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(Punta de Pinos)

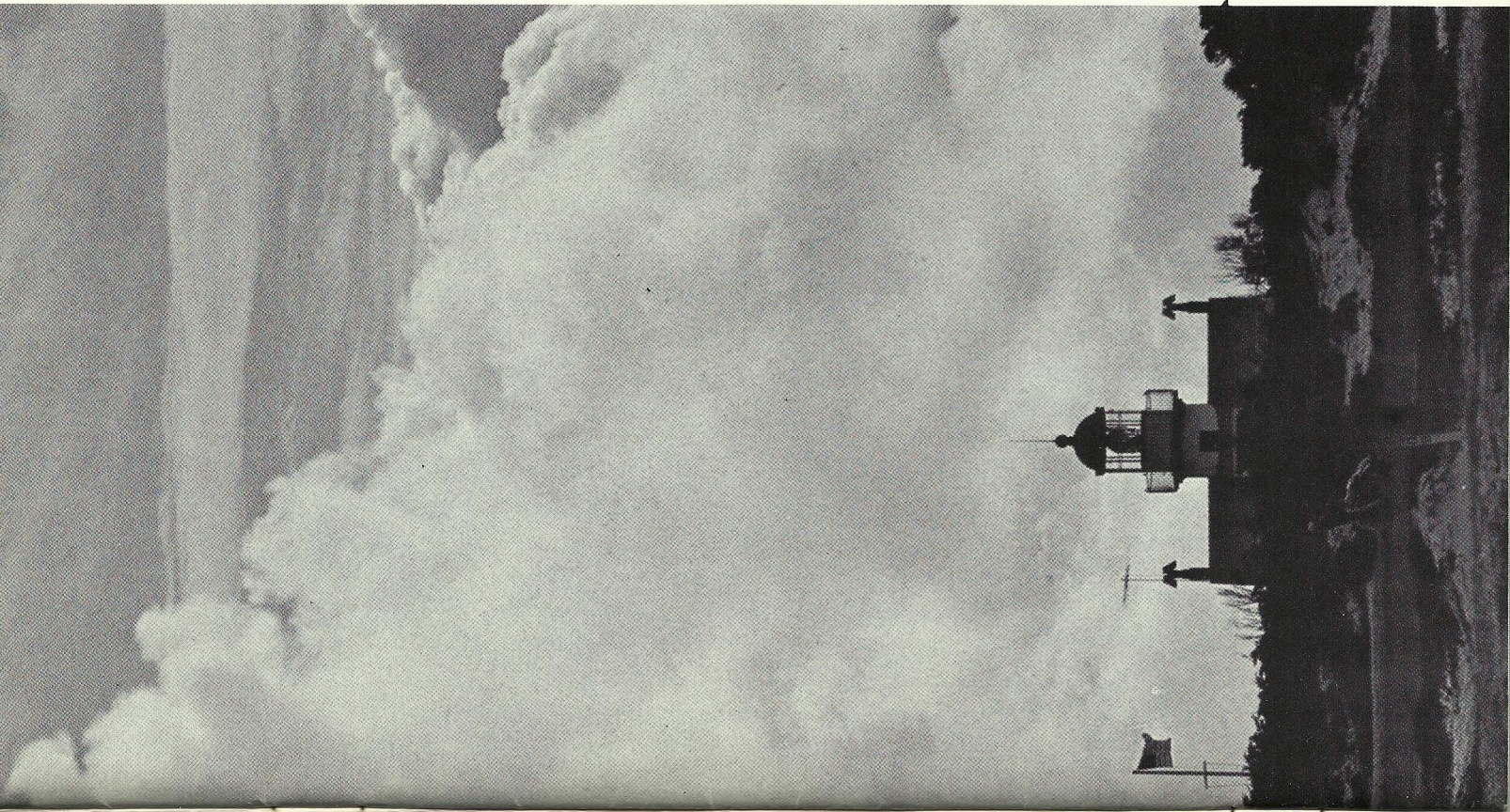
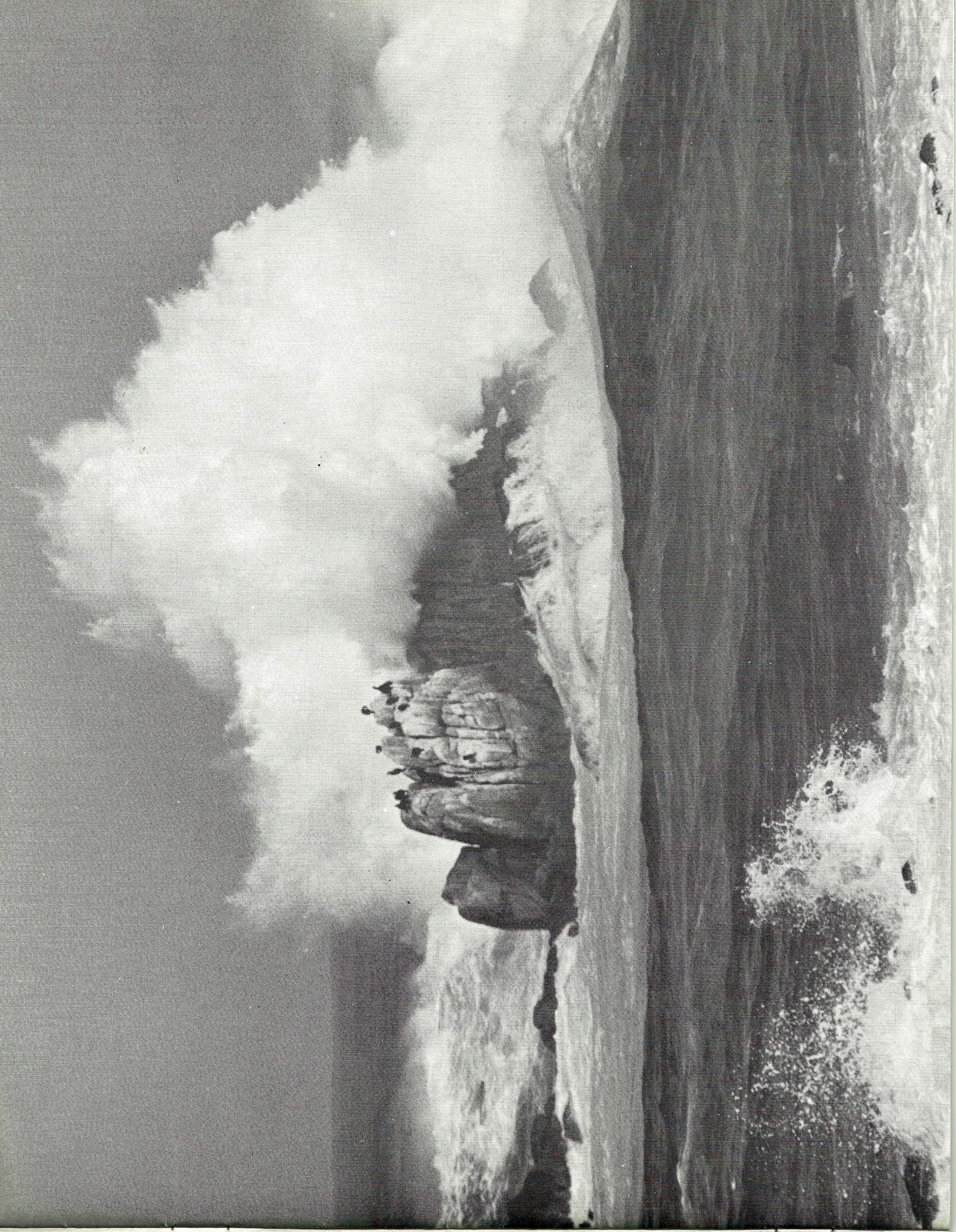


