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United States Department of Interior Area History Sketch Memorandum

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

In reply refer to:
HL4

Region Three
Santa Fe, New Mexico

December 9, 1954

Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Great Sand Dunes
From: Regional Chief of Interpretation
Subject: Area History Sketch

Receipt of your manuscript of December 1 is acknowledged with pleasure. It appears to be a very competent and creditable job as well as prompt (the second area history sketch to come in from a monument; only Saguaro beat you).

The brief statement on archeology and Indians will be adequate, I think, but I'll put in some more on the Spanish period in general and the 1779 expedition of Governor Anza in particular -- and I hope you'll agree to my taking out of this report the legend about a Francisco de Torres naming the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, pp. 4-5, as it is literature rather than history.

Whenever the report, somewhat revised as indicated above, is retyped in final form for submission to Washington, I'll first send you a copy for approval.

Congratulations on getting this job turned out single-handed so rapidly -- in the spare time indicated by the summary of a monument superintendent's day which by now is famous -- quoted again recently, in the November issue of Parks & Recreation (published by the American Institute of Park Executives).

Erik Reed

Erik K. Reed, Regional
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Copy to: Director