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Region Three
Santa Fe, New Mexico

February 9, 1956

Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Great Sand Dunes
From: Regional Chief, Division of Interpretation
Subject: Annual Report on Informational and Interpretive Services

Your report 8A3 has been reviewed here with interest and pleasure. It is evident that Great Sand Dunes provided excellent informational and interpretive services during 1955. As I am sure you realize, we are aware in at least a general way of your lack of funds and facilities.

We note your need for a seasonal ranger naturalist so that more personal contacts may be made and evening campfire talks scheduled. We assume you have requested that such a position be established. I hope that the needed museum which you mention in this report, and in your response of January 3 to the recent request on Status of Museum Records (D6235) will stay the course; and that the wayside exhibit which you have already planned can be provided for soon. Your improved entrance road should attract more visitors, with corresponding demand for expanding interpretive services.

In the meantime I hope you will be able to continue handling interpretation, and research collections and fact files, with such admirable and successful attention as you have been doing, along with your varied and numerous other duties and responsibilities.

We believe that you are quite right in not accepting historical and archeological materials available for donation until such time as you have both exhibit space and storage space.

Did the television program featuring the Great Sand Dunes materialize on December 26 as Mr. Dodge informs me was planned. We see no reference to it in your report 8A3.

(SIGNED)

Erik K. Reed, Regional Chief
Division of Interpretation

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