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The Honorable Tom Ridge
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Dear Mr. Ridge:

Thank you for your letter dated April 28, 2017 regarding the development of the Terminal Island property in Miami Beach, Florida, which is adjacent to Coast Guard Island. I also appreciate your understanding of our national security challenges and realities.

The United States Coast Guard has worked with various stakeholders to evaluate proposed plans at Terminal Island since 2002, and we acknowledge your client's proposed plans and recommendations to mitigate the significant security and operational concerns. However, after careful consideration and completion of a thorough evaluation and risk assessment, the Coast Guard's position is unchanged. As with previous proposals for residential development, the current proposal will negatively impact the Coast Guard's ability to safely and effectively carry out its statutory missions and existing operations. A residential development may also prevent the expansion of operations, which would curtail the Coast Guard's ability to adapt to meet the ever-evolving needs of homeland security. Further, the proposed waivers and easements would be insufficient in regards to the legal protection of Coast Guard's interests.

CAPT John Healy, Chief, Office of Civil Engineering, is available at (202) 475-5687 for any further questions regarding your request. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Curry, Jr.", written over a faint circular stamp.

A. CURRY, JR.

Acting Assistant Commandant for Engineering and Logistics
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