CONSTRUCTION of a new Naval Communication Station began immediately following a ground-breaking ceremony at Cam Ranh Bay on August 26, 1966. Lieutenant Commander Jack Hensley, USN, Commanding Officer of the new station, turned the first shovel of dirt, and the order to proceed, full speed ahead, was given to the enormous RMK-BRJ construction company by the Officer-in-Charge of Construction, Republic of Vietnam.

Before construction started, many arduous hours were spent in planning and design. Lieutenant Orelan Carden and Mr. Vance Vaughan of Naval Communication System Headquarters landed on the prospective sites with the initial survey team in December, 1965. The area was an uninhabited sandy beach facing the South China Sea. The southern tip of the Cam Ranh peninsula was to be the future home of a Naval Support Facility, and the
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