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Stop the presses! MARSHALL IS.: WSZO, Majuro, heard 3/4 on 4940 from 0920 with wx report in EG, then mx pgm hosted by different ancr in EG and island lang till 1000\*. Positive ID 0930. Powerful signal! Also heard on 1098 kHz, not as strong. (Boehnke)

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ALGERIA: RTA -- 14492, 2X of 7246 around 1740 with chanting, M & W in presumed Kabyle. Fundamental also heard thru severe ham and jamming QRM. (BH 2/21)

ANGOLA: ER de Benguela -- Now on 5041 from 5043.5. From 0545 in vernac, then PT at 0555 with several ID's. At 0600 no Luanda QSP; continued in highlife vocal instead. F. (Clark 3/3)

ANGOLA: RNA -- Reactivated 90M xmtr found on 3412v (varying 3414 to 3411) at 2159 with usual 7-note vibraphone IS, then nx in PT // 4953. Quite strong but horribly distorted. This on 3/5 and 3/7, but no trace since. (BH)

BANGLADESH: RBD -- 7505, EG from 1839 with mailing address, ID for Overseas Svc, US pop mx. // 6240 tried, unheard. (Park 2/12)

BOLIVIA: R. Abaroa -- 4712.4 at 0235 with long s/off ancts prior to 0240\* (usually near 0400\*); off after "River Kwai" theme. VG sig. (Clark 2/18)

CHINA: CPBS -- 3220, CPBS-1 at 2205 with presumed nx in CH // 4460. (BH 2/20) 4850, CPBS Taiwan-2 at \*1200 // 6790. (Sparks)

CHINA: Gansu PBS -- 4865, CH mx at 1150, then usual pips and ID 1200. Clear sig for a change. (Sparks 2/13)

CHINA: VO Jinling -- 4875, from 1155 with orch mx, then ID just before \*1200; more ID's, then 13 mins of CH talk followed by 20 mins of traditional CH mx. ID: "Jinling shi sheng guangbo dian-tai." // 7215 may start soon. (Sparks 1/30, Clark 2/23)

COMOROS: RC -- 3330.8 at 0320 with typical Eaf chanting vocals; heard poorly and briefly (using USB) thru CHU. ID presumed. (Clark 2/8)

COSTA RICA: R. Impacto -- 6140 at 0530 with EZL mx; ID 0555 and anthem to 0559\*. Strong, clear sig. (Sparks 2/13)

CYPRUS: CBC (via BBC) -- 7180 from 2210 with 14-note guitar IS; ID and s/on ancts in GK, then drama. G. (Kusalik 2/7)

DJIBOUTI: RTD -- 4780 from 0310 in Qur'an; talk at 0315 with sev mentions of Islam. At 0351 R/T, talk (maybe nx) in Somali, then traditional AR mx past 0400. (Clark 2/9)

ECUADOR: R. Centinela del Sur -- 4889.7, chimes at 1130, then ID in SP and more talk; strong. (Clark 2/17)

ECUADOR: LV del Upano -- 5040 from 0300 with poss anthem, ID and 0311\*. (Cole 2/18) At 0400 with fiesta mx; ID at 0425, s/off 0440. (Sparks 2/8)

EGYPT: RC -- Subharmonic of 9805 again heard on 4902.5 in Qur'an around 0400. F carrier but low audio; considerably stronger than 9805. (BH 3/10)

GABON: ANO -- Between 0600 and 0605, 4830 s/off, then station reappears on new 6135 past 0700 T/O. W gives EG ID from time to time. Has het QRM. (Sparks 1/30+)

GREECE: RS Makedonias -- New 9550 at 1900 with T/C and ID in GK. Can't seem to settle on a permanent freq these days. (BH 2/13)

INDIA: AIR, Lucknow -- 3205, "Song of India" IS from 0023 till 0025, when seemed S/C vocal; anct 0026, then flute mx. Followed with difficulty till 0120 fade. Seemed // 3365 (Delhi), with both sked to carry North Regional Svc. After 0100, even weaker sig on 3223 might have been Simla! Openings like this don't occur often -- watch for poor Latin sigs as a tipoff. (BH 2/21)

INDIA: AIR -- 4860, IS from 0028, presumed Hindi talk at \*0030, then EG nx 0035-0040\*. P-F thru band noise. (Clark 2/7, 2/8) New 4990 heard carrying \*0000-0045\* Tamil // 3905/7260. Decent level but co-channel QRM. (BH 2/20, 2/21)

INDONESIA: RPDT2, Ngada -- 2904 from 1520 with US pops and Indo MOR selections on 2/11; next day at 1507 with clear ID for RPD Tingkat Dua, then 1510\* after s/off ancts and mx (not "Love Ambon" but still Islands type). (Kusalik)

INDONESIA: RRI Bandung -- 3204, kroncong mx and drama/chanting at 1450-1535 T/O; no break on hour. Strong at times. (Kusalik 2/14)

