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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE


WASHINGTON

*Call made
June 18, 1975
9:05 PM*

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Jack Anderson, Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park.

DATE: Before July 1. (NOTE: You may wish to call during his going-away party today, June 18, at Yellowstone - 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. our time.)

RECOMMENDED BY: Rog Morton, Jim Cannon 

PURPOSE: To congratulate Jack Anderson upon his retirement after twenty-six years in the National Park Service.

BACKGROUND: Rog Morton has asked that you call Jack Anderson to congratulate him as he is retiring on July 1, after spending the last seven and one-half years as Superintendent of Yellowstone. (See Tab A for additional information provided by Secretary Morton.)

Jack Anderson is a legend in his own time in the Park Service, and recent health difficulties have shortened his career. Your son Jack worked under Superintendent Anderson last year in Yellowstone.

In addition to Yellowstone, Anderson has been Superintendent at Grand Teton in Wyoming, Vicksburg National Military Park in Mississippi, George Washington Carver National Monument in Missouri, and he served also here in the Washington area.

He has received two superior performance awards and the distinguished service award, which is the Department of Interior's highest individual honor. He is credited with many innovations in Park management, including new emphasis in such fields as wildlife, natural resources and visitor services.

He is a native Californian and intends to retire to Ashland, Oregon with his wife, Dusty.

- TALKING POINTS:
1. I understand that you are retiring, effective July 1, and I want to congratulate you for serving with such distinction for more than a quarter of a century.
 2. The Nation owes you a debt of gratitude because of your contributions over the years in different National Parks, such as George Washington Carver, Vicksburg, here in the Nation's Capital, Grand Teton and now in Yellowstone. You certainly merit all the awards you have received, especially the distinguished service award, which is the highest that can be given by the Department of Interior.
 3. On a personal note, I want to thank you for working with my son Jack. His experience under your leadership will remain always a high point in his development.
 4. I want to wish you the very best as you leave Federal service.

June 18, 1975

Action

Called 9:10 P.M. 6/18/75
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THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20230

June 12, 1975 .

Memorandum

To: Donald H. Rumsfeld

From: Rogers C. B. Morton



Dear Rummy:

Attached is some background information on Jack Anderson, Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park. Jack is retiring on July 1 after thirty-two years in the National Park Service and seven and one-half years as Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park.

Jack is a legend in his own time in the National Park Service and has been an outstanding example of the dedicated career public servant. Recent health difficulties have shortened his career.

Because of the President's history of involvement with the National Park Service, as well as his son Jack's work under Superintendent Anderson last year in Yellowstone, I thought that the President may want to call Jack to congratulate him on his retirement and give him best wishes. It would certainly be an extremely fitting climax to Jack's career and would mean the world to him. Let me know what the possibilities are.

Fact Sheet on the Retirement of Jack Anderson,
Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Jack K. Anderson will retire as Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park effective July 1, 1975, ending a distinguished 26 year career. A retirement party honoring Jack and his wife Dusty will be held in the Park on June 18.

* Party Schedule 6:00 p.m. Cocktails
 7:00 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner
 8:00 p.m. Program
 9:30 p.m. Conclude

* Telephone Numbers: 307/344-7307 (Home)
 307/344-7381 (Office)
 307/344-7464 (Telephone at the Party Site)

* Jack's first job with the National Park Service was at Sequoia Kings Canyon (California). He then served at Glacier National Park (Montana); George Washington Carver National Monument (Missouri); Vicksburg National Military Park (Missouri); National Capital Parks Region (Washington, D. C.); Grand Teton National Park (Wyoming) and finally Yellowstone National Park (Wyoming).

* During his career, he has received two superior performance awards, the meritorious service and distinguished service awards, the latter being the Department of the Interior's highest individual honor. He is credited with many innovations in park management, including new emphasis in such fields as wildlife, natural resources and visitor services. Jack was named "Conservationist of the Year" by Trout Unlimited in 1973. His alma mater, California Polytechnic College, named him its man of the year in 1973.

