RANDOM REMARKS ON CHINESE BROADCASTING

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Preparatory to the trip to China my wife and I took in Nov./Dec. 1979, I dug through ten years' worth of WRTVHs, FBIS, and anything else I could find to track MW activity. Next, I typed a list, by province and frequency, of Chinese stations which were presumed to be in existence in 1978. This task involved guessing the correct provinces (there weren't any in FBIS or recent WRTVHs). Next, I had to convert all the names from Wade-Giles to Pinyin, and that was alot of fun. The trip to China of course was astounding. Surely no other DXer had been there in recent times, and as much as I wanted, I simply couldn't spend the whole ten days at the dials. The PRC customs in Hong Kong saw the ICF 6700W and simply asked me to remove the batteries (they didn't see the SM-2) and that was that.

The next significant activity was the report 1 prepared reflecting the DX I had encountered. Using the Radio Shack CTR-48, 1 taped many IDs (and some other programming as well.) Fortunately, before the trip, I had met a clerk at the local Safeway store who was born in Guangzhou/Canton and raised in Taipe). She spoke Mandarin and Cantonese, and pretty obviously, was a major help in the translation. (She couldn't understand "Zigong" however so I visited the PRC consulate; they failed, too. Beijing finally identified it.) Frances Leung also translated a basic DX-related letter I wrote into Chinese. I also sent a page listing the stations in each province which I had taped, and on the back, a list of "known" provincial stations. The letter explained the DX hobby, specified reception information, and requested a current list of stations plus a verie. Most of these, with a cassette, were mailed in January 1980.

The next activity involved putting to use a Romanized Pinyin atlas I bought in Shanghai. This cleared up most of the remaining mysteries as to provinces. A few remained, however, and these related to the existence of more than one city with the same name (in several provinces) and to the border shifting over the past few years in Jilin. Nei Monggol, and Heilongjiang provinces (FERC recently mailed a correct map of the area involved.)

The final major step in trying to come up with an accurate China list of MW stations came with the acquisition of the Geneva plan. This notes synchronized stations on the same frequency, and coordinates. This cleared up the remaining mysteries, and as it turned out, most of my quesses were correct.

Since the report was published in DXM and DXN last year, I have been keeping a record of PRC monitoring and waiting for the PRC veries to roll in. It has been slow, but very interesting. Xinjiang sent a tape (with a very unusual reel) of some light opera. Shandong sent a newspaper listing of stations in a variety of provinces, and spelled the province "Shantung" on the envelope. Several sent program schedules, and they all sent QSLs. The latest, from Guizhou, must reflect a trend. The cards are usually artistic and attractive, and on the back, the writer fills in the frequency and the date. In the case of Guizhou, the writer also had to fill in the name of the province. Unless it involves a local station (like Shanghai) the city is not listed.

The Geneva Plan listing provides many challenges, opportunities, and sources of

frustration. Here are examples:

(1) The Chinese will be very heavily into synchronization if they follow the Plan, and there is no way to tell which of the outlets you heard. I have guessed some by tracking back into early WRTVHs. If Guizhou was noted as being on 1030 in old WRTVHs. there is a good chance that this is what you are hearing on 1026 now, where it is listed as one of several synchros. (I did note from Shanghai that Jiangsu-702 did have propogation distortion, day and night, but at the time did not attribute it to the existence of synchros. With stuff floating all over the band, with little regard to 9kHz spacing, it seemed presumptive to assume they could control synchronization of two or more on the same channel...)

(2) WRTVH in the past has listed only the most powerful synchros on a particular frequency, whereas a 5 or 10kw outlet may actually be the one in operation.

(3) While I haven't had time to plot them, the Chinese are projecting frequent use of directional antennas. Some of these could be to protect another station, and some are probably designed to cover a populated area from a favorable antenna site. "Major lobe" is defined by the Geneva Plan book as "azimuth of maximum radiation." and what I presume is "null" they call "azimuths defining sector of limited radiation."

