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27 February 1986

Emanuele N. Damonte
442 Zamora Drive
So. San Francisco, CA 94080

Dear Mr. Damonte,

Enclosed is a copy of the text we are proposing for the plaque which is being given by the State of California for Hubcap Ranch.

Please look over these two versions and see if they are accurate and say what you feel is important and possible to say in about 70 words. Make any changes or suggestions you wish. Please realize that the California Office of Historic Preservation will make the final decision about the wording of the plaque.

Thank you for your help. We are happy to be involved in honoring your father's extraordinary environment.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Gibbs
Assistant/Consultant
SPACES

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sent to
Emanuele N. Damonte

PLAQUE FOR LITTO--2/27/86

HUBCAP RANCH

Emanuele "Litto" Damonte began collecting hubcaps in 1942. By 1981 over 2,000 hubcaps and carefully arranged license plates, bottles, and pull-tops decorated his site, now called Hubcap Ranch. During a period of 20 years "Litto" built over two hundred birdhouses which also decorate this site. All around Hubcap Ranch are constructions and arrangements which proclaim that "Litto, The Pope Valley Hubcap King" was here and made this place one of America's exceptional folk art environments.

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version #2

During a period of ³⁰~~20~~ years, Emanuele "Litto" Damonte (1892 - 1985) built over 200 birdhouses, and with the help of his neighbors, collected more than 2,000 hubcaps. All around Hubcap Ranch are constructions and arrangements of hubcaps, bottles and pulltops which proclaim that "Litto, The Pope Valley Hubcap King" was here and made this place one of America's exceptional folk art environments.

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