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FROM: Commander, Military Sea Transportation Service, Pacific  
TO: Commander, Military Sea Transportation Service

Subj: Improvement of navigational radar facilities in USNS PCPE (T-AP 110), USNS WEIGEL (T-AP 119), USNS GORDON (T-AP 117), USNS WALKER (T-AP 125) and USNS CAPTAIN (T-AP 121)

Ref: (a) COMSTS ltr ser 1382M4HS of 14 Dec 1966  
(b) COMSTS ltr ser 1157M4H1 of 26 Sep 1966

1. Reference (a) disallowed a Transalt request for auxiliary radars in USNS POPE, USNS WEIGEL and USNS WALKER due to the restrictions in transport ship operations outlined in reference (b).

2. It is appreciated that the expenditure of \$20,000 per ship for the improvement of navigational radar facilities appears to be inadvisable due to the uncertain future operations of the transports, however, it is considered cheap insurance where the safe and prompt delivery of troops is concerned. Since almost all MSTS ships except certain transports are equipped with two radars, and since total reliability cannot be placed in one, it seems necessary that ships hauling personnel be adequately equipped. Should the ships be inactivated, the funds would not be totally lost since the units could be utilized in the balance of the fleet.

3. Reconsideration of this recommendation is requested. If any of the ships concerned are inactivated, the radars would be released for further use. The following is the proposed unit for each ship:

USMS POPE	RCA CRM N2C-30
USMS WEIGEL	RCA CRM N1C-75
USMS WALKER	RCA CRM N1C-75

4. In addition to the above, it is requested that an RCA CRN R2C-30 radar be installed in USNS GAFFEY if and when this ship is returned to active service in lieu of the AN/SPS-35 unit now on board. The estimated cost is \$18,000.

5. USNS CORDON is equipped with a Raytheon 1482 main radar and an auxiliary AN/SPS-35 radar, both in reasonably good condition. The auxiliary radar antenna is presently mounted in a poor location, being shielded by

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ship's structures. This results in blind wedges in several relative directions. This antenna should be relocated to the main radar mast just below the main radar. The estimated cost for this alteration is \$1000. It could be accomplished in five days.

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