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Mr. Seymour Rosen
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Dear Mr. Rosen:

Thank you for your letter of September 23, 1988, concerning the sale of the Garden of Eden in Lucas, Kansas, that was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on April 28, 1977. We regret the delay in responding.

There are currently no Federal funds available from the Department of the Interior for the purchase of private historic properties.

Federal law does not prohibit owners of private property listed in the National Register from maintaining, managing or disposing of their property as they choose provided that no Federal assistance is involved. Often, however, there are State or local laws or ordinances that restrict or control the use or development of historic properties. We recommend that you contact Mr. Ramon S. Powers, the Kansas State Historic Preservation Officer, to inquire whether any such State or local laws or ordinances exist that would help to protect the Garden of Eden. Mr. Powers's address is: Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society, 120 West 10th Street, Topeka, Kansas 66612; telephone, 913-296-3251. Mr. Powers may also be able to advise you regarding other possible sources of funding for the acquisition of the property.

If we can provide further information or assistance, please let us know. We appreciate your interest in this property and in the historic preservation programs of the National Park Service.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
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