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The negotiation team from U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters which met in Paris, France last week with French PIT officials to attempt to resolve radio interference problems between the LORAN-C Station at Estarit, Spain and other services in the band 90-110 kc/s has been partially successful in that agreement in principle exists.

A practical solution will be difficult to achieve. French authorities are convinced and U.S. authorities concur that the only practical solution to the interference problem is to move other radio service out of the 90-110 kc/s band, and are now most willing to implement this relocation. U.S. cooperation has been asked in finding replacement frequencies, and a Coast Guard Frequency Management expert is presently negotiating and coordinating with the several countries involved for these replacements. A meeting with the German BPM and French PIT is set for 27 February 1962 to discuss the results of monitoring and negotiations in finding possible replacement frequencies.

It is planned to utilize U.S. funds (DOD, LORAN program) to settle obligations for equipment modifications and purchase of frequency rights from the nations having the allocations desired.

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