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31 October 1951
AL-2
Serial 13023

From: Commander, 14th Coast Guard District
To: Commandant (CGD)

Subj: Loran Transmitting Stations, French Frigate Shoals and Nihoa;
request for disposition instructions

- Refs: (a) LATHCGD Form 2609 dated 10-5-49, OLETS Makahuena Point, District Project No. cov-179-50
 (b) LATHCGD Form 2609 dated 6-16-50, OLETS Ilia Point, District Project No. cov-651-50
 (c) COMNAV/L 7-31-51, COMAL-2, serial 4772 with inclosures
 (d) COMNAV/L 10-16-51, J15-2, serial 12049

- References (a) and (b), approved by Headquarters, indicated that the Loran stations at French Frigate Shoals and Nihoa were to be discontinued upon completion of the new Hawaiian Loran stations at Makahuena Point and Ilia Point. At the recent District Commanders' Conference at Headquarters, Commander, 14th Coast Guard District was informally advised that the question of discontinuing subject Loran stations was being reviewed in the light of changing conditions in the Pacific Ocean area. Reference (d) advised Headquarters that the "on air target date" for the new Hawaiian chain is 1 December 1951.
- Reference (c) advanced the recommendations of this District with regards the entire matter of the Hawaiian Loran Chain, and requested instructions relative to the final disposition of the Loran stations at French Frigate Shoals and Nihoa. These instructions have not been received to date.
- As indicated in reference (c) the maintenance program at subject stations has been held to a minimum pending receipt of Headquarters decision. It is anticipated that if these stations at French Frigate Shoals and Nihoa are to be permanently retained in service in their present locations major rebuilding and re-equipping will be necessary, the cost of which will exceed one million dollars.
- It is therefore most desirable for planning purposes that an early decision be reached in this matter and that this District be promptly advised.

L. W. PERKINS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. COAST GUARD
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DATE **13 NOVEMBER 1951**

FROM **COMMANDANT**

TO (FOR ACTION)
COMMANDER, 14th COAST GUARD DISTRICT

TO (FOR INFORMATION)

MAIL TO

TELEPHONE TO

MESSENGER TO **OSU(7-12), EEE(5-5), ECV(5-1), CPA(7-14)**

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PRESENT AND ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS INDICATE RETENTION FRENCH FRIGATE ESSENTIAL TO
EXTEND NEW HAWAIIAN CHAIN COVERAGE WESTWARD X PROPOSE NEW RATE MAKAHUENA POINT TO FRENCH
FRIGATE X NIIHAU TO BE DISESTABLISHED X CONFIRM FEASIBILITY THIS PROPOSAL BY ACTUAL TEST
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FINAL DECISION RESERVED PENDING YOUR REPORT X ON AIR OPERATION DATE NEW HAWAIIAN CHAIN
NOW DEFERRED TO MAY ONE CMA ONE NINE FIVE TWO TO PERMIT PREPARATION AND ISSUANCE OF
IN FINAL FORM X REPAIR FRENCH FRIGATE WILL BE BY SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE

Released by Capt. H. [Signature]

R. J. MAURMAN
Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Office of Operations

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26 December 1951

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CGS TO D X ~~REF DIST 140437Z~~ X AC AND I FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE FOR RELOCATION
LTS EAST ISLAND TO TERN ISLAND X FOR FUTURE PLANNING DESIRE DISTRICT COMPLETE
SITE SURVEY TERN ISLAND X PRESENT LIMITED MAINTENANCE FUNDS INDICATED HQTS
LETTER ECV 15 NOVEMBER AVAILABLE ONLY FOR RENOVATION EXISTING EAST ISLAND
LTS X PROCEED MINIMUM NECESSARY RENOVATION CONTEMPLATING THREE YEARS OPERATION
PRESENT SITE

A. C. RICHMOND
Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
A. C. RICHMOND, Rear Admiral
Assistant Commandant

L. E. BRUNNER

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OSU
10 March, 1952.
A4-2

From: Commandant
To: Commander, 14th Coast Guard District

Subj: A. Loren Transmitting Station, East Island, French Frigate Shoals, T. H.; disestablishment of
B. Loren Transmitting Station, Tern Island, French Frigate Shoals, T. H.; establishment of

Ref: (a) CGCD14 Form 2609 dated 129-52, District Project No. osv-1-52.
(b) CGCD14 Form 2609, dated 1-24-52, District Project No. osv-2-52.
(c) HQ/D 172020Z January, 1952.

1. In accordance with references place the following plan in effect:

- A. 1. Disestablish Loren Transmitting Station, East Island, French Frigate Shoals, T. H.
2. Small Boat Allowance is hereby cancelled.
3. Personnel Allowance will be the subject of separate correspondence.
4. Remove all equipment from the disestablished unit and re-distribute, survey or store same in the district.
5. Initiate action to dispose of the disestablished unit's buildings and sites.
- B. 1. Establish Loren Transmitting Station, Tern Island, French Frigate Shoals, T. H.
2. Small Boat Allowance similar to that provided for the East Island unit, by disestablishment of which the new Allowance will be filled, is inclosed herewith.
3. Personnel Allowance will be the subject of separate correspondence.
4. Accounting code number 14-350520 is assigned Loren Transmitting Station, Tern Island.

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2. Advise Commandant (OSU) when the foregoing has been accomplished.
3. OPTAC will be amended in conformity herewith.

Incl: Small Boat Allowance

JHB:JGC OSU Station 7-12

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15/ H. J. MAURERMAN
By direction

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Loran Transmitting Station

7-12

CL
2 October, 1952
N1-1

From: Commandant
To: Commander, 14th CG District (d)
Subj: East Island, French Frigate Shoals

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 9 September, 1952 (d)N1-1 Serial 11112, regarding the disestablishment at an early date of the radio direction finder station on subject Island, and request for information as to the Coast Guard's tenure of the site.

2. You are informed that neither Navy or Coast Guard records disclose the existence at any time of an occupancy agreement. However, since the island was set aside by Territorial Executive Order 893 dated 9 September, 1940 for use by the Department of Commerce, the appropriate authorities of the Territory of Hawaii should be apprised of proposed disestablishment of the Coast Guard facility and abandonment of the island, in order that they may ascertain if there is further need for Territorial Executive Order 893.

K. S. HARRISON
By direction

CC: Shore Units Division ✓

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

ADDRESS REPLY TO:
COMMANDER
14TH COAST GUARD DISTRICT
P. O. BOX 4010
HONOLULU, T. H.



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10 November 1952
A4-2/2
Serial 22019

From: Commander, 14th Coast Guard District
To: Commandant (OSU)

Subj: LTS East Island, French Frigate Shoals; disestablishment of

Ref: (a) Comdt (OSU) ltr 5-10-52, A4-2
(b) Comdt (CL) ltr 10-2-52, NI-1

1. In accordance with reference (a), subject unit has been disestablished. Station equipment has been transferred to LTS Tern Island or surveyed as indicated. The site of the disestablished unit was abandoned on 6 November 1952.
2. The Governor of the Territory of Hawaii has been advised of the abandonment of the East Island site in accordance with reference (b).

[Handwritten Signature]
S. H. EVANS
By direction

Copy to:
Commandant (CL)

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