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RADM Erasmo Fronzuto
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Dear Admiral Fronzuto:

We are rapidly approaching the date when your personnel will assume Loran operations in the Mediterranean Sea. We are committed to assisting you in every way possible to ensure successful continuation of Loran operations. We believe there are a few important actions for your organization to take before or soon after 31 December 1994.

TELEPHONE AND DATA GRADE CIRCUITS: We have taken steps to cancel Coast Guard funded telephone and data circuits. To make sure communications capabilities continue, we recommend your organization make arrangements with SIP. It would be beneficial to establish your circuits before 31 December, to ensure continuous service.

FREQUENCY AUTHORIZATIONS: International Telecommunications Union authorizations are required for the 100kHz Loran signal, and HF/VHF communication frequencies. U.S. authorization for the frequencies ends 31 December. We recommend your organization seek necessary authorizations.

COMPUTERS: At least one computer at Sellia Marina and Lampedusa is necessary to maintain current operational communications capabilities, as well as having an efficient means to calculate and monitor signal parameters. Our software licenses cannot be transferred, so we must remove the software from the computers on 1 January 1995. You may want to acquire and install new software and/or computers before 31 December.

FUEL: At the current consumption rate, an estimated three weeks supply of fuel will be on hand at each station on 31 December. You may want to replenish the fuel supply in early January.

My staff and the station crews stand ready to assist you. Please call if you or your personnel have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas W. Hathaway".

THOMAS W. HATHAWAY
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