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Dear Bud,

The new owner of the Max Ernst House is not around now. He lives in Stockbridge MA. Here is his contact info there.

Christopher Owen Phone 413 298 5458 Fax 413 298 0101 A word of warning.

I like Christopher very much, and he is an incredible architect (he used to own IM Pei's apt. in New York!) but he does exactly what he wants to do. I have to be somewhat careful about how I deal with him as our hopes are that he will one day donate his part of Las Pozas into the Foundation. For example, I told him about your recommendations about not painting the structures and columns but much to my horror, he went right ahead and painted EVERYTHING with oil based paints. He has transformed the old house of the Ford's into a surrealist masterpiece, he totally gutted the place and installed huge circular windows and an incredibly beautifully designed interior. You might ask him to send you some copies of the photos of the place. It will surely be highlighted by some fancy magazine. So when you write you by all means mention about the painting problems in some tactful way (and suggest that he use colored concrete instead in the future), and bring up whatever other issues you want to advise him of. I can't wait until we are finally up and running, the paperwork part of all this is driving me insane! best wishes from all of us avery danziger et al >May 3, 2002 >>Avery, >>Will you please give this message to the newest owners >of parts of Las Pozas? I would like there mail address >or email address to write them about the A&E Report >finding on their property- particularly the part about >the supports to their walkway into the site. >Thanks, >Bud >>===== >N. J. Bud Goldstone, conservation engineer, >co-author, The Los Angeles Watts Towers, 1997 >published by J.Paul Getty Museum & Conservation Institute >