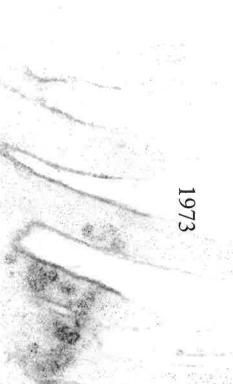
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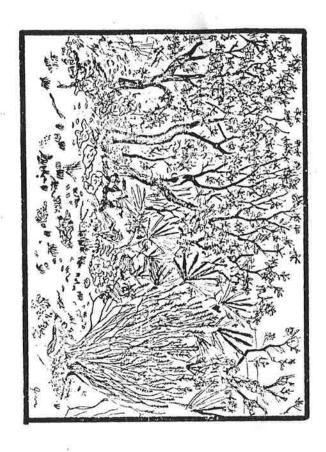
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PREFACE

and information which follows. I have concentrated most of as a qualification rather than an apology for the remarks useful to experts. Nevertheless, I consider this admission admit to being an amateur with many field observations, question. My credentials for doing this work are slight. eological and other noteworthy features of the area in before I have completed a more adequate survey of the arch-Tract impells me to submit this brief preliminary report my efforts but with limited ability to give these experiences a context the 2,100-acre Collier-Coral Ridge Tract and which constitute areas which lie mostly along the eastern reaches The urgency of imparting whatever information I can to the responsible agencies on the Collier-Coral Ridge to date on a generalized survey of the the sandtotal area.

disappearing coastal sandhill chain. amittedly-valuable coastal mangrove area and hardwood swamp people involved in the study of the region that a disproporreasonable portion of the equally-unique and rapidly tionate amount of attention is being directed toward the to the detriment of considerations toward preserving a It is my personal feeling, based on conversations with

parks. These would involve relatively small outlays in terms geologic areas and archeological sites in a series of small advocate preservation of some of the more noteworthy