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TO RUEHBH/AMEMBASSY NASSAU PRIORITY 0617
INFO RUFHUK/AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY 8128
RUEBJGA/ COAST GUARD WASHDC PRIORITY C PRIORITY 3998
BT
UNCLAS STATE 283520

FOR SHANKLE, NASSAU

E.O. 12065: N/A

*AGS: SENV, BF

SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF SOUTH CAICOS LORAN A STATION

REF: A) NASSAU 2466 NOTAL

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM THE COAST GUARD AND IS PROVIDED IN REPLY TO REFERENCE (A).

2. VIA A CABLE DATED 7 SEPTEMBER 78 (STATE 226513) AMEMBASSIES LONDON, NASSAU, TOKYO, OTTAWA, MANILA AND MEXICO CITY WERE INSTRUCTED TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF PLANNED SHUTDOWN OF COAST GUARD LORAN A STATIONS. OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF THE SOUTH CAICOS LORAN A STATION CLOSURE WAS MADE BY AMEMBASSY LONDON.

3. BASE FACILITY AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR U.S. FORCES IN THE TCI HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY SINCE 1977. THE TCI AND UK REPRESENTATIVES AT NEGOTIATING SESSIONS HELD SUBSEQUENT TO OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION HAVE INDICATED THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE SOUTH CAICOS CLOSURE. AT NO TIME WAS THE ISSUE OF THE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYEES BROUGHT UP BY TCI OR UK REPRESENTATIVES. THE TCI GOVERNMENT SEEMED PLEASED WITH THE FUTURE ACQUISITION OF THE LORAN STATION STRUCTURES. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT LORAN STATIONS ARE SMALL FACILITIES STAFFED BY

ONLY 13 OR 14 COASTGUARDMEN.

4. THE COAST GUARD EFFORTS TO DETERMINE A SPECIFIC CONTACT POINT IN THE TCI WAS INTENDED TO FACILITATE CLOSURE AND THEY APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S SUGGESTION OF ACTING GOV. PATRICK REARDON.

5. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING LOCAL LABOR WAS PROVIDED BY THE COAST GUARD IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCE (A). TWO LABORERS ARE EMPLOYED AT THE SOUTH CAICOS LORAN STATION, EACH IS EMPLOYED FOR 44 HOURS A WEEK AT \$2.45/HOUR PLUS 5 CENT SURCHARGE. TRANSPORTATION COST IS REIMBURSED AT \$13.50 DAY. TOTAL 1979 COST FOR LOCAL LABOR EQUATED \$15,652. THE CONTRACT, WITH A MR. BRUCE JENNINGS OF TCI, FOR THESE LABORERS EXPIRES ON 31 DECEMBER 1980. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE CONTRACT MAY BE CONTINUED ON A WEEK TO WEEK BASIS AS NEEDED. THE COAST GUARD DOES NOT INTEND TO PROVIDE SEPARATE COMPENSATION TO LABORERS. MUSKIE

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G-BPA G-FER
G-CPA G-FLP
G-CPI G-N
G-E G-OSR
G-ECV G-P
G-EEE G-PE
G-PO
G-R
G-CP
G-ORP /RB

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