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From: Commandant, Seventeenth Naval District
To: Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District

Subj: Permit to U. S. Coast Guard for use of real property on Attu Island

Encl: (1) DFW dwg #N1-13-1 (2 cys)

1. For approximately eleven years, the Coast Guard has occupied and used a tract of land located near Murder Point on Attu Island as a site for a Loran Station. Prior to the construction of the facility, the U. S. Coast Guard requested the Department of the Navy to issue a permit for the use of the site. At the time, action was being taken to withdraw from public domain all of Attu Island for Navy purposes, but as the withdrawal had not been consummated, the Navy was without authority to issue the customary permit. It was agreed that the Coast Guard would occupy and use the desired land area and that a formal use permit would be issued when withdrawal action had been completed.

2. Public Land Order #1949, issued 19 August 1959, withdrew from the Public Domain and reserved for the Department of the Navy approximately 11,600 acres of land on Attu Island; therefore, the Navy is now in a position to issue to the Coast Guard a formal permit for use of the land on which the Loran Station is located.

3. In recent months informal discussions between representatives of the Seventeenth Coast Guard District and of this headquarters indicated a probable Coast Guard requirement for real property on Attu Island in addition to the Loran Station site. If all requirements are known, it is suggested they be covered by a single use agreement. Information on the subject is requested.

4. An application for the use of land and improvements should be accompanied by boundary descriptions of the land areas, reproducible boundary maps, identification of improvements, and the length of tenure desired. Enclosure (1) which depicts the land area on Attu Island under Navy jurisdiction is forwarded for information.

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From: Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District
To: Commandant, Seventeenth Naval District, Kodiak, Alaska

Subj: Real property on Attu

Ref: (a) C17ND ltr ND17/44/we, 4535, Sr 147, 1 February 1960

1. Receipt of reference (a) is acknowledged. The Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard has advised that acquisition of a site on Attu for the proposed new Coast Guard construction would remain a Coast Guard Headquarters responsibility. Reference (a) and the enclosures have therefore been forwarded to the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard for action.
2. The future status of the existing loran station is not presently known. As soon as this is determined an application will be made for a use permit for this facility.

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