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Memorandum for Director Albright, covering program of investigation of national parks and monuments projects:

You have asked for a memorandum covering a program for study of proposed new national park and national monuments projects, this to be made under authority of the Interior Department appropriation act approved May 14, 1930, and from funds made available therein.

There is nothing in existing law that prescribes a definite program of procedure of inspection of such areas, nor are there instructions from the Secretary of the Interior to control. Every leeway is therefore afforded the Director in making these investigations according to his best judgment.

In the past, before such enabling legislation and funds were secured, it was the custom for the Director to consider for inspection only such projects as had been the subject of bills introduced in the Congress, and referred officially for report by either the Chairman of the Committee on Public Lands of the Senate or of the House of Representatives. It was assumed that such reference for report on the merits of such bills imposed an official obligation on the Service to make such investigations as the basis for such report, wherever they could conveniently be switched in with regular park work; several times also superintendents of national parks lying close to areas under consideration were authorized by the Director to make such investigations.

More recently special bills have passed the Congress directly imposing upon the Service the obligation of making an investigation and report, and in some instances making funds available therefor. Notable among these are the Tropic Everglades National Park project, the Apostle Islands National Park project, and the Upper Mississippi Valley National Park project.

Altogether we find 92 national park and monument projects listed in our files for investigation. I have directed that these be arranged according to

First, those on which we have specific direction of Congress for investigation and report.

Second, those for which bills have been introduced in Congress and have failed of passage, but which have been referred officially to the Service for report by the Senate and House Committees on Public Lands.

Third, those which do not include such specific legislative authority, but which the Secretary of the Interior or the Director desire looked into, and

Fourth, those others which have otherwise arisen, mainly through local pressure or interest.

Recognizing those in the first class as our first responsibility, and those under the second class as fully justified for investigation, I think our first effort should be directed toward clearing those from the list. It may be assumed that once a concise, detailed, and authoritative negative report on those that merit such action is submitted to Congress, those projects will be considered as definitely dead, without prospect of successful resurrection by their most enthusiastic local promoters. Other projects of possible merit, desired to be looked into by the Secretary or the Director, can then later be investigated with full freedom of action, unless they may be readily joined with one of the projects falling in class one or two, or unless there is special action desired in an individual case.

I am attaching a list of these various projects arranged by Mr. Brooks according to the above classifications.

Those he names in the first class are

- ✓ Grandfather Mountain National Park
- ✓ Redwood National Park in California
- ✓ Tropic Everglades National Park in Florida
- ✓ Apostle Islands National Park in Wisconsin
- ✓ Upper Mississippi Valley National Park in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois
- ✓ The Colonial National Monument in Virginia

Of Class I:

I think that of these only the Everglades, the Apostle Island, and Upper Mississippi Valley Park projects, and the Colonial National Monument project, are pressing,- the Everglades report is in course of preparation, the Apostle Islands are receiving a preliminary inspection by Collaborator Kelsey, and the Colonial National Monument is receiving special attention. This leaves only the Upper Mississippi Valley National Park project important for disposition as soon as possible, and this should be done by Special Investigator Toll, assisted by at least three collaborators, of whom Mr. Gilbert Pearson should be one, and possibly Mr. Kelsey a second.

Grandfather Mountain can be considered definitely killed, due to Director Mather's adverse report after personal investigation. It is considered definitely dead by the local promoters, whom I contacted recently while at Linville, N. C.

Of Class II:

I think the Ouachita, as far as investigation is concerned, can be considered closed. The joint adverse report of Associate Director Cammerer of the National Park Service and Chief Forester Greeley of the Forest Service, supplemented by verifying investigations of Roger Toll, and Miss Harlean James, of the American Civic Association, promises that.

Furthermore, that the Mount Baker, Mount Adams, Mount Hood, Mount Olympus, and Mount Shasta projects, definitely reported to Congressional Committees as unsuitable due to competition with Mount Rainier, the most outstanding existing single peak feature in a national park, which they would duplicate, may be eliminated. They are not pressed any more.

The others should be studied on the basis of promise of national park attractions, or pressure behind an individual bill. A very brief investigation, in my opinion, of such projects as the Texas, the Royal Gorge, and the Grand Coulee National Park projects, introduced in the present Congress, would result in their elimination, I am confident, from cursory local knowledge of conditions, and also the fact that in one or more instances bills were introduced simply for political purposes.

Of course, the outstanding project of probable merit is the Bandelier (also called Cliff Cities or Pajarito), which Collaborator Wissler is looking into and which may deserve close detailed attention by Mr. Toll. This has never had the careful study, with preparation of maps and plans, and analysis of holdings and possibilities, that the Director needs intelligently to base any initiative action on. And, in my opinion, it holds forth some real opportunities for success, if intelligently handled. Good support in New Mexico may be depended upon to counteract the efforts of the Forest Service to kill the project. Doctor Hewett, one time ~~adverse~~ to the project, has promised his support.

