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Dear Sir:

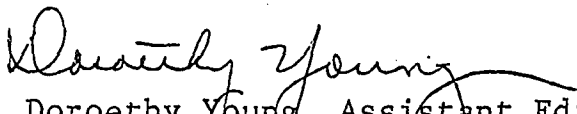
It has come to our attention that the Parks and Services branch in Lone Pine, California has once again a plan to dynamite a religiously oriented building in the mountains near Lone Pine. This building was a non-denominational 'Ashrama' building in the early 1930's. It was completed to the present stage (relatively unfinished) in the 1950's. Since that time, of course, the Wilderness Area Act has come into effect, and this is why there is a problem at this time.

A few years ago there was a signed agreement made that this dynamiting would not be done. On the practical level, it would be extremely difficult to remove the tons of rock debris. It is built of rock and thus blends in beautifully with the surrounding area and thus is not an eyesore or even noticeable at all. It is accessible by path.

In preparation are a complete history of this monument, a request that it might become classified as a historical monument, pictures, and a list of names of people and organizations who have interest in the status of this problem.

Please respond to this letter so that we might know the status of the situation from your end. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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cc: Parks & Services  
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