

July 9, 1924.

Hon. Stephen T. Mather,  
Director, National Park Service,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Mather:

I enclose herewith a letter I have received from Mr. J. R. Eakin, Superintendent of the Grand Canyon National Park relative to the purchase by the Federal Government of the roads, trails and other improvements heretofore made within the Park by Mr. W. W. Bass, which are useful to the National Park Service and the public.

Mr. Bass is an old-timer whose claims are worthy of consideration. If he could dispose of his holdings within the Park the money would care for him during the remainder of his life. From the statement made by Mr. Eakin I believe that the valuations given are most reasonable and would suggest that you include in your estimates \$25,000., or a larger sum if possible, to be appropriated by Congress for payment to Mr. Bass when he surrenders a deed to the United States in form satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior, for all of his right, title and interest in the roads, trails and other improvements that he has made within the Grand Canyon National Park. I do not think that Mr. Bass can give any more than a quit-claim deed, so that the



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language in the appropriation bill should be broad enough to cover that feature.

Trusting that it will be possible to find a way to compensate Mr. Bass for these improvements, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

M. C. Arizona.

P.S. Please return enclosure.