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de radioguidage à longue distance pour l'aide à la
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ARRANGEMENT¹ FOR ICELANDIC OPERATION OF LORAN MONITOR FACILITY AT THE U.S. NAVAL STATION, KEFLAVIK, ICELAND

I. *Basis.* This Arrangement is entered into pursuant to plans for reducing U.S. military personnel in Iceland in accordance with the agreed minute of 22 October 1974. This Arrangement is made between the United States of America, represented by the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Government of Iceland, represented by the Post and Telecommunications Administration of Iceland.

II. *Purpose.* This Arrangement assigns the responsibility for operating and maintaining the facilities and equipment of the LORAN-C Monitor Station, Keflavik, Iceland (hereinafter denoted as "LORMONSTAKEF"), including communications and electronic facilities and equipment, from the United States Coast Guard to the Post and Telecommunications Administration (hereinafter denoted as "USCG" and "PTA" respectively), and delineates the functions and responsibilities of each agency.

III. *Operational mission and responsibilities.* The mission of LORMONSTAKEF is to control the synchronization of the LORAN-C stations located at Angissoq, Greenland; Sandur, Iceland; Ejde, Faeroe Islands; and such other stations as may be assigned, using operating procedures and tolerances published by the USCG.

IV. *Chain Operational Control Officer.* The USCG will retain at the U.S. Naval Station, Keflavik, or other suitable location, a Chain Operational Control Officer (hereinafter denoted "COCO") to exercise operational control over assigned LORAN-C stations and over LORMONSTAKEF via teletype communications circuits. The COCO will be a USCG officer with specialized LORAN-C background and knowledge, who will also act as primary liaison officer for routine matters between LORMONSTAKEF and the USCG. PTA will insure that LORMONSTAKEF complies with any and all directions from the COCO which affects the operational mission of the Monitor Station as defined above.

V. *Visits and equipment modifications.* PTA will permit periodic visits to LORMONSTAKEF by USCG technical personnel, including COCO and his staff, to ensure proper functioning of the Monitor Station as related to its operational mission. In the performance of his duties COCO will have both routine and unscheduled access to the Monitor Station. The installation of equipment modification kits which are periodically issued by the USCG will be performed by PTA; all materials required for these kits will be provided by the USCG at no cost to PTA.

VI. *Maintenance and repair.* All maintenance and repair of LORMONSTAKEF equipment and facilities will be performed by PTA. Parts, tools and equipment for this purpose will be procured by PTA by the most expedient and/or economical method, in accordance with the "Logistics" section of this Arrangement. The services of U.S. "HOST" facilities with which LORMONSTAKEF has entered into Support Agreements will be utilized to the maximum possible extent.

¹ Came into force on 9 September 1975 by signature, with effect from 1 July 1976, in accordance with article XVI.

VII. *Facilities and equipment.* LORMONSTAKEF consists of allocated spaces in buildings 1650 and T-2453, U.S. Naval Station, Keflavik, and all equipment and office furnishings stored or installed therein. All such furnishings and equipment remain the property of the United States, except those items provided by PTA for which the USCG is not billed. The USCG will furnish all tools, equipment and furnishings required for the operation and maintenance of the LORMONSTA. PTA will establish inventory procedures such that all items provided by the United States are accounted for; all such items will be disposed of as directed by the USCG when no longer required. All such United States property, equipment, books, tools, etc., in the possession of PTA or its employees may not be disposed of or placed on loan to any agency or activity without prior written approval of the USCG. Requirements for new or additional facilities and/or changes to existing facilities will be submitted by PTA to the USCG for review and programming as necessary. When such projects are approved and funded, accomplishment will be in accordance with the terms of the Defense Agreement of 1951,¹ as amended, and with the regulations of the Naval Station Commander.

VIII. *Customs duties and taxes.* Spare parts, materials, equipment and consumables provided through United States sources which are required for the continued operation and maintenance of LORMONSTAKEF or for the construction of new facilities will be authorized entry into Iceland free of all customs duties, taxes, or similar import levies.

