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Red Hook, N.Y. 12571

April 21, 1975

Helen Z. Battistoni, Ltd.  
25 South Broadway  
Red Hook, New York 12571

Att: Jane Knobloch

Dear Ms. Knobloch:

Recent facts have come to light pointing out that there is in Red Hook a structure which could conceivably be one of the oldest buildings in the area. Located on the corner of North Broadway and Cherry Street, well within village limits, this building, if purchased and preserved, could be an asset and credit to the entire community, not to mention the history and American heritage it could provide for future generations of both the citizens of Red Hook and visitors from all parts of the nation.

Ancient maps refer to it as Elmendorph Inn. Therefore, a committee of concerned citizens in Red Hook has been formed with the purpose of purchasing and restoring the building. Known as, "Friends of Elmendorph", and working with the Bicentennial Committee, efforts are now being made for the procurement of funds for this project.

At this time, Friends of Elmendorph would like to make the present owners of the building aware of our interest and purpose. We thank you for any consideration shown in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Joseph Zalenski  
for  
FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH:  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Barrett  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Coons  
Mrs. B. Eggert  
Mr. & Mrs. T. Frija  
Mr. & Mrs. H. Gorgens  
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