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Dear Dr. Chamberlin:

SPACES is now eight years old and thriving; still working to preserve the folk art environments of California and the United States. Seven sites are now listed on the National Register of Historic Places and many more have been recognized with state landmark status. We appreciate your involvement with Desert View Tower and co-sponsorship of the plaque commemorating its nomination as California Registered Historical Landmark No. 939.

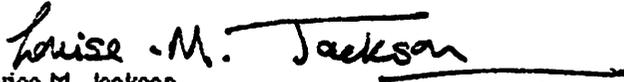
Our library, archives and files are growing considerably and we are making a concerted effort to fill in any gaps we may have regarding the history of the movement as well as individual sites and their makers.

The information we have about the Towers comes from: Peter Odens book, Desert Tower Country: The Desert Edge; a short article in the October 1974 issue of Sunset Magazine; a fold out postcard with information and photographs, published by the Towers, as well as a Map of Imperial County. The only other photographs that we know of are in the book: In Celebration of Ourselves.

Do you have any other information about the construction of Desert View Tower and its history or any other information about the lives of Bert Vaughn and W.T. Ratcliffe? One of our sources states that Vaughn was Mayor of San Diego at one point -- do you have any information regarding this aspect of his life -- or with regard to his early pioneering real estate activities? We would like to get copies of Vaughn and Ratcliffe's death certificates for our files, but do not know where they were buried. Do you have this information? Also, can you suggest anyone else who might have information concerning the Tower.

Thankyou for your continued support for Desert View Tower. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely:


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