

December 13th  
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Mr. Vance W. Helm,  
Lawyers Building,  
Miami, Florida.

My dear Mr. Helm:

Mr. Hamilton Wright was in my office some little time ago, but as I was absent I did not get to meet him. I will try to get in touch with him again and get up to date.

Before filing your letter has been passed on to our various science departments, as is done with all similar matters, so that they can be as familiar as possible with information of this kind.

In your campaign for the Everglades you undoubtedly collect a good deal of material having to do with the drainage problem, the agricultural problem, etc., and I would appreciate it very much if you would allocate some of this material to the University, which can be passed over to our science and engineering departments.

Very truly yours,

B. F. Ashe  
P r e s i d e n t.

BFA:dh

Mr. Coker

November 24-1926

Mr. Robert Ranson,  
Box 622 -  
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Ranson:

Glad to have your little note. I have often wondered if you still have your outfit for demonstrating the fuel possibilities of Everglades muck or peat. If so, I should appreciate very much the opportunity of having you demonstrate the thing to me, following which I think I can arouse some interest in the Chamber of Commerce under its new management.

Also, I think the Chemistry class of the University of Miami would be tremendously interested.

Kindly let me hear from you regarding this matter at your earliest convenience.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

VWH:W

V. W. Helm.

SPECIALTY  
EXPLOITATION OF PEAT DEPOSITS FOR  
POWER GAS, BY-PRODUCTS  
AND FERTILIZATION

OFFICES AND LABORATORIES  
ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.  
AND MIAMI, FLA.

## ROBERT RANSON

CHEMICAL AND SOIL ENGINEER

ACCURATE REPORTS AND ANALYSIS OF FLORIDA SOILS, ETC.  
FOR INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES

PHONE 3468 P. O. BOX 622  
MIAMI, FLA.

MEM. AM. ASSN. ENGINEERS  
CHARTER MEMBER AND VICE-PRES.  
AMERICAN PEAT SOCIETY  
ASSOC. MEM. CANADIAN PEAT SOC.

Nov 27th 1926 .

My dear Mr. Helm:-

I regret to tell you that the necessity for building a dwelling on the lot where I had my little experiment Station caused the whole to be broken up and moved so I cannot make any more demonstrations till I get a new one .

I am not contemplating rebuilding for a time .

On March 8th last by request I lectured on the subject of peat as a fuel before the chemistry and engineering classes at the University of Florida in Gainesville and should be most happy to have the University of Miami make some suitable date for me to repeat the dose but it would have to be in an Evening as I cannot well leave the office in the daytime .

Thanks for remembrance and with kind regards to you and your excellent wife :-

I remain

Faithfully Your's

*Robert Ranson*

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MIAMI, FLORIDA

November 29th,  
1926.

Mr. B. F. Ashe, President,  
University of Miami,  
Coral Gables,  
Miami, Florida.

*12/4/26*  
*Mr. Stephen*  
*Please give Mr. Ashe*  
*a report on this at*  
*an early date.*  
*D. Hansen*

My dear Mr. Ashe:

I have just received the enclosed letter  
from Mr. Ranson.

You will note that the experiment station  
which Mr. Ranson had established, has been dismantled.  
However, he has expressed a willingness to deliver a  
lecture before the University students, on the subject  
of peat as a fuel, whenever a convenient time is  
arranged. You may wish to take the matter up with  
Mr. Ranson direct from this point.

Yours very truly,

*[Signature]*  
V. W. Helm

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November 27th,  
1926.

Mr. B. F. Ashe, President,  
University of Miami,  
Coral Gables,  
Miami, Fla.

My dear Mr. Ashe:

The attached copy of letter to Mr. Ranson is self-explanatory.

Mr. Ranson is familiar with the Mond Process of manufacturing producer gas and numerous by-products from muck or peat, and, as I understand it, has a demonstration outfit for the specific purpose of demonstrating the simplicity of the method. His contention is that in the Everglades we have a source of the cheapest power on earth -- cheaper even than water-power, for the reason that the by-products are worth more than the cost of manufacturing the producer gas. Here is a field of endeavor, rich with possibilities for our University students in the Chemistry Division.

Would it not be well to invite Mr. Ranson to make a demonstration for the students at a mutually convenient time?

Yours sincerely,

V. W. Helm

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Enclosure-

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December 8th,  
1926.

12/12/26  
Mr. Seiplein ✓  
Mr. Hart ✓  
Mr. Pearson ✓  
Please note &  
return.  
D. S. Havens

Mr. B. F. Ashe, President,  
University of Miami,  
Coral Gables,  
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Ashe:

Mr. Hamilton M. Wright, to whom I gave a letter of introduction several days ago, has suggested that when the Research Institute of the University is ready for business, it probably will want to investigate the possibilities of rubber culture in this semi-Tropical section of the United States, in which case he has called attention to the fact that certain varieties of rubber trees, which have commercial possibilities and which are growing in this section, be investigated. The particular varieties and places that he named are as follows:

Palm Beach , 25-year old specimen of Hevea  
Brazilensis.

At Johnston's Ranch, Homestead, Manihot Heptaphylla  
(rubber-tree); Cryptostegia Grandiflora.

At Charman Field, Manihot Glaziovii,  
Manihot Dichtoma.

For the present, you will probably simply want to file this letter for future reference.

I assume that you heard, or read an address given yesterday by Mr. Grosvenor Dawes for the State Chamber of Commerce, in which he cited the great need of technology to solve the State's industrial problems. Among other things, he mentioned work already being done in the matter of extracting by-products from pine stumps, the European method of turpentine trees, which permits the process to continue for possible 100 years instead of 3 or 4, as in Florida, &c. &c.

Yours sincerely,

  
V. W. Helm

## Uses of Peat Lands Discussed in New Bulletin.

It is estimated that approximately 79,000,000 of the 113,537,000 acres of wet land in the United States are of potential economic importance, says the United States Department of Agriculture. The question whether the utilization of these peat lands is economically practicable is of interest in the States bordering the Great Lakes and those on the Gulf Coastal Plain.

