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From: Commandant
To: Commander, 17th CG District (cov) (cov)
Subj: Gulf of Alaska Loran Transmitting Stations; progress development
Refs: (a) HQ ltr. 23 March 1950 (RMR, NAV-2, 220), subj: Gulf of Alaska Transmitting Station Sites; approval
(b) 17th Dist. ltr. 26 May 1950, file cov 220, cov 815, subj: Barke Island Loran Site Survey
(c) 17th Dist. dispatch 161930Z (June 1950) requesting personnel
(d) HQ ltr. 23 June 1950, file (PC-3) CG-75, subj: Temporary engineering positions; recruitment for

1. The Gulf of Alaska Loran project was submitted to Congress in the total amount of \$3,039,000 for the building of 3 loran stations.
2. Reference (a) directed the district to proceed as soon as possible with site surveys having in mind that construction of the proposed chain would commence at an early date. Headquarters is now advised that one million dollars only is expected to be available for fiscal year 1951. The remaining \$2,039,000 required to complete the project will be included in the fiscal year 1952 Construction Program. These funds are sufficient only for qumset construction; therefore, all planning as far as buildings are concerned, will be based on qumset construction. Under this division of funds the work on this project will not proceed as indicated by reference (a), but will now proceed as follows.
3. The one million dollars to be made available after July 1, 1950, will be expended principally by Headquarters for the purchase of electronic equipment, generators, qumset sets and other special equipment or materials which may require considerable time for delivery. Any funds remaining from the one million dollars can be expended by the district for such work as dock repairs, road work, procurement of electronic installation accessories, etc. that will facilitate contract work to come later.
4. Under this plan actual loran service will probably be inaugurated in about two to three years, site construction beginning in fiscal year 1952 and probably being completed in 1953 to the extent of providing service to users, depending on whether 1952 contracts for construction at three sites are executed concurrently or in sequence.
5. Reference (d), authorized the district to recruit engineering personnel in the States for this project. There should be no let-up in the district's recruiting program so that the fiscal year 1951 interval will be used not only for the purchase and delivery of equipment and materials, but will allow the district sufficient time to submit Form 2609 and prepare all required detail

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plans and specifications and other contract documents so that when it becomes apparent that the additional funds will be forthcoming proposals can be issued for a general construction contract at each of the 3 loran stations.

6. Headquarters is developing construction methods and the proposed lay-out of the various buildings, and will have this information in sketch form upon Commander Schleiter's arrival. Headquarters is presently negotiating with Fairbanks-Morse Company for the purchase of heavy duty generator units with associated equipment. Headquarters will arrange for the purchase of gannet huts, refrigerator and galley equipment. It is presently planned to deliver all material and equipment to Alameda Supply Center for temporary storage and transshipment to the 17th District.

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