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*Nat'l Park
Service*

Mr. F. R. Goodman, City Engineer,
Flagstaff, Arizona.

My dear Goodman:

Replying to your letter addressed to me at Phoenix, I beg to say that your understanding of the agreement made at the El Tovar Hotel in April-1923, at which time we were both present, is correct. Congressman Cramton and Carter were advised that Coconino County would transfer the Bright Angel trail to the United States in order to obtain the construction, at the expense of the Federal Government, of an approach road from the National Old Trails Highway to the Grand Canyon National Park.

That this was a good bargain for the county, cannot be denied. For the loss of a net income from the trail of about \$5,000. per annum the county will obtain the benefit of an expenditure of at least \$500,000. on the road. Whatever money that is necessary to build the road is now authorized to be appropriated, but the actual appropriation is not mandatory and need not be made until an agreement is reached with respect to the trail.

You inquire whether Congress will not appropriate the money to build the approach road without asking the county to surrender the trail. Frankness and candor compels me to

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answer "no". Cooperation is required wherever possible in other Federal aid road construction.

It cannot be said that the approach road will be of no advantage to Coconino County when every one knows that the citizens of the county will greatly benefit by the increased automobile traffic to the Park. Cramton, Carter and other Congressmen will therefore say that the county should do its fair share of the work and not expect the taxpayers of the United States to shoulder the entire burden. The transfer of the Bright Angel trail to the United States is as small a contribution as I believe it will be possible to induce Congress to accept in order to secure the funds for the approach road.

Trusting that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in Flagstaff before very long, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,