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Commanding Officer  
LTS Attu Is., Alaska  
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From: Commanding Officer, CG Loran Transmitting Station, Attu Is., Alaska  
To: Commandant (PO-2)

Subj: Overseas Loran Station Survey

Ref: (a) Commandant (PO-2) ltr dtd 22 May, 1956 file A7

1. The following information is in answer to ref. (a), by topic.
  - a. Living costs compare with those at sea.
  - b. Recreational facilities are limited, there is some hunting, excellent fishing, hiking and adequate room for outdoor athletics. The station has an amateur radio station, and there are the usual hobby and handicraft projects.
  - c. Dependents are not authorized at this station.
  - d. The climate is not extreme, the average temperature is in the forties, with a minimum in the low twenties and a maximum in the low sixties. Rainfall is moderate and snowfall is quite light, but the humidity is very high. However, the humidity is not objectionable because of the low average temperature. Fog is prevalent during the summer months and the sky is overcast the greater part of the time. There are few clear days and relatively few sunny days.
  - e. The station is housed in nine buildings. The main building is a concrete block structure and contains the living and messing facilities, a recreation area, a garage, and the main engine room. The eight smaller buildings are; the loran signal building, the carpenter shop, several small quonset type huts for storage, and a large wooden frame building for vehicle and spare parts stowage. The station is located on Murder Point, which is the western arm of Casco Cove. Murder Point is relatively flat, but at the base of the point, directly behind the loran signal building is a 2000 foot mountain. The island, Attu, is a treeless, mountainous, tundra covered rock.
  - f. There is no use for a private vehicle on this station.
  - g. Mail is flown in from Adak by the Navy, weather permitting, once a week. Urgent supplies can be delivered by plane, but normally a Navy tug from Adak comes in monthly. Recently, a Coast Guard R5D from the San Francisco Air Station has been making monthly logistics trips, carrying fresh provisions and supply items. This flight has become an important morale factor.
  - h. The station has an assigned hospitalman, but in the event of any serious illness or accident air evacuation would be necessary.

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- i. This is an isolated station and as such has many disadvantages, none of which are unique. Supply lines are long, communications are slow, and mail deliveries are not consistent.

  
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