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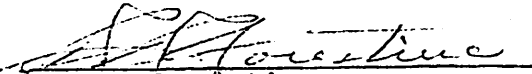
Dear Sirs:

In my most recent dispute (6-2-79) with my brother, co-owner of record of the Underground Gardens property, he fiercely contended that the property must be "liquidated" and sold as "commercial property". The contention that the historic aesthetic interest prevail over commercial interests was futile. The dispute is now in the early stages of litigation.

His legal efforts for dissolution of the leasehold, appraisal and partitioning of the property and its sale will no doubt end up in the Superior Court in Fresno County. The preservation of the Forestiere Underground Gardens has not always been easy.

A possible solution to the problem might be a buy-out of his interest by either the National Trust or the State Historic Office for resale to ourselves with a perpetual irrevocable agreement to preserve and maintain the Forestiere Underground Gardens. I would like to explore such a prospect with either or both of you. I would like to discuss the ramifications, terms, conditions, repayment schedule etc., etc. inherent in such a proposal. The urgency of this matter is becoming more and more crucial for the survival of the Gardens. Please advise.

Sincerely,

  
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