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Via: Deputy Commander, Coast Guard Activities, Europe

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Via: Chief, Engineering Division

Subj: QUARTERLY CIVIL ENGINEERING VISIT TO LORSTA KARGABURUN,  
17-20 SEPTEMBER 1985

1. The purpose of my visit was to make a quarterly engineering visit, meet with MKC McQuade of LORSTA Sellia Marina about Mertech, and conduct a 'test' civil engineering inspection.
2. This LORSTA's good reputation for signal/power reliability is well deserved. In fact, mechanically the entire station is in excellent condition. Virtually everything works.
3. The situation which I only became aware of during my visit was that interior building maintenance appears to take a back seat. In my opinion the mess deck and galley are the only spaces which really look good. The galley was one of the cleanest I've seen. The situation is described further in enclosure (1).
4. The installed fire fighting system was a subject of discussion. A recent grass fire at the NE corner required the station to drag out 1500' of fire hose. A fire truck took 30 minutes to get on-site. I will discuss this further with CDR Kline and CWO Jacobs.
5. The long overdue engine overhaul kit arrived on my first morning. The ordering of missing parts will be accomplished very soon. The overhaul will be starting soon, as well.
6. I discussed supply problems with the CO, MKs and SK2. The MKs have a real friend in SK2 Callaway. He is extremely concerned for the engineers and he says he works very well with F division. For an hour he described the entire process of getting materials to Turkey. Despite the horror stories I was told about shipments, the records indicate the system works fairly well.
7. Mishap reports not submitted for the van's accident and the near-drowning were completed and given to me to bring back. There was a reasonable explanation for the delay.
8. MKC McQuade seemed to like what he saw at Kargaburun and I believe is now receptive to Mertech's removal. I thought his visit was extremely worthwhile, being an eye opener to MKC McQuade and a really good opportunity to compare things.

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Encl: (1) Civil Engineering Inspection Report