For an economically sound solution of the problem, agriculture and other industry must have a fuller knowledge of the nature of the peat lands and must deal with them according to that knowledge. The Department has attempted to furnish some of the needed information in Bulletin 1419-D, Factors and Problems in the Selection of Peat Lands for Different Uses, copies of which may be obtained from the Department of Agriculture, Washington.

B. J. Ashe

Pres Univ. of  
Maine. C. B.

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MIAMI, FLORIDA

December 30th,  
1926.

Mr. B. F. Ashe  
President of University of Miami  
Coral Gables, Fla.

Dear Mr. Ashe:

I am enclosing a short article referring to the  
swamp lands throughout the United States.

It occurred to me that you might possibly like  
to send to the Department of Agriculture at Washington for a  
copy of the Bulletin mentioned in the article.

Very sincerely yours,

Y. W. Helm.

VWH/D



January 21st,  
1927.

Department of Agriculture,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It would be very much appreciated if you would send to

Mr. B. F. Ashe, President,  
University of Miami,  
Coral Gables, Fla.

a copy of Bulletin 1419-D.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary to the  
President.

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MIAMI, FLORIDA

December 31st,  
1926.

*Ency. Glades.*

Mr. B. P. Ashe, President,  
University of Miami,  
Coral Gables,  
Miami, Fla.

My dear Mr. Ashe:

You probably will want the attached copy of newspaper article for future reference in connection with the proposed Research Institute.

It would be better, of course, to make paper out of fiber crops grown on the land, than to use the muck and peat and thereby consume the land. Nevertheless, both phases are interesting and may lead to the development of an important industry for the Miami section.

You may wish to write the Roth-Grahn Corporation of Westfield, Wisconsin, for more specific information as to the process of manufacturing wall board and wrapping paper.

Yours very truly,

  
V. W. Helm

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-Enclosure-

FIND PROCESS TO MAKE PAPER OUT OF PEAT.

PLAN TO BUILD FACTORY AT WESTFIELD, WIS.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 12 - (Special) -

A process for the manufacture of paper from peat, which is found in several hundred thousand acres of swamp land in the state, has been discovered in experiments at Westfield, and extensive plans are under way to market the product next spring.

PLAN TO BUILD FACTORY.

The process was discovered by Charles C. Roth, a former paper maker of Germany, who was financed in his investigation by William A. Grahn, Westfield, a former member of the assembly. The experiments were conducted on the Grahn farm, and plans are now under way for the construction of a factory at that place.

The Roth-Grahn corporation has been formed for the manufacture and marketing of the new product, and the Westfield factory is expected to turn out 30,000 feet of wall board a day starting next spring. The experiments have shown that wrapping paper can be made from peat, and the experiments are being carried on with the belief that print paper can also be manufactured from the fibrous material of the peat beds.

MATERIAL COSTS LITTLE.

Peat bogs in the state have been practically of no value and the material can be dredged and brought to the plant with little cost. The wall board, some of which has already been manufactured, is composed of 75 percent peat and about 25 per cent waste paper, used as a binder.

MOVED TO  
7TH FLOOR INGRAHAM BLDG.  
25 S.E. 2ND AVENUE

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MIAMI, FLORIDA

January 14th,  
1927.

Mr. B. F. Ashe, President,  
University of Miami,  
Coral Gables,  
Miami, Fla.

My dear Mr. Ashe:

You may wish to file the enclosed article about  
"Gasoline from Liquid Coal," for future reference in connection  
with the Chemistry Division or the Research Department.

It is possible that the process in question may  
be available with some modification for muck, which is decayed  
vegetation in an earlier stage of coal.

Yours sincerely,

V. W. Helm

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February 3rd, 1927.

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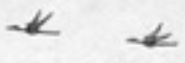
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- National Parks
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- Proposed Everglades National Park

# The Everglades National Park Association



FLORIDA  
PROPOSED  
EVERGLADES  
NATIONAL PARK

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MIAMI, FLORIDA  
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- AUDITOR**  
CLIFFORD N. BOURNE

September 19, 1934

Dr. Bowman P. Ashe,  
Miami University,  
Coral Gables, Fla.

Dear Dr. Ashe:

The enclosed letter  
copy I believe will interest you.

I am confident you will  
find Mr. Buswell not only a very charming  
personality, but very helpful at the  
University.

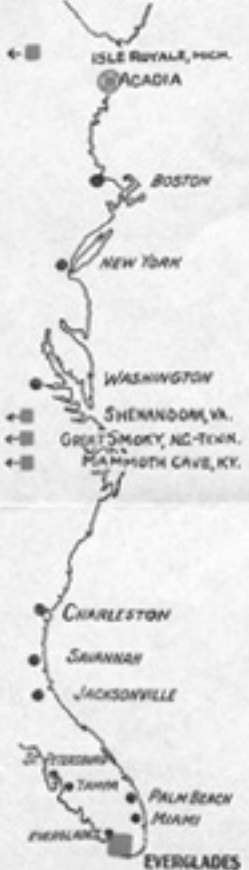
Sincerely,

*Ernest F. Coe*  
Ernest F. Coe, Executive Chairman



This map indicates the area recommended by the Department of the Interior to Congress, within which the proposed Park is to be established.

National Parks  
and Proposed National Parks  
east of the Mississippi



Acadia, Mammoth Cave, Shenandoah, Great Smoky and Everglades — what a magnificent string of Eastern National Parks that will make!  
GILBERT GROSVENOR  
National Geographic Society.

THIS ASSOCIATION WAS ORGANIZED AND IS MAINTAINED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE PRIMEVAL WONDERS OF AMERICA'S CONTINENTAL TROPICS INCLUDED IN THE CAPE SABLES AND NEARBY EVERGLADES REGION OF SOUTH FLORIDA—ITS SCENIC INTERESTS, VARIED FLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE. ALL OF THIS NATIVE WILD LIFE IS FASCINATING AND MANY SPECIES ARE CONFINED TO THIS REGION.

