

PROGRAM.—ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMENTS

A. Authority for this program is found in title 14, United States Code.

B. The outputs of this program are the acquisition, construction, rebuilding, and improvement of vessels, aircraft, shore facilities, and aids to navigation. A complete description of the output for fiscal year 1968 is attached as appendix I.

C. At Coast Guard Headquarters level, this program is subdivided into mission-oriented programs. The program directors for these programs are as follows: Rear Adm. R. W. Goehring, Chief, Office of Operations; Rear Adm. D. B. Henderson, Chief, Office of Engineering; Rear Adm. W. B. Ellis, Chief, Office of Personnel; and Rear Adm. J. D. McCubbin, Chief, Office of Reserve.

APPENDIX I

Program:	Fiscal year 1968 N.O.A.
1. Vessels -----	\$40, 776, 000
2. Aviation facilities -----	27, 549, 000
3. Shore stations and navigational aids -----	22, 482, 000
4. Repair and supply facilities -----	4, 767, 000
5. Training and recruiting facilities -----	7, 640, 000
6. Alteration of bridges -----	3, 800, 000
Total -----	107, 014, 000

PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE

This appropriation provides for the acquisition, construction, rebuilding, and improvement of vessels, aircraft, shore facilities, and aids to navigation.

Direct program

1. *Vessels*.—A program to replace overage, obsolete, and deteriorated vessels of the Coast Guard will be continued in 1968 with the construction of replacements for one high-endurance cutter and two small cutters to replace patrol vessels. Fixed or floating aids will be constructed to replace lightships at priority locations. Three augmentation vessels planned for construction are two tenders, with associated facilities, for servicing aids to navigation on the Arkansas and lower Mississippi Rivers and an oceanographic cutter. The program also provides for contract design services for a replacement icebreaker. Modernization and improvement of existing facilities includes improvements on icebreakers, rehabilitation of six high-endurance cutters, installation of balloon tracking radar on four high-endurance cutters, installation of 20 Loran-C receivers and four Navy navigation satellite systems on large cutters and icebreakers for the oceanography program.

2. *Aviation facilities*.—Under this activity the program provides for the acquisition of 10 replacement aircraft and nine helicopters—six for icebreaker operations and three for SAR support. Plans for reconfiguration of medium-range search aircraft will also be developed. In addition the program also calls for the establishment of an air station at Chicago, Ill., and replacement of hangar facilities at the air station in Barbers Point, Hawaii.

3. *Shore stations and navigational aids*.—The program under this activity provides for the establishment of and changes to aids to navigation marking river and harbor improvements effected by the U.S. Corps of Engineers, and other urgent needs. Other projects are included to (a) establish two new stations at Jonesport, Maine, and Sassafras River, Kennedyville, Md.; (b) replace and improve facilities at Fire Island and Alexandria Bay, N.Y., and Wrightsville Beach, N.C.; (c) continue consolidation of units at Governors Island, N.Y.; (d) construct mooring facilities at Panama City, Fla.; (e) make improvements at a Loran station located outside the continental United States; (f) provide housing for Coast Guard personnel and their dependents in areas where living accommodations are inadequate; and (g) facilitate the survey and design of future major construction projects. In addition improvements will be made in the communications facilities, 12th Coast Guard District, and 10 manned light stations will be converted to automatic operation.

4. *Repair and supply facilities*.—The expansion of support facilities in 1968 includes the consolidation of units at base, Milwaukee, Wis., and relocation of facilities at base, Mobile, Ala. Construction of a pier at New London, Conn., is the first step of a project to consolidate two repair facilities, now separately