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SECOND ENDORSEMENT to Engineer-in-Chief memo. of 30 Mar. 1953 7 April 1953

From: Chief, Office of Operations  
To: Chief of Staff

1. Returned. Excluding facilities such as roads, sanitary and water systems, etc., required because of the rural areas in which the stations are located, the cost per unit of the two-bedroom convertible barracks is estimated at \$11,000 and that of the three-bedroom at \$13,000. Thus, the cost of one duplex barracks will be \$22,000 and the other \$26,000. Since these costs are under or only slightly over the limits for family quarters imposed on the Department of Defense, it is recommended that they be constructed as planned.
2. Another consideration which should be given weight in making a decision on this construction is the fact that one or two units will actually be used as barracks for the unmarried men attached to the stations, with the possibility of using more units for this purpose depending upon the number of men in this category. Furthermore, the buildings will be constructed in such a way that if the present complements of about 10 men apiece are not reduced, sufficient facilities will be available to house them all, using both buildings as barracks.
3. Attention is also invited to the decrease in operating costs which will be realized by operating these stations with half of the present complements. However, such reductions can only be carried out if some of the personnel attached actually live at the stations so they will be available on call on a 24-hour basis. Based on experience with reduced complements at light stations within the United States, the only practicable way to accomplish this is to provide family quarters so that such personnel may be with their families.
4. For the above reasons, this Office most strongly recommends that the proposed construction of convertible barracks at Folly Island and Hobe Sound Loran Transmitting Stations be approved. Otherwise, the strenuous efforts this Office is making to reduce operating costs and release billets at Loran stations will receive a most serious setback.

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