

Hither Plains PDFS
Transfer

NAVY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF
NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER FOR LORAN
H-502 RADIATION LABORATORY, M. I. T.
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

NLO/NIO
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From: Naval Liaison Officer for Loran.
 To: Chief of Naval Operations (Op-20-3).
 Subj: Loran System - Hither Plains Radio Direction Finding Station - Transfer of Custody of.
 Ref: (a) Conf ltr from NLOL to CNO (Op-20-3), NLO/NIO Serial No. 311, dated 19 November, 1943.
 (b) Conf ltr from CNO (Op-31-81) to ComThree, (SC)A6-2(29) Serial 0834230, dated 1 December, 1943.
 (c) Conf ltr from ComThree to DCGO, A4-2 Serial 01225, dated 5 December, 1943.
 (d) Conf endorsement of reference (c) to Comdt., (OAN), dated 9 December, 1943.
 (e) Conf ltr from Mr. W. L. Tierney (Rad. Lab) to Lieut. J. E. Sanger (NLOL), dated 15 February, 1944.
 Encl: (A) Copy of reference (e).

1. Reference (a) requested information on the return of the Montauk station to the Coast Guard. Reference (b) forwarded the request to ComThree for comment and recommended action. Reference (c) passed the directive to DCGO 3ND. Reference (d) endorsed the papers to the Commandant CG (OAN), with recommendations.

2. Reference (a) reviews action taken by Radiation Laboratory to consummate the subject transfer. A copy of reference (e) is forwarded as enclosure (A).

J. E. SANGER

CC:
 Comdt., CG (OAN)
 Comdt., CG (COM-815)
 DCGO 3ND
 Mr. W. L. Tierney (Rad. Lab.)

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February 16, 1944

Lt. J. H. Sanger

W. L. Tierney

Transfer of Custody - Hither Plains Radio Direction
Finding Station

Kindly notify the Chief Operations Officer, United States Coast Guard, that effective February 12 the Hither Plains Radio Direction Finding Station, Montauk, Long Island, New York, was returned to the custody of the United States Coast Guard. Upon completion of their tour of duty on that day the keys of the station were surrendered to the Commanding Officer, Hither Plains Barracks at Montauk, by our civilian guards. This procedure was in accordance with arrangements made by the writer with Lt. M. H. Dunbar, Communications Engineer, Coast Guard Headquarters, Third Naval District, during telephone conversation on February 9.

Notification to terminate utility services was given on January 31 to the New York Telephone Company and the Long Island Lighting Company. Water service obtained from a neighboring property owner was also terminated. In each case final billing addressed to this office was requested.

All classified equipment has been removed and the material which remains consists of plant items and Coast Guard property. The latter items are as follows:

- 1 Steel Safe with combination lock,
16" x 24" x 36"
- 1 Oak File Cabinet, 4 drawers
- 1 Kohler Power Plant, 10KVA, 118-230
volts, 1 phase, 60 cycles,
Model 10R6LV, Serial #65451

In view of the few items involved it was not thought necessary to send a representative to Montauk from Boston for a formal joint inventory and transfer of custody. If, however, it is found to be necessary from the Coast Guard standpoint, the writer will make the necessary arrangements.

W. L. Tierney

WLT:b

Copy to J. C. Street

Charge to the account of

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	ORDINARY
DAY LETTER	URGENT RATE
SERIAL	DEFERRED
NIGHT LETTER	NIGHT LETTER
SPECIAL SERVICE	RAMP EXPEDITIOUS

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise the message will be transmitted as a telegram or ordinary cablegram.

WESTERN UNION

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R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENTNEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDJ. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

CHECK
ACCOUNTING INFORMATION
TIME FILED

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

FEBRUARY 10, 1944 (4:30 P.M.)

