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This and the next several issues of DXtra will have to be produced on a primitive instrument known to ancient civilizations as a "typewriter." But hey, it still beats a goose-quill pen and a hunk of papyrus. You can help greatly by alphabetizing your reports by country whenever possible.

A tip of the editorial chapeau to this month's reporters: Sam BARTO, Bristol CT ... Fred CARLISLE, Tumwater WA (welcome, Fred) ... Dave CLARK, Newmarket, Ont. ... Rufus JORDAN, Pittsburgh PA ... Alan LAVES, Dallas TX ... Chris LOBDELL, Wilmington MA

ALASKA: KNLS -- On 11860 from *0700 with "Chariots of Fire" IS atop BBC, then ID in RS by W: "Radiostantsiya Kah-En-El-Es ... Anchor Point, Alyaska." More IS, IDs; at 0704 into "Amerikanskiy Zhurnal." (Laves 7/29)

BANGLADESH: RBD -- On 17710 from 1235 with EG nx and cmntry; at 1242 ID and S/C vocal interlude to 1245, then further talks. Moved here from 17870, but weak and watery sig with severe 17715 QRM. Per Hauser, 19M // is now 15195 (x-15250), but I didn't check. (Clark 7/30)

BURMA: Burmese Army Stn -- On 6570 from 1238 in tonal lang with SEAs mx to 1330*; no ID heard. Weak; badly QRM'd by Pyongyang/6576; poor overall. (Carlisle 7/16)

CANADA: CKFX -- On 6080 around 0730 with "Nightshift" pgm of pops, dedications by lively W. At 0733 sports scores, extensive local and regional wx. Solid for mighty 10 w. till R. Australia OC at 0737. (Clark 7/24)

COLOMBIA: LV del Rio Arauca -- On 4895 from 0248 with SP monolog, RCN promos; at 0301 full ID and into NA. (Laves 8/1) From 0342 with ID, promo, canned jingles, T/C, freq, QTH; heard till 0407*. (Jordan 7/27) ... R. Macarena -- On 5975 at 0614 with sad ballads, SP T/Cs and IDs. (Laves 7/26) ... LV de la Selva -- On 6170 from 0935 with nice ballads; at 0940 promo ID: "LV de la Selva es música, noticias, deportes ..." and CARACOL plugs. (Laves 7/31)

ECUADOR: Ecos del Oriente -- On 3269.9 from 0120 with vocals, SP ID at 0127; mention of Ecuador and Lago Agrio several times around 0130. Weak. (Barto 7/24) Sistema Emisora Atalaya -- On 4760a at 1059 with slow, deliberate SP ID and into boring monolog. (Laves 8/7)

GUATEMALA: R. Chortis -- On 3380 at 0130 with talk in Indian lang, then SP ID; continued with marimba and ranchera mx. (Lobdell 7/14) AWR -- On 5981a from 1245 with SP relig talk, mx; at 1316 ID "R. Adventista Mundial Latino America." QRM from what turned out to be XEUJ. (Laves 7/17) 3X on 17944.8 at 0340-0400 in relig instrumentals. Much better than fundamental. (Barto 7/21)

ICELAND: ISBS -- On 15659 at 1851-1930* with M&W in presumed Icelandic; 7-bell

time sig at 1900. Several mentions of Reykjavík. (Carlisle 7/31, Jordan 7/30)
From 1937 with mx (IS?), then clear ID by W: "Útvarp Reykjavík." At 1930* same
date, had tentative ID on this freq plus 13770. (Laves 8/7)

INDIA: AIR -- On 7410 from 1322 with S/C mx, W in presumed Baluchi per WRTH.
Partial ID heard just before 1330*. (Carlisle 7/31) On 15120 at 1235 ending
EG nx; short pause, then nx in presumed HD. (Clark 7/30)

INDONESIA: (T) RRI Ternate -- On 3345 from 1054 with W in IN monolog; at 1058
RRI ID (missed local ID if any), piano IS (not "SCI"), 2+1 long pips, W with nx.
"SCI" heard at 1158 recheck. SIO 252 at peak. (Laves 8/8) ... RRI Jambi -- On
4927 from 2259 with unfamiliar IS, then "SCI"; when returned 2310, IN talk by M
followed by orch mx, W talk and more orch. This on 8/2; far better on 8/9 from
2312 with unmistakable audio of Jakarta relay; at 2314 seductive-sounding W and
segued elevator-type mx past 2325. Sig peaked around 2310; virtually out by
2330. (BH) ... RRI Ujung Pandang -- On 9551.7 from 0750 with pops, W in IN;
definite RRI ID at 0758, then off before "LA" or any other detectable closing.
Substantially ruined after 0754 thanks to WYFR IS. My 1st log of this after
nothing but weak OCs on several tries. (Clark 7/21)

IRAQ: RB -- On 15230 from 2002 with EG to Eu; nx at 2005. (Lobdell 7/10)

