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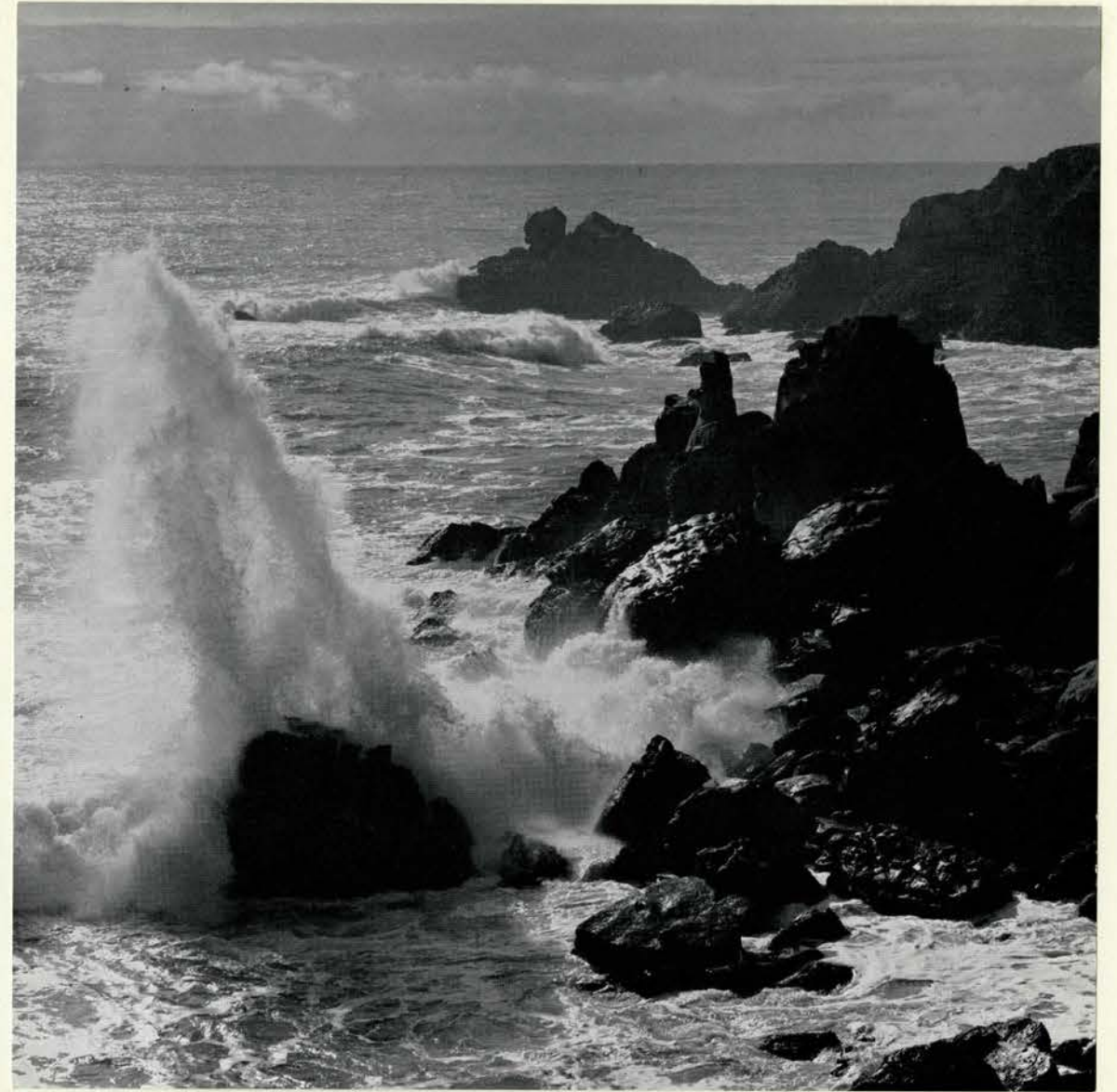
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STRAIGHT UP THE COAST about 90 miles north of San Francisco is a remarkable stretch of land and sea better known to history students than to the many city dwellers who live so near. Indian, Spaniard, Russian, Mexican and American—with the ubiquitous Englishman hovering near—each in turn made his contribution to these few memorable miles of Sonoma County coastline.

