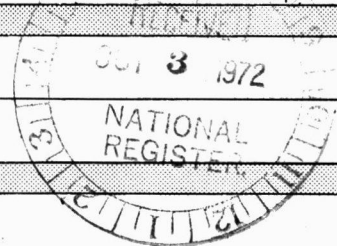


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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1. NAME

COMMON:
GRAND ISLAND FCC MONITORING STATION

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
5 MILES WEST OF GRAND ISLAND NEAR STATE SPUR 430

CITY OR TOWN:
GRAND ISLAND *vic.*

STATE: NEBRASKA CODE: ~~68801~~ 26 COUNTY: HALL CODE: 079

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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. BOX 1588

CITY OR TOWN: GRAND ISLAND STATE: NEBRASKA CODE: ~~68801~~ 26

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS, HALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE

STREET AND NUMBER:
LOCUST AND FIRST STREETS

CITY OR TOWN: GRAND ISLAND STATE: NEBRASKA CODE: ~~68801~~ 26

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
NONE OF RECORD

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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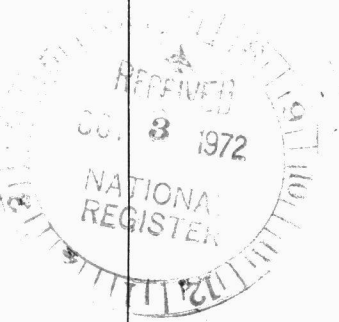
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

FCC Monitoring Station consisting of 200 total acres in one parcel with one large two-story unpainted brick and asphalt-shingled building with detached garage of similar construction, and with smaller auxiliary buildings nearby. The original monitoring room contained 2000 square feet of floor space, and rooms for dormitories, kitchen, workshop, storage batteries, motor generator and switchboards were provided. This building was constructed from plans and specifications prepared by the Navy Department, Bureau of Yards and Docks with the ground breaking in October 1927. The original site comprised 50 acres and was the first monitoring station constructed for the exclusive use of the predecessor of the Federal Communications Commission, namely, the Federal Radio Commission which was authorized in an act approved February 23, 1927.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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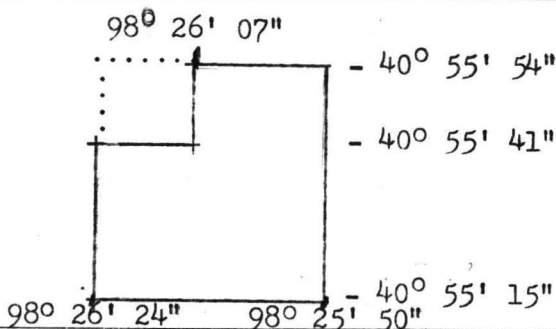
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES



NW 14/547160/
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Hobart W. Johnson, Chief, Engineering and Facilities Division

ORGANIZATION: **FCC Field Engineering Bureau** DATE: **June 13, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 738, 1919 M St., N.W.

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **D.C.** CODE: **20554**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

Federal Representative

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *Bon F. Waple*

Title *Secretary - FCC*

Date *9-19-72*

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert H. Atley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date *1/16/73*

ATTEST:

Wm J. Smith
Keeper of The National Register

Date *1.12.73*

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PROPERTY Grand Island FCC Monitoring Station STATE N.E.B.

73001064

Working number 10.2.72.1499

PHOTO REVIEW Photos 1

Maps 1

Hall Co.

VIEW ndg
Tech Review OK 10-5-72

HISTORIAN Chas. Jones 10/19/72
O.K. 1-12-73

ARCHAEOLOGIST

ARCHITECT OK KH
1-12-73

RANCH CHIEF OK R...
1/12/73

EDITORIAL REVIEW OK
C.D.A.
10/19/72

KEEPER Wm
1/12/73

National Register write-up _____

Federal Register entry 3/6

Acknowledge 10/4

Send-back _____

Re-submit _____

Register no. JAN 16 1973



GRAND ISLAND FCC MONITORING STATION, GRAND ISLAND, NEB.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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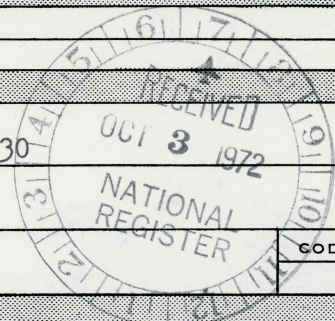
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CITY OR TOWN:
GRAND ISLAND

STATE: NEBRASKA	CODE 68801	COUNTY: HALL	CODE
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: ENGINEER IN CHARGE, GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

DATE OF PHOTO: 1957

NEGATIVE FILED AT: Grand Island FCC Monitoring Station
Grand Island, Nebraska

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Looking Northeast to original monitoring building with associated outbuildings, antennas and ground systems necessary to fulfill the monitoring mission for which this station was originally built.

