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EXCERPTS FROM LETTER

IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS MR. WRIGHT FURNISHES AN ANSWER TO THE APPREHENSION SOMETIMES EXPRESSED THAT THE CAPE SABLES AND NEARBY REGION MIGHT LOSE MUCH OF THEIR PRIMITIVE VALUE IF ADMINISTRATED AS A NATIONAL PARK

Mr. Ernest F. Coe, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Coe:

"We headed westward once more most enthusiastic over the possibilities of this area for a national park both from its scenic and wild life standpoints. On several occasions we have heard the criticism that the Everglades area, because of its importance as a breeding ground for birds, should not be a national park but, rather, a wild life sanctuary.

The argument was advanced that national park status would bring development and people and that these would be detrimental to the breeding colonies. I feel that the usually opposing functions of pleasure grounds and game sanctuary could both be developed in this instance without prejudice of one cause or the other. This is due to the terrain of the Everglades themselves. The visitor cannot wander at will over the landscape. He will be absolutely confined to the roads and the developed areas. When he takes to a boat he will not be able to wander from a marked course or venture far without a pilot. These are the reasons, then, why it seems to us that a park, if established, could be opened up so as to make adequate provision for the appreciation of the Everglades and all that the word includes and still further conservation of the unique flora and fauna to the utmost."

Yours very truly,

(Signed) GEORGE M. WRIGHT

Note: Mr. Wright in company with Mr. Roger Toll, Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park, were instantly killed in an auto accident in Texas on February 25th, 1936.