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From: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard
To: Hydrographer, U. S. Navy Department

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Subj: New Hawaiian Loran Chain; charting of¹

OPERATIONS SHORE UNITS

Refs: (a) Hydro ltr dtd 3-6-51, Code 30-mr (4.110), Serial 592
(b) Comdt USCG ltr dtd 2-6-50, OAN 601, 633

1. This letter brings up to date the charting arrangements for the New Hawaiian Loran Chain. It will be recalled that the Coast Guard first asked the Hydrographic Office to chart the new Chain in February, 1950, and it was agreed that every effort would be made to distribute the new editions by 1 February, 1951, the expected date of operation. They were prepared by that date, but shortly thereafter the Hydrographic Office was asked not to distribute them until further notice, with the understanding that the new Chain might not begin operations until as late as March, 1952.

2. The delay in commissioning the new Chain has occurred because of the necessity of keeping the old station at French Frigate Shoals in operation to provide coverage in the direction of Midway Island for the military air movements in support of the Koran War. For over a year the Coast Guard has been waiting for an opportunity to discontinue that station and change to the new Chain and charts. However, it now appears that this plan cannot be carried out in the foreseeable future. Therefore, the Coast Guard plans to continue and improve the facilities at French Frigate Shoals, but to move the present station at East Island to Tern Island, about 7 miles away. The Tern Island Station will be ready for operation about 15 October, 1952, and at that time, it is planned to change over the new Hawaiian Chain.

3. When the new Hawaiian Chain is placed in operation, the following rate structure will be used, with coding delays of 1,000 microseconds at all slave stations:

Ilio Point (Master) to Upolo Point2L6
Ilio Point (Master) to Makahuena Point.....2L5
Tern Island (Master) to Makahuena Point.....2L4

4. It is requested that the Hydrographic Office undertake the computations and charting work incident to these changes. The antenna coordinates for the new stations at Makahuena Point, Kauai, Ilio Point, Molokai, and Upolo Point, Hawaii, were forwarded in reference (b). The antenna at Tern Island will be located in Latitude 23° 51' 59.02" N., Longitude 166° 17' 17.14"W. This position was scaled from the plotted position of the proposed antenna on 14th Naval District drawing "Naval Air Facilities, French Frigate Shoals; condition as of 2 December, 1943 - #PNAB-N22-101, sheet 1/1, 26 January, 1944." On that drawing the

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propose location can be determined from the locations of Triangle Tern No. 2, Latitude 23° 51' 56.58" N., Longitude 166° 17' 12.68". The Coast Guard does not know how the coordinates of the two triangles were originally determined or how accurate they are.

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