

These reporters helped to start the new year right: Rowland ARCHER, Raleigh NC ... Chuck BOEHNKE, Keaau HI ... Rich D'ANGELO, Wyomissing PA ... Rev. John ECKERT, Collegetown PA ... Terry KELLY, Rodega Bay CA ... Steve LEITE, Fall River MA ... Andy LESKOWITZ, Leominster MA ... Chuck RIPPEL, Virginia Beach VA.

ALGERIA: RTA -- On 9510 [9509] from 1910 with EG nx, IDs; rock show from 1930 covered by Bucharest. (Leite 12/29)

ANGOLA: ER do Lobito -- On 7171.8 with generic RNA ID 0503, then hilife mx // 4952.3. If this is really 1 kw, their antenna is pointed right at me! (Archer 12/25) [Addendum to Andy Leskowitz's item in Dec. DXtra: Overseas sources say the 4820 Angolan may indeed be Huila.--BH]

ARGENTINA: R. Rivadavia -- On 4588 from 2240 in SSB with ads, IDs ('Desde Buenos Aires, República Argentina, transmite LS5, R. Rivadavia, en 630 kHz'); 'off-to-the-races' fanfares and phone-in reports from excited M (maybe he won, hi). (Archer 12/26)

BOTSWANA: RB -- On 3356 from 0357 with fabulous barnyard IS to *0400 'Good morning to you, this is Gaborone'; always better on // 4820. (Leskowitz 12/11)

BURMA: Burmese Army Stn -- On 6570 at 1130 with SEAs mx in lang; very weak/fluttery but no QRM. BBS same time on 4725. (Leskowitz 12/6) [Let's say ID assumed.--BH]

CAMEROON: RC, Yaoundé -- On 4850 at 2102-2121 with EG nx, ID 'This nx is brought to you in the Nat'l Svc of RC'; SIO 343 here, P on // 5010. (D'Angelo 12/13)

CHINA: CPBS -- (T) 1st net on 11100 at 0151 with W, CH mx; other unID CH stns at this time on 11040, 11330, 11445, 11505. (Leskowitz 12/16) 2nd net on 5163 at 1110 with nice CH mx, talk; other CPBS at same time on 5075, 5125, 5145. (Leskowitz 12/6) (T) 2nd net on 9020 at 2340 with beautiful local CH mx; fluttery and weak here and // 11040. Also 9064 and 9080 with different pgms. (Leskowitz 12/15).

CHINA: Heilongjiang-1 PBS -- Re Chuck Rippel's inquiry about QSL info: I taped 4840 at 1200 and sent it to R. Beijing. They said it was Heilongjiang PBS, originating in Harbin. Now how do I get Lhasa/4035? (Eckert) [Tnx for the info, John. Just to complicate matters, what I hear on 4840 at 1200 is not Heilongjiang but VO Strait! The ID, 'Haixia zhi sheng guangbo diantai,' is clear. As for Lhasa, check around 0000-0100 during exceptional condx.--BH]

CHINA: Hubei PBS -- On 3940, assumed this from 2152 with traditional CH dramatic fare; at 2200 usual '5+1' pips, brief anct, theme, talk. F at T/I but deteriorating by 2200. (BH 1/2)

CHINA: UnID -- On 3280, U/L PRC stn from 1128 with CH ballads,

comments by M and W alternating. At 1200 the sixth pip was not an octave but a fifth higher; ID '[4 syllables] quangbo diantai' didn't sound like CPBS or VO Strait. (BH 1/3)

COSTA RICA: R. Impacto -- Has moved to 5030 (x-6150). Noted various AMs and PMs with death-ray sig; 6150 still on but very weak. (D'Angelo 12/15+, Leskowitz 12/17, Archer 12/20)

GALAPAGOS IS.--LVG -- On 4810.3 at 0200* after 'Amazing Grace,' ID 'HCVG8, Radiodifusora La Voz de los Galápagos,' and into next day's sked, followed by NA. Finally enough for report after many hours spent on this mess of a freq. (Archer 1/4)

(T) GREENLAND: GR -- On 3999 from 0957 with celeste IS; at 1000 few words by W, then M to brief mx at 1007. Quiet band but audio too low for ID; nil heard since. (Archer 12/31)

GUATEMALA: R. Buenas Nuevas -- On 4800 from 1132 with many IDs; big het from R. Popular. QRMd and overtaken by AIR by 1220! (Archer 1/2)

