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New Orleans, November 1, 1909.

Grand Canyon Nat'l Monument, Uses,
Canyon Copper Co., Railroad, 3/9/08.

Mr. John H. Page,
24 S. Main Street,
Rutland, Vt.

Dear Mr. Page.

After further considering the application of the Canyon Copper Company, I am thoroughly convinced that the construction of a railroad near the brink of the Grand Canyon should not be allowed and that the great weight of public sentiment is opposed to having any railroad on the rim of the Canyon. I have no objection, whatever, to granting the Company a permit to build a railroad to its hotel and copper mines, provided the road is located far enough back from the rim. I am not sufficiently acquainted with the topography of the country to say just how far back this should be; but I am convinced that it should be far enough so as not to interfere in any way with pedestrians passing along the rim or the construction of a wagon road. I believe the railroad should be out of sight from the rim, if possible.

The law officer has examined the act which granted a right of way to the Santa Fe and Grand Canyon Railroad Company, the Act of May 18, 1898 (30 Stat., 418), and informs me that it is not believed the act

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gives the Company a right to build a railroad within the National Monument without the approval of the Forest Service.

The Forest Service will be glad to take up with you at any time the matter of selecting a location for the proposed road of the Canyon Copper Company. I shall be in Washington by November 5.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Gifford Pinchot

Forester.