FREO.	PROV.	CITY	KW	MAX.	NULL	FREQ.	PROV.	CITY			NULL
531		Yecheng	50	110°	NULL 240-330	612	HL	Jixi	50	3200	130-190
		Fuyuan	20	330	080-220		FJ	Sanming			090-070
567	HEB	Qinhuangdao			050-150			Beijing			020-100
594	XZ	Lhasa			180-240			Baoding	100	240	020-100
	ZJ	Wencheng	200	164	310-010	(conti	nued)				

FREQ.	PRV.	CITY	KW	MAX.	NULL	FREQ.	PRV.	CITY	KW	MAX.	NULL
855	XJ	Busheng	10	0500	170-200	1017	GD	Mei Xian	100	2300	350-110
		Gegye	50	050	140-210	1107	JL	Hunjiang	100	310	080-180
		Ruto	10	050	170-210	1143	YN	Tengchong	50	120	250-280
	XZ	Lhasa	100	120	250-280	1152	JL	Tongliao	50	230	010-090
900	HL	Shuangyashan	10	320	090-190	1242	LN	Shenyang	100	280	060-140
909	χJ	Kashi	10	100	210-290	1323	ΧZ	Lhasa	100	330	180-240
936	AN	Su Xian	50	260	030-130	1341	HL	Yichun	100	320	090-190
945	ХJ	Urumqi	100	140	290-010	1476	ZJ	Wencheng	200	210	340-080
963	ΧJ	Aksu	10	090	230-310	1521	ХJ	Urumqi	500	080	330-010
		Yecheng	20	090	240-300	1548	SD	Rushan	100	220	000-080
981	ΧJ	Hotan	10	120	260-340	1575	GS	Yumen shi	100	135	070-210
•		Kashi	10	090	240-300	1593	HL	Jiamusi	10	230	010-090
999	ΧJ	Taxkorgan	10	100	210-290		ХJ	Taxkorgan	10	130	270-350
		Urumqi	100	120	260-340	1		Urumqi	100	150	270-050

So, now you know why some of them haven't been coming in too well!

The most obvious pattern explanation above is Wencheng ZJ-594, whose 1640 DA puts a good blast over Taiwan. Urumqi-1521's 080° would shoot it over Mongolia, which doesn't necessarily explain their predominantly RR programming. The Dehua FJ PLA transmitters (666 etc.) are not noted as DA which I think is an omission. Also, we have to consider Changzhou-1044 with its frequent JJ programming, and the 1188/ 1296 Kumning stations which are reportedly FS.

(4) Here now is a list of China Geneva Plan assignments, which I trust you will use only as a reference, since it is in conflict with some current monitoring, and since many currently operating stations are not included. This simply portrays what the Chinese were thinking when they submitted the list. (S = synchronized)

EDEO PROV SVC KW City/# stns.(S) FREO PROV SVC. KW City/# stns.(S)

