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From: Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District
To: Commandant (GCPA/84)

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Ref: (a) US - GOP Agreement of 10 Oct 1970
(b) CCGD14 OPORD No. 29-70 (Philsec Loran) of 2 Nov 1970
(c) COMDT (CPA-2) ltr 5320/714 Ser 37 of 20 Jun 1972
(d) CCGD14 (dcs) ltr 5320 Ser 37115 of 18 Jul 1972
(e) OPFAC (CG-244)

1. The Coast Guard is committed by the terms of reference (a) to "provide technical consultants, administrative assistance, (and) the necessary spare parts or replacement equipment..." until 31 December 1974 for the five Loran A stations which we transferred to the Republic of the Philippines in 1971. In addition to the personnel assigned to these tasks, we have a Merchant Marine Detail in Manila for which no terminal date has been contemplated. Coast Guard personnel will therefore remain in the Philippines at least through 1974, and possibly indefinitely thereafter.

2. The recent exchange of messages between the Commandant and our Embassy in Manila established the feasibility of consolidating PHILSEC (Staff) and MMD Manila. Relating to this, references (c) and (d) agree that the O-6 billet, now vacant, is no longer needed for the Section Commander and can be eliminated. The Commanding Officer, MMD Manila, as the Senior Coast Guard Officer in the Philippines, would be double hatted by designating him as Section Commander in addition to his present assignment. The District Operations Planning Officer has just returned from a visit to Manila where the various aspects of our responsibilities were reviewed. In the course of this, it became apparent that several changes in organization and personnel allowances are appropriate.

3. In view of the limited scope of our activities there, the designation "Philippine Section" no longer appears appropriate. We have no direct operational responsibility for the Loran stations, and the MMD, performing duties in the Merchant Marine Safety field, could be considered to be basically administrative in nature. Thus there are no Coast Guard units in the Philippines upon which a section organization, as it is defined and elsewhere established, can be based. Guam-based tenders working A/N in Subic Bay remain under OPCON of COMARSEC. Either of two other organizational titles would be more appropriate, "Senior Coast Guard Officer, Philippines", or "Coast Guard Technical Assistance Group, Philippines". The former is preferred, and would clearly indicate the stature and authority of the officer holding the title. The latter better describes

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where our major emphasis is placed, at least insofar as personnel and inter-governmental relationships are concerned. It does not, however, precisely fit the definition stated in reference (c) in that it is not under the Chief of a U. S. Military Mission. It would be distinctly separate from MMD, thus giving the appearance of fragmenting our organization. Noteworthy is the fact that reference (b) originally proposed a change in title to "Senior Coast Guard Officer, Philippines" (SCGOP). The Section organization was apparently retained at that time because we had personnel at Subic Bay in support of COGARD RONTHREE and at NAVRADSTA, San Miguel in addition to what we have now.

4. Personnel allowances are adequate at the present time, subject to the following comments:

a. Whenever the equipment arrives for in-country training of Filipino ET's, an additional ETC will be required for instructor duties. A CPO is needed not merely for his knowledge and instructional abilities, but also because of the markedly greater respect shown and greater attention given to him as opposed even to a PO1 in the Philippines professional and social environment.

b. As long as we maintain any presence in the Philippines, we should continue to provide personnel services for Filipino nationals (Coast Guard active duty or retired) who visit the Philippines and their dependents. Reporting on regular and emergency leave, moves of dependents, issuance of I. D. cards, etc., are duties that will continue. A second Yeoman for MMD should be considered when the loran support personnel are withdrawn.

Personnel allowance changes will be specifically proposed in separate correspondence at the appropriate time.

5. Approval is requested to:

- a. Disestablish U. S. Coast Guard Section, Philippines.
- b. Establish "Senior Coast Guard Officer, Philippines". (Short title "SCGOP")
- c. Establish "Loran A Technical Assistance Detail, Manila". (This Detail will replace and will utilize billets heretofore assigned to the PHILSEC Staff.)
- d. Designate the Commanding Officer, Merchant Marine Detail, Manila, as "Senior Coast Guard Officer, Philippines".

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6. If approval is given, appropriate divisions in Headquarters will be requested to issue the necessary changes to CPTAC and the SDL.



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