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Seymour Rosen
Saving and Preserving Arts and Cultural Environments
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Dear Seymour,

I received your swell letter, and am trying to come up with some answers.

I really believe that the folk art from the Ruby Black estate will put up for sale. It is my intention to advertise the estate, and try to sell it lock, stock, and barrel. However, if there should be enough interest in the folk art to warrant selling it separately, I will consider it. I just haven't been able to stir up enough interest locally, so feel I will have to go nationwide and further if I can.

The estate has been cleaned and is showable, as best we can without ready water available. Every room has been gone through, sorted and cleaned. It was grueling, tiring work. The theatre looks much nicer.

In selling the folk art, I would prefer selling all together, and not breaking up the collection. The folk art on display at the museum here is very good, and shows how nice they can be shown.

Mrs. Wynona Kenyon identified and wrote a description of each doll as we removed them. All of those in the doll theatre seemed to be in very good condition.

I have also been able to recover a few arms, legs, and heads that were being carved for illustrative purposes.

I would be willing to meet with you again. Also we would need to return the doll that we loaned you. You are most welcome to look at all the collection, and can do so by making an appointment with Mrs. Wynona Kenyon of the Mojave River Valley Museum Association, P.O.Box 1282, Barstow, Calif. 92311. Her home telephone is (714) 257-3553, her address is 217 East Elizabeth, Barstow, Calif. 92311. She presently is still working awfully hard on the Harvey House, which may be settled soon.

Sincerely Yours,
Delores Griffin
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