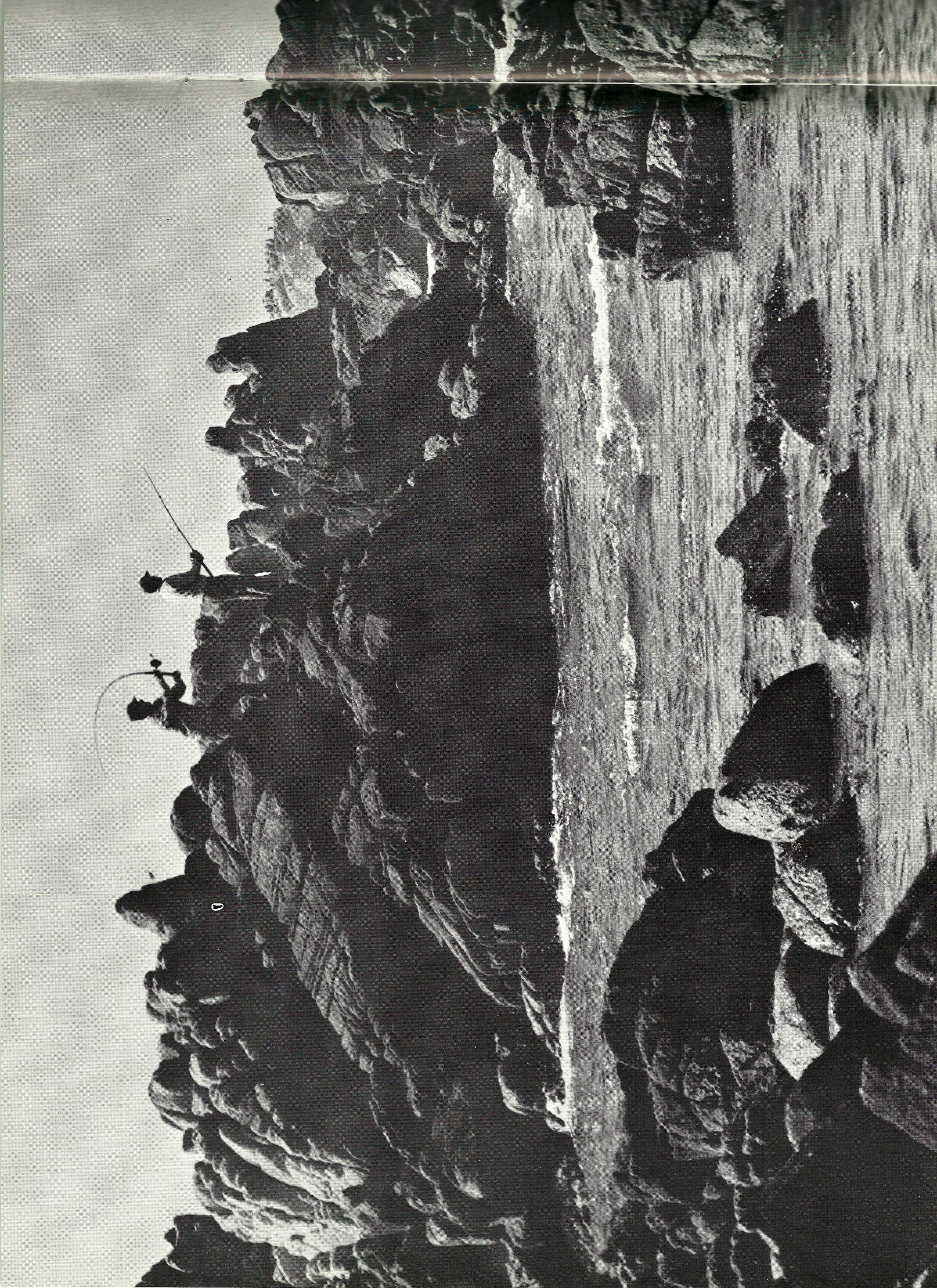
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The Proposal

