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From: Senior Coast Guard Officer, Philippines

To: Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District (dcs)

Subj: Philippine Loran Operations; information concerning

Ref: (a) PHONCON MAJ ROACH, 13th AF, Clark AB/LCDR BLACK - CO, LORTAD of 15 JAN 75 NOTAL

- 1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for your information and possible future action.
- 2. Reference (a) revealed that the Thirteenth Air Force is particularly concerned with continued operation of 1L6 and 1L7 Loran lines. Off-air of 1L6 and 1L7 precipitated reference (a). As stated by Major ROACH in reference (a), these Loran lines are the only all weather means of navigation for C9A "Nightingales" in the South China Sea. These lines are also used as a backup for C-130 navigation. Major ROACH further stated that it was reassuring to know that the off-air situation was only temporary. He further stated that 2H3 and 2H4 Loran lines are also utilized.
- Deputy Chief of the U. S. Mission, Minister Purnell advises that RADM RUIZ, Flag Officer-in-Command, Philippine Navy, informed him that the Philippine Coast Guard will remain part of the Philippine Navy.

L. J. BLACK, JR. By direction

Encl: (1) AMEMBASSY MANILA (C) 794 of 20 JAN 75

