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From: Senior Coast Guard Officer, Philippines

To: Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District (p)

Subj: Annual Family Housing Program Proposal (RCS-G-PS-5133);

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Ref: (a) 7.1.8, Family Housing Manual

(b) Your 1tr 11101 of 31 JAN 75

(c) Your 1tr of 28 MAR 75

- The expected, average monthly rental costs, plus utilities, administrative and maintenance for fiscal year 1976, for Merchant Marine Detail, Manila, and Loran-A Technical Assistance Detail, Manila personnel is \$610 per month, per lease. Neither OICC nor U.S. Embassy, Manila can provide any written projected cost information other than that already forwarded.
- Present housing information from OICC is forwarded as enclosure (1).
 From this information, it can readily be seen that LORTAD (indicated by stars) leased housing is within the general cost of the most economical yet adequate housing available in the area.
- 3. In lieu of utilizing forms forwarded with reference (c), believe due to limited leases and unique situation in this area, an explanation of housing situation in general, more appropriate.
- 4. During fiscal year 1976, expect utility cost to remain relatively stable. New leases to be negotiated 1 July are expected to reach 72500 (\$360) each (presently OICC rental ceiling) and possibly to 73000 (\$430) if OICC ceiling is raised to that of present U.S. Embassy ceiling.
- 5. Four of seven leases will be renegotiated or new leased housing located during fiscal year 1976 (three expire 30 June 1975 and one 15 October 1975). Actual costs of new leases will not be known until latter part of June due to wait-and-see attitude on the part of owners.
- 6. Manila rental costs do not vary as to bedrooms, square footage, etc. Differing costs are due primarily to location of housing and to year lease negotiated as evidenced by perusal of enclosure (1). Of note, is the fact that ones' pay grade, in the majority of cases, is not a criteria for allowed rental cost. Availability of housing within established ceiling is main criteria.

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- 7. Housing agencies, Manila area consider all pay grades qualified for leased housing.
- 8. LORTAD and NMD leased housing is administered by other agencies, and these agencies under the direction of U.S. Embassy, attempt, when not competing with each other, to hold costs down. Therefore USCG activities in the Philippines are compelled to live within established perimeters of leasing authorities.
- 9. Subsequent to 1 July, updated, more accurate, cost data will be available and forwarded at that time. Expected, total cost for fiscal year 1976 for LORTAD is \$36,600 for five leases and for MMD is \$14,640 for two leases.

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Encl: (1) OICC Housing Info of 1 MAR 75