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Mr. Roy Feuchter
Resource Staff Officer
Inyo National Forest
207 West South St.
Bishop, Calif.

Dear Mr. Feuchter:

I wish to thank you and Mr. Radel for your recent courtesy in hearing my request regarding Dr. F. F. Wolff's stone building in Tuttle Creek Canyon.

To summarize this request in writing, may I say that we--Dr. Wolff and associates, including myself--wish to turn over the above property in entirety to the Forest Service. It was our resolution to do so even before being notified of the termination of the lease, as can be attested by Mr. Ben Casad of the Lone Pine Station.

Our sole concern is that this edifice, which required twenty years to build, not be utterly destroyed before our eyes.

It is not our intention to attempt in any way to appeal the decision of the Forest Service in terminating our lease, and we do not protest such decision. We know you can do what you will with our lodge building. Our decision has been, and is, to appeal to your humanitarian sensibilities, hoping also that this well-built structure can be seen as an asset, rather than as a liability, to the Wilderness Area.

To this end I personally give my word that I and my family will keep the building clean and free from any and all trash and unsightliness which may accumulate through any cause, and that we will do this at least twice a year but probably more often. In addition, our entire group of friends agrees to remove any and all wooden and other loose material which may now be found on the site, as directed by Mr. Ben Casad, who has expressed the opinion that if this were done, the stone building itself might be allowed to remain.

I realize that any decision to refrain from destroying this building may involve higher echelons. May I hope that you will be moved to present our plea in its best light, for which we will be very, very grateful.

Sincerely,

Paul Perella