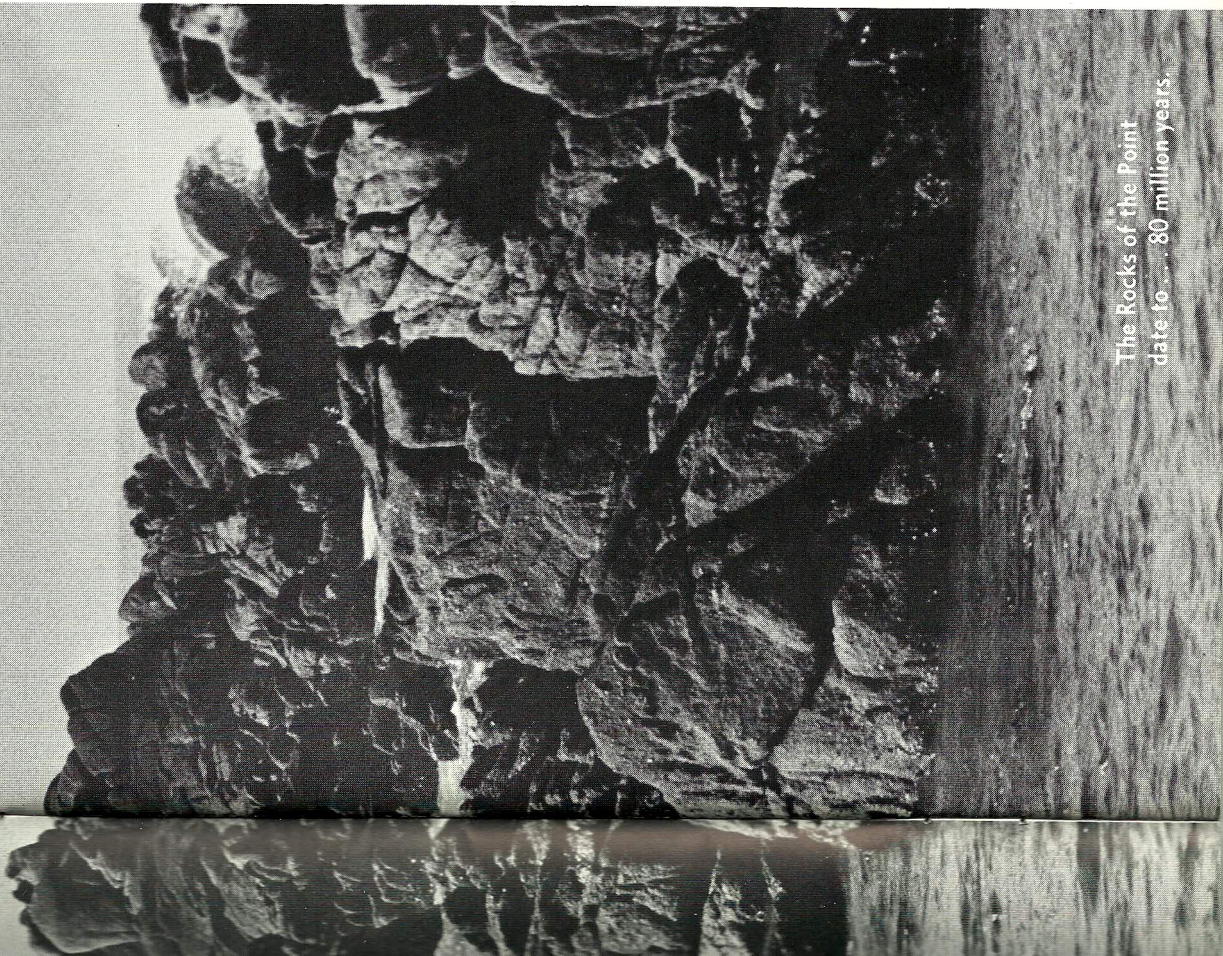
In line with the President's emphasis on the need for preserving natural beauty, the City of Pacific Grove desires to accept its share of this great responsibility by preserving as open space the Point Pinos Lighthouse Reservation.

Faced with imminent urban expansion it becomes the duty of those in positions of responsibility to consider the future and to provide for the best use of thus far undeveloped lands. Because the Monterey Peninsula is blessed with climate and natural features which point to a marked population growth, concern must be given for the protection of irreplaceable scenic trusts.