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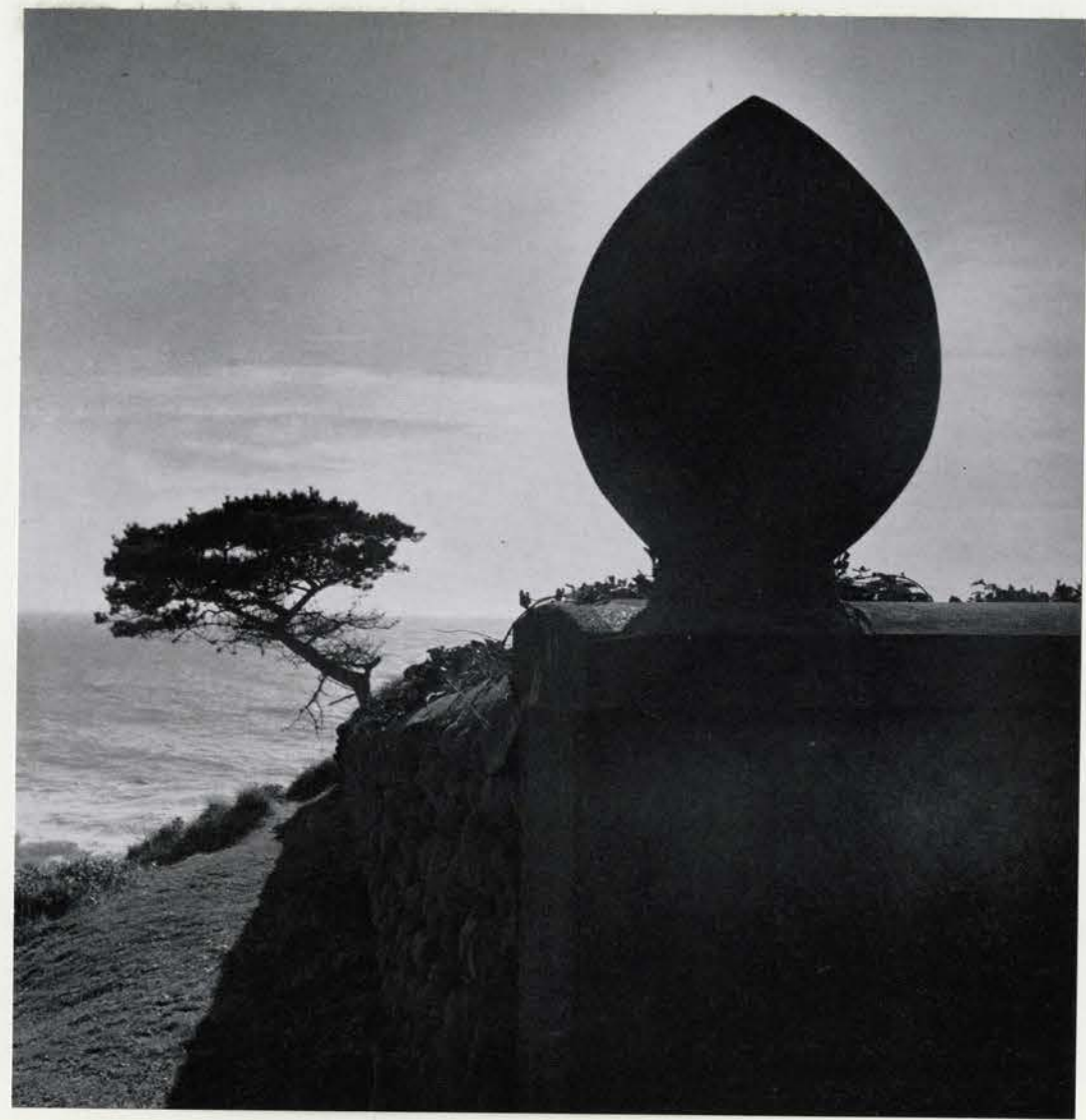
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Russian design probably influenced this cornerstone of the historic pioneer cemetery at Timber Cove. The oldest headstone dates back to 1854, thirteen years after the Russian withdrawal.

TIMBER COVE OFFERS one of the few areas of desirable ocean frontage in Northern California that has not been developed privately or incorporated into the State Park system. North of Marin County, the major portion of Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte coastline is subject to adverse weather. Nearer to San Francisco, the accessible areas from Pt. Reyes to Pt. Sur are going or gone.

