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Hon. Carl Hayden,
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Washington, D. C.

My dear Carl:

I have just completed a most interesting trip thru Southwestern Arizona, in which I visited the Roosevelt Dam, Phoenix, Tucson, Chandler, the Papago Indian Reservation, Tumacacori and Casa Grande. Mrs. Mather and I were accompanied on most of the trip by Ross Eakin and his wife, Eakin being Superintendent of Grand Canyon Park, as you know. I think we made a real impression on a number of worth while people in this territory, and that we were trying to make the Grand Canyon useful to the rest of Arizona as well as to the nation at large. One of the most interesting experiences of the whole trip was our meeting with Dwight Heard. He is all that you represented him to be - a whole-hearted, whole-souled, all around good fellow, who is doing splendid work for his community. We had a most delightful evening at the Heard's at dinner.

I took occasion to run over to New Mexico and visit the Carlsbad Caves which, with some other personal business here, has delayed my return to Washington, but I hope to see you soon after the 1st of May and tell you more in detail my interesting experiences.

I want to thank you for your notes of introduction and your suggestions in regard to the trip which were very helpful. In conclusion, I want to

specially thank you for the kind words that you said in regard to my work on the floor of the House recently. I find even out here I have to constantly correct misinformation in regard to the Grand Canyon, and in Arizona I especially stressed the point it was not under the dominion of the Santa Fe but while we worked in close co-operation with them, our own organization was running the Park.

Yours very sincerely,

Stephen D. Mather