

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MADRID 08949 301547Z

65

ACTION PM-04

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 EB-07 DODE-00 CIAE-00 INR-07

NSAE-00 DOTE-00 L-03 SP-02 /036 W  
----- 049720

R 261103Z NOV 76  
FM AMEMBASSY MADRID  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8092  
INFO USMISSION NATO  
USLOSACLANT  
COMCOGARD ACTEUR UK  
CGSUPCEN BROOKLYN NY  
1989CG TORREJON  
HQ 16TH AF TORREJON  
CINUSAFE  
HQ USAF  
COMDTCOGARD WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 8949

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, NATO, SP

SUBJECT: LORAN-A STATION, ESTACA DE VARES, SPAIN

REF: STATE 285982 (DTG 221739Z NOV 76)(NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS NO REASON TO EXPECT THAT SPANISH WILL OBJECT TO CLOSING OF LORAN-A STATION AT ESTACA DE VARES DEC 31, 1977. WE CANNOT PREDICT WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH SPANISH AUTHORITIES WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR USAF TO USE LORAN SITE FOR SILK PURSE COMMUNICATION RELAY STATION NOW PROJECTED FOR INSTALLATION IN 1977 AT NEAR BY SITE AT ESTACA. IN ANY EVENT, CLOSING OF LORAN SITE MAY SOMEWHAT COMPLICATE USAF PLANS SINCE THESE INVOLVE OBTAINING SOME ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FROM THIS COAST GUARD INSTALLATION.

2. FACILITIES INVENTORY AT THIS LORAN-A STATION, PROVIDED FOR IN THE TREATY, HAS NOT YET BEEN CARRIED OUT. ONLY AFTER INVENTORY IS AGREED WILL WE KNOW WHICH FACILITIES WILL BE LEFT

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MADRID 08949 301547Z

IN PLACE AND WHICH MAY BE REMOVED AT TIME STATION IS CLOSED.

3. IMPACT OF CLOSURE ON THIS MISSION WILL BE MINIMAL SINCE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT REQUIRED FROM VARIOUS ELEMENTS, INCLUDING JUSMG, HAS NEVER BEEN GREAT.

4. WE SEE NO IMPORTANT REASON NOT TO RAISE THIS MATTER SOON WITH THE SPANISH VIA THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON POLITICO-MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS. HOWEVER, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT CARE BE TAKEN NOT TO DESCRIBE THIS IN ANY WAY WHICH MIGHT COME TO SPANISH ATTENTION AS "NATO LORAN-A STATION-". STABLER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** CLOSURE OF OFFICES, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, MILITARY BASES, RADIO STATIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 26 NOV 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** coburnhl  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976MADRID08949  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760443-0713  
**From:** MADRID  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19761112/aaaaakii.tel  
**Line Count:** 71  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION PM  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 76 STATE 285982  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** coburnhl  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 18 MAR 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <18 MAR 2004 by morefirh>; APPROVED <07 SEP 2004 by coburnhl>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** LORAN-A STATION, ESTACA DE VARES, SPAIN  
**TAGS:** MARR, SP, US, NATO  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006