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SUBJECT: Paving of Access Road to U.S. Coast Guard Loran Station
Lampedusa

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Reference: Your letter Serial 122 11210 dated 11 June 1986.

1. This office contacted the local Italian official responsible for the maintenance of roads at Lampedusa. We were informed that the town had just received additional funds from the Sicilian region and therefore will be able to repair the road up to the Italian Air Force Communications Station (IAFCS). The work should be completed by September 86.
2. Many thanks for the copy of the booklet from NATO which indicates that access roads are to be funded by host nations. In Italy this responsibility is clearly stated in the Bilateral Infrastructure Agreement of 1954. In fact, Article 5 of the draft base agreement for Sellia Marina, which will act as a model for other U.S. bases in Italy, reiterates the responsibility of the Italian Government to maintain access roads.
3. The Italian Ministry of Defense has always recognized its responsibility for access road maintenance. However, due to the high cost of repair and the complex administrative procedures required to perform work on roads which are not property of the Ministry of Defense, access road repair has been limited to those roads which are Italian military property. This office continues to press for repair of all access roads, including the stretch of road between the IAFCS and the Loran Station.

FOR THE CHIEF:



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