The choicest remainder lies in northern Sonoma and southern Mendocino Counties. This area—including Timber Cove—enjoys a warm climate, an improbable number of clear days compared to the rest of the Northern California coast, and some of the most magnificent seascape in the United States.

Part of the pressure that exists to get this land into the Park System is to prevent the grossly irresponsible development that occurred in other once-beautiful areas of the State.

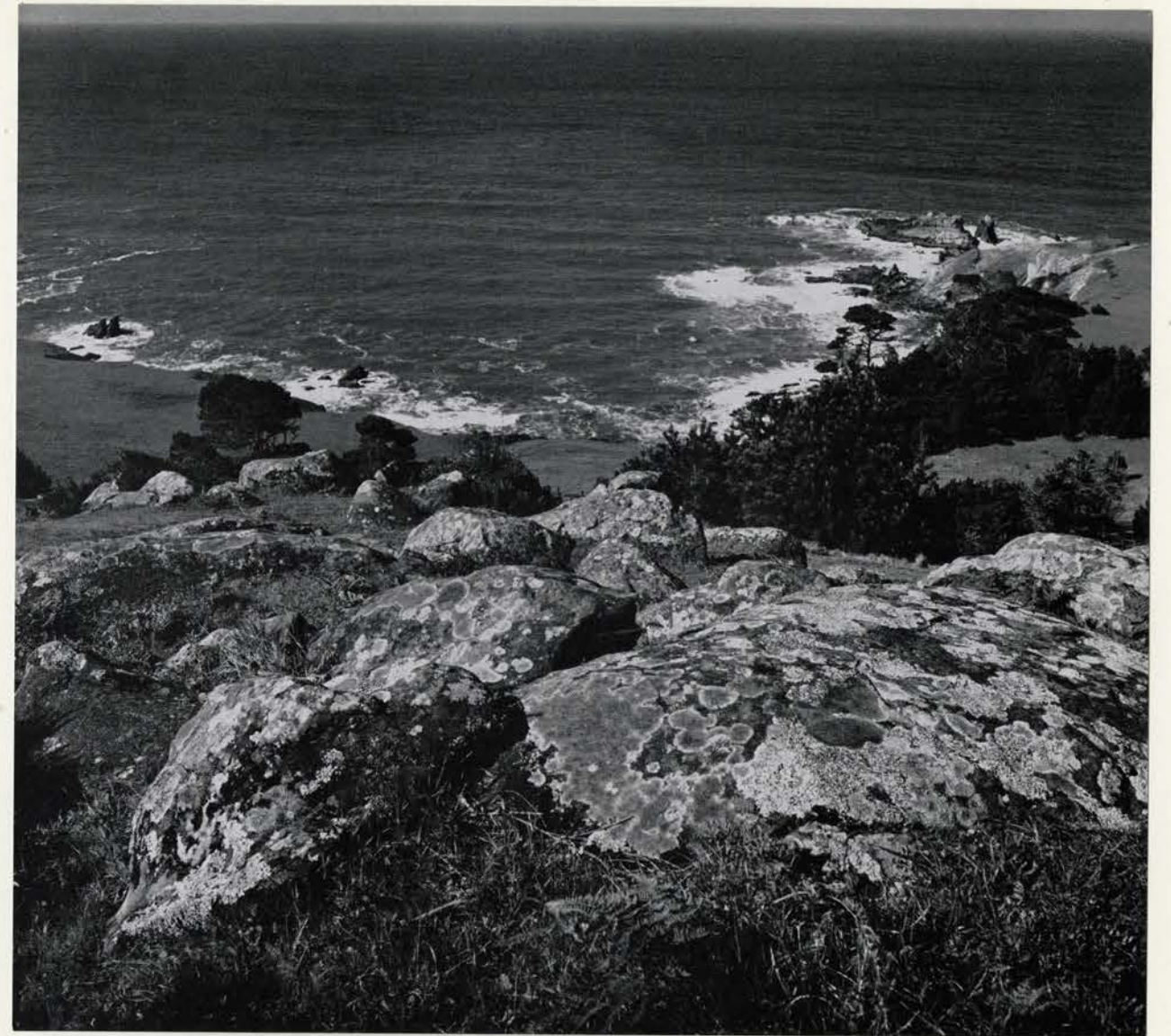
Realizing this, Timber Cove Properties is founded on a strong responsibility that this last frontier of coastline should be developed to the benefit of *everyone* using it, whether directly as owners of lots or vicariously as members of the not-so-disinterested public. Timber Cove was purchased and committed to private residential use by a group of families who are aware of the responsibility evoked by the land and its character, and who believe that this responsibility should extend to those who will buy and use the land. In short, this remarkable rare beauty of the land will be protected with their every resource so that future generations will be able to see it and enjoy it as they have.

