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To : Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District

Subj: LORSTA Sitkinak

Ref: (a) My 041945Z NOV 74

(b) Your 301822Z OCT 74

1. As you were advised by reference (a), there are not sufficient funds available to accomplish all the proposed items of work listed in reference (b). The available funds for Loran-C implementation at this station are programmed as follows:

Fiscal Year 75	\$1000's
Antenna Procurement Generator Procurement Equipment Procurement	350 300 32
	\$682
Fiscal Year 76	\$1000's
Site Construction Transmitter Building Site Work Antenna Erection Outfitting	565 235 370 25
	\$1195

If you desire to accomplish any additional projects, funds will have to be programmed in the normal manner.

2. You will note that our present plans include the replacement of the existing antenna. A preliminary study is being conducted, however, to determine the feasibility of increasing the structural reliability of this antenna so that it could remain in service at Sitkinak or be used elsewhere. It is therefore requested that you evaluate the condition of the tower with this thought in mind and inform us of your recommendations

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as to the feasibility, work, cost and off-air time that would be required to accomplish this objective. It is further requested that you furnish us an estimate of the work, cost and off-air time required to restore this tower to its original condition.

J. W. MOREAU

Chief, Office of Engineering

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From: Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District

To: Commandant (G-CCS)

Subj: LORSTA SITKINAK

Ref: (a) Comdt (G-ECV/61) 1tr 11121 Ser 977 of 14 Nov 74

- 1. Reference (a) advised this district of a substantial reduction in funding for Loran Station Sitkinak and it is a matter of prime concern to me. The funds programed for implementation of the Gulf of Alaska Loran-C operations at that unit are grossly inadequate. Enclosure (1) is a copy of the cost estimate prepared by my staff for implementation of this project.
- 2. Presently programed funds will be insufficient to accomplish much needed remodeling of living and working spaces. The station heating system needs rehabilitation. Rooms are cramped and ventilation is poor. Recreational facilities are limited. Outdoor activities are extremely limited during the long winter months and recreational facilities such as a gymnasium are essential to morale and physical fitness.
- 3. Runway repairs are essential to permit continued support of the station. Programed funds are insufficient to effect necessary repairs. Air support of the unit is considered an operational necessity. Surface vessel support is impractical due to the weather conditions prevalent in the area which prevent small boat operations much of the time. Alternate means of logistics support were evaluated in an effort to preclude the necessity for repairing the existing runway. Enclosure (2) is an evaluation of the various alternatives considered. Providing regular logistics by H-3 helicopter would necessitate the addition of a fourth aircraft at Kodiak as indicated in enclosure (2). The only practical method of providing logistics support to the unit is by repairing the existing runway to permit continued support by commercial carrier and HC-130 with occasional H-3 support.
- 4. Reference (a) also requested recommendations concerning the feasibility of retaining the existing antenna at Sitkinak. Enclosure (3) is a copy of letter submitted on 21 November 1974 with our recommendation that the

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existing antenna be used. The cost estimates contained in enclosure (1) are based on the continued use of the existing antenna.

5. I am greatly concerned about the inadequacy of the funds being programed for this project. The project involves construction of a station designed for at least 20 years operation. The minimum crew and support facilities represented by those items listed in enclosure (1) must be provided. Full support of this program is imperative. I urge you to reconsider the funds programed for this project and insure that adequate funds are provided.

Encl: (1) Cost estimates

2) Logistics evaluation

(3) Copy my 1tr Ser 8394 of 21 Nov 74

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