. (Barto 1/14) . . . R. Moderna -- 4299.3 at 0330-0347 w/ M vocals, SP ID and ancts; F w/ CW QRM. (Barto 1/11) . . . (T) R. Sicuani -- 4826.1 at 1026-1039 in SP w/ mentions of Peru, cmntry, vocals. (Barto 1/18) . . . R. Madre de Dios -- 4950 from 0155 past 0200 w/ LA ballads; 0203 trumpet preceding long closing anct including ID and freq. Off 0209 after anthem. Squeezed between Latin on 4945 and Angola on 4952.4. (Clark 1/26) . . . R. del Pacífico -- 4974.8 from 0325 w/ SP chatter by M&W ancrs; R/T 0425 for closing ancts. 0431* after anthem. Constant QRM from Ecos del Torbes, which ran till 0430* instead of usual 0400*. (Clark 1/25) . . . R. Amistad -- 8515.1 at 0300-0310 in SP w/ ID followed by mx selection, talks by M ancr. G on 1/4. (Barto)

QATAR: QBS -- 9535 xing Switzerland around 2045 w/ many AR IDs. (Jaar 2/1)

ST. KITTS: R. Paradise -- 2475 (3X of MW 825) at 1052-1059 w/ EG relig pgm, ID and mention of 825, which was also heard. VG on 2475. (Barto 1/18)

SOMALIA: R. Mogadishu -- Spurs of 7200 are still heard at F level on 7173 and 7227; noted 2/11 just after 0400 w/ AR (not SM) nx. Fundamental is strong but severely QRM'd by co-channel VOA. (BH)

SOUTH AFRICA: R. RSA -- 9610 in SP at 0007; Af-accented M w/ continental nx, then into DX show w/ title that sounded like "Embricado DXiestas." Never really tried to listen to this -- always assumed it was BBC or VOA! (Park 1/2)

SWAZILAND: TWR -- 3200 at *0400 w/ IS, EG ID; F sig. (Trotto 2/5)

TAIWAN: WYFR via VOFC -- Presume this, not Florida, on 5275 at 1210 w/ CH relig pgms on 1/23. Next day, CH 1155, then Family R. ID 1200 and continued w/ choir mx and CH talk; strong. (Sparks)

(T) TANZANIA: RT -- 5050 at 1821 in SH w/ M hosting Eaf mx (often turning down volume to talk over mx); possible ID 1830. Not // 9684. P; QRN. (Park 1/5)

TOGO: RTT -- 5047 at *0530 w/ IS, FR ID; G. (Kelly 1/15, 19)

USSR: (T) Yerevan -- 4810, probably the one at 0455 w/ ME-style vocal; short RS anct before 0500 pips, then mx IS I couldn't place, and into presumed nx. (Clark 1/12)

ZIMBABWE: ZBC -- 3396 at 0405 w/ F talk, nx, ID [presumably EG]. (Trotto 2/5)