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Dear Sir or Madame:

We are a national non-profit organization devoted to the documentation and protection of folk art environments. We define folk art environments as large-scale architectural structures built by determined, self-taught individuals, generally during their middle age. While the Valley of the Moon is itself unique, there are many sites around the United States where individuals have built folk art environments. The Watts Towers are among the most famous of these environments.

Enclosed is a time line on George Phar Legler and the Valley of the Moon, to give you an idea of the kind of research we do. We compiled this time line from various newspaper articles and materials written by your Association. If you could please take a moment or two, and review this time line and comment on it, we would be grateful.

In the course of our research, several questions have arisen, concerning George Phar Legler and the Valley of the Moon. Could you please answer the following? We understand Life magazine featured an article on the Valley of the Moon, as did other journals. Do you know the specific dates and names of the magazines featuring these articles? We would love to have an update on the Association's activities since 1982, as well as an update on the current condition of the site. Does the Association still care for Mr. Legler's papers and books? Has Mr. Legler died, and if so, when?

The most recent article we have is dated 1982 (see Bibliography for complete list), which the Arizona State Parks Preservation Section sent us. If any others have appeared, could you please send us copies? Since the only images we have of the site are xerox copies, black and white prints are especially desired.

We hope these questions do not overwhelm you. We will be grateful for any help you can give us. Any information you send will only be used in accordance with your wishes. Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Director

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