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NEW MEMBER: George Dillon of Gibsonia PA. **RENEWALS:** Larry Fussell
 of Brewton AL, Paul Kotke of St Paul MN, Steve Ratzlaff of East Palo
 Alto CA, Steve Mittman of Seal Beach CA, Dick Nelson of Simi Valley
 CA, Carl DeWhitt of Ponca City OK, David McCord of Redmond WA, Nick
 Hall-Patch of Victoria BC Canada, David Hogg of Houston TX, Robert
 Fischer of Fairbanks AK. Welcome To George and Thank You All Very Much

SPECIAL TEST: A completely portable radio station will be conducting
 some special program tests for five consecutive days, 24 hours a day
 some time after January 15th, 1996. The station will be running 5kw on
 1670 kHz from Fort Meade MD with the call KTRK. They want DX reports
 from all over the country and beyond. The mailing address for reports
 is: ABS, Room 340, 601 N Fairfax St, Alexandria VA 22314 attention :
 Dave Browne. They will announce a phone number over the air if you
 wish to call. The station is in a truck with its antenna which can be
 raised to 125 feet. This information from Ernest Cooper. Thanks Ernest

IRCA T-Shirts and Hats: Frank Aden Jr still has 3 large T-shirts and 8
 IRCA baseball caps left from the '95 IRCA convention and he would like
 to sell them. T-shirts go for \$9.00 and Hats go for \$7.00 plus a \$1.00
 postage for each item. Get in touch with Frank at 4096 Marcia Place in
 Boise ID 83704. Frank maybe you can sell them to the people that get
 the '97 IRCA convention. Good Luck.

DX TEST BULLETIN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1996 - WANM-1070, P.O. BOX 14369, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32317-4369 WILL CONDUCT A
 DX TEST BETWEEN 3:00 & 3:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S. POWER WILL BE 10
 KILOWATTS USING A NONDIRECTIONAL ANTENNA PATTERN. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. JOHN
 MATTHEWS - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1996 - KLTC-1460, P.O. BOX 1478, DICKINSON, ND 58602-1478 WILL CONDUCT A DX
 TEST BETWEEN 2:30 & 3:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S & VOICE IDIS. RECEPTION
 REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: SENATOR RAY DAVID - OWNER & GENERAL MANAGER. (ARRANGED BY J.D.
 STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1996 - KGYN-1210, P.O. BOX 130, GUYMON, OK 73942 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST
 BETWEEN 3:00 & 4:00 AM EST. POWER WILL BE 10,000 WATTS. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S.
 RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. TERRY MILLER - PROGRAM DIRECTOR. (ARRANGED BY J.D.
 STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1996 - KYUK-640, POUCH 348, BETHEL, AK 99559 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST
 BETWEEN 4:00 & 4:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE POLKAS, MARCH MUSIC, AND "ID'S EVERY 5
 MINUTES" (NO WORD ON WHETHER OR NOT THESE WILL BE CODE ID'S). POWER WILL BE 10,000 WATTS.
 RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. JOE SEIBERT - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY THE NATIONAL
 RADIO CLUB CPC)

DX WORLDWIDE II

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Greetings. The low sunspot seems to be producing some good DX reception in parts of the world. An Aussie DXer recently heard Spain long path on 1485, and DXers in southern England have been hearing stuff like KOTA-1380 which haven't been heard in those parts in 30 years. Meanwhile, on this continent, Don Moman had some wild receptions of Europeans during his local afternoon. A number of TPs have also been putting in better than average signals in southern BC and the Northwest as well.

There have been a number of recent receptions of a religious station above 1600 (generally about 1630) which, last I heard, remains unidentified. There has been speculation about it being located in the Caribbean, and possible IDs as Caribbean Christian Radio. Others think it being a spur from a domestic. If anyone pins it down, let the rest of us know.

Now for the news that's fit to print, plus maybe some that isn't:

TRANS PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA: An off air anmt on 3LO-774 on 10/28 said the AM stereo capability would be permanently removed due to technical problems. 7RPH-864 has its own pgm 0000-1300, the rest of the day they relay BBC WS DXC] The SMA recently released licenses in the 1602-1701 range. GB radio has purchased freqs for Melbourne 1620, Sydney 1611, and Albury Wodonga 1611 with initial powers of 400 watts. 2AM Sydney with 400 watts was due on in Mid-November. Programs will be tourist info & Australian music, mainly cw. (It seems odd to have 2 Sydney stns 9kHz apart. bp) [NZDXT] An unid Aussie is being heard on 1620 by DU DXers w/news format similar to the ABC news channel [DXC]

CHINA: Beijing English domestic service is relayed as follows: Tianjin-801 1300-1500, Nanjing-585 1400-1500, Guangzhou-603 1300-1400, Xian-603 1300-1400, Zibo-801 1300-1500, Hangzhou-1071 0900-1200, Weifang-801 1300-1500, Qingdao 1-846 100-1200 1300-1500, Zhuhai-603

1300-1700, plus other on FM only or at times when propagation won't reach N America [DXC]

MALDIVES: The local MW outlet is on 1449, ex 1458 [DXC]

MONGOLIA: R Ulan Bator uses 990 for foreign service as follows: Chinese to East Asia 1050-1120 //12085,9960, to Asia 1330-1400 //9950,7350. In Mongolian to East Asia 1020-1050 //12085,9960, to Siberia 1250-1320 //9950,7350 [Alexander Ageenkov, via Internet]

NEW ZEALAND: Dunedin has a new AM on 1125 which relays 98FM Classic Hits [DXC] The BBC WorldService Auckland relay on 990 came on as planned in early October but had some technical problems, including off freq operation on 989.7. Programming will include 2 minutes of advertising per hour, with a specially built "black box" that will record and condense an hour long BBC broadcast into 58 minutes [NZDXT]

PHILIPPINES: DWAD-774 Quezon noted w/ID, this call is listed on 1098 from another location [Arctic] DZYR San Fernando-La Union noted on 1360.57 in Sweden [Arctic]

Unid Philippino AM station identifying as "DWAR" heard on 891.11 was hrd by a DXer in Finland This station is not listed in the WRTH. [Mika Makelainen, via Internet]

RUSSIA: Radio "A" in Khabarovsk planned to move from 1413 to 621 on 10/20; 621 was recently vacated by govt radio [Arctic]

SRI LANKA: Deutsche Welle has closed its relay on 1548/SW due to civil unrest [various sources]

VANUATU: Vila now operates 1900-2100 & 0600-1115 on 3945, 2100-0600 on 4960 [DXC]

VIETNAM: There are two radio stations in Ho Chi Minh city: one is the regional branch of the state, Radio Voice of Vietnam, which as headquarters in Hanoi. The other is the Voice of the People of Ho Chi Minh City BCing Stn and is run by the Ho Chi Minh peoples committee. R Voice of Vietnam BCs on 2 MW & one FM freq. The stn used to BC on SW, but the service was discontinued in 1981. As for the VOTPOHMC BCing Stn, it

was thought to BC on only one MW freq, but actually BCs on 2 freqs. The stn now has a 15 min bulletin in EE twice a day in the morning and evening. The bulletin consists of info related to Ho Chi Minh City and economic news. This is because of the increase in the number of foreign visitors. Vietnam's policy of renovation has resulted in major development in various fields including BCing. Commercials have become a regular part of the pgmng on both stns. A 5-15 min commercial slot is BC several times a day on both. Most of the commercials. Most of the comm's are for foreign firms that have entered the Vietnamese market. [from a member of the Japan BCL Federation, via NHK DX, via NZDXT]

LATIN AMERICA

BOLIVIA: SBA Super Broadcasting Alborada operates 1000-0200 on 1445 in Santa Cruz. CP152 EIMundo Radiodifusión operates 1030-0330 on 1475 in Cochabamba [Arctic]

COLOMBIA: HJCI-970 ex HJCH, R Panamericana 1000 ex R Cultural in Cajibío. HJGX-1030 now 10kw 1030-0600. Voz de la Paz ex Ondas del Bobali ex 1400, 5kw in Barranjabermeja, slogan La Canonera de AM. HJUW-1300 ex 1500. HJEG-1430 now 5/1.5. HJFL-1460 is 2.5/2kw. HJYD-1490 R La Paz Caracol, now 15kw, 1000-0300, slogan La Frecuencia Cultural de Boyaca. HJD24-1510 now 7.5/5 kw. HJA22-1570 LV de San Luis, ex 1510. [Arctic]

CUBA: R Portada de la Libertad, Niquero, Holguín is new on 1350, pwr prob about 1kw [Arctic]

DOMINICAN REP: HIJX-680 is 3kw, HICN-1120 now 10kw, HIRP-1370 now 5kw [Arctic]

HONDURAS: HRGK-1190 now 1kw 1000-0300, HRSI-1210 R Impacto ex 1200 [Arctic]

MÉXICO: XEFU-630 now 10/.75kw, XEBBB-1040 R Mujer is 10/1kw, XERED-1110 now 24 hr w/50/25kw, XEJTF Prisma Musical now 2.5kw, XEFS-1400 R Matamoros 1kw, XECCC-1440 R Sportiva now 5/1kw, XECH-1490 1kw.

