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RECEPTION REPORT

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Dear VOA,

Thanks for the last information pack.

With all the changes regarding English to Europe, I thought I'd take time out to check all the frequencies heard over the last year. Hope this helps - and while there is a way to hear you, I'll keep listening:

Description of Radio and Aerial

Two receivers are on the go here. One is a portable, the TRIO R11, an early product from the KENWOOD stable, test marketed by my last company, Lowe Electronics of Matlock in the UK. The same set was branded **Toshiba** in the States. The main receiver is the prototype Lowe HF150, a radio I helped to design and market. The aerial is a loop of wire around the balcony to the apartment, some 8 feet by four, impedance matched and balanced against electrical noise.

Got to use all that experience somewhere...

Date	GMT	Frequency	S	I	O	Remarks
-	-	1197	-	-	-	Now inaudible in the UK. This channel has been assigned to VIRGIN 1215
March, 96	1830	6,040	5	5	5	The best all-year all-rounder, early evenings. Recent changes to BBC World Service means it can't be heard in the UK anymore during the day. Now this UK sourced outlet feeds my World News habit at 1800.
Summer 95	0600	7,325	4	5	5	A good frequency to hold in a memory channel as it has a double life. At 0600 last Summer, good VOA reception. Then BBC World Service over late breakfast to 0915
March, 96	2030	7,415	3	2	3	Frequencies for Africa provide a valuable new aspect as news from that country never makes it to local media. This one is fair over our Winter.
Winter, 95	1930	7,651	2	3	3	One of the ISB feeders. We like to find these as good sport and they can provide a good back-up when the chips are down. Not heard this one this year. What does VOA use them for?

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March, 96	2025	9,760	5	5	5	This is the one for Willis Conover, a real radio listening tradition. As a child, I listened to this strange new music from over The Pond. Now a jazz fan, he made the first conversion. Thank him for me, can you?
Summer 95	1600	13,710	5	4	4	6040 can take a dive in the Summer so this becomes the main frequency. The African view only adds to the mix.
Summer 95	1700	15,205	4	4	5	Good Summer Frequency
Summer 95	1600	15,225	5	5	5	Good Summer Frequency
Summer 95	1600	15,445	4	4	5	See 13,710
March, 96	2000	15,580	4	5	5	Heard as I write this. Good one for Africa.
Summer 95	1700	19,379	3	3	4	Some Summer fun. When it's good it's very good - use sync detection on the lower sideband and it takes on satellite feed quality. The SIO given is an average but not heard this year.

No need to QSL any of the above.

As long as the information is useful, I remain;

Yours sincerely

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PS How about putting **VOA Europe** on 3980 for a while to see who picks up on it?