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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Mrs. Velma Johnston
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Dear Velma:

Sorry to hear about your mishap and I sincerely hope you are up to speed again.

Thank you for referring Mr. Gold's letter to me. I have contacted the California Department of Agriculture to get an opinion on the legal question of exporting burros from California under the present state law.

It is regrettable that we cannot respond immediately to worthwhile requests such as this one.

Our burro herds in the Slate Range are in the midst of a population explosion. Last week, I counted 91 burros with 11 new foals along a six-mile stretch of road on the east side of the Slates. And, most of the jennies which did not have colts will soon, from their looks. Its starting to dry up out there and soon the burros will be heavily concentrated at the waterholes.

Best regards and get well soon.

Yours truly,

TILLY BARLING
Natural Resources Specialist