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Mrs. Minnie Moore-Wilson,  
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Dear Mrs. Wilson:

I was greatly interested the other day in a reported interview that you published in one of the New York papers, touching on the desirability of having a National Park somewhere in the Everglades. It seems to me that we ought to have a distinctly sub-tropical National Park such as you suggest, and it ought to be a National Park, because only as a National Park could such an area be preserved untouched and free from improvement, except as to a few roads. Our National Parks ought to be, as is now generally acknowledged, nature museums to show the country untouched by civilization, so that people can see what this country used to be before the white man reached these shores, and also what the natural products of the country were. Civilization has spread itself so fast over all of North America that before long there will be nothing left of nature as it used to be. It will be of enormous benefit to the generations that are to come after us if they can see something of this country as their ancestors found it.

I suppose that the portions of the Everglades to which you referred in your interview belong to the State of Florida, and the State of Florida might, and perhaps would, make out of this area a State Park. A State Park, however, would be likely at any time to be "improved" by a state legislature, and from my point of view what we ought to have is a park which never would be improved. I think you will hear from Mr. Yard. Good luck to you.

Yours sincerely,

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