Concerning the investigation of the Badlands Park projects, I think we have been proceeding along wrong lines. First of all, we should have decided whether a Badlands National Park could be included in the system on scenic standards. If not, it would settle investigations of such areas as the Badlands National Monument, the Killdeer, and the Roosevelt Park project areas. If affirmative, however, a thorough survey should be made of the entire Badlands area of the West, and then that area selected which is the best exponent of its type, irrespective of locality. This procedure was followed in the case of the Great Smokies and Shenandoah areas; the entire Southern Appalachian Range was inspected by the Southern Appalachian National Park Commission, eliminating dozens of such areas as the Linville Gorge, Blowing Rock, the Nantahala Gorge, Mt. Mitchell, the Pisgah National Forest, and definitely settling upon the Great Smoky Mountains, a hitherto unknown region, as the best of its type, and the

Shenandoah National Park area as the best of its type in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Similarly, the entire Ozark region should be so treated; the entire area should be studied (as is planned) and then if acceptable for a national park, the best and most scenic should be selected. I don't think that an investigation of the Killdeer or Roosevelt areas individually will settle this point unless the entire Badlands section is studied.

To review,-

I think the reports on the Tropic Everglades National Park should be completed and made to Congress, the Apostle Islands project should be studied and reported on, and the Upper Mississippi Valley National Park project should be studied by Mr. Toll and his collaborators first of all. This will enable us to report to Congress this next winter on these pressing projects, and show that we have spent our money wisely and to advantage, and in the right direction. It will at once justify continuation of the appropriation. Then, the Bandelier Park project should be thoroughly investigated. Incidentally, a few of the minor projects, bearing on their faces the stamp of disapproval, such as the Royal Gorge, the Grand Coulee, and the Texas National Park projects, could be switched in and disposed of,- which will make a showing of a good year's work and enable the Director to proceed gradually with the elimination of the others. You have promised prominent Missourians to have the Ozarks looked into this year, if possible, and this should have precedence of those in Class III and IV.

There are one or two of the minor projects, such as the Fort Boonesboro National Monument and the McKinley Home and Homestead Monument projects, which I could look into and dispose of in a few days' time.

In this connection I believe the Secretary is very keen to have the Moapa Valley project looked into at an early date, and this and the Death Valley projects could be done immediately after those above mentioned have been disposed of.

Before concluding, I want to point out the authorization of Congress for a report on a Redwoods National Park. You know that an investigation was made by the Forest Service a number of years ago; later most of the land in question was purchased, I believe, by the Save-the-Redwoods League. Whether this is to be kept a state park under the State of California, when acquired, or a national park, will have to be the subject of careful contact work with the Save-the-Redwoods League and California State Park officials. You may want to inquire into this at an opportune moment when you are in California.

*Cammer*  
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PROPOSED PARKS AND MONUMENTS

Investigations directed by Congress:

CLASS I

*PARKS*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Act</u>
Redwood (California)	May 3, 1920.
Everglades (Monroe, Dade & Collier Counties, Florida)	March 1, 1929.
Apostle Islands (Ashland & Bayfield Counties, Wisconsin)	May 9, 1930.
Upper Mississippi Valley (Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin & Minn.)	June 14, 1930.

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Colonial (Jamestown, Yorktown, & Williamsburg, Virginia) July 3, 1930.

Legislation proposed at last Congress that passed only one House:

PARKS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Menominee (Shawano & Oconto Counties, Wisconsin)	Passed House June 9, 1930

Legislation proposed at last Congress that did not pass either House:

CLASS II

*PARKS*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Bill Introduced</u>
✓ Wilddeer Mountain (Dunn County, North Dakota)	April 15, 1929.
✓ Roosevelt (Slope, Billings, & McKenzie Counties, N. Dak.)	April 15, 1929.
✓ Royal Gorge (Fremont County, Colorado)	April 22, 1929.
✓ Texas (Jeff. Davis, Brewster, Presidio, Pecos, Culberson, and Hudspeth Counties, Texas)	June 3, 1929.
✓ Ouachita (Polk & Montgomery Counties, Arkansas)	June 4, 1929.
✓ Grand Coulee (Grand County, Washington)	Dec. 3, 1929.
✓ Homestead (Gage County, Nebraska)	May 31, 1929

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✓ Fort Boonesboro, (Madison County, Kentucky)	June 4, 1929.
✓ McKinley Home, (Buffalo, New York)	May 28, 1930.

