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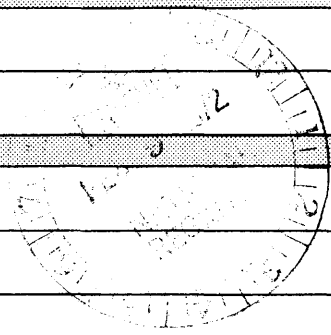
Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Florida</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Volusia</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
<b>JUN 30 1972</b>	



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**The Casements**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**15 East Granada Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Ormond Beach**

STATE <b>Florida</b>	CODE <b>12</b>	COUNTY: <b>Volusia</b>	CODE <b>127</b>
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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 type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <b>not in use</b>

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Ormond Hotel Casements, Inc.**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**444 North Beach, (office of T.T. Cobb)**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Daytona Beach**

STATE:  
**Florida**

CODE:  
**12**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Volusia County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Courthouse Building**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Deland**

STATE:  
**Florida**

CODE:  
**12**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**1959 Survey**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1959**     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

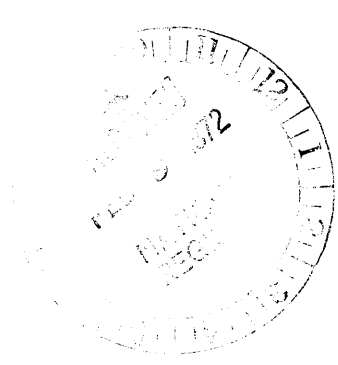
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Casements at Ormond Beach is a two story structure executed in the shingle style. The house faces on fashionable Riverside Avenue with its main entrance just a few feet from the roadway. At the rear of the house were extensive terraced gardens which are now grown over and to the south is a circular drive. The building as it appeared at the time of its construction was described as "an unpretentious house of grey shingles with dark green and white scalloped awnings". The house was built by Dr. Harwood Huntington in the early 1890's and probably derived its name from the many casement windows in the living room walls. A photograph taken in 1930 shows that the awnings still existed and confirms the grey color (it was later to be painted white) and the casement windows with their diamond shaped muntins.

With the purchase of the house by John D. Rockefeller in 1918, many alterations were made. A large porch on the front was enclosed and the living room ceiling was opened up to create a skylight. The second floor windows are now four light sash placed in groups of three to correspond to the triple casements below. There is a fanlight with diamond shaped muntins over each group of casement windows. Cross gables extend from what is otherwise a nearly flat roof. Projecting from the south side of the house is a porte cochere which repeats the diamond pattern in its fanlights. From early photos, the porte cochere seems to occupy a spot which was used for covered parking. At the rear of the house are late additions of laundry and kitchen facilities, which are of stucco construction.

The Casements has been in a state of disuse for approximately eighteen months and although the condition of the building appears good on the exterior, it is structurally unsound.



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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) early 1890's

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/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>former home</u>                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | <u>of a prominent</u>                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>individual</u>                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
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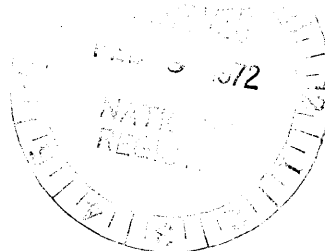
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Ormond Beach is a winter resort with many large estates along the Halifax and Ocean front. The development of the area began when John Anderson built the Ormond Hotel which was later purchased and enlarged by Henry M. Flagler. Among the notables who came to Ormond to spend their winters was John D. Rockefeller "the richest man in the world". He was searching for a healthful place to spend the rest of his life. In 1914, he spent the winter season at the Ormond Hotel and did so each year following until his purchase of the Huntington Home in 1918. Dr. Harwood Huntington had designed and built the house in the early 1890's (we have been unable to pinpoint the exact date of construction). Rockefeller spent every winter in the Casements until his death. He died in the house on May 23, 1937.

After Rockefeller's death the house was purchased by Maud van Woy and the structure was converted to a preparatory school for girls. It later served as the Casements Junior College and in 1952, it was taken over by the Fellowship Foundation and converted into a retirement home. At this time all of the rooms were sold on an individual basis to persons in the home. Later these individuals got together to form Casements, Inc. which was bought out by the Lavin-Jensen Corp. At this point, the Casements was added to a chain of retirement hotels. The building is presently unoccupied and has been since early 1970.

In the selection of his home, Rockefeller chose a house which reflected the mood and feeling of Ormond. It is built in a style which is structurally conducive to the temperate climate of the area, but which gives the visual effect of a rambling resort cottage. This is typical of the architectural styles which were popular in resort areas at the turn of the century.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Nevins, Allan. John D. Rockefeller, The Heroic Age of American Enterprise. Vol. II. New York: Charles Scribners' Sons, 1941.

Strickland, Alice. The Valiant Pioneers. Miami, Florida: Center Printing Co., 1963.

Volusia County Records, Volusia County Courthouse, Deland, Florida. Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, (Subgroup: Deeds).

