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Dear Jane,

Thanks for you letter and the material you sent. We are glad you will be visiting Los Angeles this month.

Besides a short trip.....I will be attending the anniversary of Art Beal's (Der Tinkerpaw of Nitt Witt Ridge) birthday in Cambria the weekend of June 24 - 25. The site is near San Luis Obispo and Hearst Castle, 4 hours north of Los Angeles, on Highway 1.....I will be in Los Angeles the rest of the time. You and your sister might like to visit the ridge.

I keep no regular hours but I am generally in the office everyday. We promise to give you a tour of our offices and grounds.

In response to your request for someone who could do restoration - I talked with the people from the Kohler Foundation and their suggestions are good ones. There are just a few people who have any experience in this kind of restoration so you will probably get the same names from KGAA and from SPACES. If you do visit the Towers - one of the guides (Arloa) is married to the man in charge of restoration techniques for the Towers - Bud Goldstone. He is not be the person doing the actual work but might be able to give you some technical information. The Towers are now open on Saturdays from approximately 10.00 to dusk - see enclosed.

Governmental grants for restoration are generally given only to properties that have some state or federal acknowledgement as an historical property. So check to see if the site has a historic designation or call or write the Iowa SHPO to see if your site can qualify.

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I enjoyed reading the article on the grotto - welcome to the world of being misquoted.

My best,


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