



April 3, 1986

Col. Nolan C. Rhodes, Ret., P.E. Director of Engineering Services Port of Corpus Christi Authority P. O. Box 1541 Corpus Christi, Texas 78403

Maintenance Dredging of Rincon Channel

Dear Col. Rhodes:

Your letters of November 5, 1985 and January 16, 1986 concerning the maintenance dredging of Rincon Channel, were recently referred to me.

I have enclosed a copy of a letter from Mr. Jack Giberson, Chief Clerk of the General Land Office, to Mr. Harvey Weil responding to Mr. Weil's question concerning whether the Port of Corpus Christi Authority needed to obtain a Land Office easement or lease for the channel.

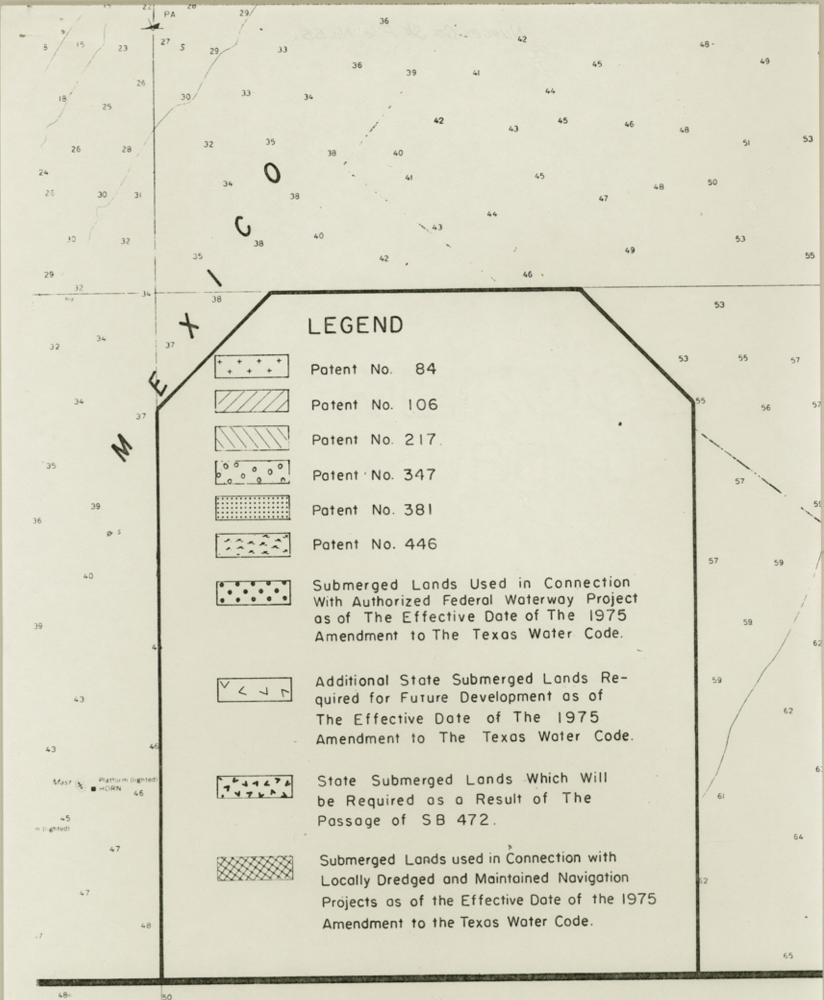
Thank you for your patience. I hope the response to Harvey Weil resolves the matter.

