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To: The Commandant, Coast Guard

Subj: Point Arena Loran Station, Calif.: (proposed): acquisition of site

1. Reference is made to District letter of 14 February, 1946 (131), relative to the subject station.

2. There is inclosed an offer of Thomas O'Neal, 599 Bellevue Avenue, Daly City, San Mateo County, Calif., dated 14 February, 1946, in which he offers to quit-claim his rights to drill or enter on the proposed Loran Station site for the sum of two thousand, five hundred dollars, (\$2500.00), reserving title to the oil that may be under the said site and the right to drain therefrom by wells drilled on and from adjacent land owned by him.

3. The land selected for the Loran station is known as the "O'Neal Ranch" and Thomas O'Neal acquired title thereto upon the death of his parents. He is "oil minded", speaks in terms of prospective high values and is a man of some means and is an old prior inhabitant of the Point Arena district.

4. The Division of Oil and Gas, State of California, advises that in its opinion the Point Arena area should not be rated as "potential" oil land but rather should be listed in the "possible" class. The Division's records show that several wells have been sunk in the area. In one case oil was struck but it was of such viscosity that pumping was considered to be impracticable. There is no oil well drilling activity in the area at the present time.

5. Regardless of the probability of striking oil, there is nothing to prevent O'Neal from interesting capital, erecting steel derricks, sinking test wells, and "trying again". When O'Neal was requested to submit his offer he was furnished with a copy of the small scale sketch shown in the upper right hand corner of the drawing which accompanied the Board's report of 14 June, 1945. This sketch shows the North and South dimension of the South portion of the proposed CG Loran site as 700 feet; however, this dimension actually scales only 500 feet. It also shows the line between Lots 3

John J. Johnson

*Extrans Pt. T13N R17W
Lot 5 Sec 27 Lot 1 of
Sec 34*

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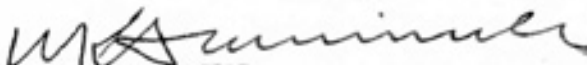
and 4 of Section 3 as intercepting the coast line at a point below a cove while the said line in the large scale sketch of the Board's drawing shows the line intercepting the coast line at a point farther north and at a point on the cove in approximately that indicated on the enclosed sketch submitted with O'Neal's letter of 14 February, 1946. It appears that the location of the line between Lots 3 and 4 of Section 3 as shown on the Board's large scale sketch is reasonably correct while that shown on the small scale sketch is not correct.

6. The district sketch submitted with District letter of 14 February, 1946 is a small scale drawing of the Board's large scale sketch and shows the line between lots 3 and 4 as intercepting the coast line at about the point indicated by the O'Neal sketch.

7. As stated in O'Neals letter the proposed Loran site is on Lots 3 and 4 of Section 3 and this correct description was indicated on the District sketch in lieu of the Board's description.

8. Attention is invited to the fact that the proposed Loran station site lies in the probable area of the San Andreas fault. In the severe earthquake of 1906 the brick light tower and dwellings at Point Arena Light Station were damaged to such a point that they had to be replaced. A reinforced concrete tower and frame dwellings were erected to replace the demolished structures.

9. Pending further instructions from Headquarters no further action in the case is contemplated by the DCGO.


W. K. SCAMMELL

Incl.

1. Letter of Thomas O'Neal, 14 Feb., 1946
2. Sketch accompanying O'Neals letter.