



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

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Dear Mrs. Gherardi:

Mrs. Mondale asked me to thank you for your recent letter regarding the preservation of Grandma Prisbrey's bottle village. She is happy to hear that a group has been formed to save the village and she wishes you much success in this endeavor.

Although Mrs. Mondale has no immediate plans to visit California, she will keep your invitation on hand as she has wanted to visit Grandma Prisbrey's village since she learned of it a few years ago.

I suggest that you contact the following people at the National Endowment for the Arts: Tom Freudenheim, Director of the Museum Program; Jim Melchert, Director of the Visual Arts Program; Bess Hawes, Director of the Folk Arts Program; Brian O'Doherty, Director of Media Arts. The address for NEA is: 2401 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506. Perhaps you might also contact the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 740 Jackson Place, Washington, D.C. 20500.

Fred Smith's "Concrete Park", which you mentioned in your letter, was, I believe, saved by a local private corporation that purchased the land and donated it to the county park service (with certain stipulations regarding maintenance). You may want to write to Ruth Kohler, Director of the John Michael Kohler Arts Center for more information on the steps involved in saving Fred Smith's park. The address: 608 New York Avenue, Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081.

Please give my best regards to Donal Lambert. I'm sure he will make a positive contribution to your project. My best wishes to you in this endeavor -- please keep our office apprised of your progress.

Sincerely

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