Sincerely

Deputy Commissioner

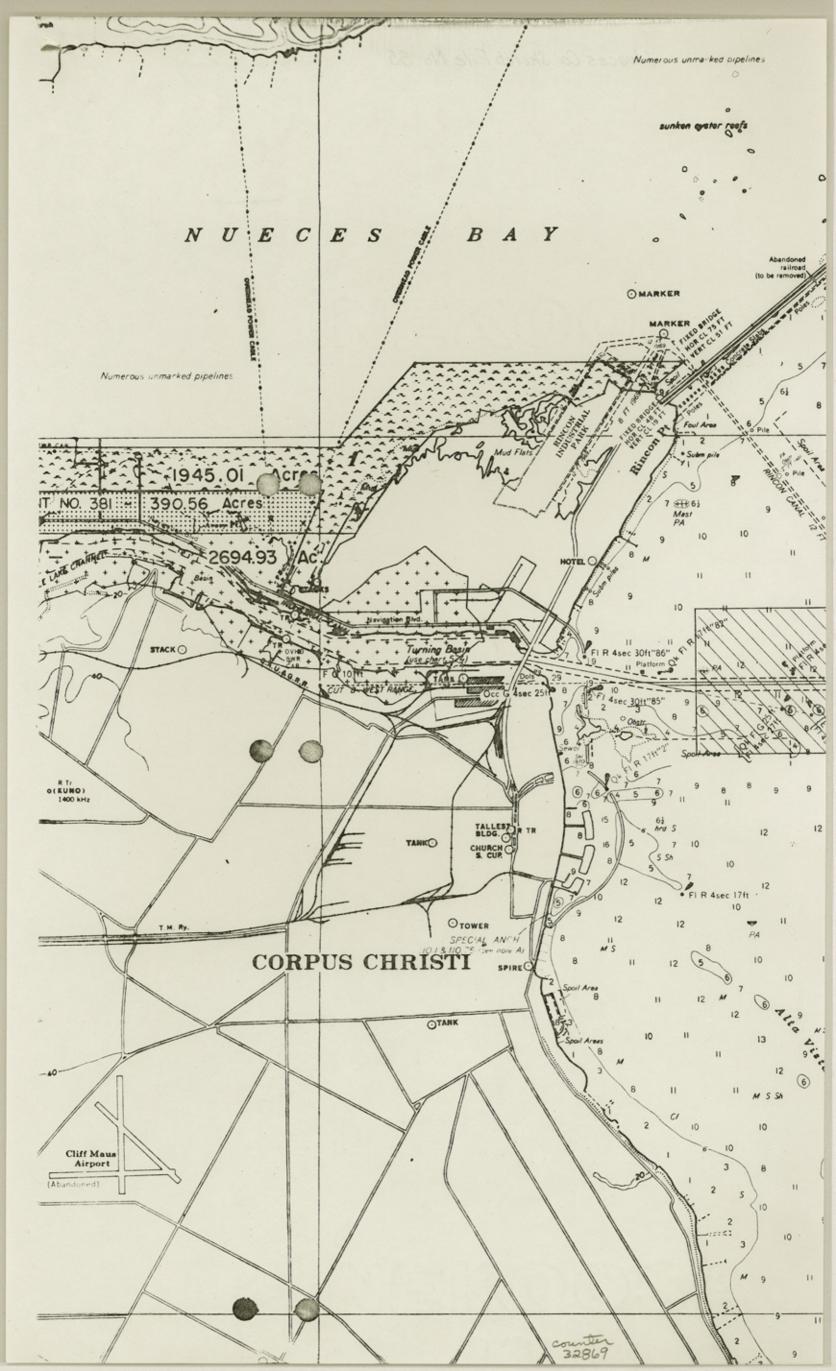
