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From: Commanding Officer, CGLORSTA, Tarumpitao Point, R. P.
To: Commandant (PO)
Via: (1) Commander, Philippine Section
(2) Commander, 14th Coast Guard District (p)

Subj: Overseas Loran Station Survey (Tarumpitao); submission of

Ref: (a) Commandant ltr A7 of 22 May 1956

1. In accordance with reference (a), submitted below is a report in narrative form of conditions at this unit.

Jutting out into the South China Sea, on the southwestern coast of Palawan Island, Tarumpitao Point is bordered on its fourth side by thick tropical jungle. The loran transmitting station located here, consisting of eight quonset type buildings, provides the only break in the otherwise uncivilized coastline of western Palawan. The station occupies approximately forty acres of land which includes the 3500 foot landing strip. Southern Palawan is the home of sparsely settled Moro and Palawano natives, some of the last uncivilized people in the Philippines.

A constant sea breeze, across the point, gives some relief to the otherwise hot, humid climate. Throughout the year the temperatures range from the low seventies at night to the low nineties during the day. From September through December the average monthly rainfall is approximately fifteen inches. From January through August it is approximately seven inches a month. Tarumpitao is below the typhoon belt, but occasionally experiences tropical storms with high winds and heavy rains.

The station has facilities for all types of ball games and outdoor recreation. Volleyball is the most popular group sport. Movies are shown nightly. There are no towns in the vicinity of the station, and off-station activity is confined to hunting and fishing. Game in the area include wild pig, giant lizards and monkeys. Trips in the station boat, spear fishing and swimming are popular.

The cost of living at Tarumpitao is low, being about sixty-five dollars for the officer, and twenty for the enlistedman. The families of isolated duty personnel are not allowed into the Philippines, and there is no need for an automobile.

Medical facilities are available to station personnel through air evacuation to the Navy Hospital at Sangley Point, or the Air Force Hospital at Clark Field. There are no doctors available in the vicinity of the station.

Tarumpitao is undesirable duty to Coast Guard personnel because of the separation from their families, the lack of female companionship, the tropical climate and no liberty. However the majority of men assigned take a sincere interest in the operation of the station. The large and never ending maintenance program on this station keep the personnel busy, and for most of them, the time passes quickly. The station is comfortable, and mail and supplies are received regularly every two weeks from Sangley Point.

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT

9 July 1956

From: Commander, Philippine Section
To: Commandant (PO-2)
Via: Commander, 14th CG District (p)

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From: Commander, 14th Coast Guard District
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