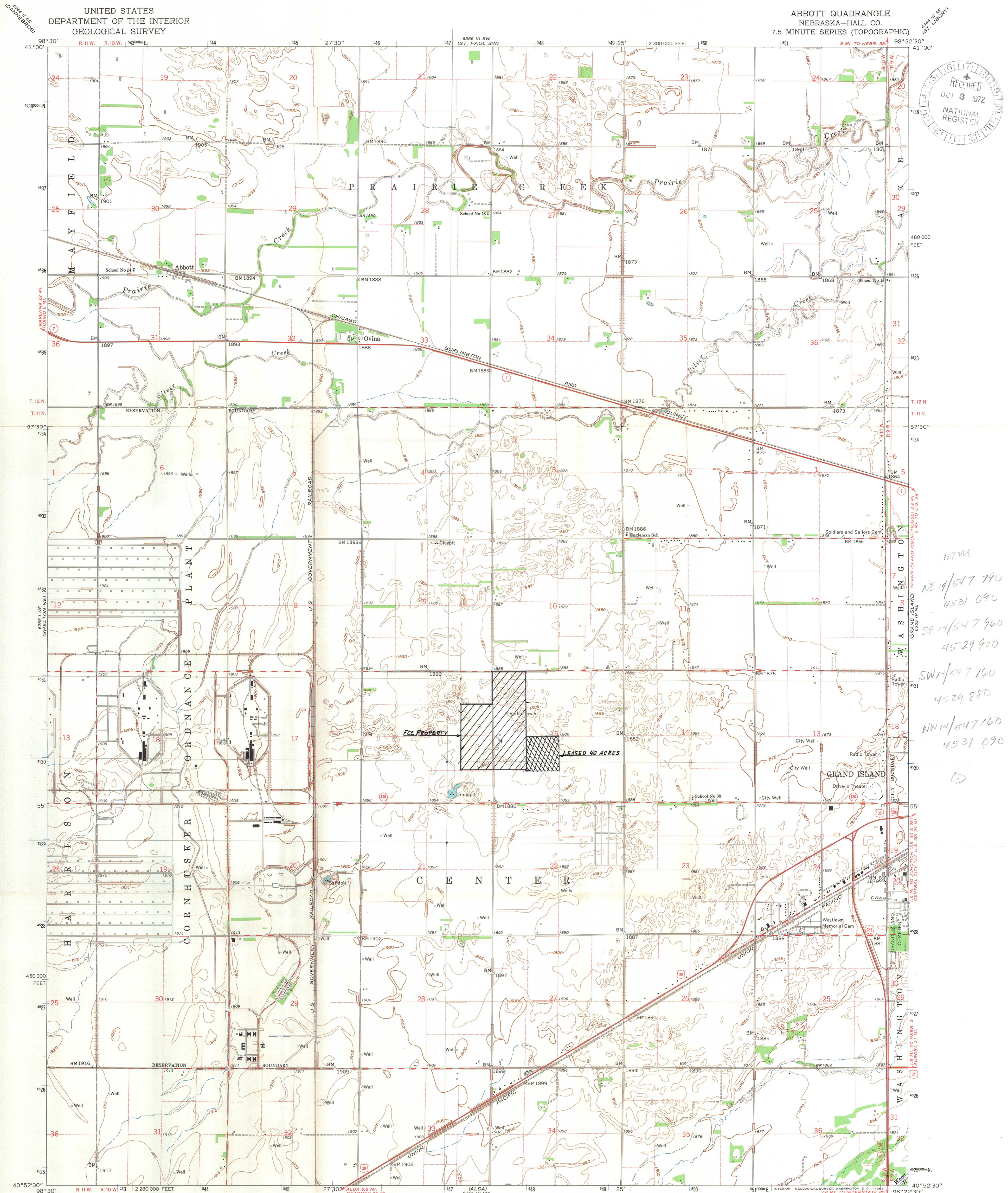
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE NEBRASKA	
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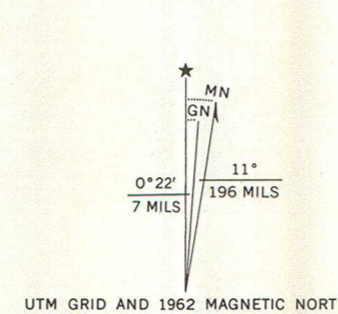
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
NEBRASKA	68801	HALL	
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
ABBOTT QUADRANGLE, US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MAP			
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DATE: 1962			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
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Medium-duty - - - - - Unimproved dirt - - - - -
U.S. Route (circle with number) State Route (circle with number)



