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July 23, 1981

Mr. Seymour Rosen
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Dear Mr. Rosen:

Your letter of June 22 to Rebecca Kushner was referred to me. I am sending you information regarding our program and its activities. I am placing your name on our mailing list to receive the Florida Folklife News, we will announce your project in our October-November issue.

We at the Florida Folklife Program are happy to hear of your efforts to document and preserve folk arts environments in the United States. There are two environments in Florida that I can name off-hand that you should know about: Coral Castle in Homestead (postcard enclosed) and the home of Stanley Papio in Key Largo. Coral Castle is a remarkable environment carved out of coral rock by a "folk engineer," it is open to the public as a tourist site and is privately owned at present. The owners might be very interested in the help you can give them to place Coral Castle on the National Register. Stanley Papio is a welder by trade and a folk sculptor by avocation. His house/shop is located on the one road to Key West...there is a big sign announcing "Stanley's Museum of Folk Art" as you pass by. He creates wonderful, whimsical characters out of junk metal and has placed these figures throughout his yard. The yard is surrounded by a "fence" made of old bedsprings. Stanley is usually at home and will take you on a tour and explain the origin of each character.

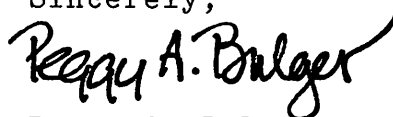
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If you or your associates come to Florida, I hope you will get a chance to stop by our offices, located on the Suwannee River in rural north Florida. Our Secretary of State, George Firestone, is extremely interested in the promotion and encouragement of artists of all kinds and he is pleased at your efforts to promote the folk arts. Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peggy A. Bulger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Peggy A. Bulger
Folklife Programs Administrator

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cc: Phillip A. Werndli
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