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31 March, 1947

From: Commandant  
To: Commander, 1st Coast Guard District  
Subj: Loran Transmitting Station at Nantucket, Massachusetts;  
quarters for personnel of

1. Reference is made to Commander, 1st Coast Guard District letter (dpc) dated 24 March, 1947 file CG-020-220-601, concerning quarters for personnel at subject station.
2. No decision concerning the improvement of the present quarters and buildings at subject station can be made until the final decision concerning Coast Guard commitments in the loran field are made. Therefore, no positive action can be taken on reference letter at this time.
3. As soon as the decision is reached concerning Coast Guard operation of loran, positive action will be taken concerning reference letter.

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By direction

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3/31/47 *W. N. Derby* OSK-020-601

24 March, 1947

From: Commander, First Coast Guard District  
To: Commandant (OSU)

Subj: Loran Transmitting Station at Nantucket, Massachusetts; quarters for personnel of

1. HQ letter 19 February, 1947 (FS-P-CG-141) did not authorize the leasing of property at Nantucket, Massachusetts for the purpose of providing quarters for personnel at Unit 10. The Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Group, Woods Hole was directed by this office to survey facilities at and in the vicinity of Unit 10 to the end that adequate quarters for personnel might be obtained. His report and recommendations are submitted herewith.
2. As has been previously reported, the quarters in use at Unit 10 are in very bad condition and improvement must be effected in the near future. The Commander, First Coast Guard District believes that the most satisfactory temporary improvement would be accomplished by effecting the repairs and modifications itemized in the inclosure. The estimated cost of this work is \$5000.00.
3. The Commander, First Coast Guard District proposes to repair and modify the existing structures at Unit 10. In view of the status of appropriations at present he requests HQ approval of this proposal. If HQ does favorably consider this proposal a Request for Work Authorization will be submitted.

*W. N. Derby*  
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Incl:

Copy of letter from CO,  
CG Group, Woods Hole, 19 March,  
1947 (o-020-220-601)

CO, CG GROUP  
Woods Hole, Mass.  
File- o-020-220-601

19 March, 1947

From: CO, Group Woods Hole  
To : Comdr. 1st CG District  
Subj: Loran Transmitting Station at Nantucket, Mass. ; quarters for personnel; report and recommendations.

In reference to your letter dated 27 February 1947 file o-020-220-601, the following report is herewith submitted on conditions at subject station.

1. There are seven Quonset huts and one wooden frame building at the Loran unit. The wooden frame building is used for a garage. One Quonset hut houses Loran equipment and is separated from the other six, this hut is in good structural condition with no immediate repairs necessary. The remaining six which are located closely together do need considerable repairs; three of these huts are used for quartering and messing personnel; another is used for a repair shop, also to house generators for electrical power; of the remaining two one is used for storage of equipment and supplies, the other as a recreation building.
2. The Quonset huts are laid out with one door at each end; doors and door frames are lightly constructed and will have to be replaced with new, as they are now badly battered from slamming by heavy winds; however before new doors are installed the end bulkheads will have to be stiffened. It is also recommended that storm porches be constructed at each entrance, and dormer windows in place of the present plastic ones be installed on each hut.
3. The hut used for galley and mess hall is in deplorable condition the floor is badly sagged; floor beams resting on the ground where cooking range and commissary supplies are located. It is recommended this hut be abandoned, as in its present state it constitutes a fire trap. That the galley and mess hall be relocated in the recreation building which is in better condition. If this move is made concrete bases must be constructed to support galley range and commissary supplies as these huts are not designed to receive heavy weights.
4. All water piping is in poor condition leaking at about every joint, it will have to be renewed.
5. The heating unit consist of kerosene space heaters and normally would be adequate for the space required to heat, but due to the numerous cracks in the huts allowing cold air to seep through they hardly keep the rooms warm. The smoke pipe from all heaters is badly rusted and will require renewing.
6. It is roughly estimated that from \$2000.00 to 2500.00 dollars will be required to place these buildings in fair liveable condition.

7. Sankaty Head Light Station dwelling is in good condition and consists of 11 rooms 1 bathroom and 2 showers, and is located approximately 3 miles from Unit 10. This dwelling could be utilized for housing personnel, however the distance from Unit 10 is considered to be an unsatisfactory factor in this case. It would cause the Light Keeper and his family undue hardship inasmuch as he would be required to move. The present housing situation at Nantucket is such as to make it impossible for the light keeper who has a family of (7) persons to obtain a rental within his income bracket.

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