June 28th, 1937

Honorable Charles West Acting Secretary of the Interior Washington, D. C.

Donr Mr. West:

I am truly appreciative of the message your letter of June 25th contains.

The maximum area authorized for the Everglades National Park contains an assemblage of national park features, which, if preserved under Federal jurisdiction, will become one of the richest sources of recreation, inspiration and scientific research the world affords. No legacy this generation has at its command for future generations to enjoy and otherwise profit from excels this magnificent National Park project.

My "continued perseverance in the interests of the Everglades project" can be depended upon. The effectiveness of this perseverance is greatly involved in the position I at present hold in this Commission's personnel. The Covernor of Florida has the authority to accept my resignation requested by him. It is current rumor that this is his purpose.

If, in the opinion of the Department of the Interior, such a course on his part would be disadvantageous to this Park project, no doubt the Governor of Florida would be influenced in his decision in this matter should word come from your Department to that effect.

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Sincerely yours.

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