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Dear Mr. Christensen:

Thanks for your quick reply to my letter about the National Register nomination of the John J. Makinen Bottle House.

You might in fact know the following but...here are a few things not in the nomination form, that I would like to share with you. The Register already has a major piece of assemblage listed - Simon Rodia's Watts Towers, 1977. There are a bunch of other bottle things around, I found a "bottle church" in Oregon. If you need more examples, please let me know.

As you know our next newsletter will highlight Michigan. I would like to include a story on the Kaleva Bottle House and your nomination. By that time, it will hopefully have its new status. Can you supply us with a clear, reproducible vertical photograph for the article? Might you or the agency be able to supply a story? By the way we have been sending our newsletters to the agency since 1982, they might be in a musty drawer. I'll send one to you, directly this time

Also we would **really** appreciate copies of any newspaper articles like those listed in the Bibliographical References you mentioned in the nomination. We are also interested in information from the WPA material on the State of Michigan if in fact it has some information on the bottle house. Lastly, we have not heard of..... Lancaster, Clay. Architectural Follies in America or Hammer, Sawtooth & Nail. Rutland, VT: Charles E. Tuttle Co., 1960....what does the book contain?

Any donation to SPACES archive is tax deductible...does state need a write off?

Thanks for the help, it is a great nomination, good luck with the project!

My best,

Seymour Rosen
Director