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Navigable waters of the United States; New River

Imperial County

FROM Legal Officer

TO Chief, Aids to Navigation Branch
Via : Chief, Operations Division

Ref : (a) Your memo 16594/PF Ser: oan 73-77 of 22 Feb 1977
(b) My memo 3271/5920 of 14 May 1976
(c) COMDT (G-MVI) ltr of 10 Dec 1958
(d) COMDT (G-MVI) ltr of 3 Jan 1961
(e) COMDTINST 16210.1

1. Based on the information provided in reference (a), and on related opinions concerning the Alamo River and the Salton Sea contained in references (b) through (d), it is my opinion that there is clearly insufficient factual basis to support the exercise of Coast Guard jurisdiction over the waters of the New River.

2. Accordingly, you should decline to exercise jurisdiction for the purposes of the Bridge Administration Program.

3. A record of this finding will be maintained in accordance with reference (e) by the Legal Officer.

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