INDIA -- AIR, Bhopal, on 3315 during spectacular 90M opening to S/C on 1/3 eve (1/2 EST). At 0131 M in Indian lang, then M&W duet with sitars, tablas, tampuras, etc. At 0144 lively banter by M&W in seeming ads or PSAs. Signal F at T/I; starting to weaken by 0145 (near sunrise there) but still traceable after 0200. ID assumed--gladly! (BH) AIR, Hyderabad, from 1220 in presumed Hindi to 1230, when pips, W with EG, into nx; clear 'Akashvani Hyderabad' at 1235 and more talk. (Archer 1/2) AIR, Delhi, on new 6155 (x-6160) atop several other stns at *1230 in Tibetan; F here, F-G on // 7255. (BH 1/3) AIR, Delhi, on 9910 at 0104 with [EG] nx, cmntry on India's world role. (Kelly 12/3)

INDONESIA -- RRI Bukittinggi, 3232, from 2258 with M in IN; at 2300 several reps of 'SCI,' then nil audible till mx at 2305. Soon lost to noise. When in, never holds up more than about 5 mins! (BH 12/29) RRI Ujung Pandang, 4753, from 2122 with gamelan mx; paking 2138, gone by 2155. (Leskowitz 12/19) Same on 12/30 at 2159 with 'SCI,' warta berita; on 4719.2 on 1/3. (Archer) Same on 4753.34 from 2130 with IN mx, short talks with mention of Sulawesi at 2145; at 2159 'SCI' and full ID. (Rippel 12/27) RRI Fak2, 4791, from 2105 with variety of lagu2 (some with C&W flavor); ancts between each selection by pleasant-voiced W. Sig peaked at amazing level by 2117, then weakened rapidly and was almost gone by 2125 (sunrise there). ID assumed. (BH 1/1)

IRAN: IRIB -- On 4990, HS from 0226 in Farsi with vocals; at 0230 three bells or chimes, orch fanfare, ID, then M&W nx till 0240. (D'Angelo 12/22) From 0246 with Qur'an, Farsi ancts; co-ch battle with Yerevan, then RSA *0256 blew 'em both out of the water. Het from Ancash didn't help matters. (Leskowitz 12/7)

JAPAN: JOZ, R. Tanpa -- On 3925 from 2138 with lush E/L orch mx (just the ticket when you're gearing up for the new day). At 2143 JP anct may have included 'R. Tanpa'; followed with several voices chattering till 2150 T/O. (BH 1/2)

KOREA, NO.: RP -- On 15115 at *0048 with NA, then EG with lots of usual rhetoric. (Kelly)

LAOS: RNL, Savannakhet -- On 7383.6 at 1150 with 'Thini ... Lao' ID; 7 giant-bell gongs at 1200, short ID and talk in Lao. Held till 1225. (Rippel 12/29, Archer 12/30)

LESOTHO: RL -- On 4800 from 2136 with EG pgm from church in Phila. till 2200*; SIO 252. (D'Angelo 12/20)

LIBERIA: ELBC -- Heard on new 3993 since 12/31 from around 2200 with highlife mx, EG talk. On 1/2, s/off anct: 'And with that meditation, we come to the end of our day's [?broadcast?]. Until [?5:30?] the same time on 630 kHz in the medium-wave band and 6.090 MHz ... 49-meter band ...' Followed with Liberian NA till 2401*. Tough copy through DW/3995 slop, co-ch ute, ham QRM. Seems to have carrier and both sidebands, so doubt LRCN relay. (BH)

MADAGASCAR: RM -- On 4957 from 0226 with rock, Malagasy talk; 'R. Madagasikara ity' ID by W at 0230, then hilife mx till 0305 F/O. Intermittent QRM here; // 3287 staticky but better. (Leskowitz 1/4)

MARSHALL IS.: WSZO -- For the last several days this has been silent on 4940, instead using 6070 right up to 1000*. Still // MW 1098 kHz, also audible here. (Boehnke 12/21)

MOZAMBIQUE RM, Maputo, on 3210 from 0320 with Af mx, PT talk; very weak. (Leskowitz 12/7) Same on 3210.5 from 0302 with nx with Af-city datelines, jazzy pops; fading by 0328. Better than // 4865.7. (T) RM, Beira, on 3280 from 0331 with PT nx, many mentions of Maputo; at 0334 T/C for 5:34 AM. Fading fast; gone by 0345. (Leskowitz 1/3)

NEPAL: RN -- Super opening on 1/3 eve (1/2 EST) yielded a solid hour of Kathmandu on 3230 beginning at 0023 T/I. Variety of S/C vocal and instr selections; ancts by M in presumed Nepali. Astounding level by 0108, although speech audio noticeably low. At 0115 three pips, then a longer one higher in pitch; clear 'Yo R. Nepal ho' ID and into presumed nx. Began to weaken around 0120 and faded below QRM by 0130. Noted again next AM at 1215 with the same pips; F but weaker. (BH)

