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Ms. Margo McDonald  
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Dear Ms. McDonald:

I enjoyed speaking with you this morning regarding the Art Beal Foundation. The Foundation was established in 1977 as a charitable and educational non-profit corporation. Its stated primary purpose is the preservation, restoration and protection of the state historical landmark known as Nitt Witt Ridge, built over a period of approximately 40 years by Arthur Beal. Mr. Beal died in 1992 at the age of 96, having lived at Nitt Witt Ridge into his 95<sup>th</sup> year.

The Art Beal Foundation has been contacting various community, educational and governmental agencies to seek input, assistance and support to find the best community-benefit use for the property. To this end, the Foundation would like to invite the participation of Cal Poly senior students interested in preservation, architecture and landscape architecture. Current needs for the property include a complete site plan that would document and map structures and grounds, and a catalog of indigenous and exotic plant materials on the property. A plan for restoration of the existing structures is also a goal we hope to realize in the near future.

At this time Nitt Witt Ridge is completely fenced in order to restrict access to the public. Some areas are unsafe for visitors. The Foundation is acquiring a liability insurance policy for one million dollars.

We would appreciate your consideration of this information as pertains to your students at Cal Poly. Enclosed is a prospectus, written in 1983 for your perusal. I would be happy to give you a tour of the Ridge, along with any students who may express some interest in the project. You can contact me at 927-4551. I will be out of town from Aug. 5 - 22. If I do not hear from you prior to Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>, I will contact you when I return. Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Appel  
Art Beal Foundation