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there as to whether there has been rain or had had a drought. The year before I went the other way and they had not had this drought and the drainage with me, but when I went with the drainage against me

So the springs can drup up but I think most of them won't. I think most of the springs down there will have at least some water in them. I've often found water where I did not expect to find it. But this is a very nice walk over to there. Then the trail comes clear up to Grand View Point which is a varvellous view. This Horse-shoe Mesa is interesting and the views from there

This Temple is a beautiful thing. The view of the cross. Then I followed the trail over here to the trail. That goes to the river. Then there is a trail up Red Canyon which takes you out. I don't know which is best, this way or the other way. Both are good.

(I have a question. If you had to give a snap decision which would you do?)

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Well, let me suggest another. Here on the North Rōme is the Pleateau. You could put a fence across there for a mile and shut off maybe 5 sq. miles of land. All along here are wonderful points where you look in different directions But if you just go 10 mi. from there over this way, you come to ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Imperial Point. Point Imperial. That is so beautiful that once when I went with a bus and got there at 6 in the a.m. and saw saw the sun set out there and went to there, I said I'd like to spend the day here and they left me there and sent my lunch to me by the next bus. I just sat there to take in the view because that is marvellous.

Brom Pt. Imerpial there is a trail that goes down here into the Nankou. This goes clear to the River. Idoubt if there is anybody in 10 yrs. ever goes down ~~me~~ there. In some places the trail is nearly washed away but you could find it. It goes clear down to the river and up in here somewhere there is a natural bridge on the Red Wall that Senator Goldwater discovered. He discovered that and he wrote an aritcle about how he took a helicopter up and was able to get within a few miles of it and then walk up to it and photographed it. If you went down there you would not meet a soul. It would be very interesting country. You could get clear to the river and you could go around some of these mesas and get back if you wanted.

There were two planes that struck in mid air. One of them landed down there in one of these mesas; the remains landed there. I said I'd go over to it, but the Supt. told me I'd better not because he said they might have lawsuits over it and he did not want me to do that. That is a steep trail; interesting trail. I'd be very tempted to do that, and yet you miss the..... I tell you, if I was just making one trip for 6 days, I incline to think I'd go the North Rim instead of the South Rim and would drive to some of these points I'd drive to Point Sublime for sure either at the beginning or end but go down this regular Bright Angel trail. When I was there in '69 that trail was closed They would not allow anybody on it because they were putting a water system, carrying water from the big Roaring Springgs up here clear across to the South Rim. They had signs up it was closed and everyone was forbidden to go in it. But that was '69; I think surely it is open now and probably there would be a fewpeople walking around but nothing like the South Rim but that is one of the most beautiful things I've ever seen.