

May 26, 1977

Joe Giannini
535 Kern St.
Morro Bay, California 93442

Dear Joe,

I was so pleased back in February when you offered to contribute to our Art Beal Foundation fund-raiser. As you will recall, in fact, I invited you aboard our whale-watching boat, and you declined, saying you'd help us instead with a check.

Well, Joe, the entire weekend benefit activities to save and restore Nitwit Ridge brought us just over \$2,000.00. And we now report happily that all the back taxes are paid except for \$125.00! So, we need to pay those taxes, and we need to pay back a \$900.00 loan which we received in 1975 to help us make the out of court settlement to get Art's land back to him.

We have set up in the Art Beal Foundation bylaws Associate Memberships, which are awarded to persons or organizations contributing \$100.00 or more towards the preservation and restoration of Nitwit Ridge. We have four Associate Members to date: Kit Walling; Dr. and Mrs. Linus Pauling; recording star Danny O'Keefe; and Mrs. Katherine Allen of Los Angeles.

Soon, we'll be ordering stationery for the Foundation; Associate Members will be listed at the top of the stationery. Also, though Associate Members will not have voting power, they will be privy to complete financial records and be called upon for support and advice as we get more seriously involved in the expensive and delicate restoration period. Really, Joe, a hell of a lot of work needs to be done up there to insure that Art's castle is solid and weatherproof.

This unique landmark, to our mind, Joe, needs to live on as a symbol of the good man can create in a society of excesses; particularly in this time when we are witnessing our rural county become ever more urban and developed.

Thank you for your continuing interest, Joe. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

John FitzRandolph Vicki Leon
CO-FOUNDERS, ART BEAL FOUNDATION, INC.