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SUBJECT: Construction of Weather Stations

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INSPECTION OF WEATHER STATIONS  
GENERAL INFORMATION  
APPLICABLE TO ALL STATIONS

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1. As a result of the weather island survey reconnaissance conducted by Cdr Rex (JTF-7 Adv), Lt Col Richardson (JTF-7 Adv), Mr. Wynkoop (AEC), Mr. Dunlap (H&N), Capt McDaniel (AWS), Lt Bachart (CO, LST 762), Mr. Dieffenbach (AACS), Mr. Beardall (H&N) and Mr. Bernier (AEC) from 4 June through 10 June 1955, it has been determined feasible to locate permanent weather stations at Kusaie, Tarawa and Kapingamarangi. A fourth temporary (6 months) station at Rongerik is also desired. Negotiations are underway by this Headquarters to obtain sites at the above locations.

2. It is planned that the weather stations be in operation on 1 April 1956 and that the AWS personnel and equipment be in place on or about 15 March 1956. The operating equipment would be scheduled to arrive at the PPG on or about 1 February 1956 and would then be moved out with the AWS personnel between 1 February ~~1956~~ and 15 March 1956. The station at Rongerik would be reconditioned at time of movement of the operating personnel and equipment. The construction of the remaining three weather stations should be completed on or before 1 February 1956.

3. CNO will be asked for an LSD to arrive at the PPG on 1 October 1955 and to remain for a period of thirty (30) days. This vessel would be used during October for construction of the station at Kapingamarangi. An LSD will be requested to arrive at Farry on 1 February 1956. She would transport H&N construction personnel and equipment for the rehabilitation of Rongerik and at the same time, take in the weather operating personnel and equipment. During the latter part of February or first of March, the LSD would transport the AWS personnel and equipment to Kapingamarangi. After completion of this task, she would then be turned over to the Naval Task Group on or about 15 March for the purpose of acting as the mother ship for the boat pool at Bikini and for other transportation duties.

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9. It is requested that this headquarters and the Washington office be furnished detailed plans and cost estimates for the four weather stations as described above.

/s/ G. B. Monsen

C. B. MONSEN  
Rear Admiral, U. S. N.  
Commander

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6/27/55  
 This date commented by rough  
 memorandum attached to the  
 original correspondence that without  
 duplicate distillation units, it was  
 very important that ample fresh  
 water storage facilities be provided.  
 Otherwise there would be constant  
 danger of running out of fresh  
 water if a "dry spell" and a  
 period of "deadlined" equipment  
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