TO COOPERATE WITH MEASURES LEADING TO THE PRESERVATION OF THIS REGION AS A GREAT NATIONAL PARK WHEREIN ALL ITS FORMS OF WILD LIFE WILL BE PROTECTED, AND ITS OTHER VARIED CHARMS OF GLADES, TROPIC JUNGLES, AZURE SEAS, EMERALD ISLES, LAKES, RIVERS AND BEACHES WILL BE FOREVER CONSECRATED AS A NATURE SANCTUARY.

MEMBERSHIP—ANNUAL MEMBERS, \$3.00 PER YEAR; SUSTAINING MEMBERS, \$50.00 OR MORE PER YEAR. ALL MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE BULLETINS AND OTHER PRINTED MATTER ISSUED BY THIS ASSOCIATION.

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MIAMI FLORIDA

SEPT. 16, 1934

Dear friend Coe:

I have been over here about a month now but have had little time to visit. I called at the Court House soon after I came over, but you was out of town then.

I am at the University every day so don't have a chance to call on you. Consulting botanist and curator, or something like that. Am helping in several ways to get things started for the opening and like it over there very much. A nice lot of men to work with and I am satisfied with life for the first time in years. I like over here and there are many new things to study here that I could not find on the West Coast.

Have a very pleasant place to live, but quite a trip every day to Coral Gables.

Would like to have you out here for lunch with me some Sunday, or some evening. Whenever you could come, if you can let me know when you can come.

Sincerely,

Signed "W.M. Buswell"

335 S.W. 9th Ave.

THE EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK ASSOCIATION

County Court House,  
Miami, Florida.

September 10, 1934.

Dr. Cloyd H. Marvin, President,  
The George Washington University,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Marvin:

Your letter of September 8th received. The public is in favor of The Everglades National Park project. Congress has expressed this attitude by passing the Everglades National Park Bill.

Unless some method of procedure, other than now exists, comes into the picture, Florida must cede The Everglades Park area to the federal government. This cannot be accomplished without the co-operation of the Florida public.

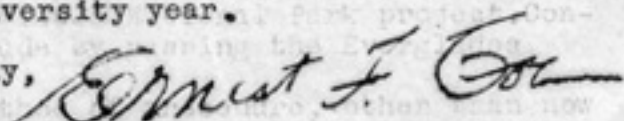
This function imposes upon the State a responsibility and privilege. It is one of the purposes of this Association to stimulate Florida citizens to appreciate both.

The bulletins and press releases which come to your attention concerning The Everglades Park project, for which this Association is responsible, are carefully keyed with the purpose in view of encouraging such activities as will stimulate progress toward the early ceding of the Park area. The appeal to the Florida public to bring this about needs more to make the effort effective than general national park interest; it requires also the incentive of an economic urge.

You will observe in the publicity matter reaching you, for which this Association is responsible, no promotion of the idea that the Park itself is to be exploited; in fact, you will find the contrary very generally stressed. The promotion of an understanding of the economic value of the Park to the State and State interests is featured as that of a return for services rendered to the public in the way of traveling, housing and other accommodations.

I trust you have had an enjoyable summer, and that you have returned to your desk and its duties, refreshed and ready for a successful University year.

Sincerely,



Ernest F. Coe, Executive Chairman



Copy

September 19, 1934

Mr. W.H. Buswell,  
335 S.W. 9th Ave.,  
City

Dear friend Buswell:

I received your letter of  
September 16th and rejoice with you that you  
are now pleasantly located.

Thanks for your invitation,  
I will be glad to lunch with you most any time.

I had a talk with Judge  
Stoneman, Editor of the Miami Herald, this morning.  
I believe the Herald will be interested in a series  
of articles with photographs of notable trees  
about Miami, with you to be the author of the  
articles and the maker of the pictures.

With all best regards, I am

Sincerely,

Ernest F. Goe, Executive Chairman

ERNEST FRANCIS COE  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT  
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RESIDENCE  
3648 MATHESON AVE.  
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

SUMMER ADDRESS  
WAKEFIELD, R. I.  
CHAIRMAN TROPIC EVERGLADES  
NATIONAL PARK ASSOCIATION

April 21, 1932

OFFICE  
COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
MIAMI, FLORIDA

Dr. Bowman F. Ashe, Pres.,  
University of Miami,  
Coral Gables, Florida.

*Eastern National Parks  
and Proposed National Parks*

My dear Dr. Ashe:

I am inclosing a clipping of the article by Dr. John Gifford in the Herald of last Sunday, thinking that perhaps it has escaped your notice.

What Dr. Gifford has to say regarding the University of Miami and the interlocking importance of the University and the Everglades National Park anticipates a happy and much to be desired combination. It is reasonable to believe that funds will be forthcoming for a strictly modern laboratory calculated to provide ample facilities for biological research in connection with the Everglades National Park, as the area to be included within it will offer a wide range of material for study and advanced research along biological lines. How and where better could these laboratory facilities be planned for and located than as a unit of the general University of Miami development?

You no doubt are acquainted with the laboratory for biological research located at Woods Hole, Massachusetts. Its facilities are resorted to by prominent scientists from the world over and are available for advanced post graduate work as a link up with other facilities for higher education throughout the country.

There is an almost unlimited field open to the University of Miami along the many lines of University development. Among these, biology may reasonably be expected to become a prominent factor, interlocking as this department can be made to do with the unrivaled facilities for original field study the Everglades National Park will so amply furnish.

Sincerely yours,

*Ernest F. Coe*  
Ernest F. Coe, Chairman.



*Acadia-Mammoth Cave-Shenandoah-Great Smoky and Tropic Everglades what a magnificent string of Eastern National Parks that will make!*

GILBERT GROSVENOR  
National Geographic Society

C O P Y

June 11, 1932

Hon. Ruth Bryan Owen  
Member of Congress  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Owen:

I have just found out what I never knew before about Congressional procedure in reference to the Everglades Park bill. You properly relied upon the Chairman of the Public Lands Committee in the House to substitute Senator Fletcher's bill for yours. This will explain the delay in the House action which I could not understand.

