

32212-000
23.36.00.0002



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NAVAL AIR STATION
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32212-5000

IN REPLY REFER TO

April 10, 1991

Mr. John Austin
6356 Sundown Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Dear John:

I have followed up on your question of this morning namely, what happened to the houses that were located at Dewey Park and on property formerly owned by the Navy and now occupied by FCCJ. In pursuing this matter I consulted our Public Works Environmental Division, Public Works Planning Division, and the Real Estate Division of the Southern Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command in Charleston, South Carolina.

As you know, in many instances there are no records nor adequate corporate knowledge available for circumstances dating as far back as the 1940's and 1950's. Unfortunately, this may be one of those instances.

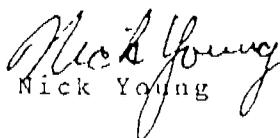
The Dewey Park property was transferred to the Navy by the Federal Public Housing Authority in 1944. There is no record, however, of what structures were located on the property or what happened to any houses that may have been there.

Dewey Park is one of our Installation Restoration (IR) sites. According to our Environmental Director, the Initial Assessment Study found partially burned construction debris on a two acre area inside Dewey Park. Because the debris consists of inert materials and is located in a controlled area with extremely limited access, it is not considered of immediate concern. However, the IR program requires that all sites be reviewed including this one. If hazardous material is found, we will take appropriate action.

As for the FCCJ property, no one that I spoke with had any knowledge or records of a Navy connection.

I hope this information is of some help to you.

Sincerely,


Nick Young