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Dear Rick;

Thank you for copies of the National Register proposal. I never knew the gardens were so extensive. The public should be shown a map of the gardens when they enter. They will be overwhelmed.

We had a meeting with Knox Mellon and I mentioned your trouble with the property tax. He said he would look into it and try to help. It might be wise for you to follow through and write or call him.

I share your frustration with that preservation article from the Fresno Bee. After you have been interviewed a number of times and have been misquoted, you will realize that reporters or newspapers aren't very thorough.

When my book comes out (a month?), I'm sure the Bee will carry a story about the gardens.

Keep up the fight and please keep me informed. If you need letters of support, let me know.

My best to Lorraine.

Yours.