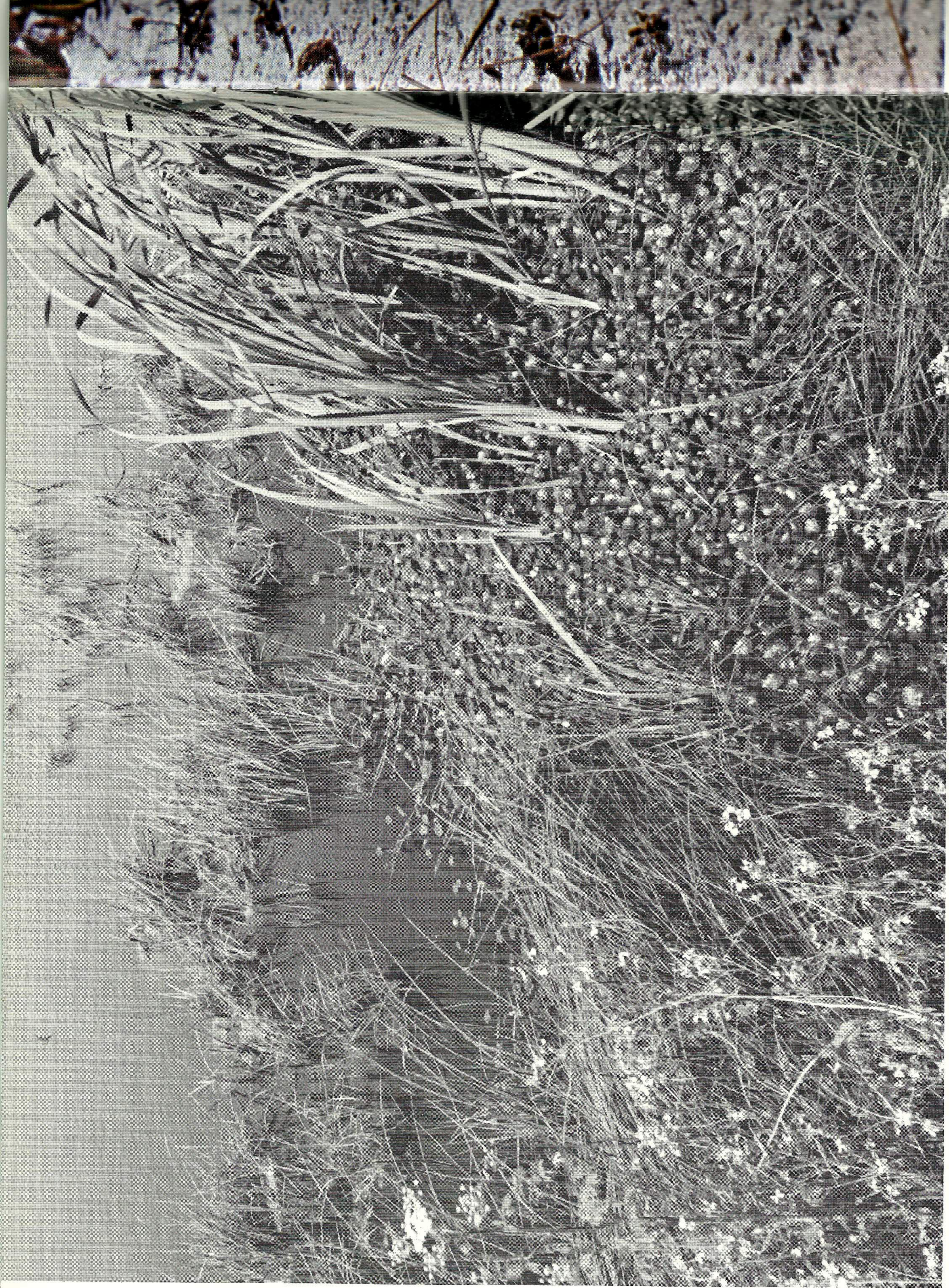
The City of Pacific Grove in its desire to preserve the historic Lighthouse and the matchless scenic beauty of Point Pinos seeks the following:

1. Authority to police the area, enforcing certain local ordinances for the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources.
2. Acquire through lease or gift the Lighthouse itself for a United States Coast Guard Museum maintained and administered by and at the expense of the City of Pacific Grove.
3. Title to all or part of the Lighthouse Reservation when it is no longer necessary for use in "Aid to Navigation."

The City would solicit restrictions on a Legislative grant to guarantee the integrity of the land and buildings forever.



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Godwits and
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are shown.

The Light

The Lighthouse Reservation is located on the northernmost tip of the Monterey Peninsula. Its history marks the beginning of California. At the time when man was seeking to add a measure of safety to navigation of the seas, when his technology was still in comparative infancy, this point of land marking the entrance to Monterey Bay was a decided hazard to the mariner. A great stride in the direction of safety was the erection of the stone lighthouse.

Shortly after California became a State, Congress appropriated funds for six lighthouses on the coast. One of these was at Point Pinos. It was built of granite quarried from the site; its beacon has shone since September 28, 1855. The building and the lenses and prisms of the light are all original.

As technical knowledge developed, so changes were made. At first a sperm oil lamp and a shutter, moved by a falling weight mechanism, rotated around the light, causing it to blink its identifying signal. Later kerosene was used, and in 1915 electricity was installed. Today, the lighthouse shines a beam of 50,000 candlepower and is visible from 15 miles at sea.

But technology has caught up with lighthouses as we have known them. It is now possible to provide an automated light of greater intensity at less cost. It is logical that this new development will replace the present facility. But the structure is a prime historical artifact worthy of planned preservation.

Why Preservation of Point Pinos?

In the fleeting moments that man has away from the hustle of everyday life, an enrichment can be obtained by seeking out some wild, beautiful spot and there reassessing his values. He can then return refreshed to the problems of his work. He might wish to view the booming surf, the bird and mammal life, or some of the great rarities of the plant kingdom which re-seed themselves in their ever-decreasing circle of existence. **Erysimum Menziesii**, Men-



zies' wallflower, is one of these treasures. It lives only in the dunes of the Monterey Peninsula and one other reported location. Jewel-like, the rich butter-yellow blooms are enclosed in a setting of jade green leaves. **Lupinus Tidestromii**, Tidestrom's Lupine, is even more closely confined. Its life range is limited to the dunes of the Monterey Peninsula and in particular to the Point Pinos Lighthouse Reservation. It can be classed as one of the world's rarest lupines. Like most of the other dune flora, it spreads itself closely to the sand and flourishes on the protected side of the dunes out of reach of devastating winds.

The rocks of the Point have a geologic history dated to 80 million years. This weathered granite and the deposits of lesser age are overlain by dunes of clean white sand which form the habitat for the rare and vanishing



Sea Otters frolic a few yards off shore.

flora of the reservation. It is an exciting area of many esthetic moods. Sir Francis Drake passed this way, and near this site may have made the proclamation naming the land "New Albion." However, much controversy exists as to his landing place. It was Sebastian Viscaino who in 1602 gave the headland the name "Point of Pines," because of the prominence of these trees.

