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Memorandum to: Chief, Aids to Navigation Section, 14CGD

Subj: Loran Transmitting Station Site, KWADACK (Augustine) Kwajalein Atoll; occupation of, authority for

1. A check of the files of the legal office has been made in an attempt to locate the authority by which the Coast Guard occupies the land site on which the loran station at Kwadack is located, with negative results, except one notation wherein the Island was acquired through conquest. Under these conditions, with no evidence to the contrary, it would seem that the area is occupied by authority of an allocation having been made by Army or Naval authorities.

2. A check was made with Commander Wear, Chief, Civil Engineering Section, concerning Coast Guard occupation of this site and the files of his office just show where permission had been granted by the Navy Department to the Coast Guard to conduct a site survey for the loran station.

/s/ MANSON E. MEEKINS
Legal Officer