St. Paul, Minn., March 3, 1926

Mr. L. W. Hill,
Mr. Ralph Budd,
Mr. W. F. Kenney.

Assistant Engineer Parker reports under date of February 27th on
the status of road improvement between Cardston and Waterton Park Boundary
as follows:

"Starting from Cardston:

Miles
0 to 1.9 - Graded - partly gravelled (portion McLeod road)
1.9 to 3.0 Gravelling first course completed.
    Levitt - 8.3
9.0 to 11.7 Graded and ready for gravel.
11.7 to 13.0 Road diversion partly graded - no gravel.
13.0 to 14.5 Graded and ready for gravel.
14.5 to 15.1 Partly graded - to be topped off and bladed for gravel.
15.1 to 17.0 Graded and ready for gravel.
    Mountain View - 16.6
17.0 to 17.3 Partly graded - to be topped off and bladed for gravel.
17.3 to 17.7 Graded - to be bladed off for gravel.
17.7 to 19.1 Graded and ready for gravel.
19.1 to 19.8 Partly graded - to be topped off and bladed for gravel.
19.8 to 25.6 Gravelling first course completed. This section also has gravel
    stock piled for maintenance, piles being about ½ mile apart and
    containing about 100 to 150 yards gravel each.
    Park Boundary Gate - 25.6.
    West end gravel pit 28.3.
    Hotel 34.0

Totals:
Road complete with first course of gravel 13.9 miles - 56%
Road graded and ready for gravel 7.5 " 30%
Road to be topped off and bladed for gravel 2.3 " 9%
Road grading not started about 1.0 " 5%
Total McLeod Jct. to Waterton Park 24.7 " 100%

Gravelling operations are still going on at the west end but
expect this outfit to move to Mountain View in the next day or so to open
up a new pit there.

The gravelling outfit on the Cardston end have stopped operations
on that end having, I understand, completed there portion of work on this
road. They are now gravelling the McLeod Road from the Waterton Road Junc-
tion near Cardston North.

I understand that the first course of gravel is to be placed
immediately on all the graded portion of the road and stock piles to be left
along the road for maintaining during the summer and the last course of
gravel is to be placed next fall."

From this it would appear that the road will be completed for the
entire distance with one course of gravel by June 15th.

A. H. Hogleland
St. Paul, Minn., March 6, 1928.

Mr. W. P. Kenney:

We have a party, from Seattle, who wishes to come via Great Northern train to some convenient point for motoring to Lake Louise (on west side of the Rocky Mountains); thence to Banff, Waterton Park, Glacier Park, and back to Seattle via the Great Northern.

Please have our Passenger Department send me a map or maps showing automobile roads for making such a trip as outlined above.

Louis W. Hill.
March 8th, 1928.

Great Northern Railway Company,
St. Paul,
Minnesota.

Attention Mr. W. R. Mills.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 27th, M-1.

We regret that the negative on subject of Mrs. George E. Vincent visiting Glacier National Park has been destroyed. This office was not informed at the time that a print was desired.

We are therefore unable to comply with your request.

Very truly yours,

Jack A. Darrock
Editorial Department

P.S. Address all communications to the company.
St. Paul, Minnesota, March 9, 1928.

Mr. L. W. Hill:

I refer to you herewith Mr. Kenney's letter of March 3, together with letter and memorandum from Mr. Noffsinger about the purchase of Lewis' Hotel.

Ralph Budd.

cc: Mr. W. P. Kenney.

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Saint Paul, March 12th, 1928.

Mr. L. W. Hill,
Mr. Ralph Budd:

In a letter we received from Mr. J. R. Emkin,
Superintendent of Glacier Park, following the convention of
Park Superintendents at San Francisco, he makes the following
comments:

"Mr. Cramton objected to going on
with the Sun Camp section of the Trans-Mountain
Road until private land holdings were eliminated
so it is off for the present. The program for
this year amounts to about $400,000. The Two
Medicine Road will be completed on high standards
to the Chalets. Contract will be let for com-
pletion of the Babb-Many Glacier. The above
roads and Blackfoot Highway will be surfaced
by oil process, the type that is now being used
successfully in California.

"The trail program went thru as per
my recommendation. We have $40,800 for construc-
tion and reconstruction this year."