Because of the economics of meeting this obligation, not everyone will be able to live at Timber Cove. Those who do will love the land and believe in its responsibilities.

As concrete evidence that the founders of Timber Cove Properties believe in what is being proposed, almost every one of them is building a home at Timber Cove and is personally involved in this better use of beautiful land.

The present Timber Cove development is the result of several years of planning and engineering. It covers approximately 800 acres and is being developed in 100-200 acre parcels at a time. Residential lots average two acres in size.

Timber Cove is not a tract, not a planned recreation resort, not a cooperative suburban development. It has all the advantages of living in a State Park with the State Park's protected, guaranteed surroundings—*but*, it is not untouchable. It is magnificent country that is meant to be lived in, not visited occasionally like an art gallery.

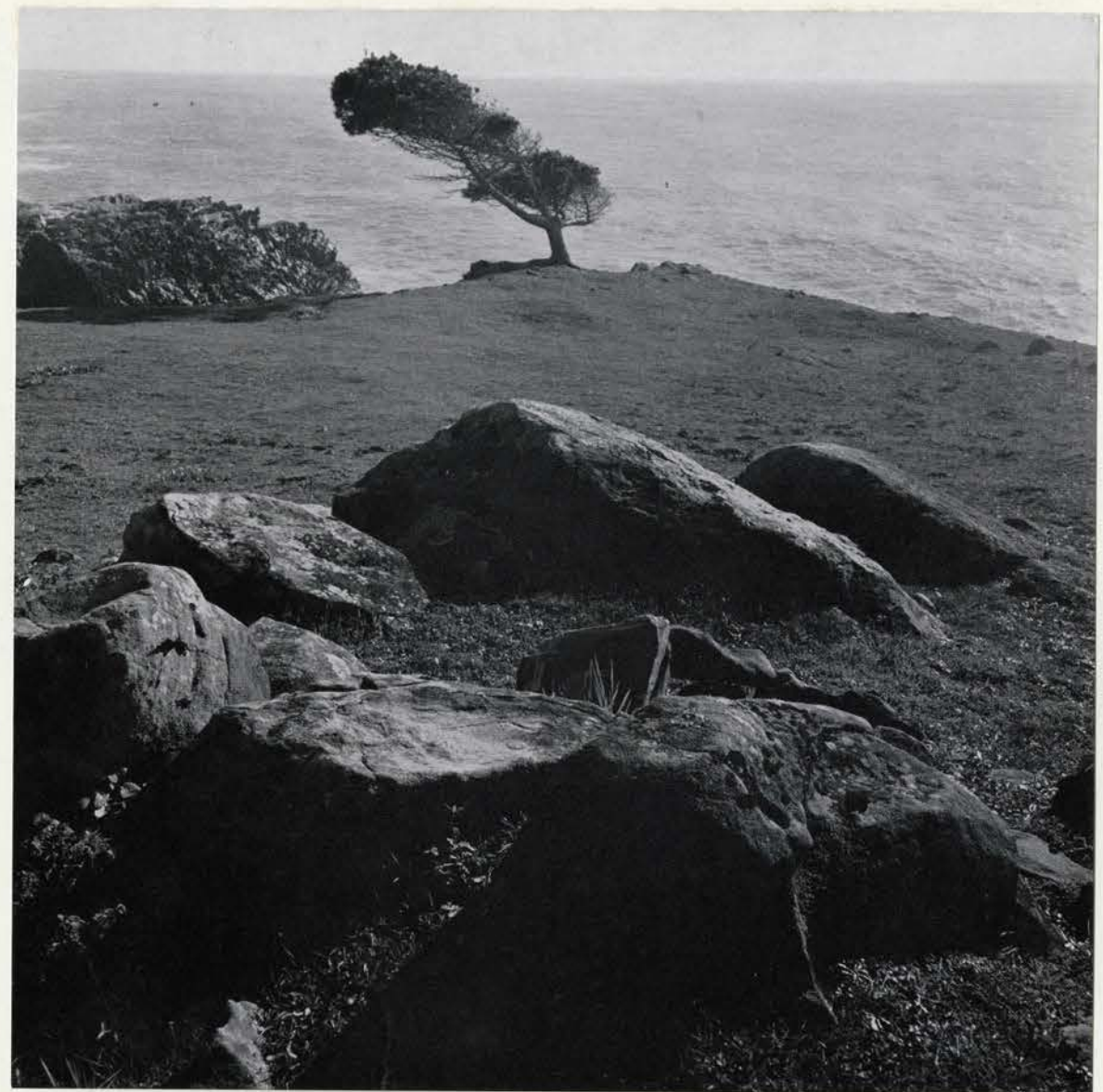


The dark beauty of Timber Cove's shoreline is fringed with cliffs and capes. Each plateau offers a homesite and a view of individually dramatic difference.

THE QUESTION most asked by people not familiar with Timber Cove is the easiest question to answer. *The weather is good.* To be specific, it is probably the best weather in Northern California this close to the Bay Area. The forty mile strip between Point Arena and Jenner enjoys a better climate than San Francisco due to its predominantly southern exposure. Timber Cove is at the southern end of this warm belt.

The average year-round temperature is about the same as San Francisco, but there is considerably less fog and many more sunny days. According to the U. S. Weather Bureau, the winters are rainy but "temperate," and the summers are warm and dry. Probably the best word for the year-round climate is "hospitable." Many Valley residents—just a few miles away on the other side of the mountains—drive to the Coast to escape the heat.

But to the old-timers at Timber Cove, the best "weather" of all are the crashing whiplash storms of winter. At their fiercest, the ocean coast becomes a sudden black world of driving rain and wind-pruned trees, where the crashing of waves strikes an unnatural medium between the howling of winds and the creaking of tall trees. Rocks and reefs offshore take the full strength of the raging surf, and the high-flung spray falls back in a wondrous snowy cascade. Certainly, here is nature at her grandest.



