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Subject: LORAN-A PACOM (U)

Refs: A. CINCPAC DTG: 050346Z Sep; B. JCS 141/122-4; C. CINCPAC DTG: 162358Z Jan 63.

1. Reference a expressed concern that CINCPAC requirements for LORAN-A were not clearly stated in MEMO FOR SECDEF, reference b.

2. The LORAN-A System disposition recommended to OSD was to initiate action leading to eventual phaseout of the system. It was subsequently stated that OMEGA was the most logical replacement system for LORAN-A. By paragraph entitled Redundant Systems, Appendix C, reference b, OSD was advised certain systems (such as LORAN-A) were still required for their redundancy value and in special circumstances, such as no other system available, are, in effect, primary navigation systems.
Suitable receiving equipment is an essential element for a determination of system availability.

3. USCG retains responsibility to budget for all operational, maintenance and support costs of existing stations serving needs of US armed forces, maritime or air commerce. Phase out of LORAN-A will require a coordinated plan for deactivation of individual stations and chains for which neither civil nor military requirements warrant continued operation.

4. CINCPAC requirement for LORAN-A, reference c, is recognized. No immediate action to deactivate PACOM LORAN-A stations is contemplated. GP-3.