W. P. Kenney
St. Paul, Minn., March 12, 1928.

Mr. Ralph Budd:

Referring to your letter of February 15, with which you sent me Mr. Maher's letter of February 14, reporting on land purchases at Glacier Park, and also blue print showing the situation:

If Mr. Maher has not already made payment for the Dunham property, think he should do so, otherwise Mr. Dunham may change his mind about the $500. figure. Think this deal for the Dunham property should be closed up, if agreement has been reached on what the dower interest of Mrs. Dunham will come to.

Louis W. Hill.
St. Paul, Minn., March 14, 1928.

Mr. Harry Hask:

Referring to your note of Feb. 20th and my reply of the 27th concerning a motion picture made of Mrs. George E. Vincent and the Taft children when they were in Glacier Park in the summer of 1911:

I took the matter up with Pathe Exchange, Inc., and attach their reply hereto. I regret, therefore, that it will not be possible for us to secure a print of this picture, which evidently was destroyed by the Pathe people. Evidently Mr. Earle forgot his promise to Mrs. Vincent when he sent in the film.

W.P. Mills

Mr. Ralph Budd:

Referring to your memorandum of March 9, and returning herewith papers which accompanied it, about Lewis' Hotel:

I have no recommendations regarding purchase of this hotel. It occurs to me we have all the hotel responsibilities and burdens at present which we should undertake. It is my opinion we are not doing too well with what we already have and, while this may be a good opportunity, nevertheless it is scattering and would not operate very economically or in close connection with our present lay-out. I think it is true that the hotel will do a big business after the highway comes over the mountain, and, of course, the time to buy would be now rather than a couple of years from now.

Louis W. Hill.
March 16, 1928.

Misses Joella Ralston,
Marie Stow,
406 Pine Street,
Lewistown, Montana.

Some time ago you wrote me inquiring for application blanks so that you might apply for work in Glacier Park.

Herewith I enclose two blanks which, when filled out, should be mailed to Mr. H. A. Noble, General Manager, Glacier Park Hotel Company, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Louis W. Hill
March 17, 1923

Mr. George B. Vincent,
President, The Rockefeller Foundation,
61 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Vincent:

Further in reference to my letter of February 28, and yours of February 14, regarding copy of moving picture film of Indians and their white visitors in the summer of 1911, when Mrs. Vincent and the Taft party made a trip through Glacier Park.

I have just received a letter from the Pathé Exchange, Inc., in New York reading:

"We regret that the negative on subject of Mrs. George B. Vincent visiting Glacier Park has been destroyed."

I regret exceedingly that our search has not been successful, as I had hoped the Pathé people could turn up the negative and make a print for you, but apparently there is not now a copy of the film in existence.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Louis W. Hill
March 20, 1928.

My dear Mr. Hill:

Mrs. Vincent and I are most grateful to you for all your trouble in trying to run down the original of that film. We are sorry to have put you to so much trouble. It would have been pleasant to have this film to recall the old days but we must now rely upon our mental motion pictures which are still far from faint.

I recall vividly that motor ride over the newly-made roads in Glacier Park with you driving about forty-five miles an hour, steering with one hand, pointing out the beauties of the scenery with the other, and occasionally expressing the hope that the section of the road we were on would not slide into the abyss as it had done two or three times recently! It was an exciting ride.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Mr. Louis W. Hill,
1127 Great Northern Railway Building,
St. Paul,
Minnesota.

GEV:BSB
Mr. H. W. Kask:

Mr. Crampton has taken an arbitrary stand in regard to private land holdings in all of the National Parks, not confining it to Glacier Park but to other Parks as well, and has held up road work in an effort to get these private holdings disposed of. The private holdings I think that he is objecting to in Glacier Park is the property held at the lower end of Lake McDonald.

C. H. Trembly 3-20-28

Mr. Ralph Budd, President.

RE: Glacier Park, Montana.
Additional Land for Park Purposes. Golf Course.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 13, transmitting copy of letter from Mr. Hill, of March 12, suggesting that the purchase of land for the golf course at Glacier Park, by Mr. Dunham, be closed, without reference to the dower interest of his wife and without reference to his divorce proceedings:

Mr. Dunham has secured his divorce, and the matter of dower interest is now eliminated; however, last summer the Commission of Internal Revenue (income tax) filed a deficiency claim against Mr. Dunham for about $440,000 back taxes. He applied to the courts, and has secured an injunction against collection of the amount, but in turn consented to an injunction against him from disposing of any of his property. He was unable, therefore, to make the conveyance to us, or even to enter into a contract permitting us to go into possession, or at least, as to the latter, he so believed.