American address for XEPRS-1090: PO Box 5413, Chula Vista, CA 91912 [Arctic]

PERÚ: OAX7F-1395 R Ayaviri "LV de Melgar", currently off the air but will start tests soon, currently FM 101.5 [Arctic] OAX41 R Santa Rosa, Lima is being heard on 1498 w/relig pgms [NZDXT]

PUERTO RICO: WQBS-870 CP for 10/10 kw U3 cancelled [Arctic]

ST VINCENT: R St Vincent hrd "mostly" on 700 kHz (listed on 705) by a German DXer visiting in September [Arctic]

VENEZUELA: When reporting YV stations, IRCs are not a good idea, since they can only be re-deemed at the central post office in state capitals. Venezuelan mint stamps or dollar bills are better ideas [Arctic]

TRANS ATLANTIC

ANGOLA: Add M'banza Kongo-1111.8, Sumbe's actual freq is 1115, Menongue listed 1152 last hrd on 1215, delete Benguela-1197, Add Luanda 1367, Luanchimo last heard on 1435.4 [Play DX]

CZECHIA: Radio Free Europe began operation on 1287 on 10/1 [Arctic]

GERMANY: R Ropalinfo is back on LW-2610400-2100 [Arctic]

EGYPT: A new high powered Egyptian is being heard on 1359 as far away as Australia [Internet]

ICELAND: RUV's new powerful LW xr will be located at Gufuskálar, a few km west of Hellissandur in western Iceland. Power will be 300kw ND on either 207 or 180 kHz, the tower will be an existing 400meter tower at a closed NATO navigation (LORAN) station. The earliest possible date for opening will be late 1996. Once it opens, Reykjavik-207 will be closed, but the Eidar stn on 207 will remain on the air. The Reykjavik xr has been using 50 kw since 1991 due to antenna problems [Arctic]

ISLE OF MAN: A study is under way for an international service on 225 aimed at a 25-40 year age market. Application has been sent to the UK authorities and Marconi have come up with the antenna/transmitter design [NZDXT]

KENYA: The opposition party says it wants to do a deal with the former Radio Caroline to start off-shore BCing because the Kenya BC Corp only broadcasts the gov't position [NZDXT] Changes to WRTH listings: add KBC Garissa 567/639 50kw, Kitale 882 50kw, Malingi 927 100kw, Nyeri 1017 20kw, Malindi 1044 100kw, Marial-1107/100kw, Kitale 1134 50kw, Kitale 1152 50kw, Marsabit-1233 50kw, Wajir-1305 50kw. Garissa-720, Mombasa-792, Nakuru-918, Malinda-1026, Mombasa-1080, Nakuru-1206, Garissa-1224 & 1314, Marial-1359 & Kitale-1494 prob not on those freqs. KBC Nairobi is actually on 747 [Arctic]

LESOTHO: Maseru-891 is off the air [Arctic]

LITHUANIA: Vilnius-1557 is silent [Arctic]

MOZAMBIQUE: Maputo is now on 738, Lichinga steady on 782, Beira is on 935. Maputo-918 and Quelimane are reported officially off the air [Arctic]

NETHERLANDS: Hit Radio 1224 has boosted power on its shipboard xr from 25 to 50kW, and a 20 kw xr has been installed in Rotterdam on 828. The stn is also getting a new outlet on 1035 in SE Holland [Arctic] RVN has made a temporary agreement with R Albania not to use this freq at sunrise/sunset until RVN has found another suitable freq [Arctic]

POLAND: The National Radio/TV Council has decided to build a new BCing tower in Konstany-now near Gabin. It will be completed in Sept 1997.[Arctic]

SAUDI ARABIA: Damman-765 1000kw has been replaced with Khamasin 20kw & Qurayyat 10kw [Arctic]

SLOVAKIA: The BBC was set to start operation on 1521 in late summer, relaying BBC WS & Slovak services. [Arctic]

SOUTH AFRICA: Corrections to WRTH: 657 is Bloemendal 50kw, 684/783/801/810/1116/1314 (listed in back of WRTH) were phased on 10 years ago, Hellenic R 828 ex R Metro, Sibasa-1233 does not exist [Arctic]

UNITED KINGDOM: Viva!-963 has not reached its projected target audience since its launch 7/3. It won only 1/3 of its expected audience of 500,000 in its first 2 months of BCing. Critics say the station, which was supposed to symbolize the growing power of women, is failing because women do not want to listen to it. The station has said that editorial changes were inevitable adding "we realized it would take time to find the right Viva! I don't think any of us thought it would be easy. I think the listeners want a lot more which is comfortable, rather than campaigning, and the campaigning should not be too heated." In contrast the other London station which commenced recently, Premier 1305/1332/1413 has reached an audience of 3% of the capital's audience and numbers 250,000. The station has attracted advertising from car dealers and estate agents eager to promote themselves on Britain's first Christian radio station because they hope that listeners will assume they are honest and trustworthy. The station has become a pioneers in "ethical advertising". Four out of five advertisers are new to radio. The station has eschewed the American model of Christian BCing (30 minute doses of sermons or religious music) and has

80% talk & 20% music, using the format of chat, news, and phone-ins favored by British radio. [London Sunday Times, via Arctic]

ZIMBABWE: All MW xrs were phased out many years ago (still listed in back of WRTH) [Arctic]

A SAMOAN RADIO JOURNEY

From David Ricquish, via New Zealand DX Times

We turned a corner on the Cross Island Road, and there sat a stumpy little radio tower, almost hidden in the misty rain. High in the hills behind Apia, the Afimalu Pass is the location used by 2AP for many years. As Alan Roycroft, even today still remembered in Samoa as the founder of radio in the islands, once said "the engineers were fed with kava before putting the transmitter at Afiamalu". The signal was lacking in lift outside Apia. No longer used, the mast looms lonely, surrounded by sodden fields of high grass and tropical ferns and approached along a muddy track.

In the distance is another tower, this one used to beam Magik 98 FM across northern Upolu. From the FM building in Savalalo, a block back from the waterfront in downtown Apia, "The Real Music Station" is "voted number one in town". We took the 4QD Toyota through copra plantations and along the beautiful East Coast road listening to American country music. At night, programs originate from a second studio up at Afiamalu. The owner can broadcast from home, it's less stressful.

Meanwhile, down at the Mulinuu Peninsula, there's a ramshackle old building down by the Apia Yacht Club. People sit on fences and cluster around cars parked in the shade of a tin roof. Welcome to 2AP "The Voice of Samoa". There's a great view right across Apia Harbor to the town. If you open the windows, you get the sound of surf breaking on the seawall. Fishing nets are strung out through tidal channels nearby. The heat beats down and even the palm trees seem to wilt.

The main transmitter is just across the road, and a very tall tower, heavily guyed, sits farther back, not far from the Old Parliament House. At night, it stands like a thin pencil when viewed from the front bar of Aggie Greys Hotel across the water. Three red warning lights blink in the darkness as the 747 AM signal reaches across Polynesia.

In the morning, Channel 1 broadcasts alone on 540 AM. A mixture of Samoan and English. The main news comes from Radio New Zealand in

Wellington. The sponsor is Air New Zealand. The weather forecast is for a fine day with 28 degrees and showers later in the day. The music ranges from Samoan stars (local recording studios churn out cassettes that sell down at the new marketplace) through Hawaiian ballads to middle-of-the-road American songs of the 70s and 80s. During daytime, there are school broadcasts to the isolated Tokelau group to the north.

In the early evening, Channel 2 on 747 AM is switched on. The programs are usually in English, including transcription programs from the BBC, modern rock music and news from Radio Australia. The signal splashes right across 650 to 850 but they do switch the whole transmitter down several hours later. The other choice in town is FM 106, which features Christian music and Bible readings. Even though the island is covered in churches, no one seemed to know anything much about the station. It's been on the air since late 1994 and apparently funded by a local businessman who owns liquor and duty free stores. It's not even listed in the brand new telephone directory which came out in May.

Midnight is the time to catch the perfect station ID. Over in American Samoa, WVUV tells you they broadcast from the village of Vailoa on the island of Tutuila, on 648 AM with a maximum authorized power of 10,000 watts as licensed by the FCC in Washington, DC. They actually say even more than that, play a jingle and the American Samoan National Song. The signal is steady but not great 100 km away in Apia, and the morning DJ invites listeners to call the talkback line but reminds them they're on radio and should avoid using rude words. There are lots of PSAs about the effectiveness of using radio advertising. There are not many ads. The sound is of no particular format, with Samoan love songs mixing with heavy metal. The DJ obviously writes his own playlist.

Back down at the 2AP studios, a satellite dish is partly hidden by the palm trees. Welcome to Televisé Samoa. That building, their one man crew was down at the big fale (or island style building) of the Western Samoa Visitor's Bureau interviewing the young kids who just got back from the fire dance champs in Honolulu. The reporter checks the details before recording her links. It's part of the local programming on this Television New Zealand offshoot. Church choirs seem to feature, as well as movies and single episodes from various series such as the X Files, Murder She Wrote, and other stimulating fare. At least it's better than KVZK Channel 4 from Pago Pago, which features old American soaps and

comedies, along with Hawaiian commercials for products you can't buy locally and shows you can't attend. But television is popular in Samoa. At the Polynesian Airlines check-in counter in Auckland, several families were hauling TV sets onto the scales, and TV aerials are sprouting from thatched fale rooftops in villages everywhere. The Director of Televisé Samoa (and former Director of 2AP) complains to me that the standards of grammar and pronunciation are not what he remembers from a decade ago.

