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Honorable D. B. Strubinger Acting Commissioner of Customs Department of the Treasury Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Strubinger:

I have your letter of 20 December 1960 (MA 3-59138 F) in which you ask for my concurrence in a proposed finding that the Salton Sea, California, which lies wholly within that State and is not connected with any navigable waters, is not a part of the navigable waters of the United States. Enclosed with your letter was a similar opinion from the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army.

I concur in your opinion that the Salton Sea is not part of the navigable waters of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. RICHMOND / Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard Commandant

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My dear Admiral Richmond:

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There is enclosed a copy of a draft of a letter to Mr. George A. Askelund, Supervisor, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Small Craft Harbors, State of California, Sacramento, California, regarding the navigability of the Salton Sea in the State of California.

In accordance with the established procedure it will be appreciated if you will advise as to whether you concur with the Bureau's opinion in the matter.

For your information there is enclosed a copy of a letter from the Headquarters, Department of the Army, concerning that office's opinion as to the navigability of the Salton Sea.

Very truly yours,

Acting Commissioner of Customs

Admiral Alfred C. Richmond The Commandant United States Coast Guard 1300 E. Street, N. W. Washington 25, D. C.

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