Looking westward from the headland many of Timber Cove's ocean promontories are silently guarded by massive, moss-covered rock sentinels. In the winter, the Grey Whales can be seen a few hundred yards off shore as they migrate south.

THE TIMBER COVE INN (*shown right*) is being constructed now and should be ready for occupancy by 1962. Unlike anything of its kind in this part of the State, it was designed in keeping with the scale and character of the country which inspired it.

The main building of the Inn will house a cocktail lounge, dining room, sitting room, and dressing rooms for the adjacent swimming pool. Separate cottages and inside rooms—20-odd in all—will serve as living units for guests and travelers.

Built of materials indigenous to the area, the emphasis will be on weathered sandstone, redwood and redwood shakes, and huge fir timbers. Long window strips will cover one-half of the roof, separated by these timbers, to show warm bands of light to passersby after dark. Landscaping will be minimal to heighten the natural beauty of the setting. From the Inn, there are walking trips in every direction. Mountain summits, canyons, abandoned trails, rivers, ocean tide pools, pine-needle carpeted forests—here's the hiker's geography, with the history of the Russian trappers and Spaniards and even the infamous Black Bart just around the bend.

For the motorist, there's pleasant country driving on the minor roads that criss-cross the whole area. Travel south on the Shoreline Highway (State Highway 1) to the Sonoma Coast State Park, thirteen miles of rugged coastline overhanging sandy beaches and secluded Coves. Picnic at Goat Rock Beach or Portuguese Beach; camp overnight at Wright's Beach. Or drive inland to the site of the first Russian settlement at Bodega. Or explore the Russian River on the Bohemian Highway from Jenner to Mirabel Park. (Weekenders at the Bohemian Grove know the area well.) Eat dinner at the Hexagon House or in economical Occidental. Take the Coleman Valley road at dusk to the summit where the forest opens up and permits a splendid view of the coast and hills around Bodega. For the flora fancier, try a drive to the Armstrong Redwoods State Park, two miles north of Guerneville. (The Sunday concerts in summer are a popular diversion.) Or visit the Kruse Rhododendron Reserve, eight miles north of Timber Cove. You'll find yourself surrounded by *hillsides* of beautiful pink clusters on shrubs twenty feet or more tall.

Whatever your pleasure, the "unknown" coast of Sonoma County offers a wealth of unhurried diversions.



Sketch of the rocky rim which cradles the Inn.



