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June 30th, 1937

Mrs. W. S. Jennings  
1845 Main Street  
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Jennings:

This is in reply to your telegram message of June 30th. The last voucher covering your expense account for the Park Commission was mailed to Comptroller Lee, together with other accounts against the Everglades Park Commission, on June 26th, and if nothing intervenes to delay transmission will be in the hands of the Comptroller in time to be sent out July 1st, when the new appropriation will be available.

In recent letter to Governor Cone, it was suggested to him that he consider arranging to have the next meeting of the Everglades National Park Commission held in Tallahassee at such a time as would permit of his being present, and at this meeting plan to have the entire Park project reviewed, accomplishments of the Park Commission also reviewed, and a plan worked out calculated to give the Park Commission its fullest opportunity to forge ahead through the ensuing two years toward the accomplishment of the purpose the Park Commission is legislated to perform.

The Park project already has gone far, with State and Federal lands within the Park boundaries now available, the former Indian Reservation in Monroe County now available, and the contribution of the Royal Palm State Park area available through the generous action of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs. All that is now left to acquire are properties in the hands of private ownership. Insofar as it is reasonable to anticipate that many private owners within the Park area will exchange their lands for other State lands outside the Park, and others will donate their lands outright to the Park, the Park Commission may decide to throw its next active efforts toward both of these ends, as these activities will not call for the use of funds for actual purchase purposes, and further when accomplished will have reduced to the approximate final equation the amount of land which will actually require purchase before the entire Park area is acquired.

The Governor has had sent to him a typical example of abstract of title