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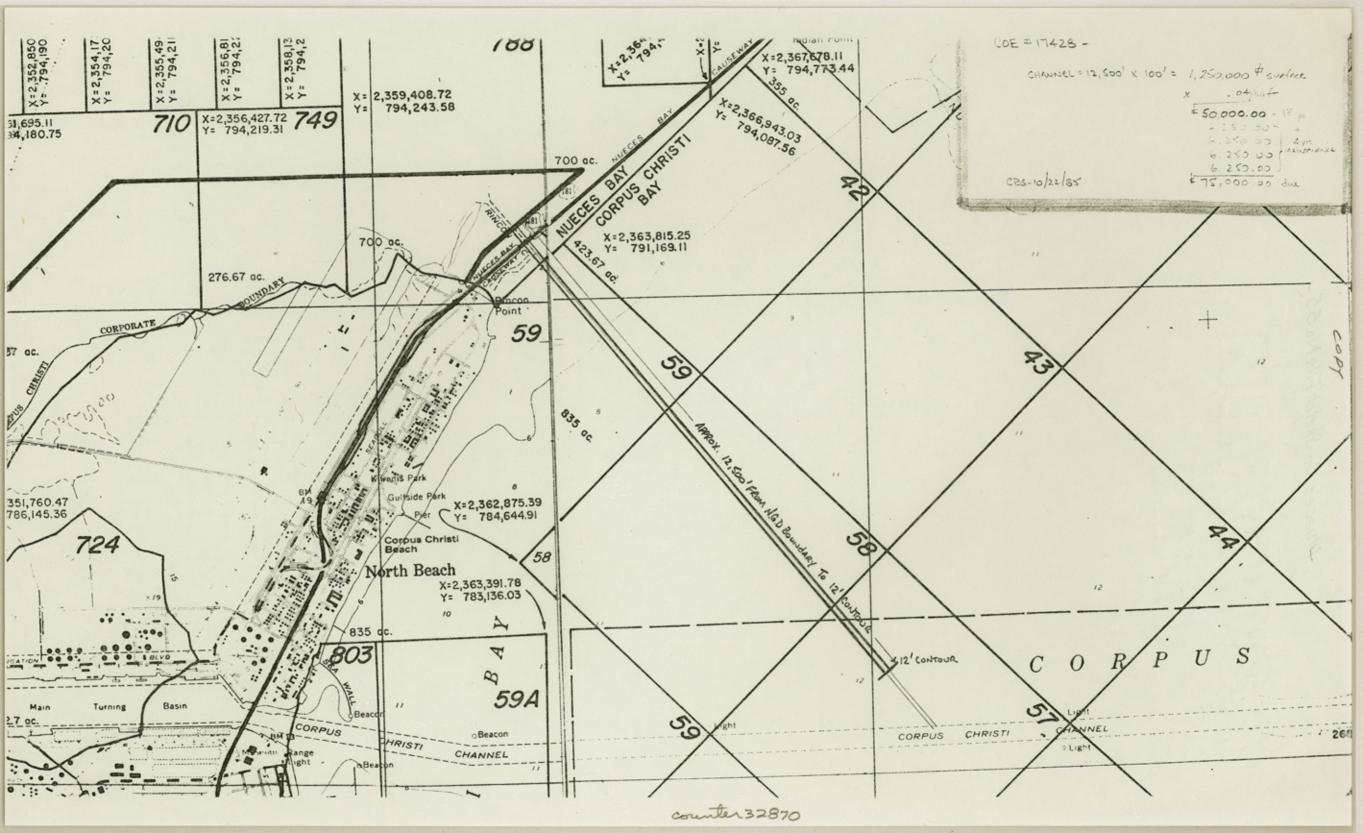