I now understand from him that the income tax matter has been practically settled, and will be closed within a short time.

I wrote him, asking for definite information, and delayed answering your letter, hoping to hear from him almost any day.

Within the last two weeks Mr. Dunham has assured us that as soon as he is in the clear he will make the conveyance at the agreed consideration.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) JAMES T. MAHER

Right of Way, Land & Tax Commissioner.

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Copy to: Mr. L. W. Hill.

Please note.

Ralph Budd, 3/30/28.
Glacier Park, Montana, March 31, 1928.

Trail enthusiasts of Glacier National Park, and they are legion, will be interested to learn that a comprehensive trail construction and reconstruction program will be undertaken this year with an initial appropriation of $46,000 for equipment, materials and necessary engineering and labor. The program will be continued each year until all major, or Class A, trails are built to highest standards.

Glacier National Park is essentially a trail park. There are 1,000 miles of trails, 400 miles of which are classed as Class A trails. The Class A trails are as much a part of the transportation system as are the roads. They connect the hotels, chalets and tent camps and daily saddle horse parties are scheduled over them. Fully fifty per cent of trail parties using Class A trails have never been on a horse before, yet the horses are chosen so carefully that there has never been a serious accident. When it is considered that the Park Saddle Horse Company has more than 800 horses in use each year, the high class management is apparent.

The 600 miles of Class B trails consist of trails in sections of the park where there are no tourist accommodations and never will be. Camping parties and rugged hikers who carry food and shelter on their backs are the only ones who can travel these trails without great inconvenience and their use is not encouraged except by those who can take care of themselves in the wilderness. Little maintenance work is done on the Class B trails other than cutting out windfalls, which is as it should be.

Glacier National Park is the hiker's paradise. It offers trails for the tenderfoot or the outdoors specialist. The ability to take care of oneself under all conditions in the wilderness is a specialty, make no mistake about that. Besides three large hotels, there are five chalets and four tent camps connected by Class A trails more than a good day's hike apart. For the rugged hiker, the trails lead ever onward and to many it appears they also lead ever upward.

New trails to be constructed this year are, Granite Park Chalets to Flattop Mountain, which is, in fact, a continuation of the famous high line Garden Wall Trail; Glacier Basin to Sperry Glacier and a short one-day circle trip at the head of Waterton Lake. These will be Class A trails. Existing Class A trails will be rebuilt to highest standards as rapidly as the short construction season permits.

A trail to Grinnell Glacier was practically completed last year. Indications now are that the Northern Rockies will enjoy an early spring, in which event this trail will be completed before July 1st.
For your information I quote report from Assistant Engineer Parker:

"Following is present status of road improvement Waterton Park to Cardston Road.

Cardston to McLeod-Waterton Junction — 3.0 miles complete with one course gravel.

Starting from Junction:

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Total Completed 19.0 Miles

"All portions not entirely graded have outfits working and grading should all be done within the next week and graveling first course within the next two weeks with continued good weather."

A. H. Mogelane
St. Paul, Minn., June 1st, 1928

Mr. L. W. Hill,
Mr. Ralph Budd,
Mr. W. P. Kenney.

Gentlemen:-

I was at Waterton Park May 29th and 30th.

The Helps' Dormitories and Recreation Building are completed ready to occupy.

Question is now up with Mr. Noble as to placing a telephone in each dormitory with connection to the hotel office. These will be put in promptly, if Mr. Noble thinks they are required.

The kitchen extension and private dining rooms at hotel are also completed ready to occupy.

The road from Cardston to the Park is now in very good condition. The first coat of gravel for entire distance will be completed this week. Some gravel is being stock-piled at different points along the road to use in case soft places develop. I understand it is the intention to work on another light coat of gravel during latter part of season after tourist travel is mostly over.

The road outside of the Park is now much better than the road within the Park. However, Mr. Cromarty's men are working on this part of the road and I have no doubt that it will be greatly improved by time hotel opens.

The distance by the improved road from Cardston to the Hotel is 32½ miles and can very comfortably be made in an hour.

Yours truly.

[Signature]

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