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Seymour Rosen SPACES 1804 North Van Ness Los Angeles, CA 90028

Dear Seymour:

It was a real pleasure to talk with you Monday and learn that SPACES is still active. Enclosed is a copy of the National Register nomination for Ave Maria Grotto, which was listed on 19 January 1984, several selected photos, an article I wrote for the state preservation newsletter, and some pamphlets from the Grotto. There are two contact monks at the Grotto: Br. Augustine Campion, who is director of Grotto operations, and Br. Lawrence Bouchea, the brother with whom I worked while preparing the nomination. The National Register coordinator for Alabama is Ellen Mertins (Alabama Historical Commission, 725 Monroe St., Montgomery, AL 36130). Carol Dubie of the National Register staff in D.C. reviews Alabama nominations and was of great assistance in this project. (She is also a past president of the Society for Commercial Archeology.)

If you will be coming to Alabama in the fall, I would be delighted to take you to the Grotto and have you visit in Hunts-ville. I would also like to invite you to give a slide program on folk art environments for the Historic Huntsville Foundation. The Foundation is the local architectural preservation organization and sponsors a program series each year. I believe we could get some good publicity for SPACES in the local press if you came. The Foundation could pay you a small honorarium, dinner, and a night's lodging. If you would consider such an arrangement, we can work out the details later.

Keep up the good work and let me know if I can provide any assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

Linda Bayer

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