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Zion National Park
Springdale, Utah

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Memorandum

To: Director

From: Superintendent, Zion

Subject: Report IQAS, Annual Narrative Report of Superintendent,
Zion National Park and Coordinated Areas.

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

Zion National Park
Cedar Breaks National Monument
Pipe Spring National Monument

Frank R. Oberhansley

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Superintendent

In duplicate

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Copy to: Regional Director, Region Three, in duplicate, w/attachments
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**REPORT LOAD
FOR
ZION NATIONAL PARK
1960 Fiscal Year**

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1. Administration

Superintendent Frank R. Oberhansley was transferred to Zion to replace Paul H. Franke, who retired at the end of December, 1959.

Recruitment of qualified personnel has been difficult because of the acute shortage of housing. Operations have also been disrupted because of prolonged illness of certain employees and several retirement actions.

Administration of the Park will be greatly facilitated when the move into the new Visitor Center building is completed.

Several working committees were reactivated during the year and have contributed greatly toward management improvement, employee training and welfare, safety, and park signs.

Zion National Park was relieved of the coordinating responsibilities for Capitol Reef National Monument early in 1960. The Superintendent there will now report directly to the Region Three Office.

2. Employee Training

A Training Advisory Committee was established to assist the Superintendent and Training Officer. Training needs were partially determined through the use of a questionnaire and the program was one of specialization rather than one of a generalized nature. More attention was given toward the training of trades and crafts employees, along with appropriate subjects for other division members.

3. Accidents and Safety

One fatal accident occurred on August 5, 1959 when Kelley G. Hilton, an employee of the Utah Parks Company, fell while hiking in the Watchman area.

Regular safety meetings were held throughout the year both by the maintenance force and the safety committee.

4. **MISSION 66 Construction**

1. South Campground - Two new comfort stations were constructed under contract. One old comfort station was rehabilitated by park forces. Thirty new campsites were constructed complete with roads, pullouts, tables, fireplaces and utilities.
2. Visitor Center - The Visitor Center Building was completed by Contractor George Renie. This is one of the outstanding structures of its kind in the Service.
3. South Entrance Road - Approximately one mile of road was constructed and reconstructed. A new bridge was constructed at the Oak Creek crossing and repairs and widening accomplished at the Virgin River Bridge. A new parking area to serve the Visitor Center was also constructed by the Contractor, - The Contracting Corporation, along with repairs to the tunnel damage caused by a rockslide in 1958.

5. MISSION 66 Planning

1. Aerial topography was taken of the proposed residential-utility area at the South Entrance and a revised Master Plan sheet prepared of this area for review.
2. Reconnaissance trips were made by WOBC, Park and officials of the Regional and Director's Office in connection with road planning on the East Rim to Deer Trap Mountain and on the West Rim in the Potato Hollow vicinity and Horse Pasture Plateau.
3. Planning is also in progress for the proposed road from U. S. Highway No. 91 to Lee Pass. The State of Utah has completed an underpass structure at Taylor Creek for this road. Conservation groups are keeping an eye on this project and awaiting further developments.

6. Changes in Permanent Personnel - 1960 F.Y.

- 9-13-59 - Charles N. McCurdy, Park Naturalist, transferred from Big Bend.
- 12-31-59 - Paul H. Franke, Superintendent, Optional Retirement.
- 1- 1-60 - Francis R. Oberhansley, Superintendent, transferred from Grand Teton.
- 1-23-60 - Betsy R. Alford, Clerk-Typist, Resignation
- 2- 1-60 - William T. Krueger, Superintendent) Capitol Reef, adminis-
Grant Clark, Supervisory Park Ranger) tration transferred to
George Deway Gifford, Caretaker) Region Three Office.
- 3-20-60 - Margy J. Best, Clerk-Typist, Recruitment.
- 3-31-60 - Arden G. Schiefer, Park Ranger, Mandatory Retirement.
- 4- 9-60 - Percy J. Espevig, Supervisory Accountant, transferred to Department of the Army.
- 4-16-60 - Ward L. Excell, Operator General, transferred to Bryce Canyon.
- 4-17-60 - Harold P. Deaz, Supervisory Accountant, transferred from Grand Teton.
- 4-30-60 - Edward C. Bossler, Park Engineer, Disability Retirement.
- 5-29-60 - Joseph O. McCabe, Park Engineer, transferred from Region Three Office.

7. Boundary Adjustment

Senate Bill Number S-713 signed by the President, February 20, 1960 added approximately 3,470 acres to the Park. The addition involved boundary adjustments in the Kolob section and areas in the vicinity of Springdale and Rockville, Utah. Lands included in the new boundary will serve to protect several outstanding scenic and geological features, provide for addition to campgrounds, a ranger station, employee residences, utility buildings and will facilitate the administration of the Park.