INDONESIA: UnID -- 3331-33 from 1503, RRI nx // 4719; at 1512, MOR and gamelan mx till 1559, when another nx relay. Lost to noise by 1605. (Kusalik 2/7, 2/11)

(T) INDONESIA: RRI Pontianak -- Suspect this on 3345 at 1133 with chanting, then lang talk; F/O by 1155, preventing ck for "SCI" on hour. No PNG's this A.M., so unlikely R. Gulf. (Rippel 3/5)

INDONESIA: RRI Ternate -- 3355, MOR mx at 1450, then clear ID and s/off ancts 1456, flwd by "IA" to 1459\*. Strong. (Kusalik 2/8)

INDONESIA: RRI Ujung Pandang -- 4753, M&W talk at 1030, also mx interludes. Also heard with QRM on 630 kHz. (Boehnke 2/25)

INDONESIA: RRI Wamena -- 4871, Indo nx at 1100 with ID 1110 after nx; anthem by chorus/piano, then Indo lagu. (Sparks 2/8)

IRAN: VOIRI -- 4990, HS at 0410 in Farsi; G, fighting it out with R. RSA at virtually equal QSA. (Clark 2/8+)

IRAQ: BSRI -- 7180, new svc in Azeri QRK after VOA 2200\* running till 2243-2258v\*. ID seems "Danishir Baghdad, Iraq cumhuriyeti radyosu." Strong (on days when Cyprus not on) but with terrible whine on carrier. Several days since 2/10 but not now. (BH)

ISRAEL: KI -- 12085.1 at 1850, ID in unknown lang. (Kelly)

JAPAN: NHK -- 3607.5 USB, Tokyo thought to be this at 1040 with JP talk (maybe nx); no // MW freqs audible. P; RTTY QRM. (Park 1/18) 3970, Sapporo (presumed) at 1124 with traditional JP vocals, JP ancts; four pips (3 short, 1 long) at 1200\*. E. (Sparks 2/12)

KENYA: VOK -- 4885, still fair by 0424 in poss Swahili, Eaf-style chanting; P under CW QRM. (Clark 2/16)

KIRIBATI: RK -- 14802 tuned 0030, Islands mx and hymns; ancts in local lang. Quite strong, but quickly faded by 0100. Again at 1959 with s/off ancts till 2002\*; both 2/1. On 2/4, \*2355 with opening ancts, ID, variety of mx; QSP of R. Australia nx at 0100. (Kusalik)

KOREA, NO.: RP -- New 9220 in poss FR till 1950\* after familiar anthem; may replace listed 9205. (BH 2/27) 9962 at 2010 beginning 50-min EG pgm of usual dogma. (Kelly 2/8)

KOREA, NO.: UnID -- New regional on unlisted 2400 noted at 1010 in usual pgm of heated KR rhetoric flwd by military chorus // 2300 and 2850. (Sparks 2/16)

LEBANON: VO Hope -- 6280.2, AR vocals, instrs, ID 0430-0445; F. (Barto 3/1)

LEBANON: VOL -- 6548.7, 0436-0455 in AR with pops, W ancr; ID. G level. (Barto 3/1)

MADAGASCAR: RM -- 4959.3 at 0305 (just after s/on) with FR talk, then mx; down from usual 4960.4. P-F on 3287.6. (Clark 2/19)

MALAWI: MBC -- Reactivated 3381 heard since 2/17 with rapid drums from 0251, rooster crowing at 0253, then s/on ancts in presumed Chichewa. Awful QRM. (BH) EG ID at 0355 ("This is MBC") and full ID for Malawi Broadcasting Corp. at 0400. Also noted // 5995 xing others at 0402. (Clark 3/1, 3/2)

MOZAMBIQUE: EP de Sofala (Beira) -- 3280.5 from 0325 with Af mx, vernac talk; F but faded before 0400 on 2/2. Again 2/6 at 0330 with talk and rhythms to 0345 fanfare and ID in PT. Operation seems irregular, as not noted on several dates since. (Clark)

MOZAMBIQUE: RM -- The 41M outlet is now on 7243 as noted 3/10 with Af songs and PT talk around 0400. Had been on 7239. (BH)

NEW CALEDONIA: RFO -- 3355 in early at 0725 with M&W in FR, also ad jingles; F-G here and on // 7170. (Clark 2/10)

NEW ZEALAND: RNZ -- 15150 with ID at 1825; G with some QSB. (Kelly)

