

Memorandum for File:

Subj: Loran Program, British West Indies – Caribbean – Panama Area; appointment of State Department coordinator and status of rights of entry requests¹

1. In accordance with pervious advice concerning discussions between Shore Units Division and Department of State representatives on 13 October, the coordinator for subject program matters within the Department of State is:

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(NOTE: Mr. MacQuivey works under Mr. John S. Cross, Asst. Chief, Telecommunications Policy Staff, Room 810, SA-7, Tel 191 X 2775)

2. With respect to rights of entry requested for 1 November 1955 the following replies have been received from the Governments indicated:

Costa Rica – 4 August (in response to earlier request for January surveys) – Foreign Minister approved and is circulating formal note for Cabinet approval. – Pending

Panama – 21 October, Foreign Office approval expected soon for survey which will keep separate consideration of establishment on any permanent site. – ~~Pending~~
- *Granted*

Columbia – 24 October, Foreign Minister requested to expedite granting of permission for survey – ~~Pending~~
4 November, ... - *Granted*

Nicaragua – 21 October - *Granted*

Honduras – 21 October (see paragraph 3) - *Granted*

Dominican Republic – 28 Sept, about one month expected to elapse before answer received to Embassy request. - *Pending*

Haiti – 28 October (Despatch No. 74 not received by Coast Guard at this writing) - *Pending*

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3. American Embassy, Tegucigalpa, Honduras on two occasions requested that it or the USIS - Tegucigalpa be furnished some publicity material dramatizing the commercial value of Loran. Discussed same with Mr. MacQuivery this date; he suggested that information be forwarded directly to him for further transmittal and that it include cost items (as price of receivers), use data (for fisherman, aircraft, etc.), and cost savings that might be realized (such as ability to make landfall at night, to home on pulse, ability to navigate in fog and foul weather generally)...*information now being accumulated by Shore Units Division*

/s/ J. H. Bruce
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