

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Commander, Coast Guard Section Mediterranean

DATE: 24 August 1972

FROM : Commanding Officer, Coast Guard LORSTA Lampedusa

SUBJECT: Article for Commandant's Bulletin

The Commissioning Ceremony for LORAN Station Lampedusa was held on 23 August 1972. Participating in the ceremony were Captain C. J. Kelly, Commander, Coast Guard Activities Europe and Commander R. E. Larson, Commander, Coast Guard Mediterranean Section.

This new station, located on the small island of Lampedusa, Italy, approximately 120 miles south of Sicily, is one of two Coast Guard ATLS (Air Transportable LORAN System) stations presently in operation. Construction of permanent engineering and support buildings is scheduled to begin in ~~October~~^{November} of this year. Plans for the future replacement of the ATLS with permanent buildings and new electronic equipment are being formulated for the station.

Manned by a twenty-five man Coast Guard crew, LORSTA Lampedusa will serve as a replacement station in the Mediterranean LORAN-C Chain for LORSTA Matratin, Libya disbanded in 1970 because of local political pressures.

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