After 2AP closes down, the locals like to tune their radios for some music. The most popular station seems to be KQMQ Honolulu. There are some other strong signals around, especially KAIM Honolulu on 870 and KCCN "Station Aloha" on 1420. In fact, a mid-morning bandscan reveals most Hawaiian stations at varying strengths. The other reliable signal is RFO in Papeete which relays France Inter from Paris through the night.

Earlier in the evening, Tonga 1017 provides an alternative program at a good level, and Radio Cook Islands on 630 AM is steady but not very strong shortly after sundown. Some of the Fijian stations are stronger than others, mainly 891 and 1476. There is definitely an outlet on 1152 (as best I could calculate) and it is the best of all the Fijian stations. Also regular are mainland US stations from the west coast, in particular KNX Los Angeles 1070 AM which remains at listenable level for about 10 hours through the night.

Some practical data for DX: 2AP Samoan Broadcasting Service Offices are on Mulinuu Road, Mulinuu, Apia. Telephone (685) 21420. Magik 98 is operated by Radio Polynesia Limited, PO Box 762, Apia, or FM Building, Savalolo, Apia. Telephone (685) 25148 or 25149. Fax (685) 25147. Western Samoa Television Corporation, Mulinuu Road, Mulinuu, Apia. Telephone (685) 24790. Fax (685) 21072. FM 106, no details available.

Credits etc.

I enjoyed reading the account of the October DXpedition in Newfoundland. It amazes me how many countries can be heard there. Thirty countries would be an outstanding west coast Beverage expedition, compared to 90-100 back there.

That does it for another edition. Sources this time include Arctic DX Club (Arctic), DXers Calling (DXC) (formerly DX Australia), New Zealand DX Times (NZDXT), and other sources as noted. 73 and good DX to all in the new year.

DX WORLDWIDE EAST

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Report from: Mark Connelly - WA1ION

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(Connelly-MA) = Billerica, MA <home> (GC = 71.22 W / 42.54 N)

Receiver used: JRC NRD-525

Antenna systems: two 37 m slopers (east, west) to proto-MWDX-7 phasing unit with 50 m horizontal loop as floating ground for noise reduction via transformers; MWT-3 regenerative preselector

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(Connelly*RI) = Newport, RI (GC = 71.31 W / 41.49 N)

Receiver used: Sony ICF-2010 with Gerry Thomas filter mod.

Antenna: homebrew loop amplifier with Quantum head

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TIMES: UTC/GMT

* TRANS-ATLANTIC DX *

- 567 IRELAND, Radio 1, Tullamore, DEC 11 0629-0632 - big open carrier, then Irish harp interval signal at sign-on, 6 pips at 0630 were followed by EE talk by man; good signal. (Connelly-MA)
- 585 SPAIN, RNE1, Madrid & other, NOV 30 0348 - SS talk & music; good w/ WBNW phased. + DEC 11 0624 - SS talk // 621; huge. (Connelly-MA)
- 603 SPAIN / unID, DEC 31 0004 - SS talk mixed w/ music station; both poor. (Connelly-MA)
- 612 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aioun, DEC 31 0003 - AA vocal; slightly o/ several others. (Connelly-MA)
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS (// SPAIN), RNE1 synchros, NOV 30 0343 - woman in SS; fair to good. + DEC 11 0622 - good w/ SS talk. + DEC 31 0002 - news by man in SS; loud. (Connelly-MA)
- 639 SPAIN, RNE1, La Coruna et al., DEC 13 2317 - bits of SS talk; poor. + DEC 31 0001 - SS talk // 738, mixed w/ second station (Czech ?); heavily slopped. (Connelly-MA)
- 711 unID (MOROCCO or LIBYA), DEC 30 2358 - AA male chant; good. No parallels noted. (Connelly-MA)
- 738 SPAIN, RNE1, Barcelona, DEC 13 2316 - SS talk by man; poor to fair o/ other, in CHCM/WJIB/CBL slop. + DEC 30 2357 - mellow pop music // 639 et al.; fair to good. (Connelly-MA)
- 747 NETHERLANDS, Radio 1, Flevoland, NOV 29 0353 - tropical jazz, followed by man in Dutch; good. + DEC 30 2356 - Tony Bennett vocal; very good, way o/ SS station. (Connelly-MA)
- 756 SPAIN / GERMANY, DEC 13 2312 - Spain w/ woman in SS, good - mostly o/ the German (who had string music, GG talk). (Connelly-MA)
- 756 GERMANY, Braunschweig/Ravensburg, DEC 30 2355 - man in GG; good, alone on channel. (Connelly-MA)
- 765 SWITZERLAND, R. Suisse Romande, Sottens, NOV 30 0416 - 2 women speaking in FF; very good. (Connelly-MA)
- 774 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, NOV 30 0418 - fair w/ man in SS. (Connelly-MA)
- 774 unID / SPAIN, DEC 30 2352 - AA-sounding chant (Egypt or Morocco ?) temporarily rolled o/ Spain. SS talk was atop most of the time, though. (Connelly-MA)
- 783 SYRIA, Tartus, DEC 13 2308 - AA violins mixed w/ others; poor in CFDR slop. (Connelly-MA)
- 819 EGYPT (t), DEC 13 2305 - woman in AA o/ 2 others. The possible parallel on 12050 was not audible. Morocco is less likely than Egypt at this time; they do better at 0600 UTC.

- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, COPE synchros, NOV 29 0032; good w/ fast SS talk. (Connelly-MA)
- 837 SPAIN-CANARY ISLANDS / unID, DEC 30 2350 - SS vocal was o/ unID talk station that sounded EE (so probably UK). (Connelly-MA)
- 855 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, NOV 29 0030 - SS talk by man; good w/ WEEI phased. (Connelly-MA)
- 864 EGYPT, Holy Koran Program, Santah, NOV 29 0029 - Koran chant by man; fair to good. (Connelly-MA)
- 864 FRANCE, R. Bleue, Paris, DEC 11 0608 - female FF operatic vocal // 945, 1206; to good peaks. (Connelly-MA)
- 873 GERMANY, AFN, Frankfurt, DEC 30 2348 - US football game was coming in w/ a signal that blew me out of the chair! Way o/ Spain and stronger than adjacent WLAM-870. Seldom has this been received as well here. (Connelly-MA)
- 873 SPAIN, SER, Zaragoza, DEC 13 2256 - SS talk by woman; good o/ unID music station. + DEC 30 2348 - woman in SS; u/ Germany. (Connelly-MA)
- 882 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC R. Wales / R. 4, Washford et al., DEC 11 0618 - EE news by man; atop Canaries SS talk. (Connelly-MA)
- 882 CANARY ISLANDS / UNITED KINGDOM, DEC 30 2347 - excited SS talk (sports); atop sedate EE talk. (Connelly-MA)
- 891 ALGERIA, Algiers, DEC 6 0538 - pop AA vocal w/ compressed-sounding audio; huge signal, obliterating 890 stuff. + DEC 11 0620 - speech or recitation in AA; excellent. + DEC 30 2346 - AA talk, flute music; good. (Connelly-MA)
- 909 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC Radio 5 synchros, NOV 30 0420 - EE talk about Bosnia; fair. + DEC 30 2344 - EE talk by man & woman, sports mentions; fair w/ some CHRL/WABI slop. (Connelly-MA)
- 918 SPAIN, R. Intercontinental, Madrid, DEC 11 0614 - fast SS talk by woman, getting by CJCH/WHJJ. (Connelly-MA)
- 927 BELGIUM / TURKEY (t), DEC 13 2221 - apparent FF talk o/ Islamic-sounding music; lots of slop from the 930 crowd (CJYQ/CFBC/WZNN). (Connelly-MA)
- 945 FRANCE, R. Bleue, Toulouse, DEC 11 0608 - female FF operatic vocal, then man in FF, // 864, 1206; fair to good. + DEC 13 2220 - foreign service w/ SS talk; good. (Connelly-MA)
- 954 SPAIN, R. Espana, Madrid, DEC 7 0432 - SS talk by several announcers; loud. (Connelly-MA)
- 954 unID (maybe QATAR?), DEC 30 2341 - brief bit of AA (not Turkish) music, then co-channel QRM and slop from WROL-950 / CHNS-960 buried it. (Connelly-MA)
- 981 ALGERIA, Algiers, DEC 6 0535 - AA strings, drums, vocals; as strong as the 980 mess at times. (Connelly-MA)
- 999 SPAIN, COPE, Madrid, DEC 7 0510 - fast SS talk, pushing by CKBW & WMVP. + DEC 30 2339 - SS talk by man; good. (Connelly-MA)
- 1008 unID, DEC 30 2338 - tone-tester (maybe Holland?) o/ others. (Connelly-MA)
- 1017 GERMANY / TURKEY, DEC 30 2337 - GG talk & light music mixed w/ Turkish music; tough WBZ-1030 slop at times. (Connelly-MA)
- 1044 MOROCCO, R. Medi Un, Sebaa-Aioun, DEC 30 2335 - group AA a cappella vocal; loud, way o/ Spain. (Connelly-MA)
- 1044 MOROCCO / SPAIN, DEC 13 2219 - AA music o/u SS talk. (Connelly-MA)
- 1044 SPAIN, SER, San Sebastian et al., DEC 30 2336 - SS newstalk audible at times during quieter segments of audio on stronger Morocco. (Connelly-MA)
- 1053 UNITED KINGDOM, TalkRadio synchros, NOV 30 0427 - man & woman w/ EE teletalk show // 1089; fair. + DEC 11 0605 - news in EE by woman, // 1089; poor o/ Spain. + DEC 29 2124 - EE telephone interview mixed w/ Spain & others. (Connelly-MA)
- 1062 DENMARK, Danmarks R., Kalundborg, DEC 6 0525 - Like a local! Danish talk, possibly sports scores, then a telephone interview. + DEC 11 0603 - man & woman in Danish; good to excellent. + DEC 29 2123 - light instrumental music; fair. (Connelly-MA)
- 1089 UNITED KINGDOM, TalkRadio synchros, NOV 30 0427 - man & woman w/ EE teletalk show // 1053; fair. + DEC 11 0600 - teletalk, then news by woman; fair. + DEC 30 2210 - good (o/ other); man & woman w/ EE teletalk and trivia quiz about rock music, one answer had to do with Pinkfloyd's "Dark Side of the Moon" album. (Connelly-MA)

