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COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 03261.3

Subj: Loran-C Off-Air Time; granting of

1. Purpose. This instruction establishes procedures to be followed when granting off-air time to Loran-C chains or stations.
2. Scope. This instruction is applicable to off-air time granted to Loran-C chains or stations for testing or maintenance or to comply with requests from outside agencies for cessation of Loran-C transmissions.
3. Background. Prior to November 1963 no uniform policy was established governing the authority to grant off-air time in the Loran-C system. Off-air time for some chains was granted by the appropriate District or other Coast Guard command; while other Districts were required to obtain permission of the Commandant before granting off-air time. Complicating the picture was the fact that all chains are primarily serving the Department of Defense. Any Coast Guard command desiring to grant off-air time was obligated to clear his action beforehand with the Department of Defense at either Department or local level as appropriate. In November 1963 the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Communications-Electronics Directorate (J-6), established a policy of local area coordination between the Coast Guard and the Defense Department to permit uniform handling of off-air time. All Commanders-in-Chief whose areas contained Loran-C chains were informed of this policy.
4. Action:
 - a. District Commanders, or Coast Guard Liaison Officers who control Loran-C chains shall contact the appropriate Commander-in-Chief (Europe, Atlantic, Pacific or Alaska) and establish a channel of coordination by which mutual agreement on off-air periods can be had.
 - b. Upon determination of mutually agreeable times, the District Commander, or Coast Guard Liaison Officer, may grant off-air time.
 - c. Where Loran-C chains cross bounds of authority of Commanders-in-Chief, the Coast Guard officer coordinating the off-air time shall request that the necessary further coordination between area Commanders-in-Chief be handled by the Commanders-in-Chief involved.
 - d. Where Loran-C chains cross Coast Guard District boundaries, the District Commander of the district containing the master station shall be responsible for coordination and granting of off-air time.

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e. Where non-military agencies are involved, additional channels of coordination should be established.

f. District Commanders may delegate the responsibility for coordination and authority to grant off-air time to Section Commanders as they deem necessary.

g. When off-air time for Loran-C units has been granted, any special users shall be notified of the off-air times and Notices to Mariners and Airmen shall be issued.



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Dist: (SDL 78)

A: None
B: b,c,d,(2), g(1)
C: 1 (less Loran-A)(1), s(1)
D: a, j(1)
E: k(1)

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