* Jack's hobbies include golfing and fly fishing. He is widely renowned as one of the finer fly fishing experts in the world and has on many occasions served as a goodwill ambassador to important Domestic and International dignitaries while plying his hobby on the streams of Yellowstone National Park.

For Immediate Release

Jim Harpster (303) 234-3095

June 3, 1975

JACK K. ANDERSON TO RETIRE AS SUPERINTENDENT
OF YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Jack K. Anderson, whose first National Park Service job was shoeing horses and mules, will retire as Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park effective July 1, 1975, ending a distinguished 26-year career with the agency.

During that span, Anderson was Superintendent at four National Park Service areas and served at two others, in addition to being Assistant to the Regional Director in the National Capital Parks Region in Washington, D.C.

Robert C. Haraden, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, will be Acting Superintendent at Yellowstone until a successor is named.

A native Californian, the strapping Anderson directed the operations of the nation's largest and the world's first national park during Yellowstone's 100th birthday year in 1972. Yellowstone that year was host to the Second World Conference on National Parks, an event that attracted several hundred park authorities from nations around the world.

As Superintendent at Yellowstone and previously at Grand Teton, Anderson became a friend and companion of many noted personalities. Among his favorites were the late Edward R. Murrow, former South Dakota Governor Joe Foss and Lowell Thomas.

The interests that Anderson will miss most, however, lie elsewhere.

"I was strolling through the Lower Geyser Basin the other day," he reflected recently after telling a friend of his impending retirement, "and I walked right by nine very young buffalo calves and their cows, and you never lose the thrill of that. There's a renewal quality about the parks that you never get over. That's what I'll miss most."

(more)

Son of a San Luis Obispo, California, railroad worker, Anderson joined the National Park Service as a seasonal ranger at Sequoia National Park in 1947 while completing studies in criminology and natural science. He attended San Jose State College and California Polytechnic College, which named him its man of the year in 1973.

Among his first duties were those of shoeing livestock, packing mules and leading work teams into back-country areas to build and maintain trails and to fight fires.

He became a Park Ranger at Sequoia in his first permanent job with the agency, then was a District Ranger at Sequoia-Kings Canyon. He was Management Assistant at Glacier National Park (Montana), became Superintendent at George Washington Carver National Monument (Missouri), was Superintendent at Vicksburg National Military Park (Missouri), then moved to the National Capital Parks Region. There he directed the studies of seven major park proposals and programs for the greater Washington area.

Anderson was Superintendent of Grand Teton National Park (Wyoming) before moving to Yellowstone in 1967.

During his career, he received two superior performance awards and single awards for meritorious service and distinguished service, the latter being the Department of the Interior's highest individual honor. He is credited with many innovations in park management, including new emphasis in such fields as wildlife, natural resources and visitor services.

Anderson was named "Conservationist of the Year" by Trout Unlimited in 1973.

He and his wife, Dusty, intend to make their retirement home at Ashland, Oregon.

RESUME

NAME: Jack K. Anderson
TITLE: Superintendent, Yellowstone
National Park

DOB: 05-24-17
POB: San Luis Obispo,
California

EDUCATION: Attended San Jose State College - 1935 to 1938
Attended California Polytechnic College - 1946 to 1948

EXPERIENCE:

10-67 to Present: Superintendent, GS-15, Yellowstone National Park,
Yellowstone, Wyoming