FREQ.	PROV.	SVC.	KW	City/# stns(S)	FREQ.	PROV.	<u>svc.</u>	KW	City/# stns.(5)
531	FJ	T	10	Jinmen	747	TW	P	350	45
	ΧJ	P	200	45		YN	Р	120	45
540	(19)	C1 -	-	1015	756	(17)	CI	-	85S
549	FJ	P1	200	25	765	FJ	?	100	Fuzhou
558	FJ	P1	90	45		NM	Pc	110	5S
,,,	JŁ	Ĺ	10	Changchun	774	HB	P	210	58
	ΧJ	Pu1	80	7S	783	HEB	P	140	45
567	HEB	Cl	300	35	, -,	XZ	P	170	9\$
576	YN	PI	160	8 s	792	GX	P 1	220	65
585	GS	P P	200	Lanzhou	,,,-	LN	L1	5	Shenyang
594	SD	P	180	7\$		SH	L2	50	Shanghai
777	TW	Ĺ	1	Ji long		SN	Ĺ	10	Xi'an
	XZ	Pc	300	Lhasa	801	GD	P	130	55
	ZJ	TS	200	Wencheng	810	ZJ	P1	110	5\$
(0)	GD	P	150	4S	819	GS	i.	10	Lanzhou
603					013	SX	PI	240	45
	нв	L.	10	Wuhan	828			50	
612	FJ	PI	180	5S	020	BJ	L1 P		Beijing 6S
	HL	P	200	45	0	GD		310	
621	HL	P	240	58	837	HB.	L7	300	Wuhan
_	QH	P	40	35		TJ	L	10	Tianjin
630	SC	C1	85	125	846	GD	P	200	65
	(14)	C2	-	6 7\$		JS	L	10	Changzhou
639	(11)	C1	-	50 \$		SX	P ₁	71	58
648	AN	L	5	Tongling	855	(18)	C2	-	905
	GD	P1	200	6 S	864	AN	P	160	45
657	HEN	P1	190	58	873	GS	P	120	6 S
666	FJ	FF1	200	Dehua		GD	L	5	Zhaoqing
	HL	L	10	Jiamusi		HL	P	150	2\$
	QH	Pc	130	3 S	882	FJ	Ρî	150	65
675	NM	Pc	120	25		LN	L	10	Luda
684	GD	?	200	Haikou	891	NX	P	130	35
	GS	P	70	65	900	GX	P	260	5 S
	HEB	L	10	Tangshan		HL	Р	170	5 S
	HL	L	10	Mudan j i ang	909	TJ	LI	50	Tianjin
	LN	Ĺ	10	Fushun shi		ХJ	Pu2	82	105
	ZJ	Ĺ	10	Dinghai		ZJ	PLA	100	Wencheng
693	SN	P	200	85		HL	L	5	Yichun
702	JS	Pı	100	45	918	HEB	ī	ź	Zhangjiakou
,02	XZ	Ĺ	5	Lhasa	,,,	SD	P	190	5\$
711	QН	P?	130	35	927	BJ	L2	20	Beijing
720	(15)	C2	-	75S	,,,	GZ	P	160	8s
729	JX	P	260	6S		JL	Ĺl	10	Jilin shi
		Ć1			936	AN	P	190	58
738	GD		10 170	Guang zhou 7S	770	XZ	P	130	4S
	JL	P			045	(10)	C2	-	565
	NM	L	5	Huhhot	945				203
	ХJ	Pc	82	10\$	(cont	inued	nex (page)	

