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 United States of America
 Department of the Interior
 Bureau of Land Management
 Washington, D. C.
 To the Honorable Secretary of the Interior
 Sir:
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the application of the National Park Service for the withdrawal of certain lands in the State of California for the establishment of a National Monument.
 The National Park Service is a bureau of the Department of the Interior, and its functions are to preserve the natural objects, historic landmarks, and other objects of scientific or historic interest, and to manage the same for the benefit and enjoyment of the people.
 The lands in question are situated in the State of California, and are of great value to the National Park Service for the establishment of a National Monument.
 I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 J. M. Smith, Director