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ANTARCTICA: *R. Nac. Arcangel San Gabriel* — On 15474 from 0025 with Spanish pops and ID; after 0030 either faded or s/off. (Eckman 10/24)

AUSTRALIA: *R. Australia* — On 15320 dual 17795 at 2215-2300 with [English] news and commentary; better on 15320. (Terrence 10/25)

BOLIVIA: *R. Santa Cruz* — On 6134.8 at 0935-1000 with simple IDs and mentions of Santa Cruz, La Paz, "Instituto Nacional de [??] Asociación." Also played neat Andean music. (Archer)

BRAZIL: *R. Alvorada* — On 4965 from 0912 with Brazilian pops, IDs. Sometimes they run from 0900 till 0940a fadeout with no ID. (Archer 10/30)

CAMEROON: *R. Buea* — On 3970, presumed this at 2145 with African vocals, woman in heavily accented English; at 2148 into highlife music. (BH 10/30)

CANADA: *CKZU* — On 6160 from 0719 in English with CBC program of mostly bluegrass music and DJ chatter. Fair through open carrier of CKZN, which s/on 0725 with big signal. (Clark)

CHILE: *R. Santa Maria* — On 6030 around 0930 various times late Oct.; man and woman talking. VOA carrier on 6035 comes on at 0950. If not Chile, who? (Field)

DENMARK: *Danmarks R.* — After Prague 1725*, readable on 15165 with English ID, Danish news and feature. Excellent signal; not on 11890 as per PWBR/89. (Eckman 10/22)

DOMINICAN REP.: *R. Amanecer* — On 6025 at 1200-1206 with IDs; mixing with woman in Chinese (Malaysia?). Omitted from PWBR/89. (Archer 10/30)

GREENLAND: *Grønlands R.* — On 3999 from 2238 with accordion music; still audible past 2300 with long talk in presumed Greenlandic. At tune-in, surprisingly good signal and completely in clear. (Clark 10/22)

HONG KONG: *RTV Hong Kong* — On 7290 from *1100

with new "boat people" service to educate Vietnamese on new HK immigration policy. Opened with the same distinctive horn fanfare heard at close of Yacht Race weather broadcast. Into Vietnamese talk, then English ID after another fanfare at 1111; at 1108 "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head." Weak at start; stronger at 1140 recheck. (Archer 11/6) [Neat! First I've heard about all this.—BH]

INDIA: *All India Radio* — On 11620 from 2145 [in English] with news, commentary, local music to 2230*. (Terrence 10/25) On 17785 from 0359 with IS, s/on and Middle East music dual 15360. (Clark 10/22)

INDONESIA: *RRI Manado* — On 3215.1 from 1202 with Jakarta news; at 1206 ID amid news, then anthem. Didn't close at scheduled 1220. (Clark 10/30) ... *RRI Ambon* — Presumed this on 3241.5 from 1211 with three segued English-lyrics ballads; no ID, and dual 4845.2 blocked. Best ever here. (Clark 10/30) ... *RRI Dili* — On 3306.1 from 1155 with talk, vocal, possibly local ID; at 1159:30 brief "SCI" and Jakarta news by woman till 1209. Off when rechecked a minute later. Seems now regularly carrying 1200 Jakarta news, when dual 4753.3. (Clark 10/30) ... (T) *RRI Pontianak* — On 3395.1 at 1229 with EZL music; at 1230 brief IS on chimes or gong, then announcements. Very poor. (Clark 10/30) ... *RRI Manokwari* — On 3986.2 at 1230-1247 in Indonesian with beautiful islands music, clear ID. Very strong over hams; best signal I've ever heard from this. (Barto 10/30) ... *RRI Serui* — On 4607.4 from 1150 with Indonesian pop vocals, chatter; at 1203 joined Jakarta news in progress. (Clark 10/23) ... *RRI Fak2* — On 4789.7 from 1244 with pop vocal; at 1245 generic RRI ID, then Jakarta relay parallel 4753.3/4774.6/5500.9. (Clark 10/30) ... *RRI Ambon* — On 4845.2 from 1129 with local ID, closing announcements; off abruptly without "Love Ambon" or other closing theme. (Clark 10/11) ... *RRI Wamena* — On 4871 from 1110 with regional news, including mentions of several towns in Irian Jaya. This on 10/15; again on 10/22 from 1250 with talk in local dialect and religious-sounding vocal past 1300. Perhaps a special program, as they normally close down at 1215. (Clark) From 1145 with pops, Indonesian announcements; at 1200 ID. Biak/5500.8 and Sibolga/5256.4 also good this AM. (Barto 10/30) ... *UnID* — On 4902.7 from 1208 with Jakarta news to 1214, then music. Fundamental or 2X of 2451? (Clark 10/15) ... *RRI Biak* — On 5500.9 from 1235 with beautiful ballad; at 1238 into a selection with English lyrics. At 1245 rejoined Jakarta. (Clark 10/30) ... *RRI Jakarta* — On 7269.8 from 0955 with chimes IS, few bars of anthem-like music, s/on announcements, fanfare, ID, news at 1000. (Clark 10/23)

ITALY: *RAI, Caltanissetta (Sicily)* -- [Presumably on 7175] at 0500 with 5+1 pips, then news in Italian. (Eckman)

(T) **LAOS:** *Lao National R., Savannakhet* — On 7383.6 at

1212-1232 with orchestral music, talks by man and woman. Look for UTC+7 time "pips" on a bell that sounds like it's the size of a small house. (Archer 11/6)

