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Dear Ms. Bigelow:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 12, and for the information which you sent us. What you have accomplished is wonderful. We are opening a file for the Kaleva Historical Museum ("Bottle House"). Any xeroxed information that would give us a better understanding of the history of the site would be greatly appreciated. Then others can be inspired and guided by your example. Can you give us a sense of the kinds of historic materials housed in the Museum? Could you xerox us a copy of the official document submitted to the state for inclusion in the Michigan Register of Historic Sites? Also, can you let us know the year and circumstances of the "Bottle House" being listed on the Register? This Michigan site has the potential of National Register status; have you already considered it? Seven folk art environments (see page 3 of the enclosed newsletter) have already made the National Register.

SPACES is engaged in an ongoing national identification program of this kind of environment/architecture. Do you know of any other similar sites (see enclosed definition of "folk art environments")? Again, thank you very much for the information, and for responding to these further requests. We are pleased to have begun a correspondence with you.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Director

  
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Director

Enclosures