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

Dear Mrs. Jennings:

This acknowledges your good letter of March 29th. Minutes of the meeting of the December 2nd meeting of the Park Commission have been prepared and will be available to members when in convention here next Saturday.

With the exception of Mr. Cuesta, all members of the Commission have expressed their expectation of being present at that meeting.

We are all in accord with your hopes, I am sure, that the work of the Commission can be pushed forward and even more rapidly, let us hope, from now on, for certainly this great project calls for all the expedition at the command of the Commission and other contributing activities. I believe you will be convinced that the work so far has not dragged when more fully informed as to what has already been done. When we consider that all State lands within the area, all Federal lands within the area, and the Seminole Indian Reservation in Monroe County are now available by Acts of Federal and State legislation, and the Royal Palm State Park area by resolution of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, the Park project is a long way toward accomplishment.

The Park Commission has now at its command abstract of title records of practically all the privately owned lands within the probable final Park boundaries, the latter has been in itself a titanic job, and these records have been obtained very economically, both as to time and expense involved, in the estimation of those in a position to judge this matter.

In the meantime, there has been a tremendous amount of general publicity accorded the Park project. This publicity is steadily going on, not only Statewide but nationwide. Evidences of the potency of these activities are asserting themselves constantly. A constructive reaction along this line came into the office today with the arrival of officials from Washington, delegated through the Department of the Interior, to make a complete series of photographs, which will be made available to members of Congress and other influences, which will further assist in promoting the Park project.