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April 22nd, 1937

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

Dear Mrs. Jennings:

It is anticipated that you have received by mail a package containing Park Commission letterheads, envelopes and some other printed matter, and also postal-card of April 21st acknowledging receipt of your letter of April 19th.

Further referring to this letter, your map, one of those Mr. Cammerer asked to be returned, was received and is now at this office, and will be sent on to him with the other maps.

As you say, the State of Florida can very reasonably take the stand that it has generously contributed to the Everglades National Park project by making so liberal an amount of State lands available for the Park, and on this basis be disinclined to make any appropriations with which the Park Commission could buy lands. On the other hand, it may be reasonably anticipated, in my opinion, that the State Legislators may later, when more thoroughly realizing what this Park is going to be to the State economically, look with favor upon contributing funds for the purchase of lands, if need be.

In the event the Federal Government contributes toward the necessary funds to purchase Park lands, it will require special Act of Congress or allotment of funds through channels not now known to me to bring this about. I believe the necessary funds will be forthcoming to pay the bill the settling with property owners and other accruing expenses involve, as is now proving to be the case with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and has already accomplished the Shenandoah National Park, and is on the way to doing the same with the Mammoth Cave National Park.

This cannot be reasonably looked for with us in Florida other than through a well ordered publicity campaign, very much augmented over what has already been accomplished. We all have very good reason to believe that the work so far done along this line has been very effective; that so substantial a foundation has been laid through the years since the inception of this Park