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Honorable Horace M. Albright, Director,
 National Park Service,
 Department of Interior.

Mr. Conner
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Ponce de Leon

My dear Mr. Albright:

Thank you very much for yours of the 9th.

I will take the matter up further with the people in St. Augustine and furnish additional data to you.

Mr. Herbert Felkel, Editor of The St. Augustine Record, is Chairman of the Historical Fact Finding Committee of the City of St. Augustine, and I will send your letter to him and suggest that he furnish a statement of facts which will show justification for the recognition of the Fountain of Youth Park, where Ponce deLeon landed in 1513.

There is another place which I think should be recognized, to wit, **St. John's Bluff in Duval County, Florida**, near the mouth of the St. John's River, which was, to some extent, fortified during the War Between the States and during the Spanish-American War,

and some troops were stationed there, and near that point was old Fort Carolina, where the French landed and where the Spanish came over from St. Augustine, attacked and destroyed ^{them} it. I will get you up some details about that.

The paved highway is nearly completed. It will extend from Jacksonville down by Fort Caroline and St. John's Bluff, and then down the Coast to St. Augustine.

I hope you will keep this site in mind.

As I recall, it was the first white Protestant settlement in what is now the United States.

Very truly yours,

William W. Fletcher