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954	GD	L	30	Haikou	1242	HŁ	L	100	Jiayin
774	GZ	Ĺ	5	Jianhe	1272	LN	ī	100	Shenyang
	SC	P	50	35		YN	P	90	75
	ŢĴ	Ĺ4	50	Tianjin	1251	AN	L	5	Hefei
963	LN	P	200	58		QH	Pm	130	3 S
,,,	NM	Ĺ	5	Huhhot	1260	ĹN	P	250	6s
	ŁX	P	Вo	75	1269	FJ	FF1	200	Dehua
972	HL	L	20	Harbin		GX	L	50	Nanning
	HEN	P2	225	105		NM .	L	10	Linhe
981	(10)	CI	•	585		SX	P1	60	45
	JL	C1/2	7 95	75	1278	FJ		10	Xiamen
990	LN	LI	10	Luda		HEB	P	150	75
	SH	£1	20	Shanghai		ΧZ	P	200	8 S
	YN	₽	100	75	_	ZJ	L	5	Hangzhou
999	™	P	200	2 S	1287	GD	L	5	Hu i zhou
_	ŁΧ	PC	120	3 S		GD	Ĺ	5	Zhanjiang
1008	SN	P	160	45		NX	P	150	25
1017	GD	P	210	6S	1296	LN	L	10	Benxi shi
	JL	L	100	Changchun		SH	L4	20	Shanghai Xi'an
	QH	P	40	38		SN YN	L FS	5 300	Kunming
1026	BJ	L3	20	Beijing	1205	(16)	(2	-	938
1025	GZ	P	120	45	1305	JS	P1	40	3S
1035	(11)	C1	- 2 l.r	528	1314	NM	Ĺ	100	Erenhot
1066	JŁ	C1/2		5S		SC	Ĺ	5	Chongqing
1044	XJ JS	P P	2,1)U 82	0 Changzhou 10S		SD	i	10	Jinan
1053	JL	Ĺ	10	Antu		ΧJ	?	100	Yiwu
1055	SD	Ĺ	5	Jinan	1323	HN	P	190	65
	YN	P	140	75	.,,,,	JL	Ĺ	100	Changchun
1062	GD	P2n	300	7S		XZ	ī	100	Lhasa
	ΧZ	P	200	85	1332	FJ	L	10	Fuzhou
1071	GX	P1	130	35		HEN	P 1	120	7 S
,.	HL	L	10	Qiqihar	1341	GD	P/FS	280	7 S
	LN	L	10	Anshan	_	HL	P/FS	360	7 S
	5 N	L	10	Baoji shi.	1350	JS	L	5	Lianyungang
	TJ	L2	50	Tianjin		JΧ	P	180	45
1080	GD	L	200	Haikou		YN	L	10	Kunming
	GD	L	5	Shantou	1359	(16)	C 1	•	835
	JS	L	10	Wuxi shi	1368	нв	L	10	Wuhan
_	SC	L	5	Chongq i ng		NM	P	90	45
1089	HEB	Ļ	5	Baoding		SC	L	10	Chongqing
	LN	P	180	7 S	1377	FJ	FF2	200	Dehua
_	₩	P	120	3\$		SD	L	10	Qingdao
1098	FJ	L	10	Xiamen		XZ	P	121	45
	GD	Ĺ	5	Maoming	1386	FJ	L	10	Jinmen Linzhou
	NM	P	110	5S		GX Tj	L L3	5 50	Tianjin
1107	JL	P P	240	8S	1395	AN	P	100	65
	GD XJ	P	80 200	7S 4S	1404	HB	P	140	35
1116	JL	P	200	2S	1404	LN	Ĺ	10	Dandong
	SC	Ρl	170	98	1413	JS	Ρl	70	35
1125	HEB	P.	180	58	,	ΧĴ	Pul	120	35
1134	GD	i	10	Zhanjiang	1422	LN	P	110	45
,.	ZJ	P	120	65		SH	L3	20	Shangha i
1143	NM	L	10	Dongsheng	1431	AH	L	5	Bengbu
	YN	P	200	45	_	HL	<u>L</u> m	100	Hailar
1152	HN	P	130	5 S	1440	GX	P1	170	7 \$
-	JL	Lm	50	Tongliao		LN	P	30	25
	LN	L	10	Shuangfeng	1449	JŁ	L	10	Changchun
1161	SC	P	155	105		JX	P	90	5S
1170	ΧZ	L	200	Qamdo		ΧJ	P	82	10\$
1179	NX	P	190	45	1458		Pm	120	
1188	NM	PС	140	5 \$	1467		P2	90	45
	YN	FS?	300	Kunming		SC	L.	50	Chengdu
1197	HL	L	5	Harbin	1476		L4	20	Beijing
	NM	L	10	Jining		HB	L	10	Huangsh i
	YN	P	190	58		ZJ	TS	200	
1206	JL	Lk	100	Yanji shi	1485			-	36 local stations
	NX	P	110	25	1494		P	170	
	YN	FS?	300	Kunming		JL	L	100	
1215	(12)	C2		575	4.5	XJ	P	80	7\$
1224	SC	P1	100	Chengdu	1503		Lc	10	Jining 4S
	TW	P	120	3S	1510	ZJ HL	P1 L	140 50	45 Hail a r
1233	HN	P	200	6S	1512	TU	E.	160	

