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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

August 4, 1924.

Captain J. F. Jaudon,
321 N. W. Fourth Avenue,
Miami, Florida.

My dear Captain Jaudon:

Referring further to your several letters addressed to me and to the correspondence that has passed between you and my Secretary, Mr. Hill, and especially to your last letter addressed to Mr. Hill under date 31st ultimo, in which you refer to having tried to secure the appointment of Dr. Robert Ranson as a Special Investigator for the purpose of making reports to the Department on the vast Peat deposits embraced in the Florida Everglades and your understanding that there was an appropriation for that purpose--the investigation of Peat--said appropriation being the result of my efforts, will say the Act authorized and directed the Secretary of the Interior to make experiments and investigations, through the Bureau of Mines, of lignite coals and peat, to determine the commercial and economic practicability of their utilization in producing fuel oil, gasoline substitutes, ammonia, tar, solid fuels, gas for power and other purposes.

That there are vast deposits of Peat in the Everglades, and elsewhere in Florida and in other States, had already been determined. The Act, therefore, authorized and directed the Secretary of the Interior to make experiments and investigations to determine the commercial and economic practicability of utilization.

If the situation is not entirely clear, then let me hear from you further.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

