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Jacksonville, Florida,
1845 Main St.,
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Honorable W. J. Sears,
Congressional Office Bldg,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Sears:

Thank you very much for your letter in regard to the Bill to have the Government set aside St. Johns Bluff, the site of Old Fort Caroline, as a national monument.

This is your home county and your district and naturally you should feel more interest in it, and I am sure you do, than Mr. Wilcox would now that it is not in his district. If you could persuade Mr. Wilcox and some of your other colleagues to concentrate on this bill it might be possible for you to get it through in the next few days.

We did not fail to know that Senator Trammell got approximately \$600,000 for a Spanish War Veterans Hospital on Davis Island. St. Johns Bluff is one of the most historical spots in the United States and antedates Plymouth Rock 55 years and the settlement here was made a year before St. Augustine was settled. It really should be a national shrine.

Our Duval County Highway Beautification Association has secured $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles of 100 foot right-of-way to the Bluff. It has been graded, and paved half way with shell under CWA contract. I understand that it is set up again for some more work from the Federal Relief funds and I hope the other half of the road can be shelled. From the Bluff it is proposed to build a road on down to Mayport.

Please see if you cannot bring pressure to get this bill thru at once. I feel sure that Senator Fletcher with Senator Scott Loftin's assistance could put thru the bill in the senate.

It would seem the proper thing, also, to get the Amendment to the Everglades National Park law, which would eliminate the clause prohibiting the use of Federal funds on the area for five years, enacted. You will recall that this clause even prevents the use of C. C. C. Camps on the area and there is a great deal of road development there that could be done if we had this Amendment. It is altogether possible that we might get some Federal funds expended on the area also.

Everything seems held up on account of this clause. Senator