NIGER: ORTN -- 3260 at 0607 with FR nx; drum interlude at 0609, then further talks; powerful on // 5020. (Clark 2/16) Tentatively Niger on 7155 at 0714 with Eaf-sounding mx of vocalist, woodwind, drum; poss FR anct at 0721. Still at it past 0730 but weakening fast. Weak and battered by slop from BBC. (BH 2/26)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: R. Northern, 3345, from 1225 with local vocals, lang talk; flwd to 1400\*. (Rippel 2/20) R. Milne Bay, 3360, from 1245 in local mx with chants; bad ute QRM. Item last month should have said 3360, not 3365; sorry. (Rippel 2/19) R. Western Highlands, 3375, at 1220 in local mx; mentioned PNG in lang. (Rippel 2/19) R. East New Britain, 3385, at 1220 in lang, local mx. (Rippel 2/24) R. Eastern Highlands, 3395, at 1145-1237 with Islands mx, lang ancts by W btwn songs. (Rippel 3/4)

PERU: R. Huancavelica, 4885.3, at 0430 with huaynos; final ID at 0437 flwd by anthem, s/off. (Sparks 1/27) R. del Pacífico, 4974.8, with SP ID at 0420, then hymn theme, relig message, NA to 0428\*. (Clark 2/26) Onda Popular, 5273.8, from 0415 with Andean mx, SP intros to songs; clear ID 0457. (Clark 2/8+) In SP at 0427-0437 with Latin selections, ID; weak but clear. (Barto 3/1)

PHILIPPINES: R. Veritas -- 9710 from 1456 with EG cmntry on environment; ID, nx at 1500. (Cole 2/12)

RWANDA: RRR -- 3330, 0315+ in native mx; brief FR anct 0330 and into choral singing. Sig weakening by 0340. (Clark 2/8)

SO. AFRICA: R. Orion -- 3955 from 0220 with EG pops, ID's in EG and AK; sig peaking around 0300. (Kusalik 2/8)

TAIWAN: WYFR via VOFC -- New 4090 in CH 2220-2300\*; best around 2245. Also F on // 6565. (BH 2/20+)

TANZANIA: RT -- 5050.1, ID in SH at 0320, then native drum mx; also another day at 0400 with 6 pips, ID, nx. (Clark 2/9, 2/16)

UGANDA: RU -- 4976 still F-G at 0429 with drums/flutes; SH nx 0430. 5026 poss // but couldn't copy well enough. (Clark 2/16)

USSR: Tbilisi, Georgian SSR -- 5040 at 0359 with presumed ID not in RS; long pause, 6 pips and into nx. Still F by 0445. (Clark 2/26)

ZAIRE: R. CANDIP -- 3390.1 P-F from 0405 with FR nx, talk, local mx; still audible by 0420. // 5066.3 also F. (Clark 2/16)

ZIMBABWE: ZBC -- 3305.7 at 0320 with drums IS interspersed with vernac ID's; \*0325 anthem, short talk, mx. F thru ute. (Clark 3/1)

CLANDESTINE: AV da Resistência do Galo Negro -- 4973 from 0344 till 0425 with (PT) talks, Af rhythms on 2/3; next day \*0330 with rooster crows, ID, dance mx till 0416. Very strong. (Kusalik) 0450-0510 in lang with Af mx, ID, seemingly short nxcast; G. (Barto 3/3)

CLANDESTINE: R. Truth -- 5015 at 0405 with s/on sequence in progress consisting of drums, ID's, vernac ancts; R/T 0430 for opening of EG: "Hello, Zimbabwe, and welcome to another pgm in the EG svc of R. Truth." 0505\* left USSR in clear. (Clark 2/26) At 0428 with bird-call IS, EG ID; flwd to 0502\*. (Kusalik 2/3)

CLANDESTINE: R. Halgan -- 9590, QRK after Norway 1746½\*; Somali mx, sev ID's in SM. S/off around 1755 after drum IS. (Kusalik 2/9+)

CLANDESTINE: VO Unity/VO Liberation of Iran -- 11490 from around 1600 to varying 1625-26\* after flute IS; // badly jammed 9215. At 1630, VO Lib. of Iran comes on 11490 with IS, s/on ancts, martial mx; cuts off in mid-sentence around 1635-40. Confusing! (Kusalik 2/1 thru 14)

UNIDENTIFIED: On 3305, wailing/chanting in seeming Indo from 1539 to 1552, when ancts, short anthem/IS to 1554\*. (Kusalik 2/13) On 4778.8, seeming ME stn at 1300 with conversations in lang; ME-style vocals at 1315. Pak? Cland? (Sparks 2/15) On 4915, vernac at 0616; sounded like SH or AR done CH-style by Af-accented ancr. No other Afs heard. (Park 1/15) ((Surely Ghana rather than Kenya, where sunrise was some 2½ hours earlier. -- BH)) On 9855, 1320-1400 with ME mx, W giving poss nx. (Cole 2/19) ((Likely USSR. -- BH)) On 12034.9, chanting and seeming sitars, ID, accordion, M anct 1834\*. (Kelly) ((Wonder if Hanoi? -- BH))

Lots of goodies this month! Had to squeeze like crazy. Tnx/73, *Bal*