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Guild invites Carter to dedication of new Coast Guard Station

The Provincetown Business Guild has invited President Jimmy Carter to attend a late June or early July dedication of the new Coast Guard station in Provincetown.

Paul Christo, president of the guild, told Carter this is the first such station in the country to use solar energy and that the President is welcome to attend, particularly in view of his support for alternative energy development.

Christo described Provincetown's historical importance and said, "The Blessing of the Fleet (June 24) is a festive yet emotional event in Provincetown and might well coincide with the dedication of the new Coast Guard installation."

He added that the town might also arrange an informal Town Meeting to fit into the president's itinerary.

However, Cmdr. Frederick H. Clausen of the Woods Hole Coast Guard Station, the officer in charge of the dedication, said the event will probably not take place until the first week of August. He said the station will be occupied in mid-June.

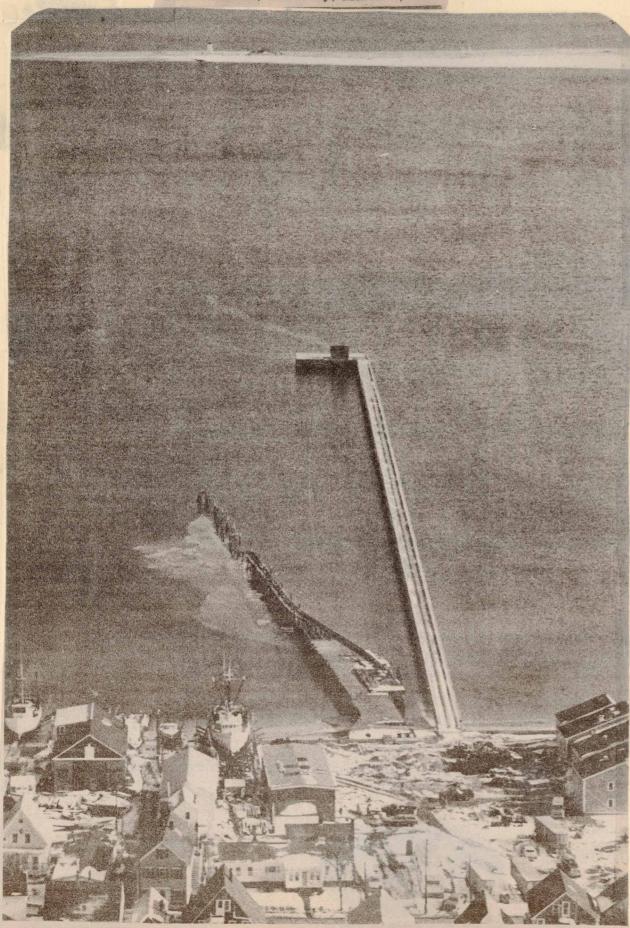
Clausen also said he has not received any response from the White House to the guild letter, dated May 16.

Christo also notified several officials, including Sens. Edward Kennedy and Paul Tsongas, Rep. Gerry Studds, and Selectman Chairman Mary-Jo Avellar, of the invitation to Carter. He said he hasn't received a reaction from any of the officials but did not expect to, as his letter to them was solely to inform them of the move.



Remains of the Freeman Pier, left
New Coast Guard Pier, right - October 1980

• Freeman Pier, left, Coast Guard Pier, right with the new Station on the right. Dragger up on the ways at Taves Boat Yard, left of the Freeman Pier.



New Coast Guard pier makes striking contrast with antique Freeman's Wharf.