ABBOTT, NEBR.
N4052.5—W9822.5/7.5
1962

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER 25, COLORADO OR WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

INVENTORY FORM OF HISTORIC PLACES

Agency: Federal Communications Commission

Date: 12/29/71

1. Name of property: Grand Island FCC Monitoring Station
2. Location of property:
 - A. State and County: Nebraska, Hall County
 - B. Latitude and Longitude: 40° 55' 27" N. Lat.
(Main Building) 98° 26' 03" W. Long.
 - C. Township, Range & Section: 80 acres in Section 16 immediately adjoining 120 acres in Section 15; both of Township 11 North, Range 10 west of the 6th principal meridian
 - D. Other legal description: FCC Monitoring Station
 - E. Map Reference: Abbott Quadrangle, Nebraska - Hall County 7.5 minutes series (topographic), United States Department of the Interior, Geological Survey
3. Nature of Property:
 - A. District () Site (X) Buildings (X) Object ()
 - B. Description, present condition and use: FCC Monitoring Station in excellent condition; presently used for fixed, long range direction finding, especially in cases of safety of life and property, and as a base for both fixed and mobile radio monitoring to enforce existing U.S. Radio Laws, as well as International Treaties, Regulations, or Agreements related to radio matters. Consists of a total of 200 acres in one parcel with one large two story unpainted brick and asphalt shingled building (built 1930) with detached garage of similar construction and with smaller auxiliary buildings.
4. Importance of Property: First U.S. Radio Monitoring Station and site. Construction completed in 1930 under the Radio Division of the Department of Commerce near the geographical center of the 48 contiguous states. Transferred to the FCC by passage of the Communications Act of 1934 as part of President Roosevelt's "New Deal."
5. Names and addresses of persons preparing this inventory:

Hobart W. Johnson
Chief, Engineering and Facilities Division
Room 738 1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20554
Telephone 202-632-7593



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

January 3, 1972

Mr. Robert J. Mullen
Chief, Branch of Registration
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
801 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006



Dear Mr. Mullen:

I am enclosing an Inventory Form of Historic Places for the Federal Communications Commission involving the Grand Island Monitoring Station, Grand Island, Nebraska. This was the first U.S. Monitoring Station and is still in use.

I believe, that, to the best of my knowledge, this is the only historic place relating to communications that is under the jurisdiction of the federal government.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben F. Waple".

Ben F. Waple
Secretary

Enclosure

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March 17, 1972

Mr. Robert J. Mullen
Chief, Branch of Registration
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
801 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006



Dear Mr. Mullen:

I am enclosing a copy of my request to Mr. Marvin F. Kivett requesting that he institute an investigation as to the eligibility of the Grand Island Monitoring Station of the Federal Communications Commission as a National Historic Place.

I shall inform you when I receive his answer.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben F. Waple".

Ben F. Waple
Secretary

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

March 17, 1972



Mr. Marvin F. Kivett
Director
The Nebraska State Historical Society
1500 R Street
Lincoln; Nebraska 68508

Dear Mr. Kivett:

In December 1971 an Inventory Form was completed which nominated the Grand Island Monitoring Station of the Federal Communications Commission as a National Historic Place in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and Executive Order 11593. The form was submitted to the Chief, Branch of Registration, National Park Service on January 3, 1972 (see enclosures).

I am enclosing a 5" x 7" photograph of the building and site, and mailing to you under separate cover, the Geological Survey map for the Abbott Quadrangle, Nebraska with the location of the monitoring station indicated thereon.