I have never charged you with disloyalty to the Park matter. I am extremely sorry if anything I have said or done should be so interpreted, for I know full well of your energetic and sincere interest in the Park matter. I sincerely hope this may end any future controversy.

Yours very truly,

  
Ernest F. Coe, Chairman,  
Tropic Everglades National  
Park Association.

LFC/R

December 7th,  
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EVERGLADES DRAINAGE NOTES

ENGINEERING REPORTS

Isham-Randolph Survey - 1909

Everglades Engineering Board of Review - May, 1927

SWAMP AND OVERFLOW LANDS

a) Deeded to Railroads	9,070,156.56 Acres
b) " a/c R.R. Coupons	361,667.78
c) " State Selecting Agents	553,289.00
d) " Canal Companies	2,779,772.68
e) " Seminole Indians	99,200.00
f) Sold	6,514,447.53
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TOTAL DISPOSED OF	19,377,533.55 Acres

Leaving on Hand as of  
July 1, 1928

1,048,430.17 Acres

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

University of California,  
Berkeley, California,  
October 9, 1931.

EXCERPTS FROM LETTER

IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS MR. WRIGHT GIVES AN ANSWER TO THE FEAR SOMETIMES EXPRESSED THAT THE CAPE SABLES AND NEARBY REGION MIGHT LOSE MUCH OF THEIR PRIMITIVE VALUE IF ADMINISTERED AS A NATIONAL PARK.

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Mr. Ernest F. Coe, Chairman  
Tropic Everglades Park Association  
County Court House  
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Coe:

"We headed westward once more most enthusiastic over the possibilities of this area for a national park both from its scenic and wild life standpoints. On several occasions we have heard the criticism that the Everglades area, because of its importance as a breeding ground for birds, should not be a national park but, rather, a wild life sanctuary.

The argument was advanced that national park status would bring development and people and that these would be detrimental to the breeding colonies. I feel that the usually opposing functions of pleasure grounds and game sanctuary could both be developed in this instance without prejudice of one cause or the other. This is due to the terrain of the Everglades themselves. The visitor cannot wander at will over the landscape. He will be absolutely confined to the roads and the developed areas. When he takes to a boat he will not be able to wander from a marked course or venture far without a pilot. These are the reasons, then, why it seems to us that a park if established, could be opened up so as to make adequate provision for the appreciation of the Everglades and all that the word includes and still further conservation of the unique flora and fauna to the utmost."

Yours very truly,

*George M. Wright*  
George M. Wright

GMW:MP

Washington, D. C.  
c/o National Park Service  
March 4, 1931

Hon. Ruth Bryan Owen  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Ruth Bryan Owen:

I am in receipt of your thoughtful letter of February 24; also of the framed print of "I am the mangrove", from the pen of our friend, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas. Many thanks for both these expressions of good will and friendship.

The past year has been one most eventful in the history of the Everglades National Park project. Its original appearance as a concrete movement is but three years old altogether.

The National Park Service delegation, about a year ago, after visiting the Cape Sable region, reported to the Interior Department that it was of National Park standard. Since then Everglades National Park history has been making rapidly. Your bill before the House authorizing the Park by Congress soon followed the companion bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Fletcher coming along later.

That both the House and Senate bills have made a very credible showing for a new national park measure is now well understood. The forthcoming congress will have presented before it another similar Everglades National Park bill. This time it will not come up a new measure unfamiliar to its members but as one that has been well studied over by the preceding congress, its merits brought out, and any doubtful features cleared away.

In the meantime, it seems to me that those zealous for the success of this park span an interval more crucial to its welfare than has before presented itself.

This Cape Sable region has proven to present a very wide range in its appeal.

Scientists, nature lovers and conservationists of wild life find this region an example of climatic, physical, biologic, historic, and scenic features in a combination not found elsewhere, certainly not within the confines of our continental possession. It is fortunate for national park pur-

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poses that this region where this favored combination presents itself has proven to be almost worthless for economic exploitation; hence its primeval state has continued to remain practically unimpaired.

In the report of the Interior Department to Congress recommending that this Cape Sable region be set aside as a national park is a review of the special national park interests of the region, together with a map showing the maximum area under consideration. A limited number of this report are available through this office.

From now until Congress passes the Park bill, the Tropic Everglades Park Association has a great responsibility. It is through this organization that the project largely has been brought before the public and official authorities, and it is through its officers that the public and official bodies logically expect the work of carrying on to be attended to. This calls for further sacrifice on the part of its officers, as they are devoting their time and strength and influence to the cause without personal compensation.

Personally I accept this call for further sacrifice.

No assurance is necessary from you and others devoted to this great opportunity to serve that you will continue as in the past to advance the interests of the proposed Everglades National Park through these months ahead.

With appreciative regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

EFC/R

Ernest F. Coe, Chairman,  
Tropic Everglades Park Assn.

C O P Y

Washington, D. C.  
c/o National Park Service  
February 27, 1931

Mr. J. Horace McFarland  
President and Editor,  
American Civic Assn. Inc.  
Box 687, Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. McFarland:

Yours of February 24 reaches me here and I can assure you its contents are very much appreciated.

"Tremendous activity". Frankly I hadn't thought of my work from any such standpoint. This Everglades Park project is truly a mighty thing; mighty in that it has within it the purpose of saving for now and always a region that transcends both physical and biologic values. This it does so universally that practically everybody comes within its elevating influence once given the opportunity. The Cape Sable region's appeal to the very soul is one of its transcending attributes.

Copies of letters addressed to others, designed to reach you, are intended to express me as to the present National Park bill and its failure to get across.

The American Civic Association has taken, in my estimation, a most consistent stand throughout the entire course of this bill. By another session of Congress it is to be anticipated that difficulties this present bill encountered will be cleared away. In the meantime there is a vast amount of work for us all to do.

