

January 31, 1983

Mr. David Brose  
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Colorado Council on the Arts and  
Humanities  
770 Pennsylvania St.  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Brose,

SPACES is a national, non-profit organization working for the documentation and preservation of a unique art form which we call "folk art environments". While our newsletter (enclosed) focuses on Californian environments, we estimate that there are over 200 examples of this genre in the United States.

We recently received a call from Irene Clurman of the "Rocky Mountain News", telling us about a site outside of Denver--an abandoned store decorated with murals and assemblage, which she says is currently threatened with destruction. If you know anything about this site, we'd very much like to hear more. If it falls into our area of concern, we would want to assist in preservation attempts by contacting any influential organizations or individuals which you might suggest to us. Since a major aspect of our work is documentation, we'd also very much like to have any concrete information about the site--especially photos. Our archives are used as the basis for national scholarship and preservation.

Our files on Colorado show that we're familiar with only one site in your state--Gibello's caves in Julesberg. We have a copy of a nomination form sent to the National Register in March '77 suggesting that the site be added to the Nat. Reg. list. We don't have any photos, however, or any of the local materials regarding the site. If you're familiar with that site and have any current information, we'd be delighted to hear about it.

Thanks for any assistance you can give us in our attempts to preserve and document folk art environments.

Sincerely,

Seymour Rosen  
Director