MALTA: V. of the Mediterranean — On 9765 Mon.-Fri. at 0600-0700 in English; also on 11925 at 1400-1500 in English, 1500-1600 in Arabic, then into Greek. (Eckman)

MONGOLIA: Ulan Bator R. — (T) On 7262 from 0918 with Asian vocals, man in presumed Mongolian, then operatic vocal. At 0928 brief announcement, pause, Moscow IS—though relay not scheduled for this time. (Clark 10/23) On 9615.2 from 1428 with IS till *1430 with woman in Chinese, then classical music. Poor with splash from 9610; Moscow dominant on dual 12015. (Clark 10/29)

NEPAL: R. Nepal — On 5005 from 1212 with talks by man and woman; at 1215 fanfare preceding 3+1 pips, orchestral theme, woman with presumed news. (Clark 10/9)

NEW ZEALAND: R. New Zealand Int'l — This is the first country to celebrate the new year! They'll ring it in at 1100 on 12/31. A good frequency to check: 9850. (Fronczak) This freq noted daily around 1000 in English; reception OK when no QRM. (Stark)

PERU: R. Inca — On 4238 from 0936 with *folklorica* music, promos bracketed by "Off to the Races" fanfare. Nice to find a station that shouts ID nice and clear instead of mumbling into an echo box. (Archer 10/29) [Answering your question, Rowland, I believe it's called "Post Time."—BH] ... **R. Lircay** — On 5059 from 0150 with pop vocals (no *folklorica*), lots of ads or promos; at 0234 almost sure ID. Definite Peru anthem before 0308*. (Archer 10/29)

SCOTLAND: Weekend Music R. — On 15044.6 at 2000-2020 in English promising QSLs for accurate reception reports; also some DX tips. ID "This is a special test transmission from Weekend Music R." Also mentioned 6317; nil heard there at that time, but English heard extremely weakly on 10/30 at 0900-1010. Thanks to tip from Bares. (Barto 10/29) Same here; thanks Jerry Berg phone call. (BH)

SEYCHELLES: BBC Indian Ocean Relay — On 15420 at 0048-0512 with English sports program, interview re economy. (Jordan 10/8) Also on 17885 at *0500-0515 with orchestral fanfare, world news. (Jordan 10/8)

SOMALIA: R. Mogadishu — [Presumably on 7200] at *0259 with anthem; at 0300 ID, then solo chant. (Field 10/18)

SRI LANKA: SLBC — On 15425 from 0330 with woman: "It's 9 o'clock" and ID; into religious program. Still audible under Perth at 0400 recheck. (Clark 10/31) ... **TWR** — On 11920 from *1200 with theme, English ID with frequency, Bible study program past 1225. (Jordan 10/25)

SUDAN: National Unity R. — On 9435 from 1408 in presumed Arabic with exhortations, many mentions of Sudan;

at 1418 man in halting English: "Ladies and gentlemen ... Sudanese people ... struggle to win freedom ... on Radio for National Unity ... this program to enlighten you on the [??] political crisis in the country, in the south and the Sudan." At 1422 back to Arabic. (Archer 10/29)

THAILAND: R. Thailand — On 9655 from 1140 with bland EZL music, English comments by bored-sounding announcer; canned English IDs at 1145 and 1200. Modulation of music OK, of speech poor. (Archer 11/2)

USSR: Vladivostok — Per TBS/88, my Oct. DXtra unID on 4810 is this one in Japanese. May have replaced 4825 for this transmission. (BH) ... **Dushanbé** — On 4975 from 0038 with Middle Eastern vocal duet; somewhat stronger than dual 4635, which is supposed to carry a different program. (BH 11/8) ... **Tallinn II** — On 5925 from 2100 with 12 chimes, USSR anthem, chime IS, trumpet fanfare thrice; at 2105 s/o in language. At 2203 off after choral USSR anthem. (Archer 11/1)

UAE: VOVAE, Abu Dhabi — On new 9600 at 0243 with ID after Qur'an. Bad co-channel QRM. (BH 10/13)

VENEZUELA: R. Nacional — On 9540.6 from *1059 with IS on piano-like instrument, s/on ID; into talk about Pound and Dostoevsky. At 1106 "Esta es R. Nacional de Venezuela ... para América Latina, el Caribe ... y el mundo. Transmitimos en la frecuencia de 9540 kHz, banda de 31 metros, 11695 y 11850, banda de 25 metros, y la frecuencia de 5020 kHz, banda de 60 metros. ... Los horarios: 7-8 de la mañana, hora local de Venezuela, 11-12 Hora Universal Coordinada." Rest of schedule: 14-15, 18-19, 21-22, 24-01, 03-04. (Archer 10/30)

CLANDESTINE: R. Venceremos — On 3745v at 0310-0328* with fiery Spanish speech, lively guitar music, numbers list; switched to 3754 at 0322. (Jordan 10/10)

INTERNATIONAL WATERS: R. Caroline — On 6215v from 0404 past 0500 with pop and rock music, jingle IDs, promos; gave address as Box 3416, Corona CA 91719 and may have repeated same in Spanish. (Jordan 11/2)

UNIDENTIFIED — On 4910.2 from 1134 with lagu-/subcontinental-sounding pops interspersed with announcements by soft-voiced female. This on 11/3 and 11/4; on 11/7 more Western-sounding singers. At 1200 woman and man alternating to 1210 or 1215. Moves slightly each day, varying between 4910.2 and 4910.4, but is stable during each reception. (Archer) ... On 8735, Arabic from 0415; at 0500 twelve or 13 chimes, then Middle East music. Heard well 10/16 and other days. (Field) [Very likely another spurious emission from Cairo.—BH]

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