

January 11, 1926.

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

My dear Mr. Mather:

I enclose herewith a letter that I have just received from Mr. W. W. Bass, in which he makes a pitiful appeal. I hope that a way can be found to finally close the deal between the Santa Fe Company and Mr. Bass relative to the purchase of his interests within the Grand Canyon National Park.

Under date of December 18, Superintendent Eakin wrote me as follows:

"Replying to your letter of December 14th, during the first week in December a conference was held at El Tovar Hotel between Mr. Bass, Santa Fe and Harvey representatives. Mr. Clarkson stipulated only one condition in the exchange and that was a check of \$10,000.00 should be made payable to Mrs. Bass and a similar check to Mr. Bass. As Mr. Bass had already borrowed \$5,000.00 on this option the total payment would, therefore, be \$25,000.00 as agreed upon when option was taken. Mr. Bass readily agreed to these conditions and Attorney Wilson of Flagstaff was instructed to draw up necessary papers and it was understood that these sums should be paid as before indicated, at the earliest possible date. As no differences developed at this conference, I am sure the matter will be closed out very soon, in fact I would not be surprised if delivery has already been made.

"Mr. Bass seemed quite satisfied with the prospects and his son Billy told me that evening

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that his father felt very good over the situation."

Yours very respectfully,

M. C. Arizona.

P. S. Please return the enclosures.