The point has always been wild. Elk once wallowed in a natural sump named Crespi Pond for one of the Spanish Fathers who recorded it in his journals. Deer graze to this day throughout the Reservation. Sea otters frolic a few yards offshore in less turbulent waters, and migratory birds of many species are to be found. The extinct California Grizzly Bear once meandered along the oceanside, terrifying the local aboriginal inhabitants. Man has viewed

the splash of the waves for 1,000 years. But the campfire sites in the dunes and the remains of the shellfish which he ate are all that is left of the original Indian habitations.

The Lighthouse Reservation Under the City of Pacific Grove

Population pressures have made obsolete the thoughts of setting aside the Reservation as an open recreational resource without controls. It is also a foregone conclusion that some moderate improvements will be necessary such as parking, picnic, and restroom facilities. These would be landscaped with the native vegetation of the Reservation and the remaining acreage would be preserved in its natural condition. Projected use by the City might provide some walking trails where interesting features could be marked with inconspicuous trail signs.

The City's present golf course use will actually serve to protect the vanishing dune flora. Through the conscientious placement of greens, hummocks of native vegetation and dunes remain relatively undisturbed. Large numbers of golfers seeking the recreational attributes of the Point remain for the most part on the fairways and greens, visiting "the rough" only to retrieve lost balls. We cannot think of a more compatible recreational use for an area which would otherwise be trampled by substantial numbers of people and the relic plant species exterminated.

Collection of Marine Specimens

The City would propose limitation on the number of marine animals being taken by individuals and organized student groups. The City recognizes and wishes to further educational activities. It provides for legitimate scientific collecting within its own marine gardens. It questions, however, if 40 bucketfuls of collected specimens (which will be ultimately thrown away) will present participating students more knowledge than field lectures conducted on the spot with abundant, unharmed animals alive in their own habitats.

The fame of the Point Pinos tide pools is worldwide. The press of collection activity from groups originating up to 200 miles distant is beginning to deplete certain marine forms. On a single day as many as 6 busloads of children and youths from college age on down may be found taking specimens from the Point. Collection by numbers of this proportion can mean disaster to the intertidal fauna. The informed instructor rigidly controls student collecting. Many of them believe that the student learns more with a notebook and sketch pad than with a collection bucket. This is the educational activity which the City wishes to further.

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On the other hand, it has been demonstrated that recreational fishing with hook and line does not reduce the fish population beyond an easily recoverable level. The City would not propose a limitation on this fine sport other than to support the regulations of the California Department of Fish and Game.

Police Protection

Recent weekend counts of automobiles entering the Lighthouse Reservation are entered in the enclosed table. The occupants of these vehicles would be on the route for the sole reason of recreation or appreciation of esthetics even if only for the length of time it takes to drive the eight-tenths miles of roadway. An unknown portion of these individuals made greater use of the Reservation. Some parked their cars to enjoy the view of booming surf. Others beachcombed or otherwise enjoyed the tide pools and looked for shells. Some fished, others donned skin diving gear. The City of Pacific Grove's fine police force is in a position to see that the above worthwhile experiences are not prevented by the few who would seek to molest the participants.

Weekend Automobile Counts

Date	Number of Autos
October 29, 1965 — November 1st, 1965	6,785
March 5-6 1966 - - - - -	2,219
March 12-13, 1966 - - - - -	1,825
May 28-30, 1966 - - - - -	10,873

Law Enforcement Considerations—The Police and Fire Departments of the City of Pacific Grove are in close proximity to the Lighthouse Reservation. They could logically render the appropriate service in the least amount of time. This includes emergency first aid.

Present Protection Problems—Presently public use of the Lighthouse Reservation presents numerous difficulties for law enforcement and public protection. The Point has no planned parking facilities. Several hundred cars stop here daily. Use is made of any available spot and no regular police supervision exists.

Restroom facilities consist of one old and obsolete building located in a wooded area. Replacement of these facilities to a better controlled area would eliminate the reports that these restrooms are frequented by morals offenders.

Illegal digging for Indian artifacts is even now eroding away some embankments and litter is accumulating. Overnight use by transients in and out of house trailers and unregulated sales of merchandise are invitations to illegal activity.

Present Handling of Accidents, Drownings, Fires, etc.— At

present emergency services are handled by three separate agencies located in various areas of the Monterey Peninsula.

Criminal investigation is under the jurisdiction of the County Sheriff's office whose office is approximately 6 miles distant. The time needed to answer a call would depend upon the location of a sheriff's patrol car which may be anywhere along a 150 mile route.

Traffic accidents occurring at the Point are handled by the State Highway Patrol, whose office is 20 miles distant. Emergency aid must wait until an ambulance arrives from a neighboring community.

Marine Rescue Patrol

The City of Pacific Grove, recognizing the great need for rescue service along the shoreline of the Monterey Peninsula, has formed a Marine Patrol. The members of this organization have all undergone extensive training in water safety and life saving. The City has also purchased a hyperbaric recompression chamber in the event that depth accidents occur.

Because the surf can be as hazardous as it is beautiful, even experienced skin divers can get into trouble. Many of the divers come several hundred miles to participate in this sport. They are likely to endanger themselves, taking unnecessary chances when the water is unsafe. The swift currents of Point Pinos require considerable diving skill, and must be considered hazardous during much of the year. But the need for the rescue service can arise from many situations, from a person being stranded by the tide on offshore rocks, to a boating accident. In all such instances, the patrol cooperates fully with the United States Coast Guard.

The Pacific Grove Marine Rescue Patrol has a membership of approximately twenty trained volunteer divers under the supervision of a paid city policeman. They patrol within the city limits watching for illegal spear-fishing and boating and diving mishaps. The rescue truck is equipped with everything necessary to perform a water rescue. Like the efforts of other safety officers, their warnings have prevented many serious accidents.

