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ASSOCIATE

17 October 1952

Gentlemen:

It gives me pleasure to recommend for advancement to Fellowship in the A.I.A., Mr. Louis Rossetti, now Director, Detroit Chapter, A.I.A. and Chairman, Committee on Education and Registration.

His many years of devotion to architecture in both his work and in teaching have made this honor well deserved.

Sincerely yours,



WILLIAM LESCAZE, F.A.I.A.

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October 16, 1952

To The
Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Ave. NW
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Gentlemen:

This letter is in support of the nomination of Mr. Louis Rossetti for Fellowship in The Institute, nominated by our Chapter.

I have had opportunity to know both Mr. Rossetti and his family quite intimately and can vouch for their high standing in our community. He has been a great credit to our profession, both as an architect of surpassing capabilities, and as a citizen interested in civic betterment.

As chief architect for one of the largest firms of architects and engineers, he is deserving of the highest praise. Their work has extended throughout this country and abroad. The firm has just been awarded what is said to be the largest single architect-engineer contract on record, for projects costing more than a billion dollars.

Mr. Rossetti is now a director of the Detroit Chapter, A.I.A., and Chairman of its Committee on Education and Research. As such he has contributed materially to the advancement of the three student chapter branches.

At the Detroit Chapter's September, 1952 meeting, Mr. Rossetti was presented with the Chapter's Honor Award Medal, for his firm's Veterans Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Chapter members and guests visited his firm's project, the WWJ-TV Studios, following dinner. This was the Chapter's largest meeting, attracting 250 attendants.

Your consideration of Mr. Rossetti's candidacy will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours

Talmage C. Hughes
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Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
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Gentlemen:

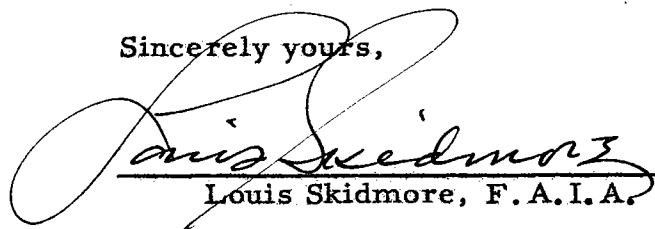
It is a pleasure for me to write in support of the Detroit Chapter's nomination of Louis Rossetti for the advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

I have been personally acquainted with Mr. Rossetti and have had the pleasure of working with him in an associationship for the new Out-Patient Department and Medical Research Laboratory Building for the University of Michigan.

It is my personal belief that he is an outstanding designer and architect and has contributed immensely to the advancement of his profession.

I believe he is deserving of the honor of Fellowship and hope the Jury of Fellows concur.

Sincerely yours,


Louis Skidmore, F.A.I.A.

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This should have been sent to the Jury long ago
Thomson C. Hays
8-30-54

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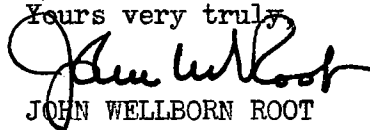
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American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Louis Rossetti has designed in collaboration with the great organization of Giffels & Vallet, Inc. in my judgment some of the finest industrial buildings in this country. I am sure that photographs of his work will demonstrate this. I believe that it is of a quality that alone warrants the recognition represented by the Fellowship.

I hope that Mr. Rossetti's nomination will receive favorable action.

Yours very truly



JOHN WELLBORN ROOT

JWR:mc

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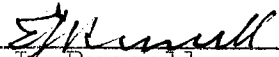
Dear Sirs:-

The action of the Detroit Chapter
in approving the nomination of Mr. Louis Rossetti
for Fellowship in the Institute is a well de-
served recognition of his ability and his ser-
vices.

It gives me great pleasure to strongly
recommend him for advancement to Fellowship.

Very truly yours,

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FACTUAL

PHONE: WOODWARD 1-2084

October 6, 1952

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
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1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am happy to support the Chapter's nomination of Louis Rossetti for election to Fellowship.

Our close association during the past twelve years enables me to write with first hand knowledge. Mr. Rossetti has been in responsible charge of the architectural design of our organization for more than twenty-five years. His ability as a designer is well recognized and his work has contributed immeasurably to the high level of architecture in our country in connection with industrial projects.

Because of our almost daily contacts, I know Mr. Rossetti to be of genial personality and fine personal qualities and that his ethical standards are high. Mr. Rossetti has a real interest in the work and aims of the Institute and presently is serving on the Board of the Chapter.