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1566 GD
1521 SN
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                                                              18 local stns.
            P
                 200
                       35
            FF2
                200
                                        1593 BJ
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1539
     FJ
                       Dehua
                                                              Beijing
                       35
                                              HL
                                                         10
                                                              Jiamusi
                 130
                                                   L
1548
                       55
                                                         110
      SD
                 190
                                              HB
                                                             35
      ΧZ
                 170
                       95
                                                   Pm
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                                              ХJ
                                                             35
                       Ningbo
                                        1602 (9)
                                                              14 local stns.
      ZJ
                 10
1557 FJ
           Р
                 150
                      65
                                        C-1, C-2 = CPBS 1,2; P-1, P-2, P - provincial
      LN
            L
                 20
                      Chifena
                                        networks. L = local stn. FS-foreign service.
      SH
           L
                 1
                       Shanghai
                                        P-k/m/n/u/c=Korean, Mong., Cantonese, Uighur, Chnse.
(NOTE: The Geneva Plan lists the cities alphabetically by frequency. Using the coor-
dinates provided. I determined the provinces. If an (S) was designated. I combined them.
No, the Chinese did not note the programming service. To make the list more relevant,
I listed information based on my own observations while I was there or on more recent
monitoring reports.) (Additional symbols: FF1.2= Fullan Front/PLA: TS=Taiwan syc.)
      (5) By plotting the use of the graveyard channels (540, 639, 756, 981, 1035, 1359;
630, 720, 855, 945, 1215, 1305) it is my firm conviction that these will provide
synchronized C-1 and C-2 service over the entire country on a fulltime basis as soon
as they are all constructed. In the meantime, C-1 and C-2 programming will continue to
be broadcast on, and reported on provincial networks. Some provincial networks simply
run out of material and latch on to C-1 or C2 programming at any given time; these then
are reported as C-1 or C-2 frequencies, whereas it is the exception and not the rule.
      Using this approach, let's take a look at graveyard channel usage.(C≖conforms).
                         C-1 FREQUENCIES
                                                        C-2 FREQUENCIES
PROVINCE/AREA
                      540 639 756 981 1035 1359 TTL.
                                                      630 720 855 945 1215 1305 TTL.
ANHUL (AN)
                                                 15
BEIJING (BJ)
                  C
                                                 1
FUJIAN (FJ)
                                   6
                                                 13
                                                                                 18
GANSU (GS)
                                                 18
GUANGDONG (GD)
                                                 14
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GUANGX! (GX)
                                                 16
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GUIZHOU(GZ)
                                                 17
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HEBEI (HEB)
                               2
                                                 14
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HEILONGJIANG (HL) x
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HENAN (HEN)
                                                 22
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HUBE! (HB)
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HUNAN (HN)
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JIANGSU (JS)
JIANGXI (JX)
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JILIN (JL)
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LIAONING (LN)
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NEI MONGGOL (NM)
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NINGXIA (NX)
QINGHAI (QH)
SHAANXI (SN)
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SHANDONG (SD)
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SHANGHAI (SH)
SHANXI (SX)
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SICHUAN (SC)
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TAIWAN (TW)
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TIANJIN (TJ)
XINJIANG (XJ)
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YUNNAN (YN)
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      Nineteen provinces/areas are consistent with this approach. Exceptions:
FJ: No C2 in Fuzhou; no C1 Sanming, Zhangzhou
GD: No C2 Haikou, Jiexi, Shaoquan, Zhaoqing; no C1 Huizhou, Huaiji
GX: OK except for extra 720 outlet (.5kw) in Liuzhou
HEB: no C2 Anci, Fengning, Handan shi; no conforming C1 Qinhuangdao, Shijiazhuang,
 Zhangjiakou (it is believed synched CIs are in these cities on 567, 100kw ea.)
HB: no C1 Wuhan, unless 837 300kw is being used for that purpose
JS: 2 Cls in Nanjing, 639 & 1359
*JL: no C2 Changchun, unless the extra 981 is being used for this. Six cities have two
 C1 freqs (981/1035). For totals above I have 981 as C1 and 1035 as C2.
LN: no C2 Shenyang. Only province requiring use of four channels each.
NM: No C2 Otog Qi (should be on 1305)
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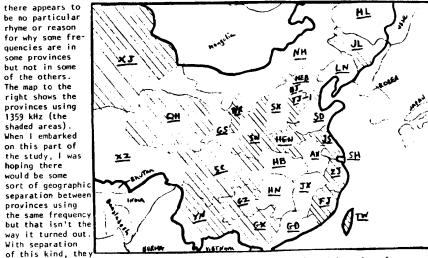
**SC: No C1 Chengdu, unless 855 is used for it (only SC on 855). 1359 is the only C1 freq included. I think 630 is a typo and that it s/b 639/C1 rather than the extra 630.

