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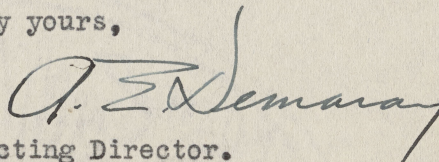
Dear Mr. Hayden:

I suppose there has come to your attention the material handed out to the newspapers by the Senate Public Lands Committee regarding the investigation made at Grand Canyon National Park.

I am inclosing one of the stories clipped from the Washington Herald of Monday, August 10. I understand Nourse's story sent out under Universal Service has been widely used in the West. While it is adroitly worded, it constitutes a vicious attack on the National Park Service and Director Mather's administration. The personal animosity behind this attack will defeat its own ends and the principal harm that is being done, it seems to me, through the circulation of this propoganda is to the State of Arizona. Articles of this kind are certain to have an adverse effect on travel, and I have no doubt but that many tourists will pass up the Grand Canyon and Arizona as a result of reading newspaper articles of this character.

It seems to me that citizens of Arizona should resent their State being damaged in this manner. Even if conditions were as painted, the way to correct them is not in public print. I know that you will sense my outraged feelings at this attack on my Chief who is doing one of the great things in the United States today.

Sincerely yours,


Acting Director.

Inclosure 8960.

Hon. Carl Hayden,
Phoenix, Arizona.