Will you please institute an investigation concerning the eligibility of this site for nomination as a National Historic Place and notify me of your determination? If you need further information, please contact me.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

Ben F. Waple

Ben F. Waple
Secretary

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Mr. Ben F. Waple, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D. C. 20554

Dear Mr. Waple:

In accordance with your request, we have reviewed the nomination of the Grand Island Monitoring Station of the Federal Communications Commission for possible nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. At the present time we would discourage you from making such a nomination.

According to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service, a site that has achieved significance within the past 50 years shall not be considered eligible for the National Register unless it has exceptional importance in American History.

The Grand Island Monitoring Station, having been completed in 1930, does not meet the criteria of age and, in our opinion, it does not possess exceptional importance in American history. We would thus suggest that the nomination be delayed until the site has reached its 50 year maturity.

If there are any questions or if we can be of any further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Persijs Kolberg

Persijs Kolberg
Curator of Historic Sites

PK:jg

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March 30, 1972

Mr. Robert J. Mullen
Chief, Branch of Registration
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
801 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006



Dear Mr. Mullen:

This is in further reference to my letter of March 17, 1972 in which I notified you of my intention to request that Mr. Marvin F. Kivett of the Nebraska Historical Society institute an investigation as to the eligibility of the FCC Grand Island Monitoring Station as a National Historical Place.

I am enclosing a copy of a reply I have recently received from the Nebraska State Historical Society. As indicated, the opinion stated therein is that a site less than 50 years old shall not be considered eligible for the National Register unless it has exceptional importance in American History.

At the last meeting of the State and Federal Liaison Officers there was some discussion of eligibility for sites less than 50 years old but I do not recall that any determination was made of the course to be followed in those cases.

In light of the determination in the attached letter will you please inform me of any further steps that should be taken in this matter at this time?

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Ben F. Waple". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "e".

Ben F. Waple
Secretary

Enclosure

TELECOM 4/25. ADVISED WAPLE HE IS FREE TO SUBMIT NOMINATION IF
IN HIS VIEW "EXCEPTIONAL IMPORTANCE" ^{APR 3 1972} CAN BE SHOWN. HE WILL
ASSEMBLE MORE DATA TO DECIDE. WRITTEN RESPONSE NOT NEEDED.

Handwritten initials in dark ink, possibly "RJM", written in a cursive style.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

May 17, 1972

Mr. Robert J. Mullen
Chief, Branch of Registration
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
1101 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006



Dear Mr. Mullen:

In your consideration of the nomination of the Grand Island Monitoring Station of the Federal Communications Commission for eligibility as a National Historical Place the following information may be of help.

The art of radio communication as we know it today is relatively new. The first radio legislation was passed by Congress in 1910 and approved by the President on June 24, 1910. This action required radio apparatus and radio operators on certain passenger-carrying vessels of the United States and foreign countries. On July 11, 1911 the Radio Service of the Department of Commerce and Labor was organized with two radio inspectors, one in New York and one in San Francisco to give full attention to marine radio inspections inasmuch as the Radio Act of 1910 was applicable only to marine radio. The first act to regulate radio communications in the United States was passed on August 13, 1912.

The Federal Radio Commission was created by a Congressional Act approved February 23, 1927. There were then nine radio district headquarters in various parts of the United States. At the present time there are 24 radio districts and nineteen monitoring stations of the Federal Communications Commission. The original two inspectors in 1911 have increased until, at the present time, there are approximately 420 employees of the Field Engineering Bureau.

In the annual report of the Chief of the Radio Division to the Secretary of Commerce for Fiscal Year 1929, it is stated that the department was authorized, in an act approved February 21, 1929, to purchase a suitable site and to contract for the construction of a building for installation of the necessary equipment for use as a "constant-frequency" monitoring radio station together with authorized roadway, power and other facilities at a cost not to exceed \$50,000. The original site at Grand Island, Nebraska comprised 50 acres and was the first monitoring station constructed for exclusive use of the predecessor of the Commission. The Navy Department, Bureau of Yards and Docks prepared the plans and specifications for the building. The original monitoring room contained 2000 square feet of floor space, and rooms for dormitories, kitchen, workshop, storage batteries, motor generator and switchboards were provided. Frequency coverage