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	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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NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	29°	17'	1"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	81°	14'	46"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than an acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Diane D. Greer, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION: Division of Archives, History & Records Mgt. DATE: 9/8/71

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Department of State - The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 12

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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: [Signature]

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

[Signature]  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 6/30/72

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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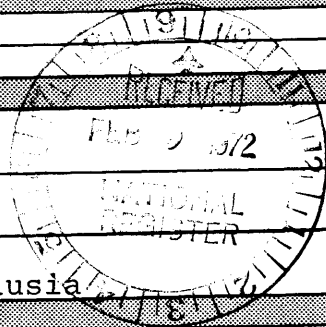
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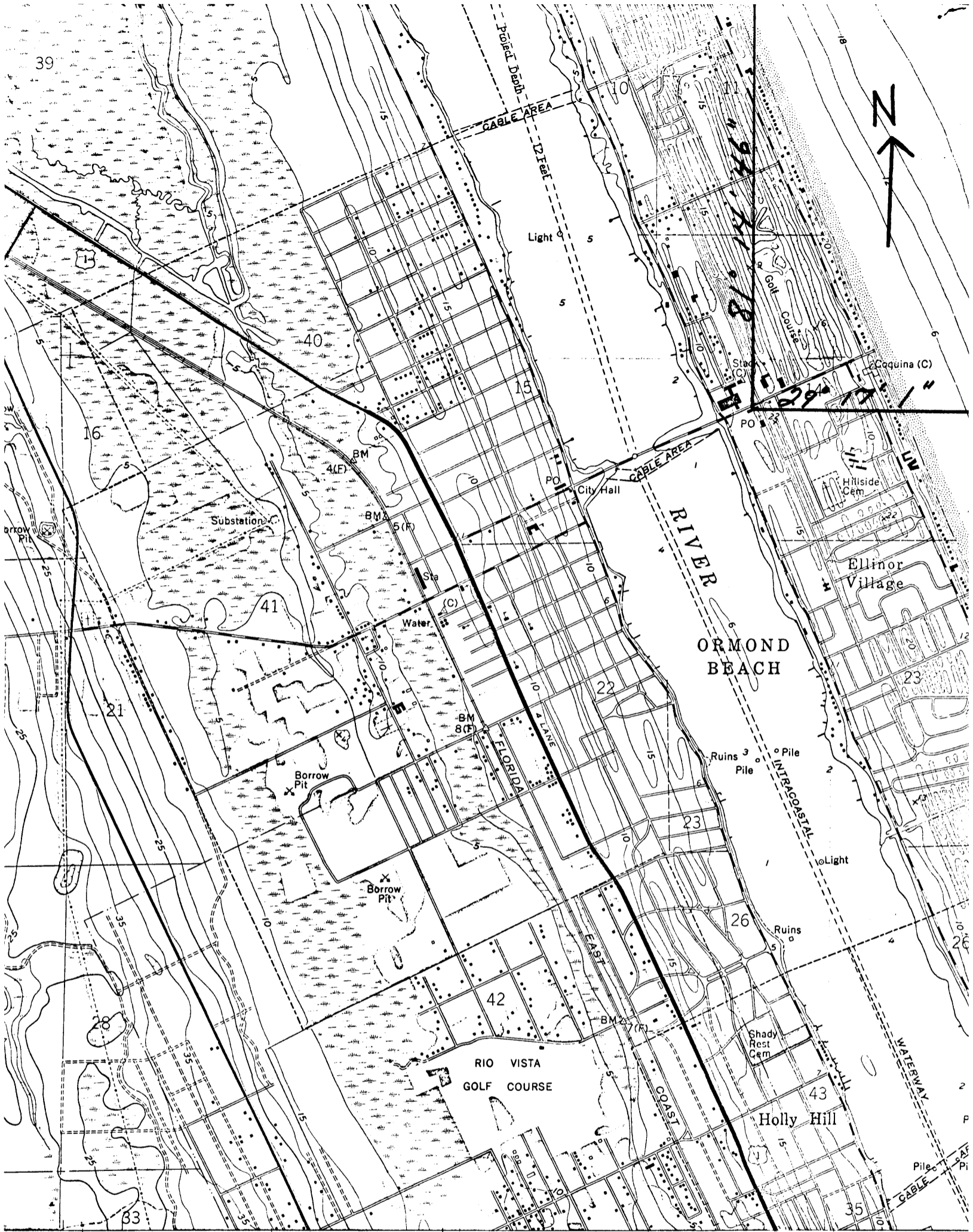
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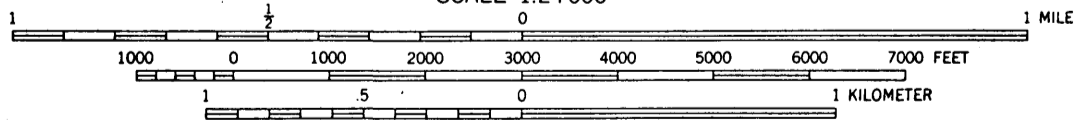
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<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE:			
USGS Ormond Beach Quadrangle Volusia County Fla. 7.5 min.			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1956			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





51 DAYTONA BEACH (JUNC. U.S. 92) 3.8 MI. (DAYTONA BEACH) DAYTONA BEACH 3 MI. 2'30" NEW SMYRNA BEACH 18 MI.

SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET  
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL  
 DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
 SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS LESS THAN ONE-HALF FOOT ALONG THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY  
 AND APPROXIMATELY 4 FEET ALONG THE OCEAN

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

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