



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BUREAU OF NAVAL WEAPONS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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18 MAY 1964

From: Chief, Bureau of Naval Weapons  
To: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Earle  
Colts Neck, New Jersey 07722

Subj: Nike battery NY-53-Earle

Ref: (a) NAD Earle ltr OR:CDeA-rlm of 19 Mar 1964, with enclosures

1. Reference (a) requested Bureau action be taken to acquire subject site from the General Services Administration and to authorize storage of explosives.
2. While it is realized that the current storage situation at the Depot is not ideal, the present management direction obviates acquisition of additional real estate and facilities where alternate solutions are available. The Bureau hopes to provide relief to those coastal depots where storage space is limited, through a redistribution of stocks on hand, when funds are available. It is planned to retain only those items which are required for current Fleet requirements or to meet planned emergency issues. Other stocks will be stored inland, thus freeing the limited space for the fast moving items or special prepositioned stocks.
3. The request for acquisition of the subject site is therefore denied.

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Attn: Chief of Bureau  
for Fleet Readiness and Training

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GSA N. Y.  
U. S. Army Engineering District, N. Y.

19 MAR 64

From: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot Earle  
To: Chief, Bureau of Naval Weapons (F-121), Washington, D. C. 20360  
Subj: Explosive Storage at NIKE Battery NY-53-Earle (Launcher Area);  
request for authorization of

Encl: (1) US NAD Earle SK 507  
(2) US NAD Earle Dwg. 3-1185

1. The subject NIKE site, which is located adjacent to the Depot road and rail line connecting the main station and waterfront, has been vacated by the U. S. Army and also has been declared excess by the Army to the General Services Administration.
2. A review of the twelve (12) acre site, as shown by enclosures (1) and (2), would realize to this Depot the equivalent of three (3) standard magazines for ammunition storage.
3. The plant protection for the facility is being maintained by this activity.
4. The size and configuration of the storage pits with the installed elevators would be excellent storage for guided missiles in the "all up" concept, when adopted, but could also be used for storage of assembled rockets and clusters. The site could also be utilized for possible storage magazines for POLARIS gas generators, pyrotechnics and ASW torpedo components, thereby relieving the present critical shortage of Depot high explosive magazines.
5. The site is currently being considered by State and local agencies for offices or as a vocational school.
6. Accordingly, it is requested that the authorization for storage of ammunition, within limits as established by BuNeps (F-121), at the site be granted and that action be initiated to U. S. Army Engineer District, N. Y. to withdraw the site from GSA custody.

*Request denied!*

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BuNeps (FPRA) w/encls.  
U.S. Army Engineer District, N.Y., w/o encls.  
GSA, N.Y., w/o encls.

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