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Mrs. J. O. Chiapella
 5025 Russell Drive
 Paradise, California

Dear Mrs. Chiapella:

We have been asked by Secretary Udall to reply to your letter of July 3 to him in which you express deep concern over saving a fine stand of valley oaks in Chico from destruction in connection with the construction of a proposed freeway. You ask for any help we might give to prevent the sacrifice of this grove.

It seems the most effective help you could obtain might come from sources relatively near you such as the Director of the California Division of Beaches and Parks in Sacramento or the Sierra Club, Mills Tower, San Francisco. We are also sending copies of your letter and of this reply to our Regional Director, Region Four, 120 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco, who may have suggestions. If so, he may write you direct or ask us to pass them on to you.

Since it appears that city-owned lands and the activities of the California Highway Department are involved, the most we can do is to suggest you approach these organizations who might be vitally interested and who are in a position actively to intercede in the matter.

Thank you for your letter, and your kind remarks on the problem of preserving the historic area at Sacramento.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) E. T. SCOYEN

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Director

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