

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WEATHER BUREAU
NORFOLK 10, VA.

October 21, 1949

Commandant, Fifth U. S. Coast Guard District,
Post Office Building
Norfolk, Virginia.

Subject: Surplus Windcharger Towers.

Sirs

This office is in need of a steel tower similar to some of the steel windcharger towers used by the Coast Guard in their radio communication service. We have in mind the erection of a steel tower at Wanteo, N. C., for the purpose of improving the present inadequate Weather Bureau Storm Warning Display Station in that City.

Unofficial information has come to us to the effect that the Coast Guard has, or will have in the near future, a surplus tower that could be utilized for storm warning display purposes, the prospective tower being located at present on Bodie Island. They are of triangular construction and 120 feet in height.

If the Coast Guard has such a tower, available for transfer to the Weather Bureau, we would greatly appreciate information to that effect. Officials of our Central Office in Washington have contacted Commander Robinson of the Civil Engineering Section of the Coast Guard in Washington and he has suggested that this office make the request for such a tower, direct to the Commandant Fifth Coast Guard District. If such a surplus tower is, or will be available our Central Office in Washington will make the necessary request for official transfer, either through your office, or the Washington Office of the Coast Guard, whichever is proper.

We will greatly appreciate your cooperation with respect to the information requested in the foregoing paragraphs.

Respectfully

/s/ Frank B. Whitney
Frank B. Whitney
Official in Charge

cc: Central Office, Washington
Regional Office, Jamaica, N. Y.

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From: Commander, 5th Coast Guard District
To: Commandant (FS)

Subj: Surplus Windcharger Towers

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter received from the local Weather Bureau Office requesting information regarding surplus windcharger towers.
2. There are two of these towers at Bodie Island Loran Station, one at the station proper, the other at the satellite station. These towers will be surplus to the needs of this District after the first of the year when Bodie Island Station is decommissioned and the Loran function transferred to the new station now being constructed at Cape Batteras.
3. Advice is requested whether Headquarters has plans to utilize these towers in another district, so that if not contrary to Headquarters policy, steps may be taken to declare one tower surplus for transfer to the Weather Bureau under the provisions of Public Law No. 627.

R. E. WOOD
Chief of Staff

Incl: Copy Weather Bureau Ltr.
dated 21 October, 1949

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CHIEF, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

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Chief, Planning and Control Staff
Chief, Office of Operations
120' Tower, Bodie Island

Ref: (a) Weather Bureau letter Feb. 13, 1950 (0-3)

1. Subject tower is surplus to needs of Coast Guard as all Coast Guard facilities on Bodie Island have been disestablished.
2. It is recommended that Chief, Finance and Supply, be directed to transfer the tower to the Weather Bureau under conditions of enclosed letter.

A.G. HALL

Incl.
1. Ref. (a)

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