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From: Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District

To: Commandant (G-W)

Subj: Philippine Loran Stations

- 1. The latest inspection report on a station in the Philippine chain is forwarded for information.
- 2. It is considered that the comments in the report are typical of the attitude and conditions throughout the five stations. For some time the Loran Technical Assistance Detail (LORTAD) has been rendering support far beyond that required by the now defunct agreement. Even housekeeping supplies are not provided by the Government of the Philippines.
- 3. Should the present requirement for operation of this chain continue for a protracted period of time, there will have to be a considerable revision in the attitude of the Government of the Philippines (GOP) toward maintenance of the stations.
- 4. Direct discussions with the Senior Coast Guard Officer Philippines indicate that the LORTAD may not be able to continue its operation at present strength without a major change in the GOP attitude towards operation of the stations.
- 5. Again, we face the question of how much is the Covernment of the United States prepared to pay to keep the signal in the air.

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Encl: (1) Inspection Report

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