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From: Commandant  
To : Commander John J. O'Meara (3289) USCG

Subj: Coast Guard Survey Detachment No. 5; establishment of<sup>1</sup>

Ref : (a) SECDEF CONF ltr to SECTREAS, 17 Jan 1958  
(b) Comdt (OAN) SECRET ltr to CCGD14 and 17, 4 Dec 1958, Serial 001027  
(c) PSIG SECRET ltr to Comdt (CCS), 21 March 1959  
(d) PSIG SECRET ltr to Comdt (CCS), 13 May 1959  
(e) Comdt (OAN) SECRET ltr to CCGD 14, 13 July 1959  
(f) Comdt (OAN) CONF ltr to CCGD17, 14 July 1959  
(g) Comdt (OAN) CONF ltr to CNO, 13 July 1959  
(h) Loran Site Survey Instructions

1. Coast Guard Survey Detachment No. 5 is hereby established and you are designed Commanding Officer. The Detachment shall proceed in accordance with separately issued travel orders to survey six LORAN-C stations, four LORAN-C station monitors and two LORAN-C system monitor sites, necessary to implement the proposal outlined in references (a) and (b). This will be accomplished in two phases; Aleutian and Hawaiian.

2. The Code Name DOOR has been assigned to the LORAN-C program in the North Central Pacific. Preliminary site investigations were made in the Hawaiian and Aleutian areas. Recommendations, conclusions and preliminary reports were forwarded to Commandant (CCS) by references (c) and (d). The below sites have been approved for planning proposes.

DOOR I Whirlpool Pt., Sitkinak Island, Trinity Islands, Alaska  
DOOR II Behind Telegraph Hill, St. Paul Island, Pribilof Islands  
DOOR III Barabara Point, Massacre Point, Attu Island, Aleutian Islands, Alaska  
DOOR IV Upolu Point, Hawaii Island, Hawaii  
DOOR V Sand Island, Johnston Island  
DOOR VI Green Island, Kure Island, Hawaii

If feasible, the LORAN-C stations should be located at these sites. In the event the detailed survey develops unfavorable findings, the Commandant should be immediately advised of the circumstances. You were given a briefing on the general parameters for conduct of the Aleutian survey. A similar briefing will be accomplished for the Hawaiian survey prior to your departure for that area.

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3. Your detachment will consist of yourself, LCDR David T. Haislip (3643) USCG, LTJG Costa J. Alton (41213) USCGR, Mr. Rexton F Jones, GS-9, and two Coast Guard enlisted personnel. In addition, two representatives of the United States Navy Hydrographic Office will accompany the Detachment. Separate travel orders will be issued for yourself and members of the Detachment. The records of individuals attached to the Detachment will be maintained at their permanent units. All modes of travel are authorized, however, logistic support and transportation will normally be provided by Commander, Fourteenth and Seventeenth Coast Guard Districts when you are in their respective areas.
4. You will confer with Commanders, Fourteenth and Seventeenth Coast Guard Districts upon arrival in their Districts. Their advice and assistance should be obtained on facets of the survey wherein local knowledge is important. Commanders, Fourteenth and Seventeenth Coast Guard Districts were apprised of this survey by references (e) and (f). You are authorized to contract other Military Services in the area to the extent required to effectively carry out your mission. In this regard your attention is called to reference (g).
5. The overall DOOR program is classified CONFIDENTIAL and relation of the Code Name DOOR to specific geographic areas is CONFIDENTIAL. Where necessary, unclassified reference may be made to your mission as a site survey for a proposed electronic aid to navigation. The Preliminary Site Investigation Reports forwarded by references (c) and (d) are overclassified and are hereby downgraded to CONFIDENTIAL.
6. Upon completion of each phase of the survey you will submit a detailed site survey report in accordance with reference (h), as modified below. It should contain a recommendation regarding logistic and administrative support. The original should be submitted to Commandant (CCS) via the cognizant District Commander. Advance copies should be made available to interested Divisions in Headquarters. The reports should be prepared so that the Preliminary and Final Site Surveys are used in conjunction with one another. Whenever possible, duplication should be avoided; however, the Final Site Survey Report, because of its wider distribution, must be reasonably complete when taken alone. Fifteen copies of the report are required to effect distribution.

/s/  
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**SECRET**

From: Commandant  
To : Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District

Subj: Preliminary Site Investigation of DOOR Sites in the Seventeenth Coast Guard District<sup>3</sup>

Ref : (a) Comdt (OAN) SECRET ltr of 4 December 1958, serial 001027

1. Reference (a) gave a board outline of the LORAN-C program in the Pacific Ocean area, the code name for which is DOOR. Detailed scheduling for this program calls for preliminary site investigations to be accomplished during late April and early May of this year with detailed site surveys to be accomplished during July and August.
2. In order to meet the time schedule, a preliminary site investigation group will proceed and report to Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District on or about 27 April 1959. The three officers arriving at that time are CDR J. J. O'Meara (93289) USCG, Civil Engineer, LCDR D. T. Haislip (3643) USCG, Electronics Engineer, and LCDR D. E. Perkins (3714) USCG, Headquarters Operations representative. It is requested that Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District provide an aviator and, if desired, an Operations officer to accompany these three officers as members of the team.
3. The preliminary investigations are necessary in order to provide early aerial and surface investigation and reconnaissance, thereby reducing the time required for detailed site surveys. Since time is of the essence, it is requested that your office provide necessary transportation for support of this group. Air transportation will be utilized to the maximum extent possible. Sites or areas to be visited are as follows:
  - a. Anchorage
  - b. Kodiak Island
  - c. Trinity Islands
  - d. Pribilof Islands
  - e. Adak
  - f. Shemya Island
  - g. Attu Island

It is anticipated that the above may be accomplished in approximately fourteen days.

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