I shall follow up the "Survey of New York". Thanks for calling my attention to this article and your reply.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest F. Coe, Chairman,  
Tropic Everglades Park Assn.

EFC/R



C O P Y

Washington, D. C.  
c/o National Park Service  
February 27, 1931

Mr. R. G. Grassfield,  
General Manager,  
Fla. State Chamber of Commerce,  
411 Consolidated Building,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

My dear Mr. Grassfield:

Yours of February 23 written in Miami comes to me here as a very welcome message.

The two enclosed copies of letters (Mr. McFarland and Mr. Andrews) are intended to cover some of the aspects of the Everglades National Park project to be presented at this time. We have every reason to feel very well pleased with the present status of this park project.

Through the rapid progressive steps into the light of public interest this park has been enjoying, the purpose has been to so handle the work as to keep it well above occasion for suspicion as to motives back of it. That the Everglades National Park project now enjoys very general public confidence is one of the rewards of this course of action.

Between now and another congress there is much work to be done. The public generally seeks to know more about the park and the Cape Sable region where it is the purpose to have it located.

This Association will continue to carry on until it is later absorbed into the State Commission to be appointed by the Governor.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest F. Coe, Chairman,  
Tropic Everglades Park Assn.

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C O P Y

Washington, D.C.  
c/o National Park Service  
February 27, 1931

Mr. Howard Sharp, Editor,  
The Everglades News,  
Canal Point, Florida

My dear Mr. Sharp:

Yours of recent date reaches me here in Washington. Many thanks for writing. It is just such contributions as your letter furnished which help toward a clearer understanding of this entire Everglades National Park project.

I agree with what you say perfectly. You surely should know the Everglades, and do, for certainly Canal Point is in the very heart of it.

To the average citizen the whole country over, the Everglades are South Florida generally, extending southward from the Lake to the Gulf. This, of course, is not strictly so. If we are to have a great area set aside to remain as nature would have it and it takes in the area indicated in enclosed Interior Department report, it really does take in quite an area that is typically Everglades, as well as the Gulf region that is also very interesting. If you are familiar with that south country along the Gulf, I am sure you will agree.

As a National Park this South Florida region offers a greater variety of scenic and biologic interests than, probably, any area of similar size in Florida. It is a region most of which bids fair to be of little economic value, but as a wild life sanctuary is certainly wonderful. With this special region set aside as a National Park, a goodly area will be furnished where the Florida native wild life will have a chance to live on through the years. Without such a retreat, it is beginning to look as if our native wild life, or at least most of it, will be a thing of the past, and that not at a far distant date.

Do write me fully as to your attitude toward this National Park project and make any suggestions you have to offer.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest F. Coe, Chairman,  
Tropic Everglades Park Assn.

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Washington, D. C.  
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February 27, 1931.

Mr. A. H. Andrews, Editor,  
The American Eagle,  
Estero, Florida.

My dear friend A. H. Andrews:

Referring again to yours of February 20, a copy of Lynn Russell's poem was also sent to me here in Washington, together with your letter.

Many really great objectives have been fraught all along by trying setbacks. Really, our great objective, the Everglades National Park, has enjoyed a remarkably rapid stride into the known world of popular favor. The fate of the present House bill here in Congress, which is permanently held up, can be hardly looked upon as a real setback but just a slow-up, permitting us figuratively to catch our breath, so rapidly is the Park project progressing.

By the opening of another Congress, all misunderstandings will be overcome and, in the meantime, a vast amount of important publicity work is before us. The entire country wants to know more of this unique Cape Sable region. Their curiosity and interest is already piqued.

The press has taken hold splendidly and a continuance on the part of the press is not only most important, but is anticipated. The Everglades National Park has grown to be "good copy". To you that means, of course, that the reading public wants to hear more about the subject.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest F. Coe, Chairman,  
Tropic Everglades Park Assn.

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Washington, D. C.  
c/o National Park Service  
February 28, 1931

Mr. Thomas J. Pancoast, Pres.,  
Miami Beach Improvement Co.  
Miami Beach, Florida

My dear Mr. Thomas Pancoast:

I am much obliged for your recent letter just received.

It is probable that had our National Park bill gone through Congress rather than being held up that I would have been about smothered with telegrams and letters of congratulations; for so goes the world. In fact, I would not have been entitled to all the credit, by any means, or the blame, if any, in the matter anyway.

I have received a number of splendid letters from writers who are watching the progress of our Park work, assuring me that success has already crowned our efforts, and several have begged me not to think of letting up my own work until we actually get the Park. One spoke of the events of the past week as "Just a stepping stone in the course of a great movement."

I will not repeat here Park information that you are getting in the way of letter copies to others from the office.

The next few months are in my opinion the most crucial in the whole park program and if we appreciate this and push on with even increased fervor, building on what has already been accomplished, the success of a really very great cause will be our reward. Now is the very interval that calls for the exercise of clear vision and well directed efforts.

The glamor for the time being has disappeared from the picture. Many of us watched the Congress Park bill something as we would a horse race. Would it win? Piqued our gambling instinct. If it was that alone that held our interest, then we weren't really and truly devoted to the Park cause.

To us who have at heart the success of this great undertaking, the Park bill before Congress is but one of the necessary incidents along the road to accomplishment. If it should, as it did, meet with a hold up, it's just a handicap to anticipated progress but, in this very handicap, rich and valuable contacts came into being, advancing the cause of the Park project very greatly. The many interests fervent in their desire to see the Everglades National Park become a reality now realize that the cause has been advanced immeasurably by this Congress bill and many angles of interest have been brought to the fore through it. The Everglades National Park is a reality of the future

with the general public today. Conservation bodies, from their many angles of special interest, are now taking up the new Park project seriously. Individuals, be they naturalists, nature lovers or lovers of the great out-of-doors in the abstract, are now thinking of the great Cape Sable region in terms of a National Park. Local interests throughout the state can take heart in the prospect of increased future welfare for the state through having a National Park within its borders, not from any anticipation of special unearned profits but in proportion to the opportunity of serving increased travel and the other benefits accruing through having greater numbers tour the state.

