

MAY 5 1949

From: Commandant
To: Commander, 7th Coast Guard District
Subj: Former Army property at northeast end of Folly Island, S. C.;
proposed sale of by WAA

1. Reference is made to your letter, dated 19 April, 1949, pertaining to the proposed sale of subject tract comprising 23 acres by WAA. HQ has been informally advised by the Washington office of War Assets Administration that acceptance of the proposal of the State of South Carolina for the purchase of the former Charleston Harbor Defenses, including subject tract, is contemplated by WAA and only awaits certain formalities in connection therewith.

2. The matter of acquiring the northeastern portion of Folly Island was considered by HQ prior to the declaration thereof by the Department of the Army to War Assets and it was determined that there was no foreseeable need for the acquisition of additional land at Folly Beach. The Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, was advised accordingly by letter from the Commandant, dated 3 February, 1948.

3. Inasmuch as it is understood that subject tract will be sold to the State of South Carolina for park purposes, rather than to private individuals, no action will be taken to acquire this additional land.

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