One of the architect's first conceptions of the new Timber Cove Inn. Designed by Reece Clark, Jr., of Berkeley, the Inn will reflect the bold, forceful feel of the jaggedly beautiful coastline.



THE TIMBER COVE RESTAURANT (*shown right*) is on the drawing boards and will be constructed as soon as the Timber Cove Inn is well underway.

As with the Inn, the Restaurant is being designed by a Bay Area architectural firm, using indigenous materials to conform to the character of the country. *Unlike* the Inn (which is sheltered at the base of a rock formation), the Restaurant will cantilever out directly over the sheer cliffs and the green-blue ocean. In the daytime, you will be able to watch the cavorting sea lions and wheeling sea birds close in, the coastal shipping that passes a few miles farther out. At night, hidden spots will highlight the surf and offshore rocks. An unique wine cellar will be carved in the rocks below the Restaurant, and a leading San Francisco chef has been signed to stock it and direct the other important culinary phases of the operation. Everything is being done to see that the Restaurant will become world-famous for both food and view alike.

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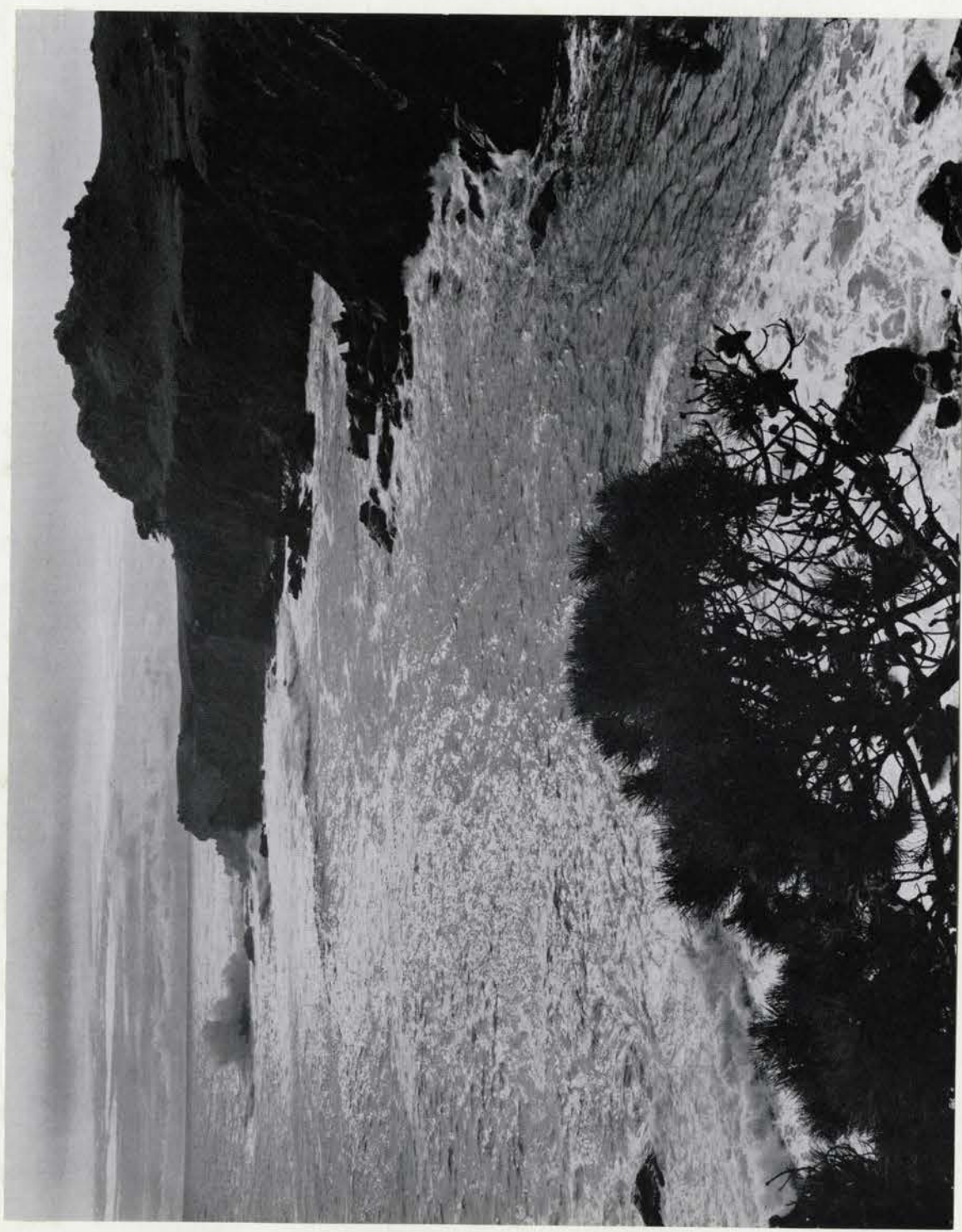
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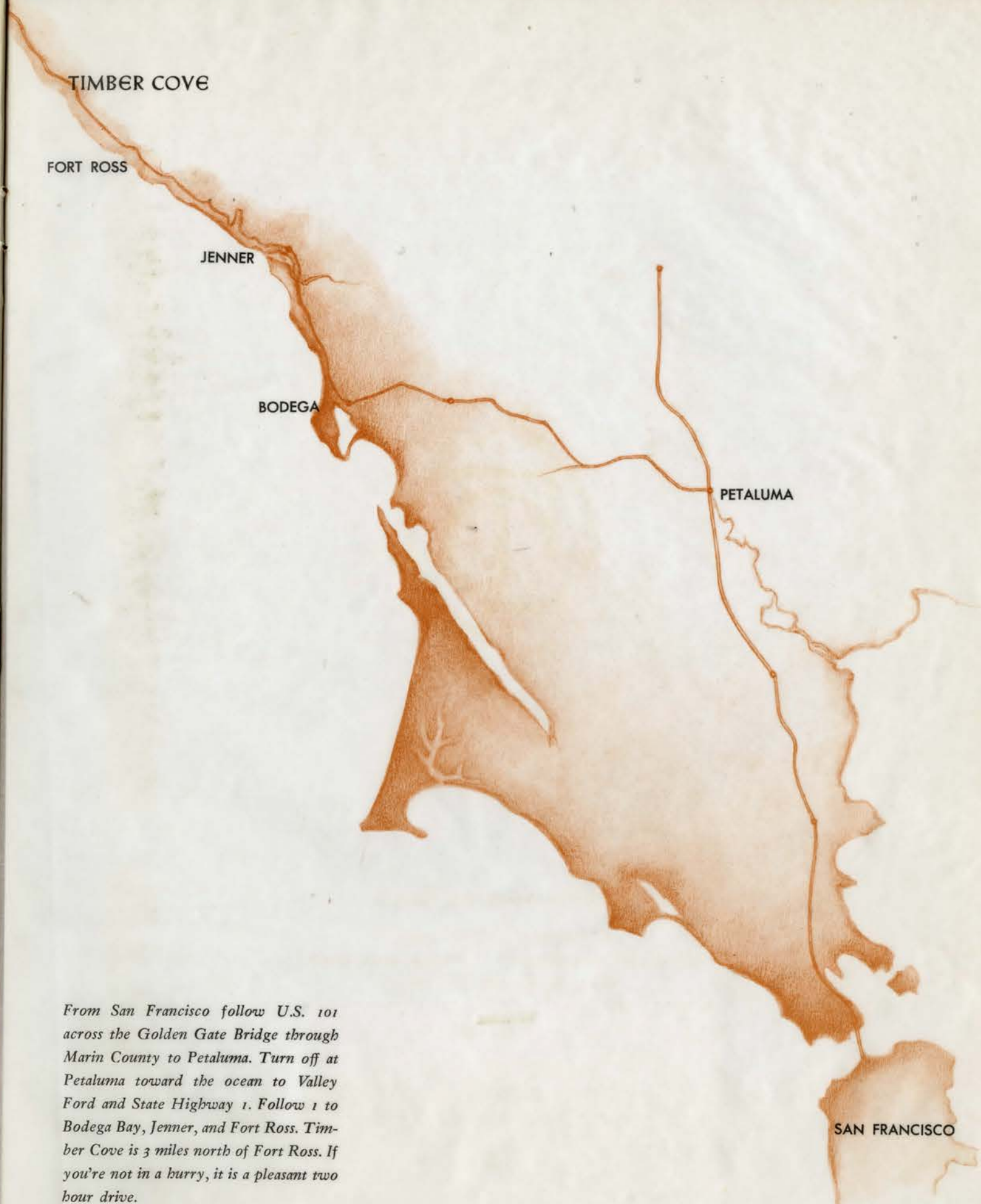
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