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Dear Mr. Hernandez:

We are a national organization concerned with the recognition and preservation of America's monumental folk art environments. We also encourage state and local recognition of the individual artists. As a clearing house for scholars and the media, we publish a newsletter that details our findings.

We were pleased to learn, through a 1980 Arizona Daily Star article, that the Garden of Gethsemane, a folk art environment in Tucson, has been made into a park that is maintained by your department. We are interested in documenting the garden and would like to include information on it in our next newsletter.

We feel that recognizing the efforts made by government agencies, organizations and individuals to save folk art environments is an important part of our work. We will therefore include information in our next newsletter on Tucson's role in preserving the garden.

We would appreciate any information you can give us and hope you will be able to answer our many questions.

- *What is the current status of the site?
- *What is the extent of the city of Tucson's participation in the management of the site?
- *How did the city become involved?
- *Is there an authority or resource person available on the site to answer questions?

Has the garden increased tourism in the city?

Has tourism at the site increased during the past four years?

*Could you estimate the percentage of increase during the last four years or the number of persons who visit the park yearly?

*Are there existing drawings, papers or documentation or a site plan of which we could obtain copies?

*Is Dolores Lucero, the widow of Felix Lucero, the garden's builder, still living?

*If so, where might we write to her?

*Are there existing photographs of the Garden of Gethsemane?

Is there a contact person in your department we can talk with?

Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Diane Williams Hlava
Editor

Seymour Rosen, Director

P.S. We know we're asking for a lot of information and that it might not be possible for your department to respond quickly to all our questions. So, I have starred the items that we need answers to by April 30. The remainder of our questions can be dealt with at your convenience since they will provide information for our archives. Thanks again.