

## REPORT OF COAST GUARD UNIT ABOARD

13 August 1963

DATE ESTABLISHED: 15 September 1958

NAME OF UNIT: OFFICE OF COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN SECTION, U. S. COAST GUARD

LOCATION: NAPLES, ITALY

PROPOSE OF UNIT: Exercises operational and administrative control over five Loran Transmitting Stations, two Loran Monitor Stations, and Air Detachment. Provides technical assistance as required by subordinate units. Maintains liaison with other agencies and armed forces of the United States and with foreign governments thru U. S. diplomatic channels. Arranges for necessary logistic support and for major maintenance projects of subordinate units.

By nature of its location relative to the units under its control, it is able to provide prompt assistance to those units which experience problems beyond their capacity to solve. It is also necessary that periodic inspection be made of subordinate units to insure that they are fulfilling their operational mission within tolerances established for them. These and other considerations require the maintenance of this office in a foreign location.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF UNIT: Maintain control of and provided for services for subordinate units listed above.

PROPOSED CHANGES: None.

EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES: Accomplishment of stated mission of this unit cannot be satisfactorily continued from continental U. S. The requirement for close supervision over the subordinate stations and for liaison with the agencies of the United States Government which require the services of the Loran Transmitting Stations can best be met by continuing this office in its present location. No reduction in personnel or costs are expected in the near future.