

April 8, 1975

Honorable James R. Schlesinger
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

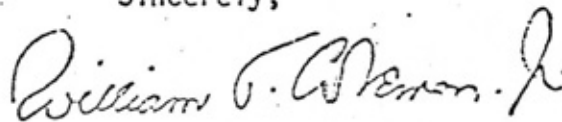
Dear Mr. Secretary:

This letter responds to your message P272251Z December 1974, concerning the funding responsibility for providing technical assistance and logistic support for the Loran-A stations owned and operated by the Republic of the Philippines.

The intergovernmental agreement for technical assistance and logistic support of these stations by the United States Coast Guard expired on December 31, 1974. To preclude lapse of Loran-A technical contact while the United States' position was determined and until funding issues could be resolved and a new agreement negotiated, the Coast Guard retained approximately one-half of their Loran Technical Assistance Detail in place beyond agreement termination.

I understand your requirement for this Loran-A chain until December 31, 1977, and that you do not have funds in your budget for this purpose. The Office of Management and Budget, however, has denied funding to the Coast Guard to continue this program. Therefore, the Coast Guard must begin withdrawing their remaining personnel without replacement on or about April 1, 1975. If you are not able to provide funding, or if a new agreement has not been consummated, the Coast Guard will disestablish this facility on June 30, 1975.

Sincerely,



William T. Coleman, Jr.

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