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From: Commander Military Sea Transportation Service, Far East
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Subj: MSTS Movement Report and Pre-arrival Messages by MSTS Controlled Voyage-Chartered (VC or CVC), Time-Chartered (TC), General Agency Agreement (GAA), and USNS Vessels; proper addressal of

Ref: (a) COMSTSINST 3123.5E
(b) COMSTSINST 3123.6

1. Purpose. To promulgate guidance for proper addressal of subject messages.

2. Background. With the escalation of the conflict in the Republic of Viet Nam (RVN) and the resultant increase of MSTS controlled shipping in Southeast Asia (SEA), there has been a large growth in the amount of message traffic to and from U.S. merchant marine vessels in SEA. One of the primary sources of this message traffic is the MSTS Movement Report (MSTS MR). To be effective an MSTS MR must reach the proper addressees in the minimal amount of time. Unfortunately, many merchant ships are omitting key addressees on their MSTS MRs, thus devaluating the MSTS MR system. In some cases unnecessary addressees are placed on MSTS MRs. MSTS MR messages are frequently readdressed by COMSTSFE; sometimes they do not even include among the information addressees the MSTS Office or Representative at the destination point. Redressals and wrong addressees result in an additional and unnecessary strain on the already heavily burdened U. S. Naval Communications System and illustrates the need for promulgation of this instruction. COMSTSFE believes that the reason for the above is a misunderstanding on the part of masters/radio operators concerning to whom an MSTS MR should be addressed. It is felt that the promulgation of a directive explaining proper addressees for MSTS MRs sent by vessels in the Far East will serve two purposes:

(1) to expedite the receipt of vessel movement information by all commands having the "need to know".

(2) to reduce to a minimum readdressal of MSTS MR messages by this or any other command.

3. Responsibility.

a. All MSTS Office's and MSTS Representative's under COMSTSFE are directed to distribute one copy of this instruction to the master of each MSTS controlled VC, TC, GAA, and USNS (U.S. manned) ship calling in the Far East Area. COMSTSPAC, COMSTSLANT, COMSTSGULF and COMSTSMED are requested to disseminate the enclosed information to vessels scheduled to proceed to the Far East Area from their respective areas of control.

b. MSTS0's and MSTS REP's in the Far East Area shall insure that each master is briefed on the proper designation of addressees on MSTSMRs and pre-arrival reports as prescribed by this instruction.

4. Addressing Movement Reports.

a. Action Addressee. The action addressee of a MSTSMR should be the AIG of the area in which the vessel is located in accordance with enclosure (2) of reference (a). There should be no other action addressee.

b. Information Addressee.

(1) Every MSTSMR will include COMSTS as an information addressee.

(2) If the vessel is enroute to or in the Far East Area (the area between longitudes 160.0°E and 060.0°E), the MSTSMR will include COMSTSFE as an information addressee.

(3) All MSTSMRs concerning vessels in the Far East Area enroute to the Suez Canal will include COMSTS MED and AMCON ADEN as information addressees.

(4) All MSTSMRs referring to vessels in the Far East Area enroute or in the area between longitudes 160.0°E and 067.0°W will include COMSTSPAC as an information addressee.

(5) All ships in the Far East Area enroute the Panama Canal will include MSTS0 Balboa as an information addressee in MSTSMRs and further will include COMSTSGULF if the ultimate destination is in the Gulf of Mexico or COMSTSLANT if enroute any Atlantic port.

(6) In addition to the above the following MSTS Offices or Representatives will be included as information addressees on MSTSMRs when proceeding to the ports listed below:

JAPAN

Enroute Tokyo/Yokohama/Yokosuka
Enroute Sasebo
Enroute Moji
Enroute Nagoya
Enroute Kobe

INFORMATION ADDRESSEE

(1) COMSTSFE
(1) MSTS0 Sasebo
(1) MSTS0 Sasebo
(2) Ships husbanding agent
(1) Ships husbanding agent
(1) Ships husbanding agent

KOREA

Enroute Inchon
Enroute Kunsan

(1) MSTS0 Inchon
(1) MSTS0 Inchon

KOREA

Enroute Gazan
Enroute Pusan
Enroute Ulsan
Enroute Pohang
Enroute Suyong

INFORMATION ADDRESSEE

(1) MSTS0 Inchon
(1) MSTS0 Pusan
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OKINAWA

Enroute Naha
Enroute Buckner Bay
Enroute Chimu-wan

(1) MSTS0 Okinawa
(1) MSTS0 Okinawa
(1) MSTS0 Okinawa

GUAM

Enroute Apra

(1) MSTS0 Guam

TAIWAN

Enroute Taipei
Enroute Kaohsiung
Enroute Keelung

(1) MSTS0 Taipei
(1) MSTS0 Taipei
(2) OIC MSTSU Kaohsiung
(1) MSTS0 Taipei

PHILIPPINES

Enroute Subic Bay
Enroute Manila/Bataan
Enroute Poro Point
Enroute Mactan

(1) MSTS0 Subic
(2) MSTS0 Manila (cargo ships only)
(1) MSTS0 Manila
(2) MSTS0 Subic (tankers only)
(1) MSTS0 Manila
(1) MSTS0 Manila
(2) MSTS0 Manila (tankers only)

Enroute Singapore

(1) MSTSREP Singapore
(2) Ships husbanding agent

THAILAND

Enroute Bangkok
Enroute Sattahip

(1) OIC MSTSU Bangkok
(1) OIC MSTSU Bangkok
(2) OIC MSTSU Sattahip

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

Enroute Saigon
Enroute Cape St. Jacques (CASAJA)

(1) MSTS0 Vietnam
(1) MSTS0 Vietnam

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REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

Enroute Vung Tau
Enroute Nha Trang
Enroute Phan Rang
Enroute Cam Ranh
Enroute Qui Nhon
Enroute Tuy Hoa
Enroute Vung Ro Bay
Enroute Danang
Enroute Chu Lai

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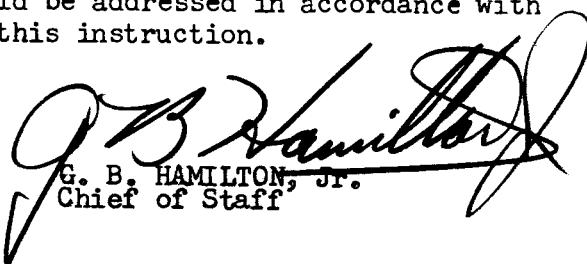
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(2) OIC MTSU Tuy Hoa
(1) MTSO Vietnam
(2) OIC MTSU Danang
(1) MTSO Vietnam
(2) OIC MTSU Chu Lai

(7) All ships enroute to or passing within a 500 mile radius of Okinawa will include ADCC Okinawa and CTG 72.2 as information addressees on all MSTSMRs sent prior to or while passing within the area.

(8) For mail routing purposes, all ships enroute any ports between the Far East Area and the North or South American West Coast will include COMSERVPAC as information addressee on MSTSMRs; if enroute to the Panama Canal Zone, Persian Gulf, or Suez Canal ships should include COMSERVLANT.

5. Addressing Pre-arrival Messages. Pre-arrival messages sent by ships enroute ports in the Far East Area should be addressed in accordance with reference (b) and paragraph 4(b)(6) of this instruction.

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