October 3, 1977

Capidro
(California Folk Art Thematic Nomination)
Menlo Park, CA

Capidro in Menlo Park, California, has been submitted for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. As you are an owner of record for property located within the area proposed for nomination, we are notifying you of this potential designation.

Placement on the National Register affords a property the prestige and honor of inclusion in the nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation; provides a degree of protection from arbitrary destruction or isolation resulting from federally financed or licensed undertakings; and allows an owner of registered property to apply for federal grants on a matching basis for preservation or restoration.

Section 2124 of the federal Tax Reform Act of 1976 provides a number of incentives for preservation of historic properties. In addition, recent California legislation has created special building codes to facilitate the restoration of historic structures listed in an official register. Other benefits involve federally guaranteed loans for the rehabilitation of residential properties listed in the National Register. There are no restrictions placed upon a private property owner with regard to normal use, maintenance, or sale of a property listed in the National Register; however, proposals to demolish registered properties may require a standard review in compliance with local ordinances or the California Environmental Quality Act. In addition, certain provisions of the Tax Reform Act relate directly to the demolition and replacement of structures listed in the National Register.

The application is being processed by our staff and will be submitted to the State Historical Resources Commission for review at its next meeting scheduled for 9:30 am, Nov. 3, 1977, in Basement Hearing Room, 1120 N St, Sacramento CA. We have enclosed relevant information on the National Register of Historic Places program and Section 2124 of the Tax Reform Act of 1976.

If you wish to provide this office with any comments regarding the proposed nomination or the significance of the property, we would appreciate receiving them at least one week prior to the date of the Commission meeting.

Sincerely,

Dr. Knox Mellon
State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures