

Speech Delivered in 1962 at Commissioning of Jupiter LORAN Station.

The commissioning of the loran (Long Range Aid to Navigation) function of the U. S. Coast Guard Station Jupiter Inlet is one of a long range program commenced in 1958. Jupiter was one of the original three experimental stations established to determine the feasibility of LORAN C (low frequency) transmissions which can provide precise position fixes to the mariner.

The original station, about six miles down the road, was paired with Hatteras and Martha's Vineyard. Now, it is paired with Hatteras and a similar new station on Nantucket Island. Additionally, the LORAN A (medium frequency) station at Hobe Sound has been consolidated with this new station. A program was approved over two years ago to establish this consolidation of both LORAN A and C in order to effect savings in administration, maintenance and personnel.

Over 120 separate LORAN A and C stations would be required to provide the necessary world-wide service. The present plan envisions about 70 total stations of combined A and C, A alone and C alone. The resultant savings are readily apparent.

The station which you will inspect today is extremely vital to the military readiness of our nation. You all are part of the new installation and your tax dollars have built this important unit. Our contractor and his men have produced an excellent end product to meet a stringent deadline.

The Coast Guardsmen who now man this around-the-clock watch here are a part of your community both on and off duty. We ask your full support in their welfare as you have done in the past so that our country will remain unoppressed and free.

Lieutenant Sullins and his men are dedicated to a service which has for its motto, "Semper Paratus," meaning always ready. The heritage which precedes them presents very high standards.

We are thankful to the State of Florida for providing the site which was part of Jonathan Dickson State Park. On behalf of Admiral Roland, Commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard, we welcome you aboard and extend a hearty well-done to those who have made possible the establishment of this new LORAN station.



Loran Station Dedication, 1962