

August 30, 1979

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Dear Bill:

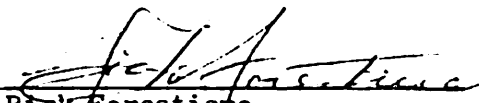
As I attempted to articulate in my letter of June 5, 1979, there exists a very serious irreconcilable difference in philosophy towards the Underground Gardens between my brother and myself. Whether economic determinism or the preservation of its cultural and historical significance is to prevail remains to be seen. The fact that they are also deemed to be of national significance also leaves him unimpressed. (See recent letter enclosed from Philip C. Fullerton, Esq.).

I am not familiar with the specific details of what kind of assistance would be most suitable - thus my attempted probe into such exploratory inquiries. Whether a National Trust Loan, a special state legislated loan or a loan from a private preservation minded benefactor is the approach is uncertain. In any event, any such loan would be subject to a buyout of my brother's interest. It would be with a repayment obligation on my part. I envision such a repayment schedule over a long period of time on some sort of percentage of annual receipts. Such obligation and repayment schedule would be incumbent also upon my survivors. I am attempting to be as specific as I know how - as per your telephone request today.

Of this I am certain - a compatible likemindedness is prerequisite to the survival and preservation of the Gardens. The absence of such sympathetic sensitivity is the basic underlying threat in the current ownership.

I am at a loss of what more to suggest or as to more specifics of the mechanics of such matters.

Sincerely,

  
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