

Grand Canyon, Arizona, Sept. 22nd. 1918.

My Dear Mr. Hayden:-

I find that I did not include the clipping I referred to in my letter of yesterday so will do so now and also give you a little information regarding the Supai Indians and what the Agent told me while I was there attending the annual Peach Dance. It is a lamentable fact that in a very few years there will be no Suapi Villiages and these people will be without a home unless they can continue to use some of the land they are now farming on the top. The floods are so frequent and violent of late years that the entire valley will soon be washed away and they will be destitute. As a scenic attraction it is almost inaccessible right now and we could not reach the Falls at all. The drift and rubbish has ruined their beauty and cut them almost out so as to render them valueless in this respect. Where once these people made their farms and houses little is now to be found and they have moved to places of safety at the upper end of the valley near where the water first comes out. They have quite a number of cattle but nothing for them to eat down there and unless they are permitted to located on top these will soon all starve to death. These valleys that will be included in the great area within the proposed Park boundaries are many of them suitable for farming and there is also plenty of grazing for their stock. Befor permanant Parklines are decided upon would it not be advisable to give these facts full consideration?. Is a well known fact to many of the old timere here that there has been an effort to get possession of the section they now have fenced and where they have built numbers of Dams and have water stored. This is another feature of this abominable lease law now being aggitated here in this particular locality. I spent five days on this trip and made a thorough investigation and these are my conclusions and only verify what I have written long since regarding this plan to include these Indians in any Park Bill. In fact there is not valid excuse remaining for stopping the developement of such a large portion of our State Lands by including them in this Park. A mile or two from the Rim of the Canyon is all that is neccessary and anyone advocating more must not be familiar with the region at all, or have some ulterior motive for it.

Hoping this will not tire you or consume too much of your time I am,

Very sincerely yours, W.W. Bass.