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GALVESTON PARK TO BE ON COAST GUARD LAND

In a ceremony to be held in the Galveston City Council Chambers, Rear Admiral W. W. Barrow, Commander of the Eighth Coast Guard District, will sign a license allowing the city to use 211 acres of federal land for the establishment of the R.A. Appfel Park.

The beachfront property is necessary to the aids to navigation mission of the Coast Guard and would have remained in an undeveloped condition without this license. The 211 acres is a part of the Loran Station on the island and will be added to land already acquired by the city for the 666-acre park.

The Coast Guard became involved in such land licenses in 1974, shortly after a federal law asked for better use of underutilized land. The law required that such property be developed for public recreational use under the "Nationwide Outdoor Recreation Plan" supervised by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. The Coast Guard, with already-close ties to recreational boating, has been one of the pioneers in this program. One other license has been granted by the Eighth Coast Guard District and two studies are considering similar community support for recreational activities elsewhere in the district.

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The 25-year license to the city involves special provisions necessary for the protection of the Coast Guard's Loran Signal, a delicate and precisely-timed signal used by vessels for navigation. Radio transmissions in the area from Citizen's Band or other radios will be prohibited, as they severely interfere with the Loran signal. Large concentrations of metallic objects—specifically vehicle parking lots—will not be placed within a quarter mile of the antenna site, which will be located in the park. To protect park visitors from high-voltage lines at the antenna, a barrier made of a non-conducting material will isolate the antenna.

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Property Release; LORSTA GALVESTON

Comptroller

Chief, Office of Engineering

Via : Chief, Office of Marine Environment and Systems

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1. I have reviewed my staff's handling of the release of 211 of 230 acres of LORSTA GALVESTON by CCGD8, by license agreement.
2. Headquarters coordination procedures on property releases were not adhered to.
3. I have taken action to preclude a reoccurrence of this type of situation. Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

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