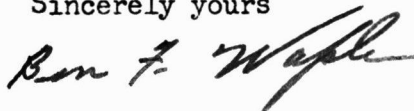
Mr. Robert J. Mullen

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extended from 10 - 30,000 kHz. The station permitted frequency measurements at the fixed point both above and below the broadcast band while heretofore measurements were provided only in the broadcast band in test cars. The measuring service was provided to commercial and private stations as well as to Government stations. It was expected that this station would become valuable and through analysis of received signal characteristics, to make possible the maximum intensive use throughout the world of the radio spectrum. It is estimated that there are now more than 50 times as many transmitters using the spectrum as there were twenty years ago. The latest figures in the Commission's Annual Report to Congress shows that, in the United States, there were 7948 broadcast stations (radio and TV), 1,745,709 stations (using 8,858,222 licensed transmitters) in the Safety and Special Radio Services, 2573 CATV systems in addition to the telephone and telegraph facilities which are also under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Today the around-the-clock monitoring of the radio spectrum makes certain that these transmissions are up to technical standards. Monitoring stations are used to detect unlicensed or nonconforming transmissions, trace and assist in eliminating interference, aid in public safety work, participate in the national search and rescue plans, determining the positions of ships and aircraft in distress by their radio signals. And the Grand Island Monitoring Station's role in this process continues.

Sincerely yours



Ben F. Waple
Secretary



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

June 13, 1972

Mr. Marvin F. Kivett
Director
The Nebraska State Historical Society
1500 R Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a National Register of Historic Places Inventory-Nomination Form for the concurrence of the Nebraska State Historical Society.

It is my understanding, after a conference with Dr. Robert J. Mullen, Chief, Branch of Registration, National Park Service, Department of the Interior that your society has indicated their endorsement of the nomination of the Grand Island Monitoring Station of the Federal Communications Commission for entry in the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely yours

Ben F. Waple

Ben F. Waple
Secretary



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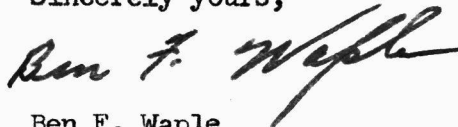
Mr. Robert J. Mullen
Chief, Branch of Registration
National Park Service
Department of Interior
1100 L Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Mullen:

On June 13, 1972, I wrote a letter to Mr. Marvin F. Kivett, Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society, in Lincoln, Nebraska. To date I have not received a reply. Have you received any correspondence regarding this matter? Would like very much to have this cleared up so the F.C.C. could receive official notification from your office of the nomination of the Grand Island Monitoring Station as a National Historic Place.

Enclosed is the map and photo necessary for the completion of the nomination.

Sincerely yours,



Ben F. Waple
Secretary

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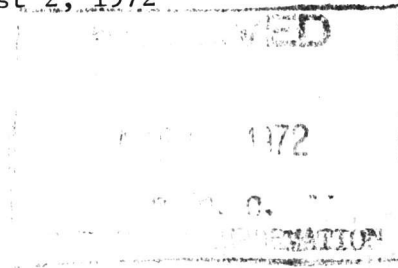
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PHONE (402) 432-2793

August 2, 1972



Mr. Ben Waple
Secretary, Federal Communications
Commission
~~715 - 4741, NW~~
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Waple:

This is to inform you that the Grand Island Nebraska Monitoring Station was approved for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places by the Nebraska Historic Preservation Review Board on April 14, 1972.

It is my understanding that your commission will prepare the nomination forms to be considered by the National Park Service. Please let us know if we can be of service.

Sincerely,

Marvin F. Kivett
State Liaison Officer

MPK:jg



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

August 22, 1972

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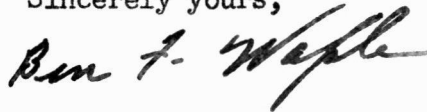
Mr. Robert J. Mullen
Chief, Branch of Registration
National Park Service
Department of Interior
1100 L Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Mullen:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated August 2, 1972, from Mr. Marvin F. Kivett, Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mr. Kivett indicates that the Grand Island Nebraska Monitoring Station was approved for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places by the Nebraska Historic Preservation Review Board on April 14, 1972. If you now have all of the information you need, will you please see that I receive official notification from your office of the nomination of the Grand Island Monitoring Station as a National Historic Place.

