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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we investigate answers to the two questions raised in [J. Sack and S. Watson, Characterizations of ideals in intermediate *C*-rings A(X) via *A*-compactifications of *X*, Internat. J. Math. Math. Sci, Volume 2013, 1-6] and the problem raised in [J. Sack and S. Watson, Characterizing C(X) among intermediate *C*-rings on *X*, Topology Proc., **45** (2015), 301-313].

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this article all topological spaces are assumed to be Tychonoff. For a given topological space X, C(X) denotes the algebra of all real-valued continuous functions on X and  $C^*(X)$  denotes the subalgebra of C(X) consisting of all bounded elements. A subring A(X) of C(X) is called an intermediate ring, if  $C^*(X) \subseteq A(X)$ . It is proved in [3, Proposition 2.1] that intermediate subrings are precisely absolutely convex subrings of C(X) where by an absolutely convex subring of C(X) we mean a subring R for which if  $f \in R$ ,  $g \in C(X)$  and  $|g| \leq |f|$ , then  $g \in R$ . A subring of C(X) which is isomorphic with C(Y) for some Tychonoff space Y is called a C-ring. An intermediate C-ring is a C-ring which is also an intermediate ring; for details about intermediate C-rings see [11]. The reader is referred to [8] and [2] for undefined terms and notations concerning C(X) and intermediate rings, respectively. In this article,

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