

MOBILE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MOBILE, ALABAMA

January 22, 1941

Mr. A. E. Demaray, Acting Director
National Park Service
United States Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Demaray:

I enjoyed my meeting with you and the members of your staff in Washington and I am glad to have your nice letter of the 15th.

We appreciate the personal interest you are taking in our petition for a National Monument in the Spanish Fort area, and we are glad you have asked your Regional Director in Richmond, Virginia, to make a preliminary investigation of this area as soon as the available facilities will permit.

We are also glad that you have asked your Regional Director to let us know when the investigators may be expected at Mobile so that we may be sure to see them while here. It will be our pleasure to lend every assistance possible.

We cannot help but feel that we have a great deal to offer in an attractive, interesting and worthwhile location for a National Monument, and we look forward with considerable interest to an opportunity of going further into this matter with you.

With kindest regards to yourself, the Chief of your Land Planning Division, Mr. Thompson; your Historian, Mr. Lee; and your Secretary, Miss Stein.

Yours sincerely,

R. D. Hays
General Manager

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Mr. Ben Thompson, Chief
Land Planning Division
National Park Service
United States Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Mr. Geismer, the personal representative of the Governor of Alabama in Washington, asked me to remind you that he would like very much for you and your associates in the National Park Service to be the guests of the State of Alabama for a fishing trip out of Mobile on their yacht Dixie.

The trip that seems to be the most popular on this boat is to leave Mobile either in the morning or afternoon, depending on how much you like to fish, going down the Mobile Bay to the mouth, and possibly a little way into the Gulf of Mexico, anchoring inside the islands in that section for the night and returning sometime on the following day.

This is an interesting trip and covers some good fishing grounds. It seems to me that you, Mr. Demaray, and Mr. Lee, together with any of your other associates in Washington or your representatives in your Regional Office at Richmond might find it worthwhile to come to Mobile to look over the Spanish Fort project and at the same time take a two-day rest from your duties by making this fishing trip.

Think this over seriously and let me hear from you at your convenience.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

R. D. Hays
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General Manager

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Mr. Demaray
Mr. R. F. Lee
Also return with
comments, if
any. B/H

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Mr. Cammerer
In answering
this could I
mention your
prospective trip?

BHJ

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

Ben :

I think Cam plans
to travel through Mobile
in March. However I
doubt that the Spanish
Fort area has sufficient
natl. value to deserve ^{much} ~~encouragement~~
R.F. Lee

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Memorandum for Ben ~~Thompson~~, *BT*

Thanks a lot to you and Lee for thinking of me in this connection. I've made a copy of this letter, and especial note of the cordiality of the invitation. I shall write Mr. Hays a note later on, after you have written him, to follow up. You might tell him that I am planning to spend a day in Mobile specially to meet him and others in the Chamber, and am looking forward to it. I can give him a definite date from New Orleans on.

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Can Lee bring me up to date on Ft. Morgan some time the next day or two, by memorendum?

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

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ADDRESS ONLY
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

February 7, 1941.

Card
Mr. R. D. Hays,
General Manager,
Mobile Chamber of Commerce,
Mobile, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Hays:

We greatly appreciate your letter of January 22, with further reference to our recent discussion of recreational and historic places in the vicinity of Mobile Bay. I am sure there is nothing that any of us would like more than to accept your hospitality in seeing the Mobile Bay region, if opportunity should permit, and we greatly appreciate your cordial invitation.

Mr. Arno B. Cammerer, our Regional Director at Richmond, Virginia, plans to be in your vicinity in March. He expects to spend a day in Mobile, especially to meet you and other members of the Chamber of Commerce, and he will notify you in advance of his arrival, upon completion of his itinerary.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) A. E. Demaray

A. E. Demaray,
Associate Director.

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cc: Mr. Cammerer.
BRLPSC-Room 5214

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Spanish Fort

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
REGION ONE
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA



March 11, 1941.

Mr. Albert W. Gill,
Director of Conservation,
Department of Conservation,
Montgomery, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Gill:

We have been requested by our Washington Office to inform you that Associate Historical Technician Ralston B. Lattimore will be in Mobile on Tuesday, March 18, to make a preliminary investigation of the old Spanish Fort Site on Mobile Bay. Mr. Lattimore will be at the Hotel Admiral Semmes at 9:00 a.m. on the date mentioned above and will be glad to confer with you on this matter, if it meets with your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) FRED T. JOHNSTON

Fred T. Johnston,
Acting Regional Director.

cc: Washington-Supervisor of
Historic Sites
Inspector Wirsching
Mr. Appleman

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March 11, 1941.



Mr. R. D. Hays,
General Manager,
Mobile Chamber of Commerce,
Mobile, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Hays:

We have been requested by our Washington Office to inform you that Associate Historical Technician Dalston B. Lattimore will be in Mobile on Tuesday, March 18, to make a preliminary investigation of the Spanish Fort Site on Mobile Bay. If it is convenient for you to see him, Mr. Lattimore will call on you.

Sincerely yours,
(Sgd.) FRED T. JOHNSTON

Fred T. Johnston,
Acting Regional Director.

cc: Washington-Supervisor of
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Inspector Wirsching
Mr. Appleman

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March 11, 1941.

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Memorandum for Inspector Wirsching:

Associate Historical Technician Halston E. Lattimore will be in Mobile on Tuesday, March 18, to make a preliminary investigation of the Spanish Fort Site on Mobile Bay. If you could, with convenience, arrange your schedule in order to meet Mr. Lattimore on that date, we believe that you would be of considerable assistance to him. It also would be appreciated if you could arrange to have Mr. Clarence Johnson, Senior Foreman (Historian), meet Mr. Lattimore, who will be at the Hotel Admiral Semmes, Mobile, 9:00 a.m., March 18.

(Sgd.) FRED T. JOHNSTON

Fred T. Johnston,
Acting Regional Director.

~~cc: Washington-Supervisor of~~
Historic Sites
Mr. Appleman

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