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From: Military Sea Transportation Service Unit, Vung Tau
To: Masters of all Ships at Vung Tau/Cape St. Jacques

Subj: Granting of Provisional Pratique at Vung Tau/Cape St. Jacques

1. At a meeting in the Office of the American Consul 27 Aug. 66, procedures were developed whereby Saigon Quarantine Officer will grant "Radio Provisional Pratique", contingent upon final Quarantine Clearance in Saigon, to Merchant Ships of U.S. Registry arriving at Vung Tau/Cape St. Jacques utilizing MSTSO communications facilities as an interim measure until such time as trained personnel and other facilities are available at Vung Tau.

2. U.S. Ships having the capability of contacting MSTSO Saigon on 4150 KCS (cw) call sign HFWT or by voice on 2716 KCS (call Port Control Saigon) may request Provisional Pratique by reporting all of the following Info:

- A. Name of ship
- B. Last port of call
- C. ETA Anchorage at Cape St. Jacques
- D. Name of ships agent in Saigon
- E. Full name of ships Master
- F. Date last Derat Certificate was issued. (Place of Issuance) and Date of Expiration.
- G. Master must certify that Certificates of Vaccination for smallpox and cholera are current and up to date for each member of ships crew.
- H. Master must certify that there is no known illness on board.

3. MSTSO Saigon will accomplish necessary paperwork to obtain Provisional Pratique from Saigon VN Quarantine Officer and then will advise ship by radio either 4150 KCS or 2716 KCS that Provisional Pratique Granted for purpose of granting shore leave at Vung Tau. However ship must be boarded by Quarantine Officer upon arrival at Saigon/Nha Be in order to be Granted Full Pratique.

4. Basic principle of above procedures were agreed to by Reps of Amconsul, VN Ministry of Health and World Health Organization on 27 Aug, 1966.

5. In order to eliminate friction between Unions and Operators and to remove any arguments of Discrimination MSTSO has agreed to assist all U.S. Merchant ships anchored at the Cape to obtain Radio Provisional Pratique ONUS remains with Ship's Agent to provide Liberty Launches. LCM Launch Service within Guide Lines already established by COMSTS will be provided at later date within our capability.

6. MARAD will disseminate to Ship Operators.