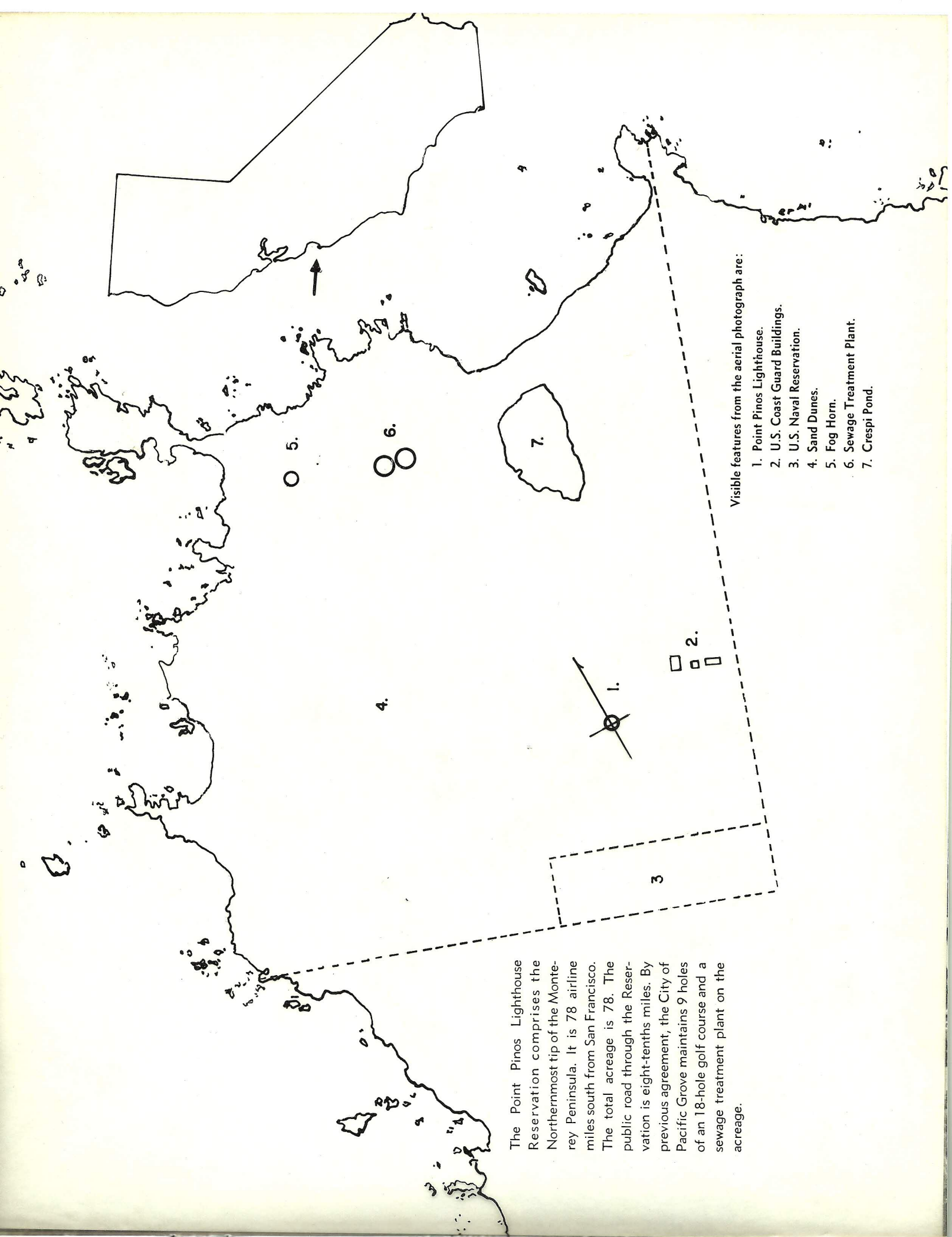
While routine patrol is confined to the city limits, emergency calls are answered to any county area on a 24-hour basis. This service is provided without cost by the City of Pacific Grove.

The City of Pacific Grove

The City of Pacific Grove is a community of 14,500 people. It maintains more park acreage per capita than any other community in California. It is world famous for its gardened waterfront and its butterfly trees, where the Monarch Butterfly overwinters. This community of homes pledges to preserve the lighthouse structure as one of the most important historical artifacts of California and the Lighthouse Reservation as open space for the enrichment of all.



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The Point Pinos Lighthouse Reservation comprises the Northernmost tip of the Monterey Peninsula. It is 78 airline miles south from San Francisco. The total acreage is 78. The public road through the Reservation is eight-tenths miles. By previous agreement, the City of Pacific Grove maintains 9 holes of an 18-hole golf course and a sewage treatment plant on the acreage.

Visible features from the aerial photograph are:

- 1. Point Pinos Lighthouse.
- 2. U.S. Coast Guard Buildings.
- 3. U.S. Naval Reservation.
- 4. Sand Dunes.
- 5. Fog Horn.
- 6. Sewage Treatment Plant.
- 7. Crespi Pond.