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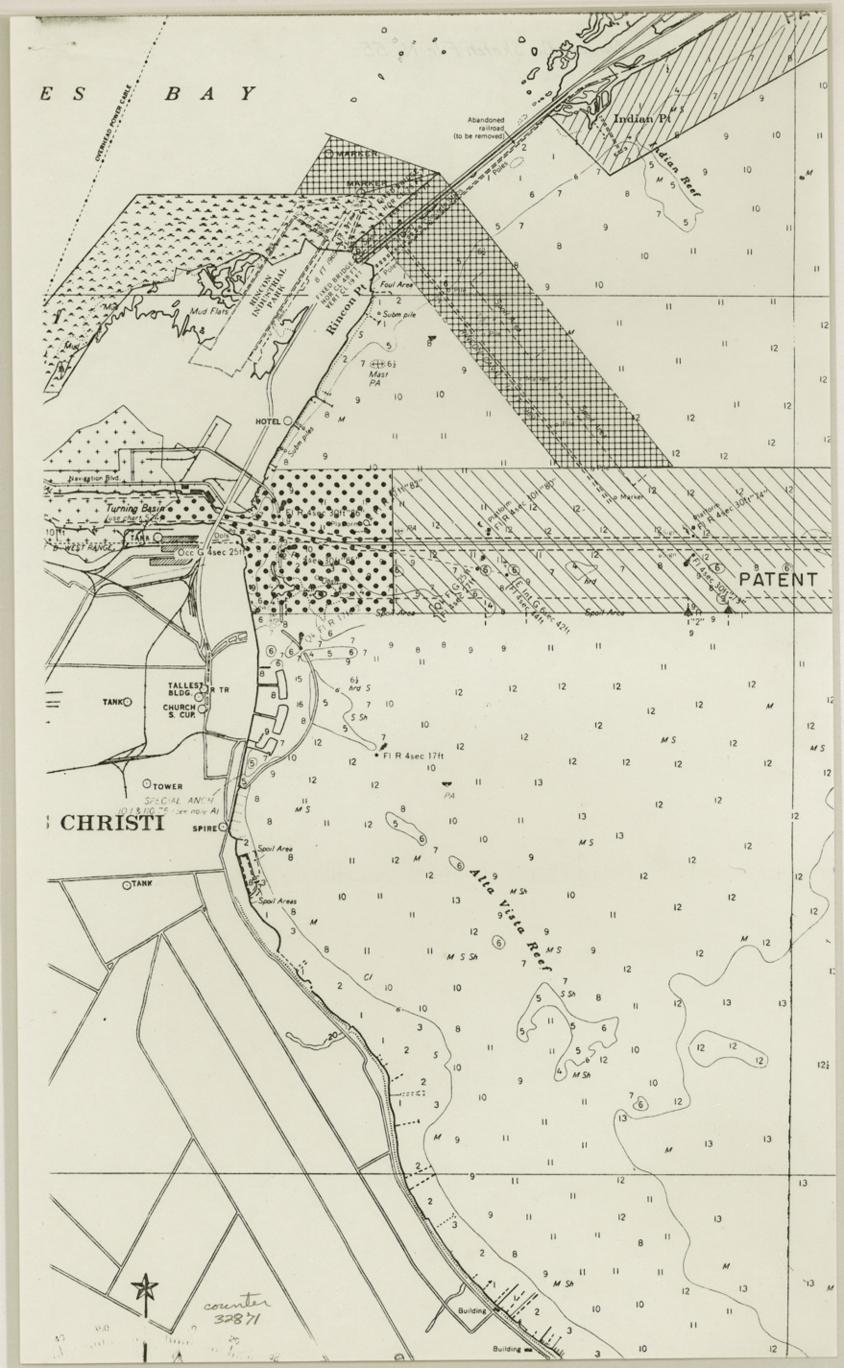


