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LTJG Donald E. PIAKE 9086 (), USCG To: Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District (o) Via: LTJG John S. MERRILL 9335 (), USCG

Subj: Transfer of Command, USCG Loran Station Sitkinak

- Ref: (a) Section 7-1-25, USCG Regulations, CG-300
 - (b) Section 4E0800Z, Comptroller Manual, CG-264
 - (c) Section A02003, Manual for Non-Appropriated Fund Activities, CG-146
 - (d) CCGD17 (o) ltr dtd 28 April 1972
- 1. In accordance with references (a) and (c) I have been relieved this date as Commanding Officer, USCG Loran Station Sitkinak, by LTJG John S. MERRILL 9335 (), USCG.
- 2. I have also been relieved of the duties of Exchange Officer, Commissary Officer and Classified Material Control Officer.
- 3. All requirements of references (a), (b), (c) and (d) have been met.

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on LTJG PLAKE ltr 1301 of 2 April 1974

From: LTJG John S. MERRILL 9335 (), USCG To: Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District (o)

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- 1. As of this date, I relieve ITJG Donald E. PIAKE 9086 (as Commanding Officer of USCG Loran Station Sitkinak, Alaska
- 2. The station is presently operating at full personnel allowance however billets are filled by personnel of less than authorized levels in many areas; primarily electronics. These personnel are performing well and are proficient in their jobs. The present rotation schedule will place a burden on the electronics department experience level in the summer when four personnel, including the EMO, depart within two months and again in January when three others depart. More equally spaced rotations would be desirable.

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- 3. The plant property appears to be in good shape and well maintained. The roofing is a present problem due for repair in the summer months. The leaks in the transmitter building present some problems in keeping water out of the electronics gear. The sewage treatment building has water leaking out of the electrical cable conduits. The waterproof electrical cable should provide adequate protection until the source of the water can be located.
- 4. The electronics equipment is all operational and in good condition. The electronics parts allowance is presently \$ below the allowance list requirements. Additionally there are only six new power amplifier tubes on board though fourteen are backordered. The on board parts should prove sufficient until new parts arrive however.
- 5. The station's vehicles are in good condition except for the tractor which is inoperable due to non-availability of repair parts.
- 6. Roads from the station to the dump, the north beach fuel tank and the secondary landing strip are in poor condition from erosion due to water runoff. Considerable manual labor is necessary to maintain the roads in a marginal condition. The anticipated loan of a dump truck and the rebuilding of the tractor will provide the equipment necessary to perform a proper reconstruction job this summer.
- 7. A physical inventory of the Commissary revealed an increase of \$750.00 of merchandise and the books were corrected accordingly. Commissary records dating back to April 1971 indicate no audit action has been performed other then the monthly arithmetic check by district finance and an inventory verification by the district inspection team on 29 October 1972. The records appear to be in order however.
- 8. The station exchange records are only carried back to February 1972 and again no audit action has been performed. Though net worth balances, accounts receivable do not, indicating net worth may be slightly mis-represented. This problem is a result of the credit system utilized on a Loran station where a man deposits his paycheck and may purchase more or less than the amount of the check each month.
- 9. The Morale Fund was audited for the period 31 July 71 (last audit) to present and it is in order.

- 10. Classified material was checked and accounted for with the exception of CCGD17 Directive 05921.3 dated June 1971. This directive appears to have never been received on the station. Proper security for classified material is being maintained.
- 11. Inventories were performed on small arms, ammunition and narcotics. All materials were accounted for and are afforded adequate security. A title B inventory check revealed no discrepancies.
- 12. Overall, the station appears to be in good order with the above mentioned discrepancies capable of being resolved with little difficulty.

J. S. MERRILL

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