February 6, 1924.

Mr. F.M. Gold,

Flagstaff, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Gold:

Immediately on receipt of your letter of January 29, I mailed you a copy of the Congressional Record containing the amendment which I offeredato the Interior Department Appropriation Bill authorizing the purchase of the Bright Angel Trail. I have searched my files and have been unable to locate any correspondence with the authorities of Coconino County relative to the Bright Angle Trail, except a letter from Tom Rees, dated June 27, 1918 which I printed in the enclosed report. The bill. S. 390 which became a law on February 26, 1919 was introduced by Senator Ashurst and it was at his suggestion that the Committee amended it authorizing negotiations for the purchase of the Bright Angel Trail. I think you will find that the correspondence you have in mind was with Senator Ashurst. I am today forwarding your letter to him and hope that he can find something in his files which will be helpful to you.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very sincerely,