IX. *Personnel.* PTA will provide capable personnel for the continued operation of LORMONSTAKEF, and for all maintenance and repair work not coverable by support agreement services of the U.S. "Host" facilities. PTA will recruit, supervise and manage all personnel employed for the operation of LORMONSTAKEF. Rates of pay will conform to scales established by the Icelandic Government; the grade level of each position will be mutually agreed upon by PTA and the USCG; any or all grade levels or complements may be mutually reviewed at any time at the request of either PTA or the USCG.

X. *Budgetary and reimbursement procedures.* PTA will be reimbursed by the USCG for all funds expended incidental to the manning, operation, and maintenance of LORMONSTAKEF, and for services utilized in the direct support of LORMONSTAKEF. PTA will prepare and submit, by 1 November each year, a budget of all anticipated costs to be incurred during the forthcoming calendar year for the operation and maintenance of the Monitor Station. Billings for the reimbursement of funds actually used by the PTA in the performance of their responsibilities under this Arrangement will be submitted quarterly to the USCG, and immediately processed for payment. The format for the budget and for billings will be as mutually agreed by PTA and the USCG. Reimbursement to PTA may be in either U.S. dollars or an equivalent amount of Icelandic kronur at the option of the USCG, except that payment of the expenses of personnel undergoing training in the United States will be in U.S. dollars. PTA may, at their option, request an advance of funds without interest not to exceed the estimated operating expenses for a three-month period, and/or the estimated travel and per diem expenses of Icelandic employees undergoing training in the United States. These advances will be liquidated upon receipt and approval by the USCG of billings for actual costs incurred by PTA.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 205, p. 173.

XI. *Training.* The USCG will provide training in the operation and repair of specialized LORAN-C monitoring and communications equipment as required, for all station technicians and one technical supervisor. Per diem, travel, and tuition expenses will be paid by the USCG as provided above.

XII. *Logistics.* Spare parts, materials, equipment, consumables, office supplies, and other items required for the operation, maintenance, or repair of facilities of LORMONSTAKEF will be procured by the most economical means, utilizing local sources, U.S. logistics channels and/or support agreements with elements of U.S. Department of Defense whenever possible. The USCG will establish procedures for procurement via U.S. channels. Materials not normally available by these means, or required for rapid recoupment of inoperative station equipment, will be procured by the most expedient and economical sources. High value repairable equipment which cannot be repaired locally will be properly stored, packed and returned to the appropriate facility in the United States for repair and/or calibration, as required. Incoming mail may be processed through the Naval Station Fleet Post Office; outgoing mail will be processed through international or internal mail systems as appropriate.

XIII. *Security.* PTA will be responsible for security within the LORMONSTAKEF building spaces, and for the protection of U.S. furnished property. PTA will establish the necessary controls to prevent malicious damage or sabotage to the Monitor Station. PTA will comply with all U.S. Naval Station security regulations, and will cooperate at all times with Naval Station Security Forces. Control of visitors to LORMONSTAKEF will be exercised by PTA.

XIV. *Claims.* Claims against the United States or the Government of Iceland brought about from damage to or loss of property, injury, or death will be passed to the appropriate Government for action in accordance with the provisions of the 1951 Defense Agreement, as amended.

XV. *Termination.* After the present Arrangement has been in effect for a period of two years from its effective date, the Parties may consult at the request of one of them with regard to the continuation of operation of LORMONSTAKEF. If the Parties cannot come to agreement on the continuation of operation with a period of one year following request for consultation, the station shall cease operation after one year's notice by the interested Party. All U.S. furnished equipment may then be removed or otherwise disposed of by the USCG.

XVI. *Effective date.* This Arrangement shall become effective 1 July 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement:

J. SKULASON

(Title): Director General
Icelandic Post and Telecommunications
Administration

(Date): 1975-09-09

L. W. GODDU

(Title): Commander
Coast Guard Activities, Europe

(Date): 9 September 1975