there is one other thing that seems to tie it all together. This is the fact that

Other than these mostly explainable (or at least understandable) aberrations,

Other than Chengdu, this would make the province conforming.

HL: extra station on 1359, C1 frequency, Jiamusi.



would be more likely to carry some sort of provincial programming without interfering with stations in the next province. However, it just looks to me like they are all going to be synchronized all the times with C1 or C2 programming.

(6) So what's on the air on your typical Chinese radio station? Here's a program

schedule from GUANGXI PEOPLE'S BROADCASTING STATION (Beijing time):

	e from GUANGAT PEUPLE 'S BRUADCAS	140 214	titon (berjing time).
	1 1 (792 1071 1440)		D. 111.1 I
	S/on; program schedule		Political song of the week
	MWFSu Music		Headlines (Su: listener letters)
	TuThSa Opera		Weather - local dialect
	Farm news	,	News or music
5:50	Wx - local dialect		Sun-Fri Music; Sat Army & people
5:55	Political song of week	6:45	Science & Technology
6:00	MWFSu Opera	7pm	M-Sa Farm news (to 7:30)
	TuThSa Music		Su Listener requests (to 8)
6:15	Local news	7:20	MWF opera
	Wx in Mandarin		TuThSa Music
	News analysis	k7:30	National program (C1)
7:00	Su only - music	7:50	News/music
7:15		÷7:55	Central news report
,	TuThSa Provincial Rpt.	8:30	MF Literature; TuTh Opera; W Music;
	Su Music		SaSu Arts & Literature (to 11)
7:30	Red Guard Life	9:00	MWF News report/discussion
7:50	Opera		Tu Music; Th Requests
8:00	MF Opera (to 9)	9:30	M-F English lesson (medium)
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	TuThSu Art Discussion (to 10)	10:00	M Music; Tue Lit.; WF Opera;
	WSa Literature (to 9)		Th Foreign classical music
9:00	MWF Broadcasting disc'n (to 9:30	11:00	International music. 12mid - s/off
,	Sa Newspaper article disc'n.(to	9:20)	
9:20	Sa Opera (to 11)	PROGRAI	4 2 is on from 5:30-8a, 10:50a-2:05p,
9:30	M Literature	and 5:	50-11pm. Programming different from P1:
,,,,	WF Music	5:45a	Mongolian program - N dialect
10:00	Chairman Mao Communist Study Pgm	.6	Mongolian program - S dialect
10.00	Su only Music Discussion (to 11)		Weather - N. Mongolian dialect
10:20	MSF Music	2pm	Maritime weather report
14.20	TuThSa Opera	7pm	Mongolian program - S dialect
11.00	Novel (soap opera)		Provincial news
	Commercials or music		Mongolian program - N dialect
12n	M-Sa Science program		is on 846 1161 & 1224 kHz)
1211	Su Opera		ogram schedule also says you can tune in
12.150	M-Sa News headlines		grams in southern Guangxi on 639kHz from
12.150	Sy Letters from listeners		pm local time. I presume this is the old
12.20	MWFSu Music; TuThSa Opera		g on 635, but who knows what it does for
12.20	English lessons - medium level		st of the broadcast day
	Sign-off		
1 pm	Sign-on & program schedule	That c	leans out my China file for awhile. Any
	MWFSu Local opera		ts or reactions are most welcome. Thanks
5pm	TuSa Music		Bruce Portzer whose recent China article
	Thu Literature	insnir	ed me to put all this together. FYI, Guangxi
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