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## Memorandum

To: David Barna, Chief of Communications, National Park Service  
From: Joseph F. Alston, Superintendent, Grand Canyon National Park  
Subject: The Book "Grand Canyon – A Different View"

Per our phone conversation this morning, I am forwarding under separate cover the book "Grand Canyon – A Different View," published by Canyon Ministries, which is currently available in cooperating association bookstores at Grand Canyon National Park.

I am asking that you facilitate a review of the book in terms of it's appropriateness as a sales item in a National Park.

If you have any questions about this request please contact me at (928) 638-7945 or Kate Cannon, Deputy Superintendent at (928) 638-7702.

/S/ K.Cannon for

Authenticated by:  
Deanna Prather

Joseph F. Alston

cc:

Judy Hellmich, Chief, Division of Interpretation (GRCA 8225)  
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Jeff Ruch  
Executive Director  
Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility  
2000 P Street NW, Suite 240  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ruch:

This is in response to your letter dated July 8, 2010, requesting that the National Park Service remove from sale the book "Grand Canyon, a Different View", by Tom Vail, which is currently available in bookstores operated by the Grand Canyon Association.

Because of concerns by park staff and members of the public during the last administration the Park requested a policy review of the above mentioned book from our Washington Office; this review was never received. Since a decision to remove a controversial book like this from distribution requires the concurrence of our Washington office we will once again request a policy review from them.

Therefore, we are forwarding your request to the National Park Service Office of Policy in Washington, DC for a determination on the appropriateness of this book as a sales item. If Washington concurs we would support the removal of the book.

We appreciate your ongoing interest in Grand Canyon National Park.

Sincerely,

Steve Martin  
Superintendent

cc:

Chick Fagan, Chief of Policy, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240

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