- 1098 SLOVAKIA, Nitra, DEC 13 2219 - Slavic talk by man; fair.
 + DEC 29 2121 - Slavic talk slightly o/ others. + DEC 30 2330 -
 Slavic talk; excellent, S9+25, often stronger than so-called
 "monster on the lake" WWWE-1100. (Connelly-MA)
- 1107 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, DEC 11 0554 - SS talk; fair o/ other.
 (Connelly-MA)
- 1134 CROATIA, Hrvatska Radio, Zadar, DEC 29 2143 - Balkan Slav vocal
 (style similar to Greek and some Middle Eastern music); good.
 + DEC 31 2048 - Slav talk fading up. This and the 1521 Saudi are
 among the best early TA's: at beach sites, these can be strong well
 before 2000 UTC / 3 PM EST. (Connelly-MA)
- 1134 SPAIN / CROATIA, DEC 11 0550 - SS talk and Slavic folk music
 taking turns; both very strong. (Connelly-MA)
- 1179 SWEDEN, Radio Sweden, Solvesborg, DEC 6 0515 - man in Swedish;
 fair. + DEC 11 2145 - sometimes atop WHAM-1180 on the car radio
 during my homeward commute. + DEC 29 2119 - man in Swedish; just
 o/ SS synchros. + DEC 30 2312 - Swedish talk good to excellent
 (S9+20) w/ WHAM phased. (Connelly-MA)
- 1188 HUNGARY, Szombathely, DEC 11 0543 - man & woman in Hungarian;
 poor to fair. Not too tough a catch w/ WOWO phased; it will likely
 be more difficult when WLIB goes fulltime. + DEC 30 2300 - news by
 man & woman in Hungarian; poor to fair. (Connelly-MA)
- 1206 FRANCE, R. Bleue, Bordeaux, DEC 11 0608 - female FF operatic
 vocal, then man in FF, // 864, 945; good. (Connelly-MA)
- 1215 UNITED KINGDOM, Virgin Radio synchros, DEC 11 0135 - Elton
 John song; atop Spain. + DEC 29 2148 - EE talk by DJ, then male
 vocal; fair through slop from FF Canadian on 1220. + DEC 30 2215 -
 "Money" by Pinkfloyd; good o/ slight slop from adjacent VOAR-1210
 (NF) religious program, WGMP was in phaser null. (Connelly-MA)
- 1215 SPAIN, COPE synchros, DEC 11 0132 - fast monotone SS newstalk
 by man; o/ UK's Virgin R. (Connelly-MA)
- 1251 LIBYA, Tripoli, DEC 11 0123 - AA violin music either at very
 low modulation or under a big open carrier. Carrier strength
 peaked at S9+25 (very strong). (Connelly-MA)
- 1269 GERMANY, Neumunster, DEC 11 0121 - classical music // 1422;
 beautiful signal ! (Connelly-MA)
- 1287 CZECH REPUBLIC // SLOVAKIA, DEC 13 2215 - Slavic talk (mushy
 audio); poor to fair. (Connelly-MA)
- 1296 UNITED KINGDOM, Radio XL, Birmingham, DEC 11 0115 - Hindi-
 style vocals and strings / tabla percussion accompaniment, then
 talk followed by more Indian music w/ superimposed jingle that
 sounded like "XL"; to good peaks o/ Spain. (Connelly-MA)
- 1305 SPAIN / POLAND, DEC 11 0105 - a jumble of audios here w/ the
 top two w/ SS & Polish talk. (Connelly-MA)
- 1314 NORWAY, NRK, Kvitsoy, DEC 6 0502 - news by man in Norwegian; good.
 + DEC 7 0459-0500 - good w/ Linda Ronstadt's "I've Got a Crush on
 You", Norwegian talk by woman, then news by man. + DEC 9 0625 -
 jazz, then man in Norwegian; excellent. + DEC 11 0104 - world news
 w/ mentions of Bucharest, Warsaw Pact; huge, S9+35. (Connelly-MA)
- 1314 SPAIN / NORWAY, DEC 29 2150 - SS talk alternating dominance
 w/ pop music. (Connelly-MA)
- 1332 ITALY, Rome, DEC 13 2214 - II teletalk to fair peak through
 WRCA slop. (Connelly-MA)
- 1341 NORTHERN IRELAND, BBC R. Ulster, Lisnagarvey, DEC 11 0052 -
 woman in EE; poor to fair. (Connelly-MA)
- 1349 MAURITANIA, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, DEC 11 0053 - bits of
 AA talk in slop. (Connelly-MA)
- 1386 RUSSIA (KALININGRAD), Bolshakovo, DEC 13 2213 - music, EE talk;
 in slop. (Connelly-MA)
- 1395 ALBANIA, TWR, Fllake, DEC 11 0054 - good w/ gospel-style
 vocal & organ. + DEC 29 2151 - preacher in southern-US-accented EE;
 good. (Connelly-MA)
- 1422 GERMANY, Heusweiler, DEC 11 0121 - classical music // 1269;
 good. (Connelly-MA)
- 1467 FRANCE, TWR, Roumoules, DEC 12 2135 - talk fragments and
 monster het on the car radio. There were many strong European
 hets across the dial at the time. + DEC 13 2207 - excellent
 w/ man in AA; slight SAH from unID subdominant. + DEC 30 2235 -
 man in AA; good, S9+20. (Connelly-MA)

- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA, Duba, DEC 7 0437 - monotone AA talk by man; fair to good. + DEC 29 2108 - man in AA; fair. + DEC 30 0323 - male a cappella Koranic AA vocal; strong, S9+30. + DEC 30 2102 - news in AA to good peaks. + DEC 31 2053 - female AA vocal, then AA talk. (Connelly-MA)
- 1528 unID (CLANDESTINE / EGYPT ?), DEC 11 0057 - het and possible AA music; in Vatican-1530 slop. (Connelly-MA)
- 1530 VATICAN, Vatican R., DEC 11 0058 - mellow Mantovani-type orchestral instrumental music / lush strings; mostly atop WSAI. (Connelly-MA)
- 1566 AZORES, Clube Asas do Atlantico, CSB81, Vila do Porto, DEC 29 2103 - rising above the slop w/ excited PP talk by man (futebol match) with screamed "Goooooool!". This noted on after previously-reported 2100 sign-off time. (Connelly-MA)
- 1575 SPAIN / ITALY, DEC 11 0100 - SS / II talk mix in CBJ slop. (Connelly-MA)
- 1584 SPAIN, DEC 3 0732 - poor to fair w/ news by man in SS. + DEC 11 0536 - echoey SS talk o/u unID music station that may have also been from Spain. (Connelly-MA)
- 1593 GERMANY, Holzkirchen, DEC 11 0535 - Slavic-sounding talk by man; poor. (Connelly-MA)
- 1620 NETHERLANDS, Scheveningen, DEC 29 0326 - "PCH" code and data packets; good, way o/ CT TIS station. (Connelly-MA)

