MOTION NO. 0205

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A MOTION relating to the clarification of title for Sand Point Naval Air Station, Seattle, Washington.

WHEREAS, the Prosecuting Attorney for the County of King, Washington, has determined that resolutions of the King County commissioners declared an intention to convey property utilized as King County Airport to the U.S. Government for the purpose of establishing Sand Point Naval Air Station, and

WHEREAS, Congress authorized the Secretary of the Navy to accept on behalf of the United States, free from incumberances and without cost to the United States, the title in fee simple to such lands as he may deem necessary or desirable in the vicinity of Sand Point, Washington, approximately 400 acres as a site for a Naval Air Station, and

WHEREAS, the United States government did accept such land and that the deeds contain the following language, "Whereas, by action of Congress, approved March 4, 1925, the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to accept on behalf of the United States the title to the lands herein described as a site for a Naval Air Station," and

WHEREAS, in March of 1970, the Department of the Navy issued an order to disestablish Sand Point Naval Air Station and directed that all aviation activities cease and that the aviation facilities, together with certain support areas, be declared excess to the needs of the Department of the Navy, and

WHEREAS, the Prosecuting Attorney, County of King, has determined that it is legally arguable that the interest conveyed by King County to the United States is a fee simple, subject to a condition subsequent, and

WHEREAS, the question of whether King County enjoys a reversionary interest in the property at Sand Point can only be determined by a court test,

NOW THEREFORE, the King County Council respectfully requests that the Prosecuting Attorney, County of King, initiate the proper quiet title action to clarify the title of approximately 400 acres of land comprising a portion of Sand Point Naval Air Station. PASSED THIS DAY OF KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON William H. Reams, Chairman ATTEST: