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Hon. Carl Hayden,
Member Congress,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hayden:-

I have received your letter of the 2nd. inst. enclosing bill for the creation of the Grand Canyon National Park and under separate cover map of same.

It is a very rare thing to find a man that is acquainted with conditions here that favors the National Park idea, it being known to everyone that the Railroad Company in order to further their monopoly in control of everything at the Canyon have advocated and urged its creation, hence, it is but natural that people on the outside oppose the measure.

There is one redeeming feature of this bill in contrast to previous ones and that is, that it does not include an immense area of country that could not be of material use as a park and that can be utalized to the advantage of the stockmen. As you know, the National Park proposal is not a new thing here and has been discussed for years and the same lines are drawn now as formerly.

I had a talk with Mr. Brant of the "ElTovar" but he would not say much, however, I gleaned that he did not like the smallness in area. I know that Brant is not very enthusiastic on the National Park idea, he used to be very

much in favor of it but last Summer spent sometime in the Yellowstone and Glacier Parks and after seeing the manner in which the Government handled affairs it changed his ideas somewhat. It dont look like Congress will have much time for such legislation as this.

We are all hoping that war does not come, it would be a hard blow to the welfare of Arizona, but we can stand for more of it than some parts of the country.

With regards, I am,

Yours respectfully,

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