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- 526 BAHAMAS, ZLS, Stella Maris - DEC 28 0121 - "ZLS" code beacon; excellent. (Connelly*RI)
- 532 TURKS AND CAICOS, RVC, DEC 28 0122 - excellent w/ uptempo SS gospel music. This can be heard weakly during the day on Bellevue Ave. ("mansion row") in Newport; its groundwave is a bit better on the south side of Cape Cod, however. (Connelly*RI)
- 535 GRENADA, GBC, St. George's, DEC 28 0125 - soul vocal; poor to fair through RVC-532 slop. (Connelly*RI)
- 540 unID, DEC 28 0126 - frenetic SS talk here in mix w/ CBT/CBGA1/CBEF. Venezuela (YVOY) most likely; HICM, HJKA, YVUR are also candidates here. (Connelly*RI)
- 555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS, ZIZ, Basseterre, DEC 28 0128 - Caribbean-EE talk, soca music; fair through slop from semi-local WPNW-550. (Connelly*RI)
- 570 CUBA, DEC 28 0130, DEC 30 0130 - R. Reloj program u/ WMCA, o/ WSYR/CJEM. (Connelly*RI)
- 590 CUBA, R. Rebelde, DEC 29 0223 - man w/ SS teletalk show // 600; u/ WBNW, o/ VOXM/CKRS. (Connelly*RI)
- 595 DOMINICA, DBS, Hillsborough, DEC 28 0132 - Caribbean-EE talk; poor in WBNW slop. + DEC 29 0227 - female vocal; poor. (Connelly*RI)
- 600 COLOMBIA, R. Libertad, HJHJ, Barranquilla, DEC 28 0133 - Colombian accordion music; atop Cuba. (Connelly*RI)
- 600 CUBA, R. Rebelde, CMKV, Urbano Noris, DEC 3 0740 - excellent w/ disco hit "Vamos a bailar" (let's dance) // 710. (Connelly-MA)
+ DEC 28 0133 - SS talk // 710; u/ HJHJ, o/ WICC. (Connelly*RI)
- 610 COLOMBIA, HJKL, Bogota, DEC 28 0134 - Bogota mentions, SS talk; in bad jumble w/ WGOR/WIP/WIOD. (Connelly*RI)
- 640 CUBA, R. Progreso synchros, DEC 28 0137 - SS male vocal // 740; atop apparent WNNZ/WWJZ/CBN/YVQO mess. (Connelly*RI)
- 650 COLOMBIA, RCN Antena Dos, HJKH, Bogota, DEC 29 0221 - Antena Dos ID, festive rustic-styled vocal; big signal, alone on channel. (Connelly*RI)
- 660 CUBA, R. Progreso (t), DEC 29 0234 - brass music seemed to be // Cuba-640; signal way behind WFAN powerhouse. (Connelly*RI)
- 670 VENEZUELA, R. Rumbos, YVLL, Caracas, DEC 29 0132 - good w/ SS talk, Rumbos ID. (Connelly*RI)
- 670 CUBA / VENEZUELA, DEC 28 0142 - the Cuban & R. Rumbos in a messy mix w/ WMAQ. (Connelly*RI)
- 680 PUERTO RICO (t), DEC 28 0145 - WAPA most likely the source of SS talk and Coca-Cola ads heard u/ WRKO. (Connelly*RI)
- 690 CUBA, R. Progreso, Jovellanos, DEC 28 0147 - SS talk and wretched FM'ing / hum-ridden carrier was shredding CBF at the time. (Connelly*RI)

- 700 COLOMBIA, CARACOL, HJXC, Cali / unID, DEC 28 0148 - HJXC // 810 w/ SS talk & Colombia mentions mixed w/ other SS LA (likely a Venezuelan); both o/ WLW/Jamaica. (Connelly*RI)
- 710 CUBA, R. Rebelde synchros, DEC 3 0740 - disco hit "Vamos a bailar" // 600; huge, demolishing WOR. (Connelly-MA) + DEC 28 0150 SS talk & music // 600; o/u WOR. (Connelly*RI)
- 740 CUBA, R. Progreso synchros, DEC 28 0152 - SS talk & music // 640; o/u CBL. (Connelly*RI)
- 750 VENEZUELA, R. Caracas R., YVKS, Caracas, DEC 3 0640 - fair w/ Caracas news in SS. (Connelly-MA) + DEC 28 0154 - SS "RCR" slogan, news; o/u WSB. (Connelly*RI)
- 760 COLOMBIA, RCN, HJAJ, Barranquilla, DEC 3 0638 - SS Colombian news // 770; o/u WJR. (Connelly-MA)
- 760 COLOMBIA, RCN, HJAJ, Barranquilla / CUBA, DEC 28 0155 - HJAJ w/ SS talk // 770 mixed w/ Reloj Cuban; both a bit behind WJR most of the time. (Connelly*RI)
- 770 COLOMBIA, RCN, HJJX, Bogota, DEC 3 0638 - SS Colombian news // 760; o/u WABC. (Connelly-MA) + DEC 28 0156 - SS talk // HJAJ-760; way behind WABC. (Connelly*RI)
- 780 VENEZUELA, R. Coro, YVMN, Coro, DEC 3 0625 - festive music, R. Coro ID & jingle; fair, in mix w/ CFDR & another Latin American. (Connelly-MA) + DEC 28 0157 - excited SS talk & Coro mentions, briefly bubbling up out of a stew w/ CFDR, WBBM, and one or more other Latin Americans. (Connelly*RI)
- 800 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, TWR, PJB, Bonaire, DEC 28 0159 - EE preaching strong; well o/ CKLW/CJAD. It faded a bit at 0200 when "Trans-World Radio, Bonaire" ID was even w/ CKLW. At home, this usually gets buried by WCCM/CKLW/CJAD/CHRC mess. (Connelly*RI)
- 810 COLOMBIA, CARACOL, HJCY, Bogota, DEC 3 0633 - music, then CARACOL mentions & news; o/ CJVA/WGY. (Connelly-MA) + DEC 28 0201 - SS talk // HJXC-700; o/ CJVA, u/ WGY. (Connelly*RI)
- 830 ST. KITTS & NEVIS, TBN (Paradise), Basseterre, DEC 3 0630 - EE sermon and hymns // 7510; good, well o/ CFJR w/ WCRN nulled. (Connelly-MA) + DEC 28 0204 - EE preaching noted behind WCRN. (Connelly*RI)
- 840 CUBA (t), DEC 28 0205 - Cuban-style music, mushy-audio SS talk; u/ WHAS. (Connelly*RI)
- 880 VENEZUELA, Mundial, YVYM, Puerto Ordaz, DEC 29 0135 - Mundial ID, SS talk; u/ WCBS. (Connelly*RI)
- 885 MONTSERRAT, R. Montserrat, ZJB, Plymouth, DEC 28 0240 - soul music in WCBS slop. (Connelly*RI)
- 890 CUBA, DEC 28 0241 - SS talk, Cuba mentions; o/u WBPS, both o/ WLS. (Connelly*RI)
- 895 ST KITTS & NEVIS, VON, Bath Village, DEC 28 0242 - a bit of EE talk making it through; this has been heard better, even at home. + DEC 29 0134 - Carib-EE talk; poor. (Connelly*RI)
- 940 CUBA / VENEZUELA (t), DEC 28 0245 - R. Reloj & likely R. Punto Fijo battling it out behind CBM. (Connelly*RI)
- 960 CUBA, R. Reloj, DEC 3 0658 - Reloj tick-tock show in mix w/ CHNS, WELI, and SS station that was probably Colombia. (Connelly-MA)
- 980 COLOMBIA, RCN, HJES, Cali, DEC 3 0702 - // 1000 w/ SS talk about Navidad (Christmas) recited over a background of "The Little Drummer Boy" song. This was followed by an "RCN futbol" promo. Mixed w/ CBV and others. (Connelly-MA)
- 1000 COLOMBIA, RCN, HJAJ, Cartagena, DEC 3 0655 - dominating the channel w/ SS international news mentioning France and Portugal; it was // 760, 770. (Connelly-MA) + DEC 28 0245 - RCN mentions in mix w/ WMVP; both stations o/ CFLP/CKBW. (Connelly*RI)
- 1020 TURKS & CAICOS, CCR, DEC 28 0246 - EE preaching killing KDKA w/ loop pointed south. (Connelly*RI)
- 1039.8 unID, DEC 28 0247 - low het against WHO/WYFX/LA's. Colombia or Cuba suspected. (Connelly*RI)
- 1060 CUBA, CMDX, Baracoa, DEC 28 0249 - Cuban SS talk a bit behind KYW. (Connelly*RI)
- 1090 VENEZUELA, Union R., YVSZ, Caracas, DEC 3 0712 - man & woman w/ news in SS mentioning a "Presidente Rafael Cadena" (or similar), then Union Radio ID. Atop growl; WBAL either off or aurora'ed out. (Connelly-MA)

- 1160 BERMUDA, VSB3, Hamilton, DEC 3 0717 - BBC discussion of global warming, // 5975; fair through WMEX slop. (Connelly-MA)
- 1170 COLOMBIA, CARACOL, HJNW, Cartagena, DEC 3 0719 - SS talk mentioning "CARACOL, su cadena"; o/u WWVA trucker show. (Connelly-MA) + DEC 28 0250 - SS talk, Colombia mentions; u/ WWVA. (Connelly*RI)
- 1180 CUBA, R. Taino, Villa Maria, DEC 3 0724 - "R. Taino" (tah-EE-no) ID, SS talk by man & woman; huge local-like signal, way atop other SS station & WHAM. (Connelly-MA) + DEC 28 0254 - SS talk o/u WHAM. (Connelly*RI)
- 1200 unID, DEC 28 0255 - SS talk (probably YVOZ) mixed w/WKOX/WNSS/CFGO and others. (Connelly*RI)
- 1610 ANGUILLA, Caribbean Beacon, The Valley, DEC 28 0314 - EE religious program; just a bit above TIS jumble. (Connelly*RI)



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DEADLINE: TUESDAYS

I finally logged B7RR-Majuro, Marshall Islands on 1557 KHZ. I lucked out as they were running AN programming with calls from listeners and wishing everyone Happy New Year. Normally they are AN, but rus non-stop rock mx with no IDs. DX still is on the slow side with a report from Larry Godwin. So away we go.