MALAYSIA: (T) RTM -- On 9635 from 1255 with pops; at 1258 instrumental inter-
lude to 1300, when six pips and W with apparent ID in CH followed by nx.
Mostly poor; seemed co-channel sig (Beijing?) after 1300. (Clark 7/21) VOM
-- On 15295 from 0958 with EZL mx, ID and ancts in ML by W, then pops till
1024*; IS from 1025 and back on at 1030 in CH. This on 7/18; heard again 7/31
from 1215 with instrumentals; at 1228 W closing in CH, and OC off promptly at
1230 without IS or anthem. (Clark)

MEXICO: XEUJ -- On 5979a from 1317 ending canned pgm; couple IDs, then into
canned relig pgm with Indiana QTH. At 1349 end of pgm, ID "Esta es (radio)
internacional XEUJ, 5980 kHz, México ..." (Laves 8/7) R. Univ. de San Luis
Potosí (XEXQ) -- On 6045 from 1258 with (XE?) NA; into "Pomp and Circumstance"
(?) and soft-voiced W ID: "XEX(Q?), R. Universidad (pause) ... kilociclos onda
larga, desde San ..." Continued with seeming pgm sked for day, then clas mx.
(Laves 8/7) ... La Hora Exacta -- On 9555 from 1241 with T/Cs and IDs every
minute by M&W; some ads between TCs. From 1259 heavily QRM'd by co-ch Pyong-
yang. (Carlisle 8/3) ... R. Educación -- On 12370 (2X of 6185) at 0511-0525
with romantic XE ballads, SP IDs. Poor on 12370; good on 6185. (Carlisle 8/3)

MONGOLIA: UBR -- On 12015 from 0915 with EG nx till 0920, then cmntry; typical
classical Oriental vocal at 0932. ID and short anthem 0940-0941*. At 0949
back on again in presumed MG. (Clark 7/18)

NEW ZEALAND: RNZI -- On 6100 from 0952 with bird-call IS; at 1000 EG ID and
into national nx. YVTO QRM; held up past 1020. (Lobdell 8/4) On 12044.9 //
15150 from 0339 with IS, ID, s/on, pgm sked, ancts, vocals. (Barto 7/21)

PERU: R. Inca -- On 4238.4 from 0035 with mx pgm; at 0050 ID. Weak but clear,
with no ute this night. (Barto 7/26) ... R. Wuaira -- On 4700.1 from 0112 with
mostly group vocals, some ancts; at 0118 ID. (Barto 7/24) ... R. Atahualpa --
On 4821a from 0853 with rustic local mx; at 0857 rooster, then full ID with
QTH. (Laves 7/31) ... R. Tacna -- On 9486 with mostly OA pops, some campesino
mx, not much talk. This from 0340; finally at 0459 an ID. Poor with slop de
9480 (Tirana?). (Carlisle 7/24)

QATAR: QBS -- On new 17875 from 1535 with several speakers from various Arab-world countries; many refs to Arafat and "Lubnan" plus occasional fervent vows of "Allah-u akbar" ("God is great"). At 1706 finally ID before nx theme and nx. Off at 1710; reappeared on 11821 at 1718. (BH 7/23)

(T) SEYCHELLES: FEBA -- On 17820 at 0530 with ID as "English Svc of ___ Radio"; into nx. Followed with taped report, credited to DW, re cold nuclear fusion. At 0544 "Middle East Focus"; at 0559 relig talk. At 0629 one bar of IS, then pulled plug. FEBA EG svc to ME listed 06-07 Fridays only. (Laves 7/29)

SRI LANKA: SLBC -- On 11835 at *1037 with EG anct "Welcome to Sri Lanka," then catchy theme song with same title. (Clark) On 15120 from 1044 with audio up for fanfare, pips, T/C, nx in EG // 11835. Listed // 17850 blocked by France. (Clark 7/18) On 15425 from 0050 (after DW/Malta s/off) with pops, w in EG. ID for SLBC at 0059, then pips, ID for All Asia Svc. (Clark 7/18) DW Relay -- On 17810 from 0258 with IS and IDs in ME lang (Pashto). Site presumed per recently ancd test sked. (Clark 8/2)

VANUATU: RV -- On 7259.8 from 0830 with clear ID by W, then pgm of devotional singing, with song titles given in both EG and Bislama. Best level ever--wonder if 10 kw being used here? (Clark 7/31)

VENEZUELA: R. Los Andes 1040 -- On 6011a from 1008 with YV NA, then into mud. This on 7/31; on 8/3 from 1030 with ID, prices in ads (bolívares), mentions of Merida. Followed with ranchera mx and ballads. (Laves)

YEMEN PDR: DYBS -- On 7190 from 0441 in AR talk, possibly nx of Iran and Iraq; at 0459 W with ID as per WRTH, then more presumed nx. Fair overall till began to fade by 0515; also distorted audio. (Carlisle 7/27)

UNIDENTIFIED: Probably VL8T, Tennant Creek, Australia, with fair carrier level but no audio till pulled plug at 0729 as sked for switch to 120M. Fairly solid audio from Brisbane/4920 and SLES/5020 at same time. Has anyone in NAM had a definite log for the Northern Territories Svc on any of the three 60M channels? (Clark 7/21) ((Ooops, freq is 4910, sri. -- BH))

73/DX and stay cool,

Bob