Class II c

Legislation proposed prior to the 71st Congress, but did not pass and was not renewed at the 71st Congress:

PARKS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date introduced</u>
✓ Arizona (Maricopa County, Arizona)	{H.R.16097, April 28, 1914. S. 5585 May 14, 1914.
✓ Blue Knob (Blair County, Penna.)	{H.R.7354, February 28, 1924.
✓ Cabinet (Lincoln County, Montana)	S. 3026 January 5, 1916.
✓ Denver (Mt. Evans) Park & Clear Creek Counties, Colorado)	S. 5228 December 15, 1918.
✓ Kentucky (Kentucky, Tenn., & Virginia)	H.R.14308, February 12, 1923.
✓ Lake Tahoe (Calif. & Nevada)	{H.R.22832, April 3, 1912. H.R.11625, April 23, 1918
✓ Mount Adams (Washington)	{S. 5612, February 13, 1919. S. 1709, January 3, 1924. S. 2676, November 4, 1924.
✓ Mount Baker (Whatcom County, Washington)	{H.R.9805, January 22, 1916. S. 3775, January 22, 1916. S. 312, April 4, 1917. H.R. 6066, September 14, 1917. S. 371, May 20, 1919. S. 626, May 23, 1919. S. 20, April 12, 1921. S. 6397, June 20, 1916.
✓ Mount Hood (Oregon)	{H.R. July 15, 1911.
✓ Mount Olympus (Jefferson County, Washington)	{S. Feb. , 1912.
✓ Mount Shasta (Shasta County, Calif.)	{H.R. 22353, March 27, 1912. H.R.53, April 7, 1915.
✓ Nicolet (Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin)	{H.R. 12408, February 24, 1925. S. 1429, December 7, 1923 S. 7372, December 9, 1908. H.R. 1210 1910.
✓ Saddle Mountain (Clatsop Co., Oregon)	{H.R. 2981, April 10, 1911. S. 2186, May 9, 1911. S. 531, April 9, 1913.
✓ Sawtooth (Custer County, Idaho)	{H.R. 2925, April 17, 1913. H.R. 6799, January 4, 1916.
✓ Shepherd of the Hills (Stone & Taney Counties, Missouri)	H.R. 11477, February 27, 1928.
✓ Sierra Madre (North & east of Los Angeles, California)	H.R. 11321, February 11, 1916.
✓ Bandelier (Cliff Cities, New Mexico)	

CLASS III

Proposed parks and monuments which the Director or the Secretary desire looked into, not including any of the above.

III  
PARKS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
✓ Kings Canyon (California)	
✓ Ozark (Missouri & Arkansas)	
✓ Rainbow Bridge (Utah)	
✓ Toroweap (Arizona)	
✓ Katahdin (Maine)	
✓ Mescalero (New Mexico)	

Proposed parks and monuments which the Director or the Secretary desire looked into, not including any of the above:

MONUMENTS.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
✓ Canyon De Chelly (Arizona)	
✓ Death Valley (Inyo Co. Calif.)	
✓ Desota (Florida)	
✓ Dinosaur Canyon (Arizona)	
✓ Isle Royale (Michigan)	
✓ Johnson Canyon Hieroglyphics (Utah)	
✓ Kolob Plateau (Utah)	
✓ Moapa Valley (Nevada)	
✓ Santa Cruz Island (California)	
✓ Virgin (Arizona, Nevada & Utah)	
✓ White Sands (New Mexico)	

CLASS IV

IV  
All other proposed National Parks and Monuments not mentioned above:

PARKS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
✓ Absaroka (Montana)	
✓ Big Horn Mountain (Montana & Wyoming)	
✓ Dismal Swamp (North Carolina & Virginia)	
✓ Hocker Hammock (Florida)	
✓ Keweenaw Point (Michigan)	
✓ Mark Twain (Missouri)	
✓ Meteor Crater (Arizona)	
✓ Palo Duro (Texas)	
✓ Pikes Peak (Colorado)	
✓ Wallowa (Oregon)	

MONUMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
✓ Abo Spanish-Indian Ruins (New Mexico)	
✓ Alto Frio Canyon (Texas)	
✓ Bears Paw (Montana)	
✓ Big Bend (Texas)	
✓ Boulder Picture Writings (Oregon)	
✓ Castle Gardens (Colorado)	
✓ Comstock Lode (Virginia City, Nevada)	
✓ Davis Mountains (Texas)	
✓ Devils Garden (California)	

All other proposed national Parks and Monuments not mentioned above, (Cont'd)

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- ✓ Florissant Petrified Forest (Colorado)
- ✓ Fort Mifflin, (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)
- ✓ Gates of the Mountains, (Montana)
- ✓ Goodman Points Ruins (Colorado)
- ✓ Grand Isle (Louisiana)
- ✓ Greer Springs (Missouri)
- ✓ Grover Cleveland (New Jersey)
- ✓ Guadalupe (Texas)
- ✓ Harquavar (Arizona)
- ✓ Lost Mesa (Utah)
- ✓ McKittrick Canyon (Texas)
- ✓ Montezume Well (Arizona)
- ✓ Mystic Maze (California)
- ✓ Painted Rock (California)
- ✓ Palm Grove (Texas)
- ✓ Petrified Forest (California)
- ✓ Petrified Forest (Oregon)
- ✓ Picture Rocks (Arizona)
- ✓ Painted Canyon (California)
- ✓ Red Rock Canyon (California)
- ✓ Roosevelt Radium Hot Springs (Utah)
- ✓ Saint Croix (Maine)
- ✓ San Rafael River (Utah)
- ✓ Three Sisters (Oregon)