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 531 JAPAN, Morioka-JOQG-poor to fair w/JJ Net 1 pgming, ID at 0959 on 1/2 w/ "J-O-Q-G". (PM-OR)
- 693 JAPAN, Tokyo-JOAB, strong at s/off 1500 12/16. Theme mx ended, man said clearly "J-O-A-B", then NHK pips and anthem. (LBG-MT)
- 783 RUSSIA, woman in Russian in passing at 1005 1/2, presumed Mayak Net, //153,180,279 Khz. (PM-OR)
- UNID, with mx across the hour, and no IS, at 1500 12/14. Doesn't sound like Russia, does it? Who? (PM-OR) (I have hrd Russians go across the hour w/no IDs in the past. PM)
- 873 RUSSIA, woman in RR //783 at 0950 1/1 (PM-OR)
- 954 JAPAN, Tokyo-JOKR-fair w/JJ pops and JJ talk at 1034 1/1 (PM-OR)
- 1008 RUSSIA/JAPAN, both mixing here w/JJ/RR talk at 1045 1/2 (PM-OR)
- 1053 SOUTH KOREA, Jammer very strong at 1038 1/2 (PM-OR)
- 1179 JAPAN, Osaka-JOOR-fair w/JJ talk in passing at 1116 1/2 (PM-OR)
- 1206 CHINA, Yambian PBS presumed the KK talk at 1145 1/1 (PM-OR)
- 1323 UNIDS, two or three carriers and weak talk in growl at 1123 1/1, Never could get much out of it. (PM-OR)
- 1386 JAPAN, Synchros-JJ talk here weakly 12/31 in splash 0940 (PM-OR)
- 1557 MARSHALL ISLANDS, Marjuro-B7RR-fair signals at times in 1560 slop w/oldie rr mx, Archies, Madonna, etc, with calls on the air from listeners, mostly in Marshallese, some EE. "Hello" and "Happy New Year" greetings in EE, taking calls from outer islands, from 1002 to about 1030, when the signal faded down poorly. I have been after this since they signed on many months ago, but all I have been able to catch before was very weak audio and mostly het. Very pleased w/this on 12/31. Taped report sent. I have all the Marshall Islands MW stations hrd again. (PM-OR)

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GE Superadio II, GE long-range portable, SM-2
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- 530 TIS ID, near Arco (at junction of US 20 & 26) Idaho Stateman reports INEL is now running this with a 3-minute tape. No sign of it here so far. (FA-ID)
- 570 CKEK BC, Cranbrook 12/16 0935 briefly on top of KVI & CKWL with newscast. ID "That's EK Radio news to 7:30," ads for Cranbrook and Fort Steele, into adult contemporary music. New. (DS-BC)
+12/29 ran light rock across the hour, broke at 0900:30 for "E-K Radio news." QRM from KVI. (LBG-MT)
- 640 KGVW MT, Belgrade 12/21 1107 good, steady in KFI null with nice Christmas music, ID "AM 640, KGVW." (RW-CA)
- 660 KAPS WA, Mt. Vernon 12/21 1110 strong with KGDP nulled, over CFFR with "Caps Country" slogan. (RW-CA)
- 690 KECN ID, Blackfoot 12/14 0019 CNN Headline News, ads for Idaho businesses in breaks. Mixing with XETRA and CBU. (NP-AB)
- 720 KFIR OR, Sweet Home 12/14 0931 "It's 6:31 in Sweet Home, this is KFIR news...", info on road closures, and then into country music. Finally heard this, through the Nevada QRM! (NP-AB)
- 820 ?KCBF? AK, Fairbanks 12/27 probably the one with oldies 0756-0800, looping NW, under WBAP and KGNW. Heard several times last season. (LBG-MT)
- ?KORC? OR, Waldport 12/30 0957-1000 believed the one on this loop bearing with nostalgia music, then ABC news until 1002, back to nostalgia (LBG-MT)
- 830 (KHVH) HI, Honolulu 12/5 0637 off the air for some reason, was on later with Art Bell. Later learned that there was some tower trouble. (5P-HI)
- 840 ?WHAS? KY, Louisville 12/5 0640 man sounding like Jim Bohannon with local news program, heard ad for TV news ending with "...K-X 11" and weather forecast (high 56, low 27) mentioning weather in Lexington and "W-?-A-? newstime..." (5P-HI)
- ?KOOK? OR, Eugene 12/5 0640 country music heard in midst of lightning QRN. One discernible song "Gone Country" and two slogans, "Making your...new country music..." and "Hot new country all day long... Country Music Radio." (5P-HI)
- 900 KBIF CA, Fresno 12/27 1001 gave legal ID between relig. programs. (LBG-MT)

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- 930 KZTA WA, Yakima 12/17 1045 fighting it out with CJCA in KBFW null with Spanish ads for Yakima (one of which included KZTA calls). "LA Zeta" slogan heard. into Spanish music. New. (DS-BC)
- 940 CJIB BC, Vernon 12/11 1847 local entertainment guide, ID as "94, CJIB." (NP-AB)
- 950 KKFN CO, Denver 12/27 0855 strong with ID as "Your Nuggets station. sportsradio 95 The Fan, KKFN Denver," then into news. (LBG-MT)
- 990 KATD CA, Pittsburg 12/10 0153 dance music by Beausoleil, DJ saying "on the Kat" read ad for Giftcheques, back to Cajun/Creole music show. 0200 ID "... of northern California, this is ? Radio, 9-90 K-A-T-D Pittsburg-Concord-? (Antioch), back to bayou music. Is this a brokered program? (5P-HI)
- 1040 KEZF OR, Tigard 12/21 1114 loud in KOFY-1050 null with ID "The Christmas music is brought to you by your friends at K-Love." (RW-CA)
- 1080 KVNI ID, Coeur d'Alene 12/11 1854 promo for community calendar "... broadcast every morning at 9:50 here on KVNI." (NP-AB)
- .KNDK ND, Langdon 12/8 2030 country music, frequent road & weather reports. Woman DJ said they were having a "Blizzard Party," and the AM station was remaining on the air past its usual s/off due to the emergency blizzard conditions. Mentioned windchill was -78 F. (NP-AB)
- 1250 KNEU UT, Roosevelt 12/27 0800 ended country tune and ID'd "Real country, KNEU AM 1250, Roosevelt-Vernal-Duchesne." (LBG-MT)
- KKDZ WA, Seattle 12/28 0758 with decent signal and legal ID. (LBG-MT)
- 1340 CKCR BC, Revelstoke 12/10 1040 poor signal under KWWX & CINL in KLKI null with end of sportscast. "We are Network Radio" ID, into adult contemporary music (simulcasting CKXR-580). New. (DS-BC)
- 1400 KDRG MT, Deer Lodge 12/12 0900 just heard ID on the hour thru the jumble "KDRG, Deer Lodge." (NP-AB)
- KLCK WA, Goldendale 12/12 0900 just heard ID (a couple of seconds after the KDRG ID) "KLCL, Goldendale." (NP-AB)
- 1410 WIZM WI, La Crosse 12/12 0133 talk program, IDs during breaks as WIZM, or "Whiz-em." Message about "Operation Poinsettia" for La Crosse seniors. New catch, and one I've been after for a while. (NP-AB)
- 1540 KASA AZ, Phoenix 12/15 1945 Spanish, with IDs as "Radio Casa," phone-in program, bilingual English/Spanish ID at 2000. (NP-AB)
- 1560 KCJJ IA, Iowa City 12/12 0116 "Today's hits, 1560, KCJJ," back to pop music. (NP-AB)
- WQEW NY, New York 12/12 0113 "1560, WQEW" ID, brief weather report, then into song by Barbra Streisand. (NP-AB)
- 1590 KVGB KS, Great Bend 12/11 0755 fair signal all alone with ads for Great Bend. Weather (28 degrees at KVGB), AM & FM legal ID, into ABC news. No sign of KLFE. New state. (DS-BC)
- 1660 WJDM NJ, Elizabeth 12/13 started hearing it at sunset until 2000, running pop & rock music and some Christmas. ID 12/14 1930 "1660 WJDM Elizabeth." Signal seemed to shift up and down, very weak at times & very strong at times. Is in stereo! (FA-ID)
- +12/20 quite good at 0640 with oldies rock, "WJDM" jingles, school closures, 21 degrees and snowing. Best heard so far, presume they were on 10kw. (PM-OR)

DX TESTS

- 590 (WVWK) KY, Lexington 12/18 0230-0300 nothing heard. (FA-ID)
- 770 (WCGW) KY, Versailles 12/18 0100-0130 DX test tried, not heard. (RW-CA)
- +12/18 0100-0130 nothing heard, just KOB & KNWX fighting it out. (FA-ID)
- 1350 (WGDN) MI, Gladwin 12/17 0030-0100 nothing heard. (FA-ID)
- 1590 (WPWA) PA, Aston 12/11 0000-0030 nothing heard. (FA-ID)

