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From: Commander Coast Guard Activities, Europe
To: Commandant (G-BPA)

Subj: RECOMMENDATION FOR USCG DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Ref: (a) USCG Public Affairs Manual (COMDTINST M05728.2)

1. Mr. Solvi Jespersen is retiring from the Royal Danish Administration of Navigation and Hydrography (RDANH), the host nation agency administering Loran station operations on Danish territory. I would like to use this occasion to recognize his outstanding service over the past 39 years and recommend him for the Distinguished Public Service Award.
2. Mr. Jespersen started working with Loran-A on 29 July 1946 at a station in the Southern Faeroes. He joined RDANH for employment the following year and moved to Ejde on 22 August 1959, where the new Loran-C station was being built. As Ejde's first Senior Technician, he began giving formal classroom instruction to teach three new technicians prior to the station coming on-air the end of that year. On 1 November 1963, Mr. Jespersen was promoted to Leader Assistant at Ejde, a position comparable to Senior Technical Officer at U. S. Coast Guard Loran Stations. He has held this post ever since. Under his leadership, Lorsta Ejde achieved a reputation for being "the most professionally competent Lorsta in the world."
3. Lorsta Ejde has earned its reputation by providing outstanding operational performance coupled with highly professional work on a number of projects. The more important projects include installation of new timing and control equipment; the installation, evaluation and operation of computer-controlled monitor receivers; the reconfiguration of the North Atlantic chain into the Icelandic chain; and more recently, the installation of feedback modification to Ejde's Loran-C transmitters. These complex, time-consuming projects required effort above and beyond that required to maintain normal operations.
4. The outstanding service provided by Lorsta Ejde under Mr. Jespersen's leadership has made significant and valuable contributions to the Coast Guard's Loran-C system for use by fishermen and mariners of many nations as well as the U. S. military. This service has allowed us to meet our mission requirements and has provided users with otherwise unavailable navigational information.

5. Mr. Jespersen retires on 31 December 1985, but 8 November will be his last work day. I believe he may have served the longest, continuous Loran-duty of any individual in the world. He and his wife, Ingrid, will be moving to the capital of the Faeroes, in Thorshavn. Certainly, we will miss his professional abilities, dedicated efforts, and good-natured character. I request you process this recommendation in time for Senior Chief Holland, a member of my staff, to personally present the award on behalf of the Coast Guard to thank Mr. Jespersen for his many years of distinguished service. The Senior Chief will be travelling to Lorsta Ejde on 3 November.

JAMES L. WALKER

Encl: (1) Proposed Award Citation

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PROPOSED CITATION

TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE USCG DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD TO
MR. SOLVI JESPERSEN, LORSTA EJDE SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER

During the period from 1 September 1959 to 31 December 1985, you have provided a valuable and significant service to the United States Coast Guard. As Senior Technician and Leader Assistant of Loran-C station Ejde, Faeroe Islands, your leadership, technical expertise, and willingness to assist have been a major contributor to reliable radionavigation service in the North Atlantic Ocean and Norwegian Sea. During the late 1970s and early 1980s, your assistance was invaluable in the successful effort to make Ejde a control and monitor site. Ejde's reputation as the most professionally competent Loran station in the world is well deserved and due to your leadership. Your exceptional and distinguished public service is heartily commended by the United States Coast Guard.

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