TO LT. M. H. DUNBAR
COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEER
COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS
42 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH YOU FEBRUARY EIGHTH WE ARE TERMINATING CUSTODIAN SERVICE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY TWELFTH AT HITHER PLAINS STATION AND HAVE INSTRUCTED MESSRS. SARNTHEIN AND VERHAEGEN TO SURRENDER KEYS TO COMMANDING OFFICER HITHER PLAINS BARRACKS ON TERMINATION STOP LETTER TO CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER UNITED STATES COAST GUARD IN PREPARATION

W. L. TIERNEY
RADIATION LABORATORY, MIT

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CG-131

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

1 February, 1944

National Defense Research Committee
Division II
302 E Hood Building
Radiation Laboratory, M.I.T.
Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

This office is in receipt of a copy of letter addressed by Mr. W. L. Tierney, Radiation Laboratory, M.I.T., to the Navy Liaison Officer for Loran under date of November 18, 1943, in which it is stated it is understood that at a recent conference NDRC had decided to return to the custody of the Navy Department the Hither Plains Radio Direction Finder property, and in that connection it would be necessary that NDRC be advised as to certain details before release of the property.

It has been determined by the Coast Guard that the Hither Plains Radio Direction Finding Station no longer serves a useful purpose and when the premises are formally relinquished by NDRC it is proposed that all Coast Guard equipment, namely the emergency power plant, safe and file cabinet, will be removed and the buildings locked. Accordingly, at such time as the use and custody of the property is relinquished, all NDRC classified equipment should be removed from the premises, and all utility services discontinued.

Please inform this office as to the date NDRC proposes to release the property in order that proper measures may be taken to secure the buildings and terminate the permit issued to NDRC by this office under date of July 15, 1943.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. A. PARK
Rear Admiral, USCG
Chief Operations Officer

cc: DCGO 3 ND

Mr. W. L. Tierney, Radiation Laboratory, M.I.T. ✓
Cambridge, Mass.

January 31, 1944

New York Telephone Company
48 Main Street
Southampton, Long Island
New York

Gentlemen:

The custody of the Hither Plains Radio Direction Finding Station is to be transferred from Radiation Laboratory to the District Coast Guard Officer, Third Naval District, effective February twelfth. We are advised that telephone service furnished by you will not be required by the Coast Guard after they take custody.

Will you accordingly terminate at your early convenience the present connected service and remove your company property from the premises. Please forward, addressed to the writer's attention, your final invoice in triplicate.

Very truly yours,

W. L. Tierney
Operating Manager
Radio Direction Finding Stations

WLT:b

November 18, 1943

Lt. J. H. Senger

W. L. Tierney

Transfer of Custody - Hither Plains R. D. F. Station

It is understood that at a recent conference it was decided to return the Hither Plains Radio Direction Finding Station to the custody of the Navy. In this connection it will be necessary to obtain answers to the following questions:

1. Will the Navy accept the station in its present physical form, viz., with antenna poles, ground system, and Project 3 cat-walk structure?
2. Do they wish the telephone service continued?
3. Do they wish the power service continued?
4. The water rate has been paid for a six-months period from August 1, 1943, to February 1, 1944. Do they wish to continue this service?
5. A date should be set at which time the responsibility for security may be transferred. December 15 has been suggested as a first approximation.

Two of the guy wires for the antenna poles extend beyond the station property and this office holds the correspondence covering this easement which was authorized by the owner. Copies of this correspondence can be made available upon request.

We have removed the technical equipment, tools, and supplies. The Super-fex oil heater and oil tank have been left and will be transferred to the Navy if they so desire.

The mechanics of formal transfer will be handled by this office, including the preparation of the inventory. You are requested to obtain from the Navy the information preliminary to the transfer.

Security requirements are being served by our civilian watchmen and will be continued in force until the time of transfer of custody.

WLT:b
cc: J. C. Street

W. L. Tierney

February 1, 1944

Mr. Joseph J. Sarnthein
Montauk, Long Island
New York

Dear Mr. Sarnthein:

Effective February 12 the Hither Plains Radio Direction Finding Station will be transferred to the custody of the United States Coast Guard, and the services of Radiation Laboratory personnel at that station will be no longer required.

In accordance with our understanding at the time of your employment, your services will terminate upon the completion of the project at Montauk. We will require your witnessed signature on one of the termination forms which will be forwarded before your termination. A release, which you will be called upon to furnish if employed in future defense work, will also be mailed to you.