LOCAL NEWS

- 720 KUAI HI, Eleele noted with Mutual news back on. Per station spokeswoman, this resumed back in November when a new satellite setup was installed to replace the one destroyed by Hurricane I-Niki in 1992. She also said a new tower has replaced the temporary stick used since the hurricane. (5P-HI)

UNIDS

- 830 12/5 0736 heard two or three stations during KHVH silence One with country, one with newstalk (KGU-760 image), and one with Mexican music heard briefly at 0802. 828 het. (5P-HI)
- 840 12/25 0840 unID fading up over KVEG with KDBS nulled, with Paul Harvey. Looped east. Faded before ID. Maybe KTIC-NE? (RW-CA)
- 900 BC station parallel to CBU-690, with end of Radio Australia program and PST time check at 0856 12.27. There are three 40-watt relays listed. (LBG-MT)
- 900 12/27 2305 apparent U.S. station ended USA Network News and had ad for Sears siding installed by Mirror ??? Ltd., then "Point of View" program (LBG-MT)
- 1150 12/25 0330 someone testing on Christmas morning with tone, good looping east. (RW-CA)
- 1550 12/18 0610 unID test tone under KPIX, looping NE. (RW-CA)
- 1612 12/26 2257 woman speaking in monologue, very weak. I suspect a talking house in Missoula. (LBG-MT)

Thanks to our WDXR reporters this week! It's hard to believe, but it was 25 years ago that I joined IRCA. About three years after I joined, one member told me he was surprised that I was still in the club. "I figured you would last one year, get bored, and drop out." Little did he know that 25 years later that I would still be here. Oddly enough, this member dropped out of IRCA about 15 years ago. Another member, upon seeing my name in the new members list immediately wrote to me. Little did we know that 25 years later we would be getting married.

Geomagnetic Summary November 26 1995 through December 23 1995.

GEO - Geomagnetic activity pca - polar cap absorption
 maf - major flare SA - Solar Activity
 mas - major storm spe - satellite proton event
 mis - minor storm ss - severe storm

Date	FLUX	A	K	SA	GEO	OTHER
11/26	73	1	1	very low	quiet	-
27	71	18	4	very low	quiet-mas	-
28	73	9	2	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
29	72	13	4	very low	quiet-mis	-
11/30	74	8	3	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
12/ 1	73	11	2	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
2	73	10	1	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
3	73	7	5	very low	quiet-mis	-
4	73	16	1	very low	quiet-mis	-
5	74	2	1	very low	quiet	-
6	74	2	0	very low	quiet	-
7	74	3	1	very low	quiet	-
8	74	1	4	very low	quiet-active	-
9	74	8	3	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
10	73	4	1	very low	quiet	-
11	73	1	1	very low	quiet	-
12	72	4	1	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
13	73	0	1	very low	quiet	-
14	70	2	1	very low	quiet	-
15	70	10	5	very low	quiet-mis	-
16	70	22	1	very low	quiet-mis	-
17	69	9	1	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
18	69	2	1	very low	quiet	-
19	69	4	1	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
20	70	5	0	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
21	70	3	3	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
22	71	14	1	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
12/23	72	5	2	very low	quiet-unsettled	-

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RIDING GAIN

- [SA-MB] Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. 1995 Mustang radio during lunch breaks or commutes. Icom IC-R70 w/filter mods & Palm board. 4' box loop, Quantum loop, 100' longwire.
- [NJH-MT] Nancy J. Hardy, Billings, Montana. MPNN49B@prodigy.com
- [TMJ-IL] Tom Jasinski, Shorewood, Illinois.
FRG-7, Quantum loop.
- [RCP-IN] Robert C. Pote, Greenwood, Indiana.
Radio Shack DX-392, Quantum loop.

DOWN THE DIAL

- 720 **WRZN** FL, Hernando. 12/17 poor w/WGN who was very weak this morning. 0840 with BBD -NOS music format. New for me. [SA-MB]
- 820 **WSCR** IL, Chicago. 12/16 with WBAP nulled. Much fading. 1824 with sports format rehash of all the days sports scores. Legal ID then slogan "Sports Radio 820." [RCP-IN]
- 950 **KXJK** AR, Forrest City. 12/16 fair with WXLW nulled. 1749 with Ad/Cont music, national spot, station ID and back to "American Gold" show. [RCP-IN]
- WQBE** WV, Charleston. 12/12 poor in WXLW null. 0105 w/talk format. Legal ID. [RCP-IN]
- 1030 **KCTA** TX, Corpus Christi. 12/14 fair with some fading and interference from WBZ. 1823 with religious format. Listened until 1829 signoff. [RCP-IN]
- 1150 **WSPZ** AL, Tuscaloosa. 12/15 fair in mess. 1751 with spot for Alabama Book Store and Alpha Insurance Agency. CBS News followed. [RCP-IN]
- 1190 **WSDQ** TN, Dunlap. 12/15 fair in WOWO null. 1715 with news and mentions of Sequatchie county. Lots of local spots. Legal ID into "World Of Racing" program. [RCP-IN]
- 1200 **KFNW** ND, West Fargo. 12/14 fair w/WOAI nulled. 1743 with religious format, Christmas music. [RCP-IN]
- 1380 **WAOK** GA, Atlanta. 12/14 in briefly. 0422 with UC/Gospel format. Female giving weather for Atlanta. Faded out. [RCP-IN]
- 1450 **KZZJ** ND, Rugby. TENTATIVE. 12/29 fair. 1729 with "...on Main Street in Rugby." Heard during a spot. 1730 back to Bulldogs vs. Panthers game. No ID heard. [NJH-MT]
- 1610 **WFTF994** KS, Bonner Springs. 12/16 poor, fading in and out. 2101 with info on the Kansas Turnpike. First time from Winnipeg. [SA-MB]
- MT, Hardin. 12/16 fair. 2222 with info on the Yellowtail Dam. First time heard in Winnipeg, but this guy has the potential to be a pest on this frequency if it makes it on the loop and not just the beverages at the Valhalla DX site. [SA-MB]
- 1660 **WJDM** NJ, Elizabeth. 12/16 excellent signals in for 50 minutes with armchair copy. 2109 with Bill Miller's "Collectors Corner" program. ID as "16-60 WJDM" at 2200:50 then a very abrupt cut in power and totally disappeared for the rest of the night. Finally an ID from this one! Must have been running 5000-10000 watts as was up to S-9 or better on the Icom S-meter. [SA-MB]
- +12/16. 1947 finally I received this station! Bill Miller's "Collectors Corner" program then music from various artists such as Bobby Vinton. 2000 station ID and PSA for Shriners Hospital. I was amazed at the clarity of signal. First NJ heard, probably the

only one. © Noticed some drops in volume, and assume they are still in test mode. I made a tape to send for verie. Frequencies around were filled with interference, but WJDM came through clear as a bell. [RCP-IN]
+12/17 good. 1545-2202 with sports and music programs. ID on the hour (it varied from hour to hour) "15-30 and 16-60 WJDM Elizabeth" or "WJDM 16-60 Elizabeth, New Jersey." Ended transmission at 2202 after ID and 2 minutes of OC. Then on 12/18 heard the following slogan: "From 16-60 AM you are listening to America's first radio station on the expanded band." Signoff on 12/18 was 2200. [TMJ-IL]

DX TESTS

- 590 WVLK KY, Lexington. 12/18 IRCA DX Test fair to poor. WOW nulled. 0230-0300 heard voice ID's, code strings, march music, and "My Old Kentucky Home." [TMJ-IL]
770 WCGW KY, Versailles. 12/18 IRCA DX Test poor with WVNN and WBBM slop. WABC nulled. Tuned in late, 0115-0137 heard beep tones, TT, code. Also heard and verified during previous DX test back in April of 1995. [TMJ-IL]
1170 ?CKGY? AB, Red Deer. 12/30 DX Test. Not heard at 0200 start, listened for about 10 minutes while driving down to KTVQ. Only KVOO strong. Later, 0320 heard TT with some silent periods, but nothing to ID this as CKGY. [NjH-MT]
1350 WGDN MI, Gladwin. 12/17 IRCA DX Test fair to poor with severe local WJOL slop and rock from possibly CKDO. 0030-0100 with numerous code strings. [TMJ-IL]
+12/17 DX Test. 0030-0100 tried for, but never heard anything. 1350 was pretty dead at this hour. [RCP-IN]
+12/17 DX Test. 0030. Not heard, only KRNT and WTOU. [SA-MB]
1590 (WPWA) PA, Aston. 12/11 DX Test. 0000. Not heard, only KVGB and WONX. This continues last years trend of never hearing a 1590 DX Test! [SA-MB]

