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SUBJ: IWO JIMA AND GESASHI LORAN-A FUNCTIONS

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1. FONOFF SECURITY DIVISION DEPUTY HEAD TERADA INFORMED
EMBOFF NOV 26 THAT GOJ FINANCE MINISTRY HAD "RULED OUT"
POSSIBILITY OF SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCING FOR MSA TO TAKE OVER
LORAN-A FUNCTIONS AT GESASHI AND IWO JIMA. MINFIN HAS
DECIDED THAT NO FUNDS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MSA FOR THIS
PURPOSE BEFORE APRIL 1, 1975 (BEGINNING JFY-75).

2. TERADA STATED THAT IN VIEW OF MINFIN DECISION, HE HAD TO
OFFICIALLY REQUEST USG TO CONSIDER MAINTAINING LORAN-A
FUNCTION AT GESASHI AND IWO THROUGH MARCH 31, 1975.

3. USCG HERE INFORMS US THAT BY APRIL 1975 MOST, IF NOT ALL,
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OF NEW OMEGA STATIONS WILL BE ON AIR. SINCE IT MSA VIEW THAT

OPERATION OF BOTH SYSTEMS WOULD BE REDUNDANT, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT ANY GOJ FUNDS FOR LORAN-A STATION OPERATION WILL BE PROVIDED EVEN THEN.

4. COMMENT: GOJ RESPONSE SEEMS TO BE BASED ON HUNCH THAT USG AND USCG MIGHT BE WILLING, IF PRESSED, TO CONTINUE PROVIDING LORAN-A COVERAGE AT SUBJECT STATIONS UNTIL OMEGA SYSTEM BECOMES OPERATIONAL. END COMMENT.

5. IF TRUE, PROBLEM SOLVED. IF NOT, NEED REPLY ASAP SO THAT WE CAN NOTIFY GOJ OF OUR DECISION IN TIME FOR ONUS OF ENDING LORAN-A COVERAGE IN JULY 1974 TO FALL CLEARLY ON GOJ.
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