

February 18, 1987

Mr. Gene Autry, President
Autry Foundation
5858 Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90028

Dear Mr. Autry:

SPACES is a nonprofit arts organization based in Los Angeles and concerned with the identification, documentation and preservation of U.S. folk/art environments, the most famous of which is Simon Rodia's Watts Towers. SPACES seeks recognition for the sites and for the artists while they are still alive. We feel our activities might be of some interest to the Autry Foundation, because these artists embody an American spirit of ingenuity and individuality, and their creations are wild and wonderful places on the American landscape.

A vital part of our programs is the publication of our national newsletter, entitled *SPACES, Notes on America's Folk/Art Environments*. The newsletter, which is published three times a year, is the only one of its kind—the only source of substantive and useful information in the field. The newsletter publicizes events, informs, transmits SPACES's research and honors those in the field. It is nationally distributed to SPACES's members, universities, museums and libraries, and to interested individuals.

This is our first application to the Autry Foundation. We understand there is no specific format to apply for a grant. We wish to request \$4,000 to help fund one year of the newsletter (three issues). A budget, a copy of our IRS form, some further information about SPACES and past copies of our newsletter are enclosed. If you would like additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Seymour Rosen
Director