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Mr. H.D. Deve Gowda
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I'm horrified to think that Nek Chand's amazing creation might face destruction. As the Chinese Government seeks funds to uncover more of the Great Warriors, the Indian Government seems blind to the extraordinary treasure that Chand has created. For many of us, the Rock Garden of Chandigarh would be the focus of a trip to India. In fact, it would seem from commercial interests a foolhardy venture to destroy such a wonder--I understand that it is the second most visited tourist attraction in the county, second only to the Taj Mahal.

I have always had concerns with the recognition of these sites. No sooner does the public hear about them than they are destroyed by curiosity seekers taking away "souvenirs," or by a suddenly awakened government that sees this genius as a blight. Please add my voice to the many who wish to see the Rock Garden of Chandigarh saved.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Bonnie Grossman" with a flourish at the end.

Bonnie Grossman

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