Already the Cape Sable region has become a substantial reality instead of just a name in the minds of the news reading public. The news value of the doings recently in Washington has been a great help in bringing this about. The public already thinks of this region as a land of lovely sea beaches, coconut palms and genial climate during the season of the year when the north is icebound.

Fishermen now know that the waters here are a fisherman's paradise. Bird lovers have been thrilled through the press with stories of the abundant bird life here found. The very words, "tropical jungles," stir the imagination of every red blooded school boy and girl. The prospect of seeing alligators and Seminole Indians and palms and wonderful birds not only thrills the youth but gets everyone of us. No wonder that the prospect that some two thousand square miles of such a wonderland can be set aside as a great national park, when brought before the public, gained instant interest. The National Park Service and the Interior Department have stamped this National Park idea with their official recommendation and the state of Florida is empowered to acquire the land. This has all come about in the short interval of but three years. These months between now and another Congress give us the much needed time to carry home to the public more completely that the Cape Sable region as a National Park can become a reality. We can further instill increased interest throughout the country by getting to the public more information as to its interesting animal and plant life, all displaying distinct tropical aspects. More can be told of its bays, lakes, rivers and smaller streams, the land building mangrove tree with thousands of islands to show its handiwork, the shell mounds of early human origin, history as the retreat of adventures with records none too savory, and no end of other features of keen human interest.

In writing these lines I find myself thrilled with a fervor no other region with its combination of included features and attributes has ever created in me. I lay no claim to special ability of appreciation, nor do I admit that I am a victim of over-enthusiasm. I have been down into this Cape Sable region too many times with others of sound judgment, and have watched the reaction of these individuals, to think for a minute that

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Mr. Pancoast

this is a personal matter on my part. Off hand there comes to mind these names who know their Cape Sables: Charles T. Simpson, Rowland M. Harper, Zane Gray, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas\*, John K. Small, David Fairchild, A. W. Dimmock, W. E. Safford, Hermon Bumpus, Paul Bartsch, T. Gilbert Pearson, Frank M. Chapman, and there are many others.

Those of us who have been privileged to have this opportunity to bring before the public this National Park idea as the means of saving the Cape Sable region as a great reservation have every encouragement to continue to carry on just so long as we and our little Association are looked to for help and guidance in further promoting these early initial steps. The work our Association is now doing will be taken over by the National Park Commission when later appointed by Governor Carlton. Until that time we have a responsibility far reaching in its influence on the future success of this splendid project. Of course we accept this further obligation to continue to serve with confidence that we will continue to have the support that has been so freely accorded us in the past.

Appreciative of your personal generous support, I am, with kindest regards,

Truly yours,

Ernest F. Coe, Chairman.

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\* Read Marjorie Stoneman Douglas' "I am the mangrove."

C O P Y

Washington, D. C.  
c/o National Park Service,  
March 6th, 1931

Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted  
Vero Beach, Florida.

My dear Mr. Olmsted:

It comes to my notice that a group may get together for the purpose of acquiring a section of the Cape Sables and lower Everglades as a nature reservation.

Should such a movement get headway it might muddle up the national park idea for that region as well as defeat its own ends.

The national park plan it is believed by many can be so worked out as to arrange for the public to have reasonable access to certain portions of the region and at the same time set aside a most liberal area purely as a nature sanctuary.

As a national park both the National Park conception and the purely conservationists idea this region lends itself most happily.

Here both can be so interlocked that each compliments the other with no serious interference.

If this claim is correct it can be anticipated that both the national park interested public and the bodies more directly interested in conservation pure and simple will pull together for a mutual objective.

Economic conditions prevail at this time favorable to the acquisition of a goodly area in this Cape Sable region. These favorable conditions may not continue for long. Delay covering even months may defeat the present opportunity. This fact should be brought clearly before the public and all special interests.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest F. Coe, Chairman,  
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January 12, 1931

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*Eastern National Parks  
and Proposed National Parks*

Dr. Bowman F. Ashe, Pres.,  
University of Miami,  
Coral Gables, Fla.

My dear Mr. Ash:

It is my pleasure to tell you as a member of the reception committee welcoming the Senate party upon arrival at Miami, December 28, that your distinguished guests greatly appreciated the royal reception extended.

While it was the expressed desire of the Senate party members to have a few days rest while away from Capitol duties on this trip, the freedom of Greater Miami as extended to them was happily availed of. The party expressed itself generally as having had a best time ever.

The official report of the Interior Department favoring a National Park in South Florida was fully confirmed by each of the senators. It is anticipated that the Public Lands Committee of the Senate and a similar committee of the House will report soon favorable to our National Park Bill and that it will pass during the present session.

With appreciative regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Ernest F. Coe*  
Ernest F. Coe, Chairman



*Acadia Mammoth Cave  
Shenandoah Great Smoky  
and Tropic Everglades  
what a magnificent string  
of Eastern National Parks  
that will make!*

GILBERT GROSVENOR  
National Geographic Society.

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C O P Y

Washington, D. C.  
Cosmos Club  
January 4, 1931

Dear friend and  
Fellow appreciator of  
A great opportunity,

Caspar Hodgson:

The Senate party has just reached home. Bidding farewell among us was the end of a perfect week together. Who says that senators are "hard boiled" and "cold blooded"? Some may be but not the list inclosed.

We all had a wonderful time. When I state that the Senate party practically covered the ground, air and water, covered by the National Park Service party last February, I am safe to say that the party saw and felt quite enough to bring to it as a party, and each individually, a realization that they were in a wonderland; a region distinct but equally appealing as compared with any or all of the national parks, whether actual or proposed.

In so far as I am personally aware there is no one who has actually seen the region as fully as you have seen it but who right away becomes an urgent advocate for its preservation.