01-66 to 10-67 Superintendent, GS-14, Grand Teton National Park,
Moose, Wyoming

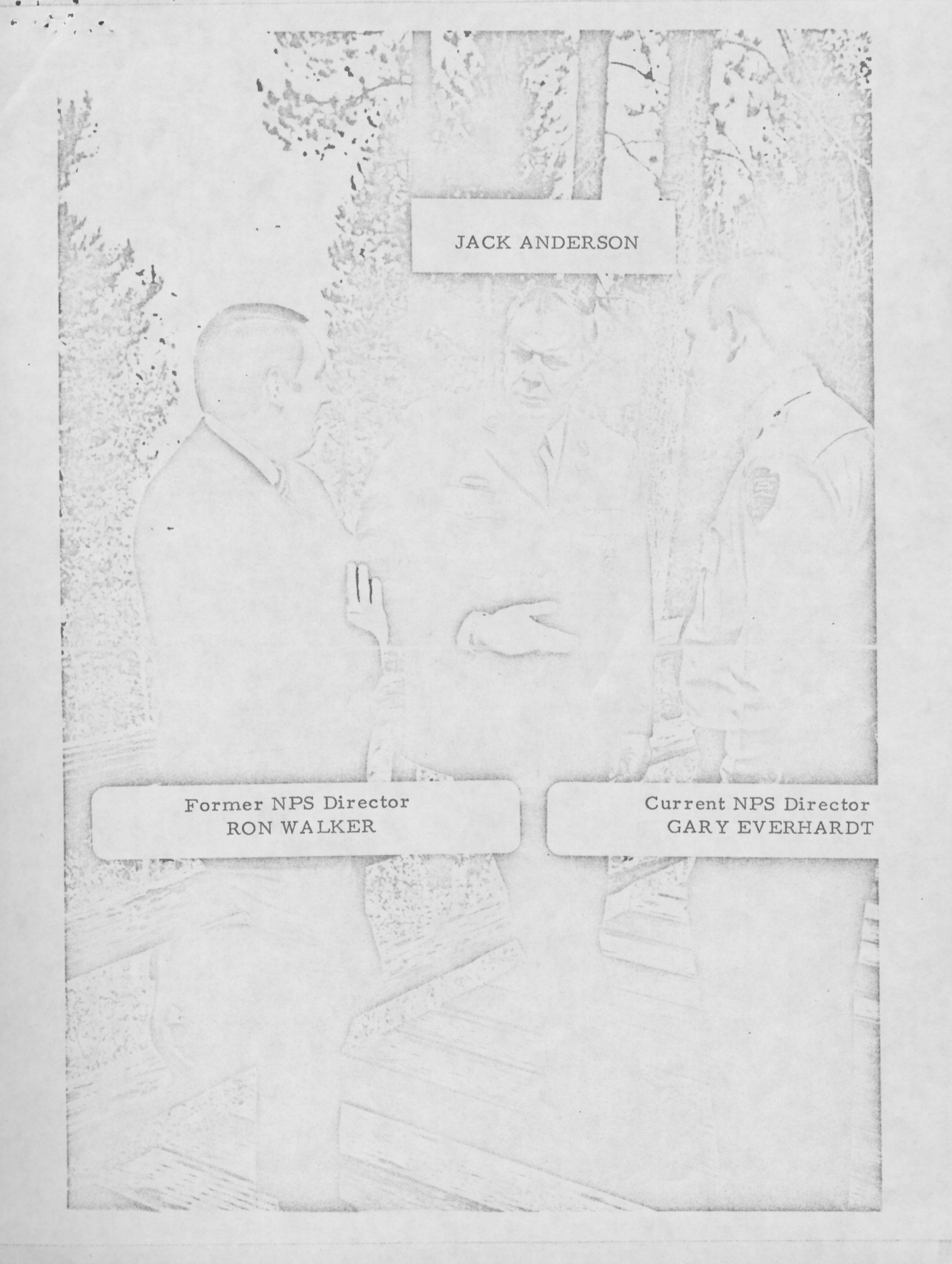
05-65 to 01-66 Special Assistant to the Regional Director, GS -14,
National Capital Parks, Washington, D.C.

02-62 to 05-65 Superintendent, GS-12 & GS-13, Vicksburg National
Military Park, Vicksburg, Mississippi

12-60 to 02-62 Superintendent, GS-11, George Washington Carver
National Monument, Diamond, Missouri

AWARDS:

Quality Increase Award - 12/72
Quality Increase Award - 01/70
Distinguished Service Award - 06/70
Meritorious Service Award - 11/65
Unit Citation Award - 05/51



JACK ANDERSON

Former NPS Director
RON WALKER

Current NPS Director
GARY EVERHARDT