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From: Coordinator of Chain Operations, North Central U.S. Chain  
To: Officer in Charge, USCG Loran Station Havre, Montana

Subj: COCO OPERATIONS INSPECTION OF 19-23 OCT 92

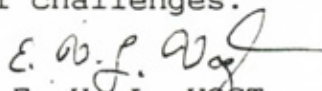
1. I conducted the annual LORAN Operational Inspection of your unit from 19 - 23 Oct. ET1 James Bailey, COCO Assistant, was the other member of the formal inspection party. During our visit we completed the PACAREA Inspection Checklist, swept the notch filter assemblies of both receive antennas, and performed Spectrum Analysis (CWI) scans. Professionalism and teamwork were always highly evident throughout our visit. The Oic and crew have done a commendable job since the establishment of this station.

2. Enclosure (1) is the completed COMPACAREA (Pt1) Quality Assurance Checklist (Rev 9/8/92). All discrepancies noted are listed in Enclosure (2). I reviewed these items during the Inspection outbrief, and have assigned estimated completion dates for LORSTA action items. Status/completion updates are required monthly, with the first report due 1 Jan 92.

3. My particular interest was in training. Your crew completed a difficult LORAN Operations exam with an impressive average of 88.8% and scores ranging up to 98%. All crew members passed both the written test and practical drills with flying colors. The training program was well documented and included unique initiatives. I found the record of advancement of your personnel to be the single most telling statement of the quality of motivation, training, teamwork, and leadership at this station. Every eligible crew member competed for advancement in the Servicewide Exams, and several have earned promotions.

4. Your staffing is currently excellent. You have aboard a fully qualified and trained ET1 ready to take over when the current XPO detaches next summer. Your operational performance during Mar-Aug 92 was 99.968% with 71 minutes of unusable time. You also earned a 180 day LORAN Operations Award this period.

5. I am impressed with the things your team has accomplished over the last two years. I look forward to working closely with you in the future meeting new operational challenges.

  
E. V. L. VOGT

Encl: (1) Inspection Checklist  
(2) Action Item List

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From: Coordinator of Chain Operations, US West Coast Chain  
To: Commander, Pacific Area (Ptl)

Subj: LORSTA HAVRE COCO INSPECTION REPORT

1. Ably assisted by ET1 Bailey, I completed the annual Operational inspection of LORSTA Havre, Montana from 19-23 Oct 93. This was the first Operational Inspection of LORSTA Havre and the first OPCON visit since certification of the station.

2. The inspection went very well - in particular I would like you to note the high motivational level of the station in training, development & advancement of personnel, and community involvement. The training program being developed is exceptional, and may lead to a significantly improved program at other stations. All eligible personnel have been tested for advancement, and several members of the crew have received promotions since reporting aboard. The EO is taking a vocational/technical engineering class at the community college. Besides gaining college credits for on the job "Over & Above" projects, he and the OIC have sponsored field trips by the class to see a functioning state of the art emergency power plant. The OIC is even heard on the local radio station every morning giving the weather report. All told, this station and crew ranks with the best I have observed.

3. As discussed, a list of proposed action items for organizations other than LORSTA Havre is included as attachment (1) to this letter. My LORSTA inspection letter, LORSTA action item list, and completed checklist is attachment (2). If you require any further action or information on this inspection beyond the routine follow up please let me know.

*E. V. L. Vogt*  
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Encl: (1) Havre Operational Inspection Suggested Action Item List  
(2) COCO USWC ltr 16562 of 26 Nov 92 w/attachments

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