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COAST GUARD, NAVY FLY PARTS TO "RESCUE" SEISMIC EXPERIMENT IN GULF

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Combined Navy-Coast Guard operations "rescued" a scientific experiment program in the Gulf of Mexico during the past week, the Southwest Center for Advanced Studies reported today.

A critical part failure in seismic equipment aboard a participating ship was corrected without serious loss of time by combined efforts of the U. S. Navy and U. S. Coast Guard aviation detachment in Corpus Christi.

Needed parts were flown to a delivery point near Tampico, Mexico, by the Coast Guard, to meet the U.S.G.C.S. Blackthorn.

Scientific groups from other universities, including Texas Tech University, are manning recording stations in Florida, while SCAS units cover old Mexico in the seismic research program. The study, to investigate structure of the Earth's upper mantle, is sponsored by the Office of Naval Research.

A basic requirement of the study is detonation of large quantities of explosives from the Blackthorn; travel time recordings are made by the university groups at the land stations.

Directing the emergency parts fly-in were CDR James Bergstrom of the CNABATra Staff, U. S. Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, and CAPT D. C. Davis of the Coast Guard aviation detachment.

Prof. Anton L. Hales of the SCAS -- which will become The University of Texas at Dallas on September 1 -- heads the Geosciences division group working in old Mexico.