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**ANGOLA: Em. Provincial de Benguela** — On 5040.3, assumed this one around 2120 with Caribbean-sounding and European pop vocals, talk in vernacular (probably Umbundo per WRTH). At 2159 maybe local ID, then *R. Nacional* ID in Portuguese and RNA IS several times; at 2200 six pips and into relay of news from Luanda dual 4953.2. Very weak; readable only in USB because of big carrier on 5040. Extremely faint BFO note on 6152.1 might also have been Lobito. (*BH 1/14*)

**CHINA: R. Beijing** — On 3909.6 from 2250 peaking nicely with woman in presumed Vietnamese; past 2300 with no break. At 2302 man joined in. Fair at best with ham QRM. (*Clark 1/15*) ... **Hubei PBS** — On 3940 from 2240 with [Chinese] talk by woman; peaked at 2250 and faded rapidly at 2255. Fair; ham QRM. (*Clark 1/15*)

**GERMANY, WEST: RFE** — On 3970 from 2153 in Slavic language; ID by woman and into classical music bridge till 2200. (*Lobdell*)

**HAITI: 4VEH** — On 4930 from 1210 with marimba music; at 1215 chime IS, ID in French, then fade. Threshold level. (*Lobdell 1/17*)

**INDONESIA: RRI Bandung** — On 3204.4 from 2220 in Jakarta relay; at 2228 RRI ID and played two or three notes of "anthem" but then thought better of it. Relay continued past 2230 with no local ID; out by 2240. Not much better than poor at 2230 peak. (*Clark 1/22*) ... **RRI Jakarta** — On 3276.8 from 2220 with talk; at 2228 RRI ID and more talk; rapid fade after 2230. Easily separable in LSB from usual high-side ute. (*Clark 1/22*) ... **RRI Padang** — On 4002.7 from 2258 ending *lagu*; followed with distinctive local IS on flute-like instrument, then short announcement and into "SCI." Jakarta relay from 2300. (*Clark 1/22*) ... **RRI Sorong** — On 4874.6 from 2135 with perhaps local news by woman; at 2140 brief music bridge and continued with talk till 2145 fade. Nice to hear this infrequent afternoon visitor for first time this season. (*Clark 1/22*) ... **RRI Nabire** — On 5055.4, presumed this one from 1259 with "SCI" poking above band noise—otherwise threshold with bits of audio still

there at 1302, so may not always switch to 6127.5 at 1300. Very weak. (*Clark 1/29*) ... **V. of Indonesia** — On 11788 from 1857 ending Spanish with ID, frequencies and schedule, all spoken over "Love Ambon"; at 1901 into German. Strong carrier but terribly distorted audio. Seemed weakly dual on 15149.3. (*Clark 1/29*)

**IRELAND: R. Dublin** — On 6909.6 from 0245 with usual rock/pop music. At 0300 news by woman; at 0305 "R. Dublin, Ireland" ID and back to music. Also heard something that could have been a "101 FM" ID. Wonder if they're licensed now or bucking the new law against unlicensed stations. (*Archer 1/22*)

**JAPAN: NHK, Tokyo** — On 3607.5 at 1245 with EZL Japanese vocals and talks by man and woman; weak but clear in USB. (*Clark 1/29*)

**LESOTHO: BBC Relay** — On 3255 at 0331 with news of Africa and into network Africa program; fair. (*Lobdell*)

**MADAGASCAR: R. Madagasikara** — On 5010.5 from 0250 with talk in vernacular, then brief lively instrumental (signature tune?), short announcement by woman, more instrumental. At 0258 clear ID by man and into music past 0305. Very strong; dual 3287.6 also audible but chewed up by ute carriers. (*Clark 1/18*)

**MALAYSIA: RTM Sarawak, Miri** — On 3385 from 2158 with bits of anthem at s/on; definitely parallel 4950 and 5030 but thereafter unreadable through local noise. Still hopeful of a more solid afternoon log, as PNG and/or RRI Kupang cover this channel in mornings. (*Clark 1/10*) ... **RTM Sarawak, Sibiu** — On 5005 from 2215 with EZL music and chatter by woman in presumed Iban. At 2230 clear ID after IS on gamelan-sounding instrument. Strong at tune-in; finally starting to weaken by 2235. Best-ever log of this one. (*Clark 1/15*)

