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February 18, 1936

Honorable Harold L. Ickes Secretary, Department of the Interior Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ickes:

Re: The Everglades National Park authorized by Act of Congress, May 30, 1934.

The inclusion of this National Park within the National Park system will add distinctive features not now represented.

Delay in the acquisition of this park would be a national misfortune, jeopardizing its native plant and animal life and making it progressively more difficult to acquire the land.

You once said to me, in effect, that you desired the early inclusion of the Everglades National Park area in the National Park system.

The attached is respectfully submitted with the view that its presentation will stimulate speed along the many lines of action required, that this National Park may be consummated at the earliest possible date.

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Sincerely yours

Ernest F. Coe. Executive Chairman.

Everglades National Park Commission.