Those versed in National Park standards and also with this area see within it a great opportunity to add it to the National Park group.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Hodgson, family, and to your good self,

Faithfully yours,

Ernest F. Coe, Chairman

EFC/R

C O P Y

October 17, 1930

Mr. Clayton Sedgwick Cooper  
Miami Beach, Florida

My dear Clayton Cooper:

I know you will be gratified to learn that Secretary Wilbur will recommend that the Cape Sable region be added to the National Park system. His report to Congress on this project is now ready. It has been my privilege to assist in framing up this report and determining the boundaries recommended.

Washington considers that our Association has done a splendid work; in fact, a member of the National Park Service stated to me recently that the activities of our Association were the principal factors in determining the success of the whole project, at least in its up-till-now inspirational stages.

I note by the press releases that you had a great meet at the Biltmore Wednesday last. Congratulations to you in the splendid work you are doing, especially through the Committee of One Hundred.

Washington is now officially back of our Park project and it becomes "the most important one project before Florida", quoting Congressman Owen.

There are two hundred lantern slides in color now available of the region. These have already been shown before quite distinguished audiences, and others are on the waiting list.

New York Rotary gave me a place on the speaker's program yesterday; New Haven Tuesday last. "Billy" Phelps introduced me. The Westchester Co. Asm. is to listen and see in on the Park project in a few days and Dr. Ditmar will be in the chair. And so it goes.

Our Association is at present busy throughout the North getting wide interest aroused in this proposed National Park in Florida. A little later we will be out for funds; when this time comes, practically every important source of influence will be well informed on this new National Park project.

Today there is no project basicaly more sound in the appeal for funds than the National Parks; this is very generally conceded. It is simply a matter of well ordered procedure that is required to get our special National Park project favorably and familiarly before the public. It has a very human interest appeal quite its own.

After a thorough check up on the Park project with Mr. William P. Greely in New York recently, he states as his opinion that our Association is taking the right methods and that, when the time comes for a popular appeal for funds the appeal will reach a public receptive ear and the funds asked for will be forthcoming. Several others whose opinion is important have expressed themselves in similar terms.

I return from here to Washington within a few days, stopping enroute at Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Baltimore, as I am booked for addresses.

Rotarily yours,

Ernest F. Coe

Washington, D. C.

October 23, 1930

Hon. Ruth Bryan Owen  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Owen:

Press clippings tell of your splendid speeches and how enthusiastically you are received. What you are telling the public about Our Park must be very gratifying to those fortunate in hearing you.

Fortunate indeed has been this Project in very many ways. Its initial promotion came at a timely time, when National Park interest was becoming extremely popular with the public.

It is fortunate also in getting started just in advance of the present avalanche of projects rushing before the National Park Service. Fortunate in gaining the favorable ear of the 70th Congress through Senator Fletcher and others who steered the Fletcher bill through to the President's desk. Fortunate in getting the constructive attention of the 70th Congress through Senator Fletcher and others who steered the Fletcher Bill through to the President's desk. Fortunate in getting the constructive attention of the National Park Service and Interior Department, resulting in such a distinguished turnout as represented the personnel of the last February visit to the Cape Sable area. Fortunate in enjoying such popular approval on the part of the public generally, Fortunate again in appealing to you as a project justifying your personal favor and constructive advocacy.

Of course, this wonderful good fortune would have been for naught had not the area itself been up to National Park standards. That it is fully up to National Park standards is assured and is so officially reported to the Secretary of the Interior by the National Park Service, following its recent visit to the region. All in all, Florida is a much favored state, even though, at the present time, rather hard hit.

Where let's go when winter comes? The arrow points to our Florida-land with ever increasing, popular favor.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest F. Coe, Chairman,  
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Dr. Bowman Ashe, Pres.,  
University of Miami,  
Coral Gables, Fla.

My dear President Ashe:

We certainly have good occasion to be delighted with the rapid progress our National Park project is enjoying.

Little was it suspected up until recently that the great Cape Sable region so close by us really was of National Park standard and was but waiting to be brought to public attention.

It is now very generally believed here in Washington that this proposed National Park will become one of the most popular of the whole National Park system; largely owing to its supreme human interest and educational value.

We and Floridians generally can count it very good fortune indeed that we will have within our state a National Park.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,  
*Ernest F. Coe*  
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Washington, D. C.  
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Mr. Ernest F. Coe, Chairman,  
Tropic Everglades Park Assn.  
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Coe:

You should come down now as soon as you can and get more pictures of the birds. We were over to the rookery yesterday. They are nesting again, about or near as many as in May. Thousands of nests and eggs and very young birds.

Now tell me, are these a lot of new birds from somewhere else or are they the same old birds nesting the second time? It's a grand sight to see. Just think, here in August and the birds going and coming to and from the rookery just the same as when you were here in June. Hope you can come down again soon.

Very respectfully,

Flamingo, Florida  
August 20, 1930

W.A. Roberts

Note: Mr. Roberts refers to an island rookery east and near Man-O-War Key in Florida Bay and within the area now under consideration by the Interior Department for the Tropic Everglades National Park. Not within the past twenty years, to the knowledge of the dwellers along the Flamingo beaches, have birds made this island a nesting rookery. Just why these many types of wading birds chose this island this season and are seemingly working over time with their family affairs is a difficult question to answer.

Can it be that these lovely birds, through some uncanny intuition, have already learned of the wonderful news soon to be known to all the world, that not only the birds but all the wild life of the Cape Sable region is to be protected by the federal government as a great National Park. On this assumption we can see a very good reason why these birds should flock to this island which is within the proposed park area and also why the breeding season should be extended so far into the summer. Surely, what greater incentive could these birds possibly have for increasing their flocks than the assurance of perpetual protection for the future?

A National Park not only becomes a favorite resort for the tourist and nature lover, but is a great haven for all forms of native life, both plant and animal. For both to have their being within National Park boundaries is indeed good fortune to them.

Ernest F. Coe, Chairman,  
Tropic Everglades Park Assn.

C O P Y

Dr. T. Gilbert Pearson, Pres.,  
Natl. Assn. of Audubon Societies,  
Essex-On-Lake Champlain  
New York, N.Y.

