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UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION
Key West, Florida

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24 MAY 1954

From: Commanding Officer
To: Chief, Bureau of Yards and Docks
Via: Commandant, SIXTH Naval District

Subj: Key West, Florida; two islands formed by dredge deposit in the vicinity of

Ref: (a) DFWO 6ND ltr of 15 Mar 1954 Code DE-210 to CO NavSta KWest with encl
(b) Chief, BuDocks ltr of 26 Feb 1954 Code B-412.1H/eng ND6/N1-1 T10-28-KW-3 T10-2-KW to DFWO 6ND with encl

Encl: (1) Copy of Executive Order 4060
(2) U.S.C. & G.S. Chart #584 (marked up)
(3) U.S.C. & G.S. Chart #576 (marked up)

to send to Justice as per 10/12/54

1. References (a) and (b) requested information concerning location and use of the two islands formed by dredging, and concerning Executive Orders 4060 and 808.

2. Executive Order 4060 and Charts 584 and 576 are forwarded herewith as enclosures (1), (2) and (3) respectively. Executive Order 4060, as described by enclosure (1), is outlined on Chart 584, as noted by red pencil. It is believed that this order encloses both islands formed by dredging. To show this in detail, Chart 576, which shows the islands as they now exist, is enclosed with the southern portion of 4060 outlined by red pencil. It is believed that the 16 foot contour on the west bank is substantially in the same location as in 1924 since a review of operations in the past gives no indication of any change. Therefore, the plot of the bounds of 4060 around the southern toe is considered reasonably accurate. However, it is suggested that a U.S.C. & G.S. Chart #584 of 1924 be obtained, and a comparison be made between the existing contour and the 16 foot contour at that time.

3. At the present time, the southernmost key within 4060 is used for burning old wooden fender systems, piles and other materials which need to be disposed of in large quantities. This key has no large growth showing it to be the youngest of the islands formed by dredging.

4. The key, which is approximately latitude 24° 34' north and 81° 48' 40" west, has long been considered as the site for a future Navy Fuel Depot. However, the earliest official recognition of this fact that can be found in the local files is the submission of project 13 in the Shore Station Development Program for 1954 which was submitted in 1952. It is currently covered by project 56-7 of the Shore Station Development Board Projects for Fiscal

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Year 1956. This key has been used in the past for limited disposal. There is a marker to the west of this key, in a group of four piles, which, when aligned with another marker north of the key, gives the center line of the Ship's channel. It is considered that this key is strategic in the security of the operation of the activities located at the Naval Station Annex. This key is located such that any civilian enterprise could observe the operations of any activity at the Annex. Therefore, due to the fact that many activities at the Annex handle highly classified material, and that the key is very desirable as a Fuel Depot, it is considered essential that the Navy retain ownership.

5. The only record of executive order 808 is as shown in red pencil on Chart 584, enclosure (2). There is no description of order 808 available with which to check the above mentioned marking. It is only known that the order pertained to Man Key and Woman Key. Therefore, it is believed that order 808 has nothing to do with the subject islands formed by dredging. However, a copy of Executive Order 808 is requested for information and files of this Command.

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