Sincerely yours,



Ben F. Waple
Secretary

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Mr. Ben Waple
Secretary
Federal Communications
Commission
Washington, D. C. 20554

Dear Mr. Waple:

Your letter of August 22, 1972 advised us of the approval by the State Liaison Officer of Nebraska of your nomination to the National Register of Historic Places of the Grand Island Monitoring Station. I am delighted to tell you that all papers necessary to process the nomination are now on hand, except one.

In your previous correspondence you have sent us xerox, unsigned copies of the official Inventory-Nomination Form (Form 10-300). Please send us the original and in block 12, sign your name and date the signature. You may, if you wish, change "State Liaison Officer" in block 12 to "Federal Representative."

I notice the Postal Zip Code for Nebraska was used in item 2, 4, and 5. We use those published by the General Service Administration in "Geographical Location Codes". That for Nebraska is 26; for Hall County is 079. Please modify your original accordingly.

Since we already possess a copy of the one-page Inventory Form dated December 29, 1971, and the four-page Inventory-Nomination, I am returning the set you included in your letter of August 22, 1972.

Sincerely yours

Jerry L. Rogers
Chief of Registration

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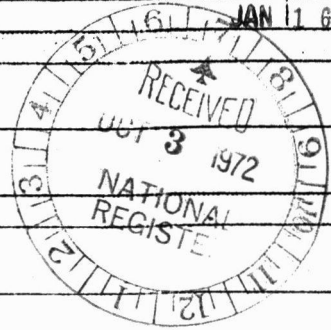


National Parks Centennial 1872-1972

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Nebraska	
COUNTY: Hall	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JAN 16 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:
Grand Island FCC Monitoring Station

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
5 Miles West of Grand Island Near State Spur 430

CITY OR TOWN:
Grand Island

STATE: Nebraska CODE: 68801 COUNTY: Hall CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both U.S. Government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Federal Communications Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 1588

CITY OR TOWN:
Grand Island

STATE:
Nebraska

CODE:
68801

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of Register of Deeds, Hall County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Locust and First Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Grand Island

STATE:
Nebraska

CODE:
68801

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None of Record

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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STATE: Nebraska
COUNTY: Hall
ENTRY NUMBER: JAN 16 1973
DATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Present (Original)

FCC Monitoring Station consisting of .200 total acres in one parcel with one large two story unpainted brick and asphalt shingled building with detached garage of similar construction, and with smaller auxiliary buildings nearby. Many tall wooden poles are arranged at the site to support receiving and transmitting antennas of a number of types. A precision long range Adcock direction finder is located on the site. Many transmission lines and feeder wires cross the property between the buildings and the antennas.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion-Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

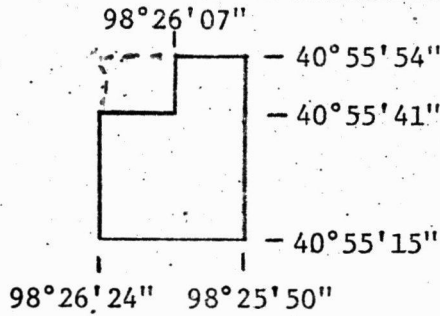
First United States Radio Monitoring Station and site. Construction completed in 1930, under the Radio Division of the Department of Commerce, near the geographical center of the 48 contiguous states. Transferred to the FCC by passage of the Communications Act of 1934 as part of President Roosevelt's "New Deal."

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

NONE



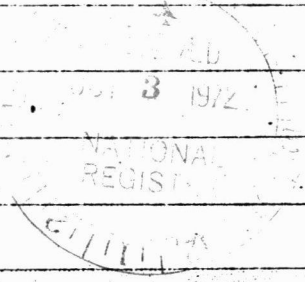
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA See Above Diagram

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 200

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
NA			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Hobart W. Johnson, Chief, Engineering and Facilities Division**

ORGANIZATION: **FCC Field Engineering Bureau** DATE: **December 29, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Room 738 1919 M Street, N. W.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington, D. C.** STATE: **-** CODE: **20554**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST: _____

Keeper of The National Register

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September 19, 1972

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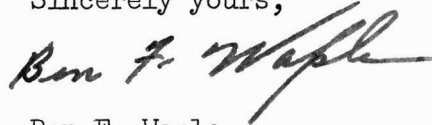
Mr. Jerry L. Rogers
Chief of Registration
U.S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D. C. 20240

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Dear Mr. Rogers:

Re your letter of September 13, 1972. I am enclosing the original signed copy of National Register of Historic Places Inventory - Nomination Form (Form 10-300).

