- (5) contrary will result in an appeal. agreement" (eliminating the Cost of Living to family) is enforceable and irrevocable and the decision to the I believe the "established oral
- 6) pledges. opportunity to fulfill his public same time to provide him with an Judicial Review period; and at the the public during the protracted keep this Historic Landmark open to The thrust of the October 15, 1986 letter on the opposite page is to



UNDERGROUND GARDENS **FORESTIERE**

HERE, BENEATH, THE HOT, ARID SURFACE OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY, BALDASARE FORESTIERE (1879-1946) BEGAN IN THE EARLY 1902S TO SCUPT A FANTASTIC RETREAT, EXCAVATING INE HARDPAN BY HAND, HE CREATED A UNIQUE COMPLEX OF UNDERGROUND ROOMS, PASSAGES AND GARDENS WHITE RAMBLE HARD UNDENG HOUSENG HAVE A TENANCE PARCEL. HIS WORK IS BEING PRESERVED AS A LIVING MONUMENT TO A CREATIVE AND INDIVIDUALISTIC SPIRIT UNBOUNDED BY CONVENTIONALITY.

CALIFORNIA REGISTERED HISTORICAL LANDMARK NO. 916

PLAQUE PLACED BY THE SIATE DEPARTMENT. OF PARKS AND RECREATION. CODERATION WITH THE RICK FORESTIERE FAMILY, OCIOBER 12, 1979.



GARBENS

50,71 W. Shum Avenue, fresna, California 93,711

October 15, 1986

Joseph C. Forestiere 1152 F. Paul Fresno, CA 93710

RF: Cardens Care & Management

irreconcilable differences, prevent any possible kind of joint-venture, co-partnership or joint-management of our uncle's Underground Home and Gardens. As you are aware, just such an attempt (1969-71) failed miserably. It is regrettable that past breaches of faith, coupled with

conditions you have expected of me to date-- notwithstanding the fact that two-juries found we had an oral agreement with our father, which you have repudiated. Your care and management responsibilities will be immediate, subject to our signatures memorializing such an arrangement. Hopefully, you can fulfill your public pledges to the news media of opening "more areas" and "more often" for "more hours" with "more promotion". Therefore, during the Judicial Review period, you are invited to assume sole management and care of this historic property which was entrusted to us exclusively for preservation purposes. You may have such personal responsibility under similar

I fervently expect that you will continue to treat the artform and memory of our uncle reverently and not permit either
to fall into disrepair or disrepute; and that you will
faithfully continue the preservation and restoration efforts
Lorraine and I have volunteered to date-- bringing wider
recognition and appreciation of the genius unique to this
artistic and aesthetic environment.

Sincerely,

281E-512 (SOZ)



CHARLES TINGEY ASSOCIATES, INC.

1310 East Shaw Avenue - Fresno, California 937107 (209) 221-1271

July 13, 1982

Mr. Joe Forestiere Forestiere Underground Gardens 5021 W. Shaw Avenue Fresno, California 93711

> Re: The Potential Sale of the Underground Gardens to our Client

Dear Joe:

As discussed a couple of weeks back, we have a client who is potentially interested in acquiring the Underground Gardens. Such an acquision would be based on an outright purchase and leasing back the area that is currently being utilized for the Underground Gardens to you. Our client is Payless Cashways, who is looking to buy and build a building supplies and retail sales outlet. Should a transaction be finalized, we would expect a six percent (6%) sales commission and/or a five percent (5%) leasing commission. As this transaction is in its early stages, we would appreciate your cooperation and confidentiality until the final details have been worked out on this. They are currently scrutinizing two or three alternative sites in the same area, so we are uncertain as to the exact timing of this deal.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES TINGEY ASSOCIATES

Stewart D. Randall, Jr

SDR/jp/Ti

cc: Mr. Wally Quinlisk Mr. Allen McCutchen NEWS RELEASE-CURRENT STATUS

RE: Termination of Forestiere Underground Gardens Lease

Release Date: on/after 11-5-86 Authorized By: Rick Forestiere

- (1) The normal OFF-SFASON tours from 10am to 4pm will be temporarily discontinued until further notice. However, a 1-pm Courtsey-tour will be provided weekends only (weather permitting) to honor prior commitments and to accommodate other interested visitors.
- (2) Although the Gardens have been entrusted to us for preservation and restoration purposes, commercial and economic interests are attempting to subvert that pledge.
- (3) In spite of the letter on the back page, I am confident sincere interest in the preservation of the integrity of this State Historical Landmark and National Register Site will transcend any commercial and economic interest.
- (4) I believe the forced termination of the Gardens Lease is contrary to the recent jury's factual findings. Both the original and the re-trial juries found there was an oral agreement modifying the Gardens Lease. Nevertheless, this time the Court allowed the oral agreement to be revoked.