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MEMORANDUM

To: City Manager

From: Vern Yadon, Museum Director

Subject: Tree Removal at the Lighthouse

This morning I was called by Mrs. Edris Magee, Museum Board Chairman, who had received a call from Mrs. George Young complaining about the removal of trees at the Lighthouse.

On visiting the area I found that the Coast Guard indeed was in the process of removing the windward trees from the Lighthouse grounds.

Several of these had toppled in previous storms and many branches were broken. The Chief in charge of the Light Station, Mr. Heater, had decided that the trees were becoming a fire hazard to the Lighthouse and hence the removal.

The plan is to replant with new trees. I told Mr. Heater of the problem of public complaint and also expressed the opinion that if the dead wood on the windward side of the remaining trees were removed, the remaining living portion of the trees would die.

The City will doubtless get other complaints about the situation. I suggest they contact Chief Heater, who is in charge of Aids to Navigation and is the person who directed that the trees be removed.

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