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PRESERVATION OF THE LIGHTHOUSE RESERVATION
AT POINT PINOS.**

RESOLUTION NO. 4450

WHEREAS, the Lighthouse Reservation on Point Pinos is on a headland of the Monterey Peninsula of surpassing natural beauty, with some of the rarest plant species known, and with magnificent marine views, and abounding with tidepool and migratory bird life, that makes it one of the brightest features of the world-famous Seventeen Mile Drive, and

WHEREAS, this great natural resource should be preserved for the benefit of future generations as park and open space in line with President Johnson's emphasis on the need for preserving our nation's natural beauty, and

WHEREAS, the City of Pacific Grove, with its Marine Refuge Patrol has pioneered in the field of water safety for skin-divers, and in the preservation of marine life refuges, and has acted to conserve the beautiful sand dune and seashore vegetation of the Reservation in its maintenance of a golf links on said Reservation, and

WHEREAS, the City is concerned that because of the distance of the Reservation from presently-available sources of policing that the flow of unpoliced visitors to the area is resulting in unnecessary depredations to the marine life in this area, and a disturbance to the natural life cycles in tidepool cultures, and unnecessary trampling and misuse by uncontrolled parking, camping, illegal digging for Indian relics and littering, and the experience of the Pacific Grove police in preserving our City's own Marine Life Refuge, would help to stop such depredations, and

WHEREAS, it has come to this Council's attention from articles in the press that the U. S. Coast Guard Lighthouses are being automated and some have been

completely abandoned and the land converted to commercial or residential uses, and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this area by commercial interests could destroy this historic and beautiful area as park and open space enjoyable by the people as a whole:

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Pacific Grove does hereby declare its desire to acquire from the United States Government this area for the purpose of preserving its natural beauty for future generations, under restrictions which would preserve the area forever in its natural state, and maintained so far as possible in its present condition, and if ever the Lighthouse structure itself were to be abandoned as a working lighthouse, that it would be maintained by the City of Pacific Grove as a historic site museum for public inspection and education.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE this 15th day of December, 1965, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Moffat, Turrentine, MacMurray, Foulkes, Whitaker and Mayor Grafton

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Dinkel

ATTEST: *Earl D. Grafton*
APPROVED: December 15, 1965

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EARL D. GRAFTON, Mayor

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Senate Park Finding Committee
Natural Resources

July 25, 1966

Mayor Earl D. Grafton
City of Pacific Grove,
California

Dear Mayor Grafton:

I have had the opportunity to read over the material which you gave me concerning the Lighthouse Reservation at Point Pinos. I want to compliment you and your forward looking Council for being interested in this kind of a preservation project.

Your City has done one of the most outstanding jobs on the Pacific Coast for the local treatment of shorelands and tidelands. In fact, I know of no other whose record is as good.

You have shown an ability and a willingness to accept the management and maintenance of the shoreline as a part of the environment of Pacific Grove. This is important not only to your own citizens but to all of the people of California and their visitors.

I sincerely hope you have no problem in acquiring the property from the Government since I know the way you expect to operate it.

May I wish you the best of luck and may I thank you for the cooperative attitude with which you have accepted the program of the Division of Beaches and Parks within your City limits.

Sincerely,

CHARLES A. DeTURK
Chief

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July 1, 1966

Mr. Edward Whitaker, Chairman
Lighthouse Acquisition Committee
514 Beaumont
Pacific Grove, California

Dear Ed:

As you know, I have followed with great interest the excellent work of the Lighthouse Acquisition Committee of Pacific Grove.

It has been the policy of the California Senate Committee on Natural Resources, of which I am Chairman, to encourage local agencies to promote and participate in the preservation of natural resources and historical sites. I feel that you are indeed to be commended for your leadership in such pursuits.

I have been consistently impressed with the thoroughness and high purpose of the Pacific Grove Lighthouse Acquisition Committee and can say with no reservation that I heartily endorse their proposal, and will do all I can to insure the realization of their efforts.

My congratulations and best wishes to your Committee for your continuing efforts towards the preservation of lighthouse point.

Sincerely,

Fred S. Farr, Chairman

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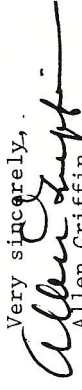
The City Council,
 Pacific Grove,
 California

Gentlemen:

Monterey Foundation has been apprised of the plans of the City of Pacific Grove looking toward the preservation of the Point Pinos Light-house Reservation as open space and the possible ultimate acquisition of the Lighthouse for use as a Coast Guard Museum.

Among the primary objectives of Monterey Foundation is the preservation of the historic landmarks and scenically unique characteristics of the Monterey Peninsula. Point Pinos, its Light and Reservation, have much historic significance to the Peninsula and are points of scenic beauty enjoyed by all.

At the meeting of its Board of Trustees on May 26, the Foundation strongly endorsed the City of Pacific Grove's plans for the preservation of the Point Pinos Lighthouse Reservation with its hopes that the City's efforts in this undertaking will be rewarded.

Very sincerely,

 Allen Griffin
 President

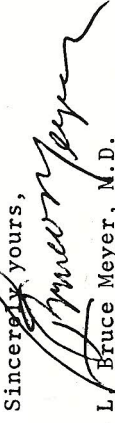
May 13, 1966

City Council
 Pacific Grove,
 California
 Gentlemen:

Regarding: Point Pinos Lighthouse Reservation

By action of the Executive Committee of the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club, May 12, 1966, we wish to urge that the Point Pinos Lighthouse Reservation be acquired by the city and be preserved as open space. In particular, we urge that restrictions be imposed on the Reservation property that will guarantee forever the preservation of its rare flora.

Pacific Grove can be proud of its unique shoreline and its City Council should be commended for its action in this direction to preserve its valuable open space.

Sincerely yours,

 Bruce Meyer, M.D.
 Chairman
 Ventana Chapter, Sierra Club

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April 29, 1966

Statement

We have received word that the City of Pacific Grove will soon seek title to the Point Pinos Lighthouse Reservation with the intent of preserving it as open space. It is a great thrill to note that an area of major significance of this type will remain for the enjoyment of future generations.

You may be aware of the rare flora represented on that property, and we are especially thankful that they will be considered as an important reason for the acquisition. Native flora in these natural areas are the result of thousands of years of nature's plant breeding experiments. To lose them without the opportunity to study them in detail, would be unfortunate. Emerson said, "A weed is something nobody has found a use for as yet."

