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Commanding Officer  
United States Coast Guard  
Loran Transmitting Station  
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From: Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Loran Station, Niigata  
To: Commander Far East Section

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Subj: Property, transfer of

1. This Unit has been approached by representatives of Commander 9th Coast Guard District with regards to the transfer of this station to the Japanese Government. They have requested information as per enclosure one. This Unit has answered questions which are within the scope of knowledge, however, there were many questiones that could not be answered.

2. Specific questions which they would like answered are:

(a) Will all the equipment presently located on this station be turned over or will material be retained by the United States and if material will be retained, what materials.

(b) If possible could they obtain plans for some of the newer permanent Loran Stations constructed by the U.S. Coast Guard.

3. This information was requested so that 9th Coast Guard District could plan logistics support for the continued operation of this unit. It is requested that any information be forwarded to this Unit for forwarding to local Coast Guard Officials.

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Encl; (1) Inquiry concerning to transfer of control of Loran Station

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**From:** Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District  
**To:** Commandant (OAN)

**Subj:** Japanese Loran; information concerning

1. The following is quoted from an item published in the ASAHI EVENING NEWS of 11 February 1959:

**"U. S. NAVY TO RETURN MIHO LORAN STATION**

The U. S. Navy's Miho LORAN Station, Yonago City, Tottori Prefecture, will soon be turned over to the Japanese Government, the Japan Procurement Agency announced.

The Long-Range-Navigation Station is located near the Ground Self-Defense Force's Camp Yonago."

2. In furnishing the above to this command, the Commander, Far East Section advises that neither the Japan Procurement Agency nor the Japan Maritime Safety Board has any information as to the source of the newspaper's information.

3. A representative of the Ninth Regional Maritime Safety Headquarters, Japanese Maritime Safety Board, has made inquiry of the Commanding Officer, CG Loran Transmitting Station, Niigata regarding loran. The inquiry includes a list of questions regarding personnel, construction plans, etc. including the following:

a. "Do you have any intelligence of the transfer of control? What were details, if you have something intelligence?"

b. "Do we take delivery of your present equipment from you in a wholesale way?"

4. In connection with the last mentioned incident, Commander, Far East Section was advised informally by the Japanese Maritime Safety Board, Tokyo that it has no definite information regarding transfer of loran and that requested information was for planning and future budgetary requirements.

5. We are advising Commander, Far East Section that there are no plans to transfer Japanese loran stations, that any information furnished at this time would be obsolete if and when transfer is contemplated, and that if information is desired, questions should be submitted by the Headquarters, Japanese Maritime Safety Board rather than individual regional headquarters.

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