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**Zion National Park
Springdale, Utah**

June 17, 1957

Memorandum

To: Director
From: Superintendent, Zion
**Subject: Report LAL, Annual Report of Officials in Charge of
Field Areas for Zion National Park and Coordinated Areas.**

The above mentioned report is submitted in duplicate
for the following areas:

- Zion National Park
- Capitol Reef National Monument
- Cedar Breaks National Monument
- Pipe Spring National Monument

**Paul R. Franke
Superintendent**

In duplicate

Enclosures

cc: Regional Director, Region Three, in duplicate, w/enclosures
Capitol Reef, w/enclosure
Cedar Breaks, "
Pipe Spring, "

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REPORT 1A1
FOR
ZION NATIONAL PARK

1. Zion National Monument added to Zion National Park
2. Boundary Status
3. Land Acquisition
4. Construction

1. Zion National Monument added to Zion National Park

On July 11, 1956 President Eisenhower signed Public Law 695, 84th Congress, which added the land contained in Zion National Monument to Zion National Park. This Act has eliminated much confusion in the mind of the public as to the distinction between the areas and will enable us to make available to the public the superb scenery and natural features of the Kolob Section of the Park.

2. Boundary Status

After considerable study and investigation by local officers and officials of the Director's Office and of the Region Three Office the Boundary Status Report for Zion National Park was revised to encompass lands needed for MISSION 66 developments and to solve protection problems of long standing. Director Wirth approved the report and immediately contacted the Utah Congressional Delegation. Public Hearings on the proposed revisions were set for June 12 in Cedar City. No opposition to the revisions developed; in fact, many representations of approval from local groups were expressed at the hearings. Presumably the way is clear for introduction of a bill in Congress authorizing the proposed changes.

3. Land Acquisition

Options were signed by the owners for three tracts of land in Zion National Park. We have obtained options from Carlos Smith on 288.36 acres; from LeRoy Larsen for 53.26 acres; and from Rulon Langston on 1,673.42 acres. The options have been approved and the land programmed for purchase in 1958 fiscal year. The purchase of the Langston property will solve many problems and remove a serious obstacle in the way of our development plans. The acquisition of the 2,015 acres will be a significant step forward in clearing out the inholdings in Zion National Park.

4. Construction

An allotment of \$32,000 MISSION 66 construction funds was made for the reconstruction of the West Rim Trail during the Fiscal Year 1957. The work will be completed by June 30 and will result in placing this important trail in condition to be used by visitors afoot and on horseback.