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Please return this -

Mr/ Ernest F. Coe,
Executive Chmn Everglades Nat. Park Asso.,
Court House,
Miami, Fla.

My dear Mr. Coe:-

Thanks for your letter. I am glad that you are home .I have been intending to write you for several days but thought you were still in Washington.

I was very much surprised to see the enclosed notice in the papers here. Does this mean that you are to be Chairman of the Commission and without a salary or the Executive Chairman with the salary???? I had thought and hoped that it would be the one with the salary. This was generally understood by some of the members of the Commission, I am sure, but of course, we none of us know what Governor Sholtz has in mind, perhaps you do???

The Governor has gone to Washington for ten days and then on some where for the rest of a month for a vacation ,so I guess no mee-ting of the Commission will be had until he returns.

The tax on slot machines has been declared void and also the collection of the chainstore tax, so I imagine that will delay the operation of our work some. The Governor is asking some of the departments to hold down expenditures until the financial situation has cleared. The State Comptroller has also emphasized the need for economy, so there is to be our immediate delay. But other Commissions who have larger appropriations than ours have been set to work and I think that ours is of equal importance. There seems no way to hurry the matter ,so I guess we will have to mark time and do the best we can ,as per usual.

I certainly would like to be the Secretary and could also take care of the accounts ,the treasurers work. I will appreciate what you can do to bring this about. I am sure we could continue to work together in comfort and peace and I am sure no one else thinks more of the work or has their heart in it more than I have , except you ,who have done so much to bring success to the movement.

I did not write to the Izaak Walton League because I was waiting to let you do it .I knew that you understood the whole situation, better than I, down there ,but now that your letters have cleared the matter up ,I will write them and send you a copy of my letter. You can rest assured that when ever I write any thing of any importance in regard to the Everglades National Park, especially now that I am a member of the Commission ,you shall have copies for your files. I think every Member of the Commission should send in copies of important letters for the permanent files .

Please give my warmest regards to Mrs. Coe and accept my kindest regards for yourself and assurance of full co-operation for the big work for Florida with which we are both charge to give our best efforts. Sincerely,
Mrs. W.S. Jennings
N.P. Commissioner.

Mary M. Jennings