UnIDS

- 770 unID 12/16 unID very strong. 1832 station with loud beeping tone (similar to off hook phone company tone). Then on with a promo for Rush Limbaugh followed by same beeping tone. Might have been a station with a problem. [RCP-IN]
870 unID 12/10 unID with poor signal u/WWL. 2113 with a religious program and man preaching the gospel. Heard an address of Box 100 Chattanooga, TN. Antenna was pointed south and west. [SA-MB]
890 unID 12/16 unID fair with WLS nulled. 1818 with SS format and music. [RCP-IN]
1400 unID 12/28 unID fair through mess. 1728 with "1400 K-Star" slogan into Christmas song. [NjH-MT] {Nancy, this could be KSRR. John}
1580 unID 12/14 unID fair with WPGC. 0541 with FF programming. Might be CBJ. I hear this station with some regularity early in the morning. [RCP-IN]
1590 unID 12/11 unID mixed with WAKR. 0050-0110 heard TT, noise generator. Note this was after the scheduled WPWA DX Test this date. I missed the DX Test. Fell asleep only minutes before it was to begin and woke up at 0050 to hear TT. Was this WPWA still testing or someone else? [TMJ-IL]
1600 unID 12/16 unID poor. 2219 with man testing a station and counting "12345 54321" with a long 5 and 1 at end of the counts. Also heard 12/9 at 0812 with same test. [SA-MB]
1630 unID 12/16 unID poor to very poor. 2155 with some sort of religious program. Is this the FL station that has been reported? [SA-MB]

25 YEARS AGO

January 16, 1971 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" - New members included Miss Nancy J. Gantzer of Fredonia, NY. Jay Murley of Newport Beach, CA told of his visit to Boston and told about all the snow there. Blake Lawrence of Canon City, CO added a 6th country logging 4VEH-1035 Haiti. Robert Kramer of Chicago, IL added 3 new states, SC, MD, and ND. Rick Evans of East Chicago, IN mentioned a visit from Al Ogrizovich.

OPEN MIKE

Whatever you want to do, you have to do something else first. Reading the 1/16/71 issue of "DX Monitor" brought back lots of memories. It seems almost impossible that 25 years have passed since Nancy Gantzer joined the IRCA. I recall writing that 67 Liberty Street, Fredonia, NY address on lots of mail to Nancy. © Friendships spanning 25 years are very special. 73, John.



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STARS OF THE WEEK

- (LF-FL) your editor Hammarlund HQ180/145A KIWA Loop 110' l.w. N-S
- (MH-NC) Mike Hardester 3118 Gateway Ct. Jacksonville, NC 28546-6973
ICOM R-73 Radio West 22" Ferrite Loop 200' l.w.
VIA E-MAIL
- (LH-AL) Lynn Hollerman 514 Carrsbrook Rd. Huntsville, AL 35803
Yacht Boy 400 w/ internal ant VIA E-MAIL
- (LH-AL*) Lynn using Ford truck radio
- (RB-PA) Richard Boehme 1722 Piccadilly Cir, Allentown, PA 18103

LOGGINGS

- 560 WGAI NC Elizabeth City 12/29 1140-1210 w/"Bo....." "We The People" program supporting militia-type activity, special forces training...by tape (right!). CNN Nx on the hour and to regional nx/sports @ 1205. IDs as "Your information station..non-stop news, talk, and sports, is WGAI Stereo 56, Elizabeth City." (MH-NC)
- 590 KBHS AR Hot Springs 12/29 1818-1833 C&W mx, KBHS ID by DJ, NBC nx chimes 1831, then nx abt Hot Springs AR federal building (LH-AL*)
- 680 WPTR NC Raleigh 12/30 1812-1820 Soybean growers of NC PSA, ad for Nursing Home in Raleigh, ID 1815, into Wolfpack BB pre-game show, more ads, holiday wishes and ID 1818, back to pre-game show (LH-AL*)
- 1070 KNX CA Los Angeles 12/31 0129 ID, "KNX Traffic.." Lots of QRM. (LH-AL)
- 1080 WFTD GA Marietta 1/04 1736 w/ local wx faded until full s/off at 1744 (LF-FL)
- WHKW KY Louisville 1/04 1744 followed WFTD s/off with very good signal until pattern change at 1747..CW mx..ID as "The Hawk 107.7" simo w/FM "Skyhawk weather" I was surprised at how good the signal was until DA-N (LF-FL)
- 1190 WOWO IN Fort Wayne 1/05 2010 & again at 2110...A broadcasting friend told me that WOWO would go to 9100watts as of 1/1/96...Dont think thats happened YET, in Excellent with Comet Hockey...Rumor is their night time signal is going to go mostly to the North. (LF-FL)
- 1200 WSML NC Graham 1/04 1643 Fair signal w/Chuck Harder incert.. "Chuck Harder with more on WSML-Graham-Birlington.." (LF-FL)
- WAGE VA Leesburg 1/04 1647 mixed w/WSML momentarily w/"brought to you by ..?. on WAGE.." new logging (LF-FL)
- 1380 WRMQ FL St. Petersburg 12/29 1700 faded w/ complete ID as "...1380 WRBQ AM St Petersburg/Tampa/Clearwater." This while looking for WCOO s/off. (MH-NC)
- WCOO NC New Bern. Per call to station, 12/29 they are daytime only w/s-off at sunset. Fair here, +/- 30 miles, but in two hours of listening this date, not a single ID noted. Rap type mx. (MH-NC)
- 1520 WWKB NY Buffalo 1/05 2045-2100 In fair with Tom Lykis show and numerous ID's as .."1520-KB Radio" TOH ID "WWKB-Buffalo.." When does their format change happen ?? (LF-FL)

SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1630 WJTS??FL Jacksonville 12/28 1756-1835 with non-stop Marine Weather broadcast for areas of FL, male annrc, and ID as "This is NOAA Weather Radio KG39." Overall poor with heavy fading. (MH-NC)
(Mike, looks like we both logged this one at the same time ! see last weeks DXM - ed)
- 1639 PX MD Berlin 12/28 1730-1745, with MEDFER Beacon operated by Dave Holland. Poor with Code ID and message. Previously logged his MEDFER Beacon, RD, 4 yrs ago to the date, frequency and almost to the exact time. (MH-NC)

UN-IDEN

- 1090 ????? ?? 1/04 1753 Noted For The People Net u/KAAY...As usual it was pretty much gone by TOH with KAAY dominating... Looped NE/SW My database shows WKTE King, N.C. as an FTP affiliate...Does anyone know if my info is accurate? My list may be outdated..Need to get another from Chuck.. (LF-FL)

UN-IDEN HELP

- 1200 WMRE PA Hughesville....Richard Boehme writes with some help for W.P. Townshend on his uniden of 12/2/95 DXM 33 #14...His uniden was WMRE in Hughsville, Pa. He heard mentions of Sunbury & Williamsport, both in North-Central PA...WMRE is on 1200 with 250 watts. Hughesville is located about 15 miles east of Williamsport and 25 miles North of Sunbury... (Thanks to Richard for his help-ed) (RB-PA)

Things are beginning to pick up this week. For those still waiting for the WAMR veries from the DX Test. I have NOT forgotten..With a column to write each week and 6 Radio Stations to worry about, things have been a bit "crazy" here this Holiday Season.I also ended up with the Winter Cold that has been going around. Even missed a couple days work, but didn't even feel like DX'ing...I must have been sick !..Thanks to all who contribute... I see alot of names floating around the internet with info that would be good for the column. Sure wish you would send it to me as well !!

73's and all the best.....c u in 7 fresh

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SBT - 1620 kHz—An Update -- Mike Hardester

Since at least the early to mid-1980's, medium-wave DXers in North America have logged and reported reception of an unidentified non-directional beacon transmitting on 1620 kHz with the code ID of "SBT."

Using loop antennas, hobbyists noted that the station's signal looped towards Central / South America. When propagation favored C/S America, the signal was stronger. Much speculation was made as to its origin. Aeronautical charts were reviewed, reference books were checked, and letters were written to various federal agencies as well as to the governments of C/S America, but to no avail.

In the latter part of 1994, and early 1995, I again sent out a number of letters. However, this time, the letters were sent direct to government communication agencies in each C/S American country. This time, success!

Many replies were received, indicating that SBT was not in the country replying...all except one. A letter was received from the Ministerio de Comunicaciones in Bogota, Colombia. The translated response states in part: "...it appears on 1620 Khz to be a station located in Sabana de Torres-Santander, belonging to 'Esso Colombiana Limited.'"

An initial letter to Exxon was not replied to, but a follow-up letter yielded a reply indicating that Esso Colombiana has operations in the Santander region and that my inquiry would be forwarded to the Public Affairs manager in Esso's Bogota office.

As yet, no reply has been received from Esso Colombiana, and a letter sent direct to Sabana de Torres-Santander has yet to yield a reply. Additionally, in checking numerous reference atlases, the specific location has yet to be found.

So, while nearly all inquiries to other C/S American government agencies were replied to, in the negative, Colombia responded positively. While this does not guarantee that SBT is operated by Esso Colombiana, it seems a likely prospect.

This information, although incomplete, is being presented at this time as it appears that I have run out of leads for positive identification, more TISs are appearing on 1620 kHz, the expanded band is on the horizon (more or less), and its going to be another year before I'll have a break from college and a chance to follow up further. Hopefully, one of you reading this will be able to positively ID this station and be the first on their block with a QSL!

My thanks to Ron Bailey, Larry Godwin, Craig Healy, Hank Holbrook, Gary Jackson, Terry Krueger, Steve McDonald, Chuck Reh, Ken Stryker, Al Underwood, and others who, over the years, have helped in tracking down this "mystery" station.

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