Dear friend Gilbert Pearson:

Your of August 14 reached me here. I am reluctant to leave this lovely spot and so far believe that the work I am doing from here is having constructive, telling effect favorable to the Tropic Everglades National Park project. The North generally is quite eager to hear more about it and I have no trouble in getting at splendid audiences calculated to further the interests of the project when called upon to help.

Take you for instance; had you never seen south Florida, realized what a great national asset national parks really are to the people of our nation and the world; had no idea of just what the Tropic Everglades National Park project stood for in its relation to the national park system; never seen its animal and plant life, wilderness regions, beaches, climate, fish, Seminoles; or experienced that strangely enticing lure this south Florida country impresses upon the sojourner; known nothing of its lovely birds and what it would mean to have them under the protection of the federal government; had you not known these or some of these factors, you could hardly have been expected to take any great interest in this, Uncle Sam's proposed new National Park.

I am finding that the public is now very generally national park-minded in a general sense. Practically every citizen either has or anticipates visiting the national parks, especially the more outstanding ones familiar to the average person.

I see but one way to so guide popular interest and awareness as to include the Tropic Everglades National Park in the public mind, and that is to talk a lot about it and its relation to the general national park idea; talk about it, write about it, literally get everybody interested in it, at least, almost everybody.

Already the National Park Service and the Interior Department are most favorably committed to this new National Park project in America's only Tropic land, thanks in great measure to the favorable reports of the members of that eventful trip of last February into this land of the different country.

Already some of the many millions of national park enthusiasts who keep up with national park matters are well aware that the national park family soon is to have a new (if not little) brother added to this very distinguished group. This already numerous class is waiting with keen interest for further information as to how this project is progressing. More information as to what are the area's outstanding features and especially just why it is anticipated to be "of as great educational value as any of the present national parks".

It is seemingly your and my privilege and duty to do our little (?) bit in giving this wilderness-land of enticing attributes as much prominence as is within our power at this time.

Very soon from now, if all goes as now anticipated, the Tropic Everglades National Park Commission of Florida will be in full functioning order and ready to act.

We will have caught up to the funds stage. Will we get it and get it readily? If those who can contribute feel as you and I do on the subject, an over subscription would surely appear. On this assumption it's for us to create in the minds of the many just that state of mind that possesses you and me. With this accomplished the funds part of the problem will solve itself.

The publicist says, "Be sure you have something the public needs and then advertise it". Surely, with the Tropic Everglades National Park we have something the public needs; the public of today and the future. Further, with our new Tropic Everglades National Park case the public already actually wants it in the abstract. We can make this want concrete only by telling the public about it.

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The press is ever ready to extend its columns to information which it is convinced interests the public; the radio and movies likewise. Just a well directed campaign of publicity is needed to crown our efforts with unbounded success. This publicity work is now well underway, with a public fairly crying for more. Let us give all they want and the public in return will respond with the necessary funds to put the Tropic Everglades National Park over one hundred per cent.

Kindest regards,

Ernest F. Coe, Chairman,



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Dr. Bowman F. Ashe, President  
 University of Miami  
 Coral Gables, Florida

My dear Dr. Ashe:

This Association believes that you are interested in the conservation of outstanding Wonderland areas of our country.

The time is now opportune to have any opinion you may wish to express regarding this Tropic Everglades National Park Project placed at the disposal of the National Park Service.

This Association does most sincerely trust you will be inclined to give the enclosed Bulletin No. 14 your early attention, addressing letter to Mr. Albright, a copy of which, if sent to this office, will be very much appreciated.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly

*Ernest F. Coe*  
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Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C.,  
November 6, 1929.

Dr. J. K. Small,  
New York Botanic Gardens,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Small:

At dinner recently your new book "From Eden to Sahara", was before us. Last night I read it from cover to cover, less, of course, attempting to pronounce many of those botanical names, tho' some of them are familiar to me.

The pathetic tone of this book is a most timely warning and were it not for the last sentence - "It is not yet too late to act", would have left me sad indeed.

You write "not too late". This truly should make us all skin and with this common interest stimulates every loyal citizen of Florida and the citizen of the country at large to bend every effort and influence toward the protection of "selected areas" referred to in your book.

"Here is a unique El Dorado". "As much as possible of this National History Museum should be preserved, not only for its beauty but for its educational value. It is within easy reach of the majority of the population of the United States." "Steps for protection of selected areas should be taken at once by the State and Federal governments".

Such paragraphs as these from this book are just now certainly most timely as the project of setting aside a great area in South Florida as a national park is now before the Interior Department and the National Park Service.

This book "From Eden to Sahara", coming from the pen of one so well informed and whose opinion carries such weight should awaken every loyal reader to action.

Certainly, the present is the crucial time for action, otherwise in the near future from now we may awake to realize that "Not yet too late", has passed and too late will be the penalty of inaction.

Such a pathetic state of things as "too late" is impossible to imagine in a country and with a citizenry like ours.

We will rise to this call for action and as loyal citizens of the State of Florida and as loyal citizens of our great country will take such measures as will insure the "protection of selected areas", and save for the state of Florida, and the nation this, our nation's "unique El Dorado" and "Natural History Museum".

We of this generation and forthcoming generations may then continue to enjoy areas of the wild natural beauty of our "unique" Florida-land, it having been set aside through the wise provisions of both the State and Federal governments before it was "too late".

With kindest regards, and

Affectionately yours,

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Note:

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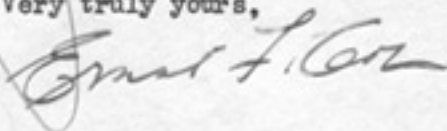
The contents of the inclosed letter show constructive progress.

We have a real man's job ahead of us, but surely it's worth working for. Florida cannot afford to let this substantial asset get away for lack of action.

I hope to be back home again in a few weeks and then it is for us to take this Cape Sable problem in earnest and put it over. About everything is favorable so far at least.

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,



Ernest F. Coe

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