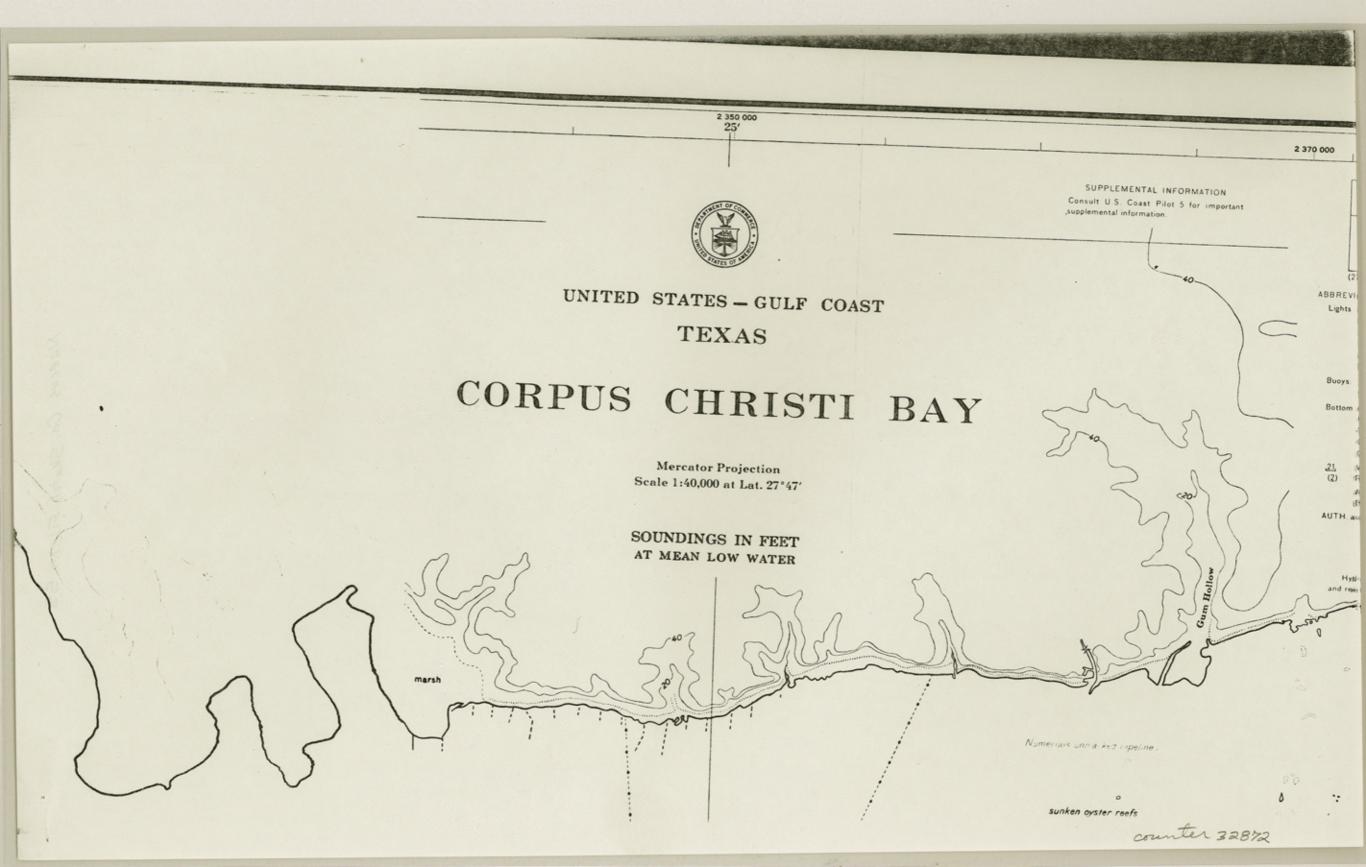
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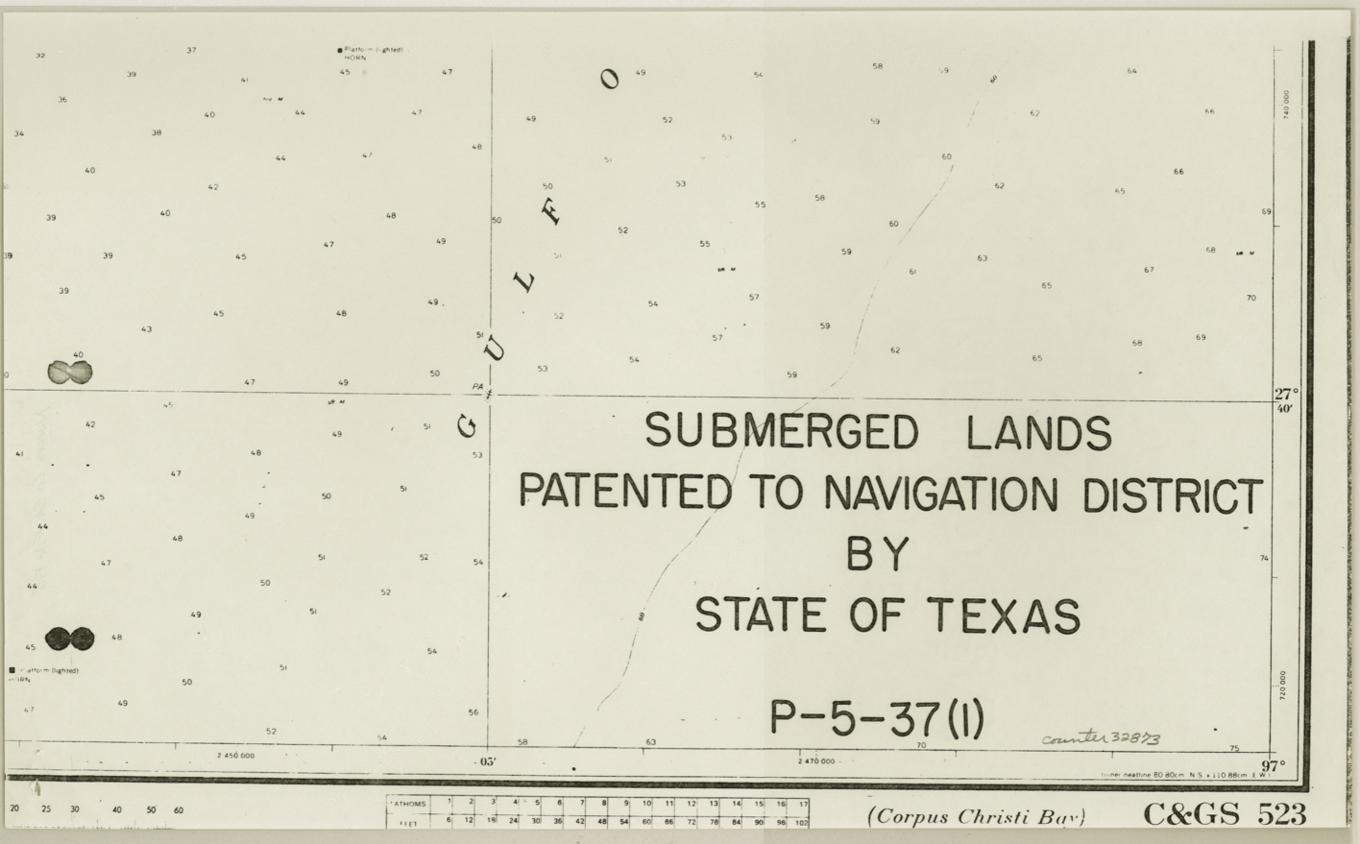
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March 24, 1986

Mr. M. Harvey Weil Kleberg, Dyer, Redford & Weil 1200 MBank Center North 500 North Water Street Corpus Christi, Texas 78471

Re: Rincon Canal

Dear Harvey:

I received your March 6, 1986 letter asking whether the Port of Corpus Christi Authority needs to obtain an easement for the barge depth channel from the main ship channel into the Industrial Park.

We have determined that this channel was "grandfathered" by Section 61.117(g) of the Texas Water Code and therefore does not need to be covered by a Land Office lease or easement. Although the statute as passed by the legislature is somewhat vague, after reviewing its legislative history, we feel certain that our conclusion is correct. The act as originally passed by the senate specifically required navigation districts to obtain Land Office leases for such channels. The removal of this provision before final passage of the act, however, leads to the conclusion that the legislature decided not to require leases from Navigation Districts for such channels.

This exception to the requirement of an easement from the General Land Office is only applicable to the Navigation District. All other entities intending to dredge, place pipelines, or otherwise use the area must obtain an easement from this office. Also, the district may not enlarge the channel over its 1975 size.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Jack Giberson Chief Clerk

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