Sincerely yours,



Ben F. Waple
Secretary



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

January 5, 1973

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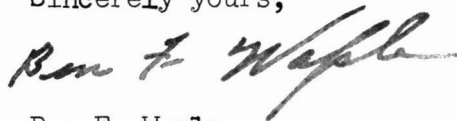
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Mr. Jerry L. Rogers
Chief of Registration
U. S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Enclosed is a copy of your letter dated September 13, 1972 and a copy of my letter dated September 19, 1972. Just a note of inquiry. When may I expect to receive official notification of the Grand Island Monitoring Station as a National Historic Place? I am quite anxious to receive this notification in order to notify Chairman Dean Burch of this honor.

Sincerely yours,



Ben F. Waple
Secretary

Enclosures

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE NEBRASKA

Date Entered JAN 16 1973

Name

Location

Grand Island FCC Monitoring Station

Grand Island
Hall County

vicinity

Also Notified

Hon. Michael J. Mansfield

Hon. Lee Metcalf

Hon. David T. Martin

Director, Midwest Region

State Liaison Officer

Mr. Marvin F. Kivett

Director

The Nebraska State Historical Society

1500 R Street

Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

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JAN 30 1973

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Mr. Ben F. Waple
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Waple:

Thank you for your recent letter of inquiry concerning the status of the Federal Communication Commission's nomination of the Grand Island Monitoring Station to the National Register. We are pleased to advise you that the Grand Island Monitoring Station was entered in the National Register on January 16, 1973.

The Federal Communications Commission is especially to be commended for expediting the Grand Island Monitoring Station nomination, and we are looking forward to reviewing more of your nominations. The National Register staff has recently been expanded, and we hope now to be able to process nominations at a more rapid rate as well as to provide additional assistance to Federal agencies in implementing the Executive Order.

Enclosed are copies of the new blue 10-306 nomination forms which have been printed expecially for Federal agencies and which you should use in preparing future nominations. You will note that the only change is in the certification block which has been altered for signature by the Federal Representative with advisory signature by the appropriate State Liaison Officer.

We appreciate your cooperation in implementing Executive Order 11593.

Sincerely yours,

Jerry L. Rogers
Chief of Registration
National Register

Enclosures

cc:
Mr. Marvin F. Kivett, Director, The Nebraska State Historical Society,
1500 R Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 w/cy inc
Director, Midwest Region w/cy inc
LI - Mr. Winge

PHR - w/cy inc
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

February 2, 1973

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Your Ref: H34-PHR

Mr. Jerry L. Rogers
Chief of Registration
U. S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Thank you for your letter advising that the Grand Island Monitoring Station was listed as a National Historic place and was entered in the National Register on January 16, 1973.

We would appreciate it if you possibly could issue two official documents or certificates stating the fact that the Grand Island Monitoring Station is considered an historical place and that it is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

We would like the above documents so that we may have one posted here at the Commission and the other at the Grand Island Monitoring Station.

Also, we understand that the listing of the monitoring station in the National Register will be coming out in paper back soon and we would like at least fifteen copies of that publication.

Fed. Reg.

Sincerely yours,

Ben F. Waple

Ben F. Waple
Secretary

*Nebraska
(Hall County)*

R. Greenberg
2/13/73

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Mr. Ben F. Maple
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D. C. 20554

Dear Mr. Maple:

In response to your request for an official document indicating the placement of Grand Island Monitoring Station on the National Register we regret that we have no such document at this time. However, we are planning to produce an appropriate certificate sometime in the near future and this will be sent to owners of those properties previously entered on the Register. Some states issue their own certificates. You might wish to contact the State Liaison Officer in Nebraska, Mr. Marvin F. Kivett, to find out if a certificate is available. The address is Director, The Nebraska State Historical Society, 1500 R Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508.

The Grand Island Monitoring Station will be listed in the February issue of the Federal Register. When that issue is printed we will be pleased to mail you 15 copies.

Sincerely yours,

15/
Jerry L. Rogers *(RJR)*
Chief of Registration
National Register

cc: Mr. Marvin F. Kivett, Director, The Nebraska State Historical Society, 1500 R Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 - w/cy inc
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