Yesterday, I attended a government meeting here where a new film was shown, and included in it was footage of your beautiful area, emphasizing its unique flora.

There are advantages in having wild flowers as well as smoke stacks, and it is heartening to find a community with farsighted values as those which are apparently found in Pacific Grove.

July 15, 1966

Lighthouse Acquisition Committee,
 City of Pacific Grove,
 California.

Gentlemen:

It has been brought to our attention that the city of Pacific Grove is working to establish the Point of Pines Lighthouse Reservation as a local park - in the event of the U.S. Coast Guard Lighthouse being declared "surplus land."

The State Park Commission is familiar with the marine beauty of this area, with its tide-pools and bird-life - and commends the city of Pacific Grove for taking steps to further preserve for the public's enjoyment this rare piece of coastline with its historical lighthouse structure.

Very truly,

MONTEREY HISTORY AND ART ASSOCIATION, LTD.

412 PACIFIC STREET
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

October 31, 1966


The City Council
City Hall
Pacific Grove
California

Gentlemen:

It has come to the attention of the Monterey History and Art Association that the City of Pacific Grove is taking steps toward the preservation of the Point Pinos Lighthouse Reservation as open space and the lighthouse structure eventually as a historical museum. The importance of your undertaking cannot be overestimated. Since the Point Pinos Light is the oldest such building extant on the west coast of the United States and is situated on a headland of matchless beauty, anything but preservation would be an offense against reason.

The Monterey History and Art Association fully backs this endeavor of your City and wishes all success in the outcome.

Cordially,


Robert Stanton, President

MONTEREY PENINSULA AUDUBON SOCIETY

P. O. Box 123, Pacific Grove, California

1 July 1966

The Honorable Mayor and Councilmen,
City of Pacific Grove, California


Gentlemen,

The marshy area at Point Pinos, called Crespi Pond, has been known to ornithologists and natural scientists for many years as a refuge for unusual bird species, as well as for the usual migrant species.

In recent times "progress" frequently involves the filling in or "re-claiming" of marsh lands, to the detriment of the wildlife which inhabits such spots. It has been heartening, therefore, to learn that the City of Pacific Grove is interested in preserving Crespi Pond, along with the Point Pinos Lighthouse Reservation, as a wildlife refuge.

The members of the Monterey Peninsula Audubon Society have gone on record as being wholeheartedly in support of the plan of the City of Pacific Grove to acquire the Point Pinos Lighthouse Reservation.

Sincerely yours


Elgin B. Hurlbert
Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
President





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June 28, 1966

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EDMUND G. BROWN, Governor

July 15, 1966

Mr. Murl M. Fritschle
City Manager
Pacific Grove, California 93950

Dear Mr. Fritschle:

Thank you for your letter of June 24, 1966, regarding the Lighthouse Reservation.

The City of Pacific Grove, through the Lighthouse Acquisition Committee, is being extremely farsighted in endeavoring to retain the Lighthouse Reservation in public ownership. Historically, Pt. Pinos, which marks the entrance to southerly shores of Monterey Bay, has been a prominent landmark since the earliest recorded voyages of man. It is fitting that the land continue to be preserved as a scenic and scientific reserve with the retention of the Lighthouse structure as a United States Coast Guard Museum.

In my capacity as Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, I hold the preservation of objects of value under the natural and social history categories to be of paramount importance. Your proposal for establishing the Pt. Pinos Lighthouse and surrounding grounds as a locally operated public use area in the event the Federal Government no longer finds it necessary for Lighthouse purposes, is truly most worthy. You may be sure the Department of Parks and Recreation will follow this project with keen interest.

Sincerely,

Fred L. Jones
Fred L. Jones
Director

cc: E. W. Whitaker, Chairman
Lighthouse Committee
514 Beaumont Avenue
Pacific Grove, California

Mr. Edward Whitaker
Chairman, Point Pinos Lighthouse
Acquisition Committee
City of Pacific Grove
Pacific Grove, California

Dear Mr. Whitaker:

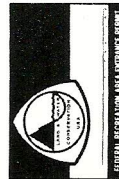
From discussions with your Committee and review of a brochure describing the Point Pinos property, we are aware of the City of Pacific Groves' very worthwhile proposal to acquire and administer this last undeveloped portion of the Monterey Peninsula shoreline.

As the City's intent and purpose would result in the preservation and interpretation of the property's natural and historic values for the benefit of present and future generations, we believe that the proposal is commendable. At such time as the property may be declared surplus to Federal needs, we will be pleased to cooperate further with you.

Sincerely yours,

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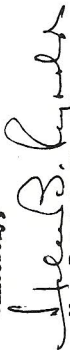
Honorable City Council Forest & Central Avenues Pacific Grove, California

Gentlemen:

We are very much interested and gratified to know of the action on the part of the City of Pacific Grove to acquire and preserve the Point Lobos Lighthouse Reservation. The plan being promoted, in connection with this project, to conserve natural resources, such as native flora, by means of careful and far-sighted regulation of the use of the land, is also highly commendable.

Measures such as these will most certainly be the cause of gratitude for your foresight, both now and far into the future.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Ralph A. Reynolds
President

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May 15, 1966

City Council
City of Pacific Grove
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Gentlemen:

It has been called to our attention that the City of Pacific Grove will seek title to the Point Pinos Lighthouse Reservation for its preservation as open space.

The California Native Plant Society wishes to express its congratulations on this far-sighted proposal. That area is the site of rare and unique native plants, some of which occur nowhere else in the world.

Native habitats of this kind, with the fauna naturally associated, are disappearing so rapidly that it is properly a matter of nation-wide concern.

The decision to safeguard these natural ecological habitats must be considered the truly modern understanding of civic responsibility.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Mary C. Wohlers
Executive Secretary
California Native Plant Society

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