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Hon. Carl Hayden,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Hayden:- As I have not had any news from anybody regarding the National Park Bill I am writing you to know what progress you have made in that direction, if any. I leased some of the land I want to homestead but before doing much with it I would very much like to be reasonably certain that it will be eliminated from the Park Bill and that I will be permitted to file on it later. I have no confidence in any agreement I can make with the Forest Service since the treatment I received at the instance of the Albuquerque Office and after they found I was tied up with a lot of improvements they could easily take the same method to freeze me out as they did here. Now that I do not have use for some of my buildings here on the Reserve I am ordered to move them off or they will confiscate them. But I have no place to take them unless I can get a Homestead and this land over where I have leased is the only place I would care to attempt to make a living on. It is of no benefit as a Park and is miles from the edge of the Canyon and the Forest Officer here has recommended that it be excluded and I can see no reasonable excuse to retain it in the provisions of the bill. Section 28 and Section 33 T. 32 N. Range 2 West, G. & S. R. M. are the two in question and by reference to your maps you will see that they are a long distance from any part of the Canyon. Section 33 joins on to Mr. Lauzens Homestead on the north and contains very little valley land but is fine grazing land but 28 takes in the best portion of the farming section and is also fine for grazing. Now kindly let me know if you think it advisable for me to improve this land under the present conditions or not. With kind regards, Cordially yours,

W. W. Bass.