NIGERIA -- FRCN, Lagos, on 3326 from 0432 with IS of drums and low-pitched stringed instr till 0433, when EG ID, NA, MW/SW/FM freqs. (Leskowitz 12/11). FRCN, Kaduna, on 4770 from 0440 with Bible lecture in EG. (Leskowitz 12/11)

OMAN: RO -- On 9735 at 1859 with 4x4 Big Ben chimes, clock striking 11, 'Masqat' ID and into AR talk with lots of 'umaniyyas.' At 1930 radio drama. Site is Thumrait per '88 PWR. (Archer 12/30)

PERU -- R. Altura, 3339, at *1001 with NA, ID, s/on ancts, ads, cows [supplementing income from R. Botswana IS gig?--BH], IS, TC; into OA mx. At 1027 ad string, encore by cows, ID. (D'Angelo 12/18) R. Quillabamba, 5025, from *1033 with NA, ID, s/on ancts; at 1043 covered by Rebelde OC. (D'Angelo 12/18) R. Los Andes, 5030, from 1021 with ID, vocals; at 1030 covered by Impacto OC. (D'Angelo 12/22) R. Onda

Popular, 5283.1, from 0315 with 'R. Onda Popular ... Bambamarca' IDs; at 0330 clock-tower bells, huaynos. (Archer 1/3)

SOMALIA: RM -- On 7199.8v from *0258 with NA, talk in maybe SM, Qur'an till 0305, when nx; many '... dimukratiya somaliyya' IDs. No VOA tonight. (Archer 12/23)

SWAZILAND: TWR -- On 3200 from 0304 with relig pgm in SH; Af choral mx, many 'jambos' (greetings) and talk (Leskowitz 12/9). On 3240 from 0322 with relig pgm in PD-sounding lang; gave mail address of PO box in Harare, Zimbabwe. Full ID 0330 and into choral mx. (Leskowitz 1/3)

USA: KUSW, Salt Lake City -- 12/24 (1st day on air) on 15225 from 1805 with rock, IDs as 'Super Power KUSW, the move west to the world.' UTC time checks, ads, requests for reports; SIO 343. Moved to 17715 at 1900. Ancd sked: 18-19 on 15225, 19-22 on 17715, 22-24 on 15580, 00-03 on 11680, 03-06 on 9755. (D'Angelo) ['The move west to the world'? Egregious adspk that makes less sense with every reading! As for the station itself, it's just what DXers need: another US monster devouring the bands.--BH]

USSR -- Yakutsk, 4800, heard after Lesotho 2200*; 'moskovskoye vremya' T/C at 2201, then RS nx. VP. (BH 12/28) UnID on 4875 since 1/1 around 2000-2200 with Mayak. Eu site, obviously not listed Kazakh SSR. (BH) Magadan, 9600, from 0140 with RS folk mx, ballads; M host. // 9530 as per WRTH. (Leskowitz 12/15)

VENEZUELA: R. Mara -- On 3274 at *0958 with NA, ID, s/on ancts; at 1020 ID, ads, feature by Banco de Maracaibo. (D'Angelo 12/24)

YEMEN PDR: R. Sana'a -- On 4853 from 0344 with ME flutes and strings, AR talk. Now regular most eves from *0300 past 0415. (Leskowitz 1/3)

ZAIRE: R. CANDIP -- On 5066 at 0358 with FR ID; at 0401 into SH or dialect. At 0416 fast tribal mx; 'CANDIP' mentioned at 0430. Ute QRM heavy by 0500. (Archer 1/3).

ZAMBIA: RZ -- On 4910 from 0347 with fish-eagle IS; *0349 vernac ID, choral hymns, pgm sked, freqs. At 0355 EG T/C for 5:55 AM. Pips 0400, then headlines, hilife mx. (Leskowitz 1/3)

ZIMBABWE: ZBC -- On 3306 from 0335 with rock, talk in EG and vernac. No formal ID heard, but makes sense propagationally. (Leskowitz 12/11)

UNIDENTIFIED -- On 3265 from 2207 with seeming prepared (vice extemporaneous) talk by M; at 2223 mx bridge, then 2nd M. No hope of ascertaining lang. Strong co-ch ute made QRM hopeless, though stn might have gone off at 2255. Not heard since. (BH 12/31) On 3910 at 1058 with exotic percussion instrs till 1101, when W made brief anct and stn went off; weak on poor Asian AM. In 11/86, I heard a VT-speaker on 3910v (3910-12) several days to 1100*, but it was never IDed. Same stn? (BH 1/1)

Excellent showing this month! Keep it up, gang. 73/DX,

Bob