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Ms. Debra Beene Texas Historical Commission P.O. Box 12276 Austin, Texas 78711-2276

Hello Ms. Beene:

Padre Island National Seashore has proposed to construct two cabins along the Gulf of Mexico shoreline at the park's identified 30 and 50 Mile Markers (UTM: Zone 14 North; 2988608N, 660779E and 2955012N, 666597E). Each of the cabins will be approximately 50ft x 50ft in size and will be elevated to a height of 5ft. There are no known historical sites within the immediate area of the proposed action, with the wreck of the Nicaragua (41KN20) being the closest known site at 0.9 miles to the southsoutheast.

On April 8, 2010, National Park Service (NPS) archeologist, Jacquelin St. Clair, surveyed both of these locations to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. With negative findings for both of the surveyed areas, the NPS kindly requests approval from the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to proceed with the proposed project.

During the construction phase, there will be a monitor on site. If the NPS should inadvertently discover any artifacts or findings of historical significance, the project will be suspended until appropriate measures on how to proceed are identified by both the NPS and the THC. All actions will be included in the NPS annual report to the THC.

Thank you,

Joe Escoto Superintendent

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by_ for Mark Wolfe

State Historic Preservation Officer

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