In response to a confidential letter from District Office #5, a reconnaissance survey was made of Weeden Island near St. Petersburg, Fla. on October 10, 1934.

This is a very interesting piece of property, but I am at a loss to understand why an area so small should be considered for National Park purposes. It would seem to me that it should more logically fall into the classification of State Parks. However, my general impressions are set down herewith in the hope that they may be of some benefit in formulating a reply to those responsible for bringing it to the attention of the National Park Service.

Referring to the accompanying map I first want to point out that it is considerably out of date, since it does not show that the area through which the loop road runs has been used in the past few years as a Moving Picture Location. The tower indicated on the map is no longer there and the pavilion has been converted to Moving Picture uses along with other buildings which have been erected.

The road is shut off from the main road by gates and a caretaker is maintained on the property. In walking over the loop road indicated on the map, one is impressed with the
heavy growth of sub-tropical plant material which occurs all along the areas marked by contour lines. These areas are shell mounds and deposits apparently of considerable historic interest, since the Smithsonian Institute has made more or less extensive excavations in parts of them.

As the land drops away from these shell formations toward the water a low lying swampy land covered with Mangrove is evident. The center of the property about where the lettering "Weedon Island" is located is also low in spots, but the vegetation is of a character that is found around Inland waters.

I was privileged to inspect some aerial photographs at the City Hall which showed this plainly to be the case. I would estimate that about half of the land under consideration is high enough to support a luxuriant growth of live oaks, palmettos and other sub-tropical material in the rankest profusion. The other half is either marshy or semi-marshy. It is an extensively interesting bit of land both botanically and historically. I think its preservation by some responsible agency would be highly desirable.

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MAP SHOWING
WEEDON ISLAND
AT ST. PETERSBURG
FLORIDA

RANGE 17 EAST.

TAMPA

CITY LIMITS.

WEEDON ISLAND

RIVIERA

BAY (PARDY'S BAYOU)

BAY

TOWNSHIIP 30 SOUTH

21ST AVE. N

GULF

OF MEXICO

LOWER PART
OF PINELLAS COUNTY
FLORIDA

RANGE 17 EAST

SCALE.