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June 16, 1964

Mr. James Carr  
 Undersecretary  
 Department of the Interior  
 National Park Service  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Carr:

We have in Orange County an historical cemetery in which some of Southern California's most powerful and influential founding fathers are buried. Famous and Distinguished family names such as Yorba, Dominguez and Kraemer have indeed had great affect, not only on our community, but on our great State of California.

Today the cemetery is in a shambles. It is not only being used as a dumping ground for beer and liquor bottles, but recently many incidents of destroying or theft of headstones have been reported.

We, of course, are interested in restoring the cemetery and protecting the dignity of this sanctuary.

A possible solution may be to apply for Federal aid, or to petition for this cemetery to become a National Monument. Would you please send to me information relative to the procedures for these Federal applications, the type of grant you feel this cemetery is qualified to receive, and any other program the Federal Government may have that could assist our endeavors to restore and maintain this revered area. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*William J. Phillips*  
 WILLIAM J. PHILLIPS  
 Chairman  
 Board of Supervisors  
 County of Orange

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Dear Mr. Phillips:

This is in reply to your recent letter requesting Federal assistance for the cemetery in Orange County, California.

We certainly understand and sympathize with your desire to have this local cemetery restored and maintained, but the National Park Service of this Department has neither the funds nor the authority to aid in such purposes. All funds made available to the executive agencies of the Federal Government must be used for the specific purpose which they are appropriated by the Congress--in this case for the national monuments and memorials administered by the Park Service.

We also regret that it does not appear feasible to include this cemetery in the National Park System. To be eligible for inclusion in the System, a site or monument should be of national significance in commemorating and illustrating the history of the United States. Only a limited number of such outstanding sites and monuments representing various phases of our history are administered by the National Park Service.

There are, of course, thousands of sites, buildings, and monuments in the country which have played a prominent role in our history and are important to the state or community in which they are located. Because of this large number, it is impracticable for the Federal Government to acquire and administer all of them. Generally speaking, cemeteries such as the one you describe are normally owned and maintained by the respective community concerned. In the circumstances, we trust that the county will find it possible to restore and maintain this cemetery which could be a valuable community asset.

We regret that we cannot be more encouraging in this matter. We do appreciate your letter, however, and are glad to know of your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) John A. Carver, Jr.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior

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