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Mr. Seymour Rosen, Director
SPACES
1804 North Van Ness
Los Angeles, CA 90028

Dear Seymour:

Aaron and I have edited your suggested text for a plaque for Old Trapper's Lodge. Following is our version:

OLD TRAPPER'S LODGE

OLD TRAPPER'S LODGE IS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S REMARKABLE TWENTIETH CENTURY FOLK ART ENVIRONMENTS. IT REPRESENTS THE LIFE WORK OF JOHN EHN (1897 - 1981), A SELF-TAUGHT ARTIST WHO WISHED TO PASS ON A SENSE OF THE OLD WEST, DERIVED FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCES, MYTHS, AND TALL TALES. FROM 1941 TO 1979, USING HIS FAMILY AS MODELS, AND INCORPORATING MEMORABILIA, THE "OLD TRAPPER" FOLLOWED HIS DREAMS AND VISIONS TO CREATE THE LODGE AND ITS "BOOT HILL".

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COOPERATION WITH SPACES - Saving & Preserving Arts +
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Upon receipt of your approval of the revised wording, sponsoring organization(s), dedication date, and shipping instructions, we will be glad to order the plaque.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandra J. Elder".

Sandra J. Elder
Acting Executive Secretary

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