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C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: District Coast Guard Officer, Third Naval District.  
To: Officer-in-Charge, Hither Plains Radio Direction Finder Station.  
Subject: Organization and administration of the Hither Plains Radio Direction Finder Station.

1. On 1 January, 1943, take a joint inventory with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology representative now assigned to the station, of all radio equipment, test equipment and tools, now the property of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and located at the Hither Plains Radio Direction Finder Station. Give a signed copy of the inventory to the representative and keep the original of the inventory, signed by the representative and yourself, for the station files.
2. Arrange with the telephone company to lease the telephone under its present unlisted number. Request the Long Island Lighting Company to read the meter on 31 December, 1942 and thereafter to forward the bills to the District Coast Guard Officer, Third Naval District, for payment. The local purchase of fuel oil for heating purposes is authorized. Rent a Post Office box at the Montauk Post Office in your name and inform the District Coast Guard Officer, Third Naval District, of the number in order that mail may be forwarded direct to your unit.
3. Arrangements are being made to lease quarters for personnel assigned to this project. A commuted ration mess will be organized in these quarters and a cook ordered to your unit. When established, all enlisted personnel, other than those attached to your unit, will be excluded from the quarters.
4. The Hither Plains Radio Direction Finder Station is to be closed to all persons not having written authority to enter the station, signed by the Communication Engineer, Third Naval District, or by Commander Lawrence M. Harding, U.S.C.G., now attached to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. An armed guard for the station will be detailed by the Commanding Officer of Amagansett Station. The guards are not to enter the building, but will patrol the grounds. The responsibility that an alert patrol is maintained rests with the Senior Petty Officer on watch at the Radio Direction Finder Station.

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5. Request the Commanding Officer of Narragansett Coast Guard Station to furnish you, on Custody Receipt, two (2) 30-calibre rifles and 500 rounds of ammunition. This equipment is to be kept in the Radio Direction Finder Station in such a position as it will be immediately available to personnel on watch, bearing in mind safety precautions as regards explosives. All personnel attached to the station shall be regularly instructed in the use of small arms.

6. The present schedule of operations will be maintained and such other schedules as may be requested by Coast Guard Headquarters and/or Commander Lawrence M. Harding, U.S.C.G.. It is understood that a representative of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will remain to assist in maintaining the equipment. The uniform for personnel on watch is undress blues. While the station is in operation, a regular watch will consist of three (3) men. At such times as the station is not in operation, one (1) petty officer will be detailed as a guard for the building in addition to the guard on the grounds.

7. You will strictly observe the habits and conduct of all persons assigned to your command. If at any time it is noted that any of the personnel are not fitted or suitable for duty on confidential equipment, they are to be confined to barracks, under guard, and the Communications Engineer notified immediately of your action. All personnel are to be warned that they are not to discuss the nature of their work outside the Radio Direction Finder building.

STANLEY V. PARKER.

Copy to: Headquarters.  
Commander Lawrence M. Harding.

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