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Chief, Office of Operations

Broadcasts of Marine Weather Information from Loran Stations

Ref : (a) Ltr from Senator Ernest Gruening dtd 30 Jan 1961

1. From time to time Headquarters has received requests from private individuals and organizations and from the U. S. Weather Bureau that Loran Transmitting Stations in the Alaskan Area make routine schedules of radionarine weather broadcasts.
3. It has been the policy that Loran Stations do not have the required facilities or personnel to meet a schedule of public broadcasts.
3. Statutory responsibility for the preparation and dissemination of weather information to the marine public is vested in the Chief, U. S. Weather Bureau by 15 USC 313. The Coast Guard cooperates when requested by the U. S. Weather Bureau on a not-to-interfere basis.
4. Weather broadcasts in the Alaskan Area are presently made by eleven stations. Coast Guard Primary Radio Station KETCHIKAN (1847) is one of these. The remainder are U. S. Army stations of the Alaska Communications service. Fleet Weather Facility, U. S. Naval Station, Kodiak also makes weather broadcasts on CW frequencies.
5. A primary requisite for a station to make such broadcasts as requested by reference (a) is a rapid means of communication, preferably teletype, with the U. S. Weather Bureau Regional Office at Anchorage. A qualified radio operator and suitable equipment are plainly needed. Such facilities are not considered available at Loran-A stations in Alaska. The Chiefs of Aids to Navigation, Shore Units, Communications, Floating Units and Electronics Engineering Divisions have reiterated this and strongly oppose a radionarine broadcast requirement on Loran Stations unless additional facilities and personnel are made available.
6. It is requested that the Commandant advise this office of the policy to be followed.

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