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idea that the activities necessary from now on have already a splendid start.

With the determination on the part of the Department of the Interior as to what is authorized for Everglades National Park inclusion, we will have a basis for approximate estimation as to the funds necessary to acquire the lands not otherwise acquired. With the abstract of title records now possessed by the Park Commission, arriving at the approximate amount of this cost should not be a difficult matter, or one consuming long delays.

Mr. Ickes and Mr. Hopkins have not reported at Miami, and are probably either now again in Washington or on their way there. They did thoroughly survey the Everglades Park area, both from the air and by boat trips, enjoying the guidance of Lieutenant Commander Von Paulsen of the Coast Guard station here, who is quite familiar with the Park project and well equipped to give these men much information regarding it. We can well believe that Mr. Ickes and Mr. Hopkins have returned to Washington enthusiastic regarding the Everglades National Park project. This is the uniform attitude taken by those who have learned to know something of the area. The weather conditions have been extremely favorable during their sojourn in southern Florida.

With all sincere regards,

Very truly yours,

EFC/kj

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