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Phoenix, Arizona.

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Mr.L.S.Williams,

Williams, Arizona.

My dear Larry:

I am just in receipt of your letter of April 20 and beg to say that shortly before I left Washington I attended a meeting of a Commission appointed by the President to consider the necessity for various additions to the National Parks. A Congressman from Pennsylvania, Hon.Henry Willson Temple, is the Chairman of this Commission and the meeting was held in his office. An engineer of the United States Geological Survey, whose name I do not recall, presented a map showing the areas which he thought should be added to the Grand Canyon National Park, basing his opinion on some topographic survey work that he had done in that region.

Col.Greeley, Chief of the United States Forest Service, was present and immediately objected to serious consideration being given to such additions to the Park, saying he was quite sure that such action would interfere with the rights of the forest permittees who were using the range. I told the Commission it was evident that any changes in the Park boundaries would require careful study



on the ground, and since an Act of Congress is necessary I would not favor any legislation until after the interested stockmen and the State authorities had been fully consulted. The result was that the entire matter was left in abeyance and I do not believe anything serious will come out of it. You may be sure that before any actual change is made I shall see that the various owners of livestock affected will have ample opportunity to be heard.

I do not know just when I will be in Williams, but it is certain that I shall go to Northern Arizona after the advent of real warm weather here. At that time, I shall be glad to talk with you and Mr. Buggeln, but if he desires to have me transmit any papers to the Chief of the Forest Service, I shall be pleased to send the same on if he will write me regarding the matter.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

As ever,