**MEXICO: La "U" de Veracruz** — On 6020 from 1204 with ads in Spanish, lots of pop piano music and movie themes; at 1230 ID with harm music. Nice level daily. (*Lobdell*) ... **R. Educación** — On 6185.2 at 1210 with

parade music (emphasis on tubas); Spanish. (*Terrence 1/17*) [What was basis for ID?—BH]

**NEPAL:** *R. Nepal* — On 3230 at 1235 with local music and talk by woman in presumed Nepali. Fair in absence of usual ute; better than 5005, which is unusual. (*Clark 1/29*) On 5005 from 1203 with excellent subcontinental vocals; at 1215 pips (3+1), ID in presumed Nepali and into flute music. Best level this year. (*Archer 1/21*)

**PERU:** *R. Oyón* — On 3450.2 at 1009-1050 with nice *folklorica* music (program name seemed "*Mensaje Musical*") and many IDs, some of them of the echo ("*Oyón-yón-yón*") variety. (*Archer 1/21*) ... *R. Onda Azul* — On 4800.7 from 1017 with mostly nonstop vocals; ID at 1029. Weakening after 1045. (*Archer 1/28*) ... *R. Cutervo* — On 6691.2, presumed this at 0020 with Latin music, mostly pops and *rancheras*. Poor during generally good opening to Peru. (*Leskowitz 1/23*) On 6691 at 0130 with musical program, ID after every selection. (*Field 1/28*) ... *R. Satélite* — On 6726.4, presumed this with mostly ballads and pops; heavy QRN. (*Leskowitz 1/23*) On 6727 at 0230-0300\* with Peruvian music. (*Field 1/29*) ... (T) *R. Universo* — On 6815.8 from 0015 with *rancheras*, *pasillos*, string of seeming *comunicados*; at 0036 heard "*Radio*" and maybe "*Universo*." Listed in PWBR as running 40 watts from a town called Pandalle, which I can't find in my atlas. Any help? (*Leskowitz 1/23*) ... *UnID* — On 6895 from 0014 with program of flute or similar music to 0200, when off after NA. Also reported by Tony Jones in Jan. *Frendx*. (*Field 1/14*)

**ROMANIA:** *R. Bucharest* — On 21550 at 1315-1356\* in English with commentaries, mailbag, folk and Western

music; very good. Not listed in WRTH/89. (*Jordan 2/3*)

**SAIPAN:** *KFBS* — On 9465 from 1557 in Russian; ID at 1700 [*sic*]. Still audible past 1800. (*Lobdell 1/20*)

**SINGAPORE:** *SBC (R. 1)* — On 5052 from 2210 in English ending apparent ad or promo, then into pop music with several selections discernible; still audible by 2230. One of best-ever afternoon signal levels, but unfortunately wedged between two overlapping ute carriers. (*Clark 1/15*)

**SUDAN:** *National Unity R.* — *UnID* on 9435 from 1430 with music of Mideast/North Africa variety; at 1450 into English with news, POB, mention of "English Service" or "Indian Service" or both. Off at 1500. Have heard NUR here at this time but not in English. (*Field 1/28*) [Other sources have reported NUR in English.—BH]

(T) **VIETNAM:** *V. of Vietnam* — On 12018v from 1315 with anthem, possible ID by woman; into news in French with mentions of regional areas. Careful: Moscow also in French on 12020 same time. (*Jordan 1/24*)

**YEMEN ARAB REP.:** *R. Sana'a* — On 9778v from \*0300 with fiery polemics in Arabic; IDs, long talks, traditional vocals and instrumentals past 0500. Off air at 0422-0430. (*Jordan 1/10*)

**UNIDENTIFIED:** On 5680, Latin at 1118-1200 with slick format of *noticias*, alternating male and female announcers, jingles, pips on the hour. Pretty sure I caught mention of Cuba. MW harmonic? (*Archer 1/28*)

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