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SUBJECT: LORAN-A STATIONS

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1. NEWLY-DEFINED US LORAN-A REQUIREMENTS NECESSITATE CONTINUED OPERATION OF PHILIPPINE LORAN-A STATIONS AT BATAAN, NAULO POINT, CATANDUANES, TALAMPULAN AND TARUMPITAO AT LEAST THROUGH DEC 31 77, RPT 77, IN ORDER PRECLUDE DISRUPTION PACIFIC LORAN-A CHAINS. WE WISH TO KNOW WHETHER GOP AGREEABLE TO CONTINUED OPERATION.

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2. PURSUANT 1970 USG-GOP LORAN-A AGREEMENT (TIAS 7031),

USCG TRANSFERRED COMMAND, CONTROL AND OPERATION OF ABOVE FIVE STATIONS TO GOP IN APR 71, BUT (A) MAINTAINED
PERSONNEL CADRE (YOUR 11-MAN MERCHANT MARINE DETAIL)
TO PROVIDE TECH ASSISTANCE, (B) FURNISHED SPARE PARTS
AND DOLS. 25,000 PER YEAR FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE,
(C) PROVIDED O AND M TRAINING TO PHIL PERSONNEL IN CONUS,
AND (D) ASSISTED GOP TO BEGIN ESTABLISHING LORAN TRAINING
SCHOOL. OBLIGATION TO ASSIST UNDER AGREEMENT EXPIRES
DEC 31, 1974. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, ALL CONDITIONS OF
1970 AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN MET. USCG SUPPORT FOR STATIONS
AFTER DEC 31, 1974, ACCORDING TO PARA 5(C) OF AGREEMENT,
WILL BE PROVIDED "AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE AGREED
UPON" BY USG AN GOP. SUCH AGREEMENT COULD BE EFFECTED

AT COOPERATING AGENCY LEVEL AND WOULD NOT RPT NOT IN OUR VIEW REQUIRE AMENDMENT TO 1970 AGREEMENT.

- 3. WHEN YOU APPROACH GOP, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW WHETHER GOP FORESEES NEED FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND AT WHAT LEVEL.
- 4. FYI: THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT SYSTEM MAY FLOUNDER UNLESS WE CONTINUE OFFER SPARE PARTS AND MINIMAL TECH ASSISTANCE AND PROVIDE SYSTEM ACCURACY CHECKS AS NECESSARY. USCG IS PREPARED ENTERTAIN GOP REQUESTS FOR THESE KINDS OF ASSISTANCE, PREFERABLY ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE EXPENSIVE NATURE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND LACK OF TIMELY RESPONSE IF IT MUST COME FROM HAWAII. END FYI. SISCO

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