Upon completion of your work on February 12 please turn in all station keys to the Commanding Officer, Hither Plains Coast Guard Barracks, who will be instructed by the District Officer to take custody.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your contribution to our war effort.

Very truly yours,

W. L. Tierney
Operating Manager
Radio Direction Finding Stations

WLT:b

February 1, 1944

Mr. William Verhaegen
Montauk, Long Island
New York

Dear Mr. Verhaegen:

Effective February 12 the Hither Plains Radio Direction Finding Station will be transferred to the custody of the United States Coast Guard, and the services of Radiation Laboratory personnel at that station will be no longer required.

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I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your contribution to our war effort.

Very truly yours,

W. L. Tierney
Operating Manager
Radio Direction Finding Stations

WLT:b

January 31, 1944

Mr. E. H. Smith
Montauk, Long Island
New York

Dear Mr. Smith:

The custody of the Hither Plains Radio Direction Finding Station is to be transferred from Radiation Laboratory to the District Coast Guard Officer, Third Naval District, effective February twelfth. We are advised that water service furnished by you will not be required when the Coast Guard take custody.

Will you accordingly arrange to terminate your service to our account effective February twelfth and forward your final invoice in triplicate to the writer at the termination of this service.

Very truly yours,

W. L. Tierney
Operating Manager
Radio Direction Finding Stations

WLT:b

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER (ecm)
THIRD NAVAL DISTRICT
42 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, N. Y. AND REFER TO FILE NO.

626-815-800

220-141

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NAVY LIAISON OFFICER FOR LORAN

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DATE

A. L.

9-25-43



OFFICE OF THE
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER
THIRD NAVAL DISTRICT

Hither Plains

21 September, 1943

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National Defense Research Committee
Div. 11
302-H, Hood Building,
Radiation Laboratory, M.I.T.,
Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the letter from the Commandant Coast Guard to National Defense Research Committee (CG-626-815-810-220-141 Confidential) dated 3 July, 1943, and my letter of 17 September, 1943, to Navy Liaison Officer for Loran (626-815-810-220-141) (Confidential), the bearer of this letter Lt. G. H. Shimer, U.S.C.G., is authorized to turn over to your representative custody of Hither Plains Life Boat Station and all of the Coast Guard equipment now at that station. A joint inventory of Coast Guard property other than the buildings and grounds will be made by your representative and Lt. Shimer. All items of Coast Guard equipment are to be entered as indorsement 1, hereon and such indorsement will be signed by both parties, and constitute a receipt by you for the equipment listed.

Upon signing this inventory the Coast Guard will not be responsible for the security of this property or equipment located thereon.

Very truly yours,

G. U. Stewart

G. U. STEWART,
Captain, U.S.C.G.,
Assistant DCGO-3rdND.

cc; Commandant Coast Guard
Mr. R.K. Temple
Navy Liaison Officer for Loran

(ecm)
626-815-800
220-141

CONFIDENTIAL

National Defense Research Committee
Cambridge Mass.

Ind. 1
Hither Plains L/B Station

Montauk, N. Y.
22 September, 1943.

1. The following listed items of Coast Guard equipment are hereby turned over to the custody of National Defense Research Committee.

1. Safe, steel, combination lock,
16x24x34 inches, inside. 1 ea.
2. File cabinet, oak, 4 drawers. 1 ea.
3. Kohler auxiliary power plant,
10 K.V.A., 115-230 Volts, 1 phase,
60 cycles, model 10R61U, Serial No.
65451. 1 ea.

2. Inventory of equipment dated 20 July, 1943, attached hereto, itemizes other equipment and materials other than that listed in 1 above at subject station.

National Defense Research Committee

R. K. Temple.

R. K. Temple

G. E. Shimer
G. E. Shimer
Lieut. U. S. C. G.

2nd Endorsement
on DCGO3ND ltr to NDRC ltr
File (ecm) 626-815-800-220-141
dated 21 September, 1943

25 Sept., 1943

From: Naval Liaison Officer for Loran.
To: Division Head, Division 11, Radiation Laboratory.

1. Delivered.

D. G. Cowie
D. G. COWIE.