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Chief, Bureau of Yards and Docks  
Navy Department  
Washington 25, D. C.

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The submerged land shaded in red on enclosure (1) is being advertised for sale and objections on 4 September 1951 by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

The land included in this proposed sale is a fill which was deposited as a result of dredging in the main ship channel at Key West, Florida, which was accomplished with the use of Navy funds in 1943. This land also falls within the limits of an area which was reserved for the use of the Navy for Naval purposes by Executive Order No. 4060 dated 11 August 1924.

Due to the proximity of this spoil area to highly classified Naval activities as shown on enclosure (1), it is considered a dangerous security risk to allow this property to fall in the hands of private developers. Further, due to expansion of Naval facilities and activities in the Key West area, the strategic location of this spoil area makes its use for military purposes highly possible, and its use for a fuel storage area is now under consideration.

In view of the foregoing, authority is requested for this Headquarters to request the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to withhold the sale of this property pending Navy Department's requirements.

Encl: (1) Sketch showing lands advertised for sale (PW Drawing No. P-1982)

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Commandant, Sixth Naval District