The honor of Fellowship for Mr. Rossetti is well deserved.

Respectfully,



Arthur K. Hyde, F.A.I.A.

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April 29, 1953

Mr. Alexander C. Robinson III, FAIA
1740 E. 12th St.
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Alex:

I am pleased to give you what information I have concerning our Chapter's nominee for Fellowship, Mr. Louis Rossetti.

The name of his firm is Giffels and Vallet, Inc., L. Rossetti, Associated Engineers and Architects. Both Giffels and Vallet are registered professional engineers.

As chairman of our joint registration board, I can state that an engineer can do anything legally that an architect can, except call himself architect. Further, our Act permits corporations to practice architecture and/or engineering, and all of our large offices are incorporated.

From this, it can be seen that Mr. Rossetti is not entirely responsible for the actions of his firm, but this does not excuse him in the event of the firm's misconduct. While membership in The Institute is by individuals, we hold such members accountable to see that their firms practice properly. The point I desire to make is that there is a difference in the engineer's ethical viewpoint and that of the architect, and this is supported by law.

There may be some Institute members in our State who question the propriety of an architect lending himself to a firm that is predominantly engineers, or to the firm furnishing so-called "package service," but perhaps they overlook the fact that the law provides for such firms and there isn't much we can do about it.

I do not mean to imply that Giffels & Vallet are in a class with the "package" firms. They are strictly professional and highly regarded, just as are the firms of Albert Kahn, Inc.; Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Inc., and others made up principally of engineers.

Perhaps those in a position to know best are officers and directors of our Chapter, for they receive complaints of malpractice. There have come to this office three this week, but I can state all are from architects who did not get jobs they thought they should have.

Mr. Rossetti is a director of the Chapter Board at present, and, to my knowledge, there has never been any charge of unprofessional conduct against him or his firm.

Sincerely yours


Talmage C. Hughes



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April 30, 1953

Mr. Alexander C. Robinson III, FAIA
1740 E. 12th St.
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Alex:

I should like to supplement my letter of yesterday concerning Louis Rossetti.

While he is not in a policy-making position with his firm, he does advise the other partners, from his own knowledge of Institute rules, and through Arthur K. Hyde, FAIA, a staff architect. One of Art's duties is to answer for the firm such questions as have to do with architectural practice. Art calls me regularly to verify certain provisions of certain Institute documents, and he is not one to compromise on matters of practice. He hugs to the line and whatever his advice to his firm it is followed to the letter.

A recent example:

The firm did an addition to the Grand Rapids Press. The newspaper was very proud, and issued a special edition featuring the new building. The paper asked the architects to take space, and while the firm wanted to cooperate, upon Art's investigation and report, it was necessary to inform the clients that, according to mandatory rules of the Institute, there was no way possible - no matter what copy was used in such an ad.

Arthur Hyde is a former partner of Jack Williams, now in your office, and Jack too was with G. & V. before going to Cleveland. I am sure that he knows Louis Rossetti is not unethical.

Giffels & Vallet did a factory in Grand Rapids. Ordinarily this might cause some friction, but members of the Western Michigan Chapter invited the firm to enter the building in their honor awards. They did and won first prize in the industrial class.

The firm is one of the largest in the world. Recently it was given the largest architect-engineer contracts ever awarded by the Government or any others - the atomic energy plants, costing more than a billion dollars. The firm has more than a thousand men in the Detroit office alone, and as many more in their field offices. Such a firm does not have to use questionable practices to obtain work. Work seeks them.

Naturally, a firm doing such a volume of work is bound to incur some ill will from other architects who were unsuccessful applicants for commissions, but it my[^] belief that the firm of Giffels & Vallet have set an outstanding example of fair practice.

Sincerely yours


Falmage C. Hughes

ROGER ALLEN & ASSOCIATES
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May 1, 1953.

Mr. Alexander C. Robinson III, FAIA
1740 E. 12th St.,
Cleveland 14, Ohio.

My dear Alex:

Talmage C. Hughes has asked me to write to you and I am always glad to write you under any pretext but would be even happier to have a visit with you.

Talmage is disturbed because of an intimation by someone that Louis Rosetti might have been guilty of some impropriety with his practice for Giffels & Vallet and because they have done two jobs in Grand Rapids, he asked me to tell you what I know about them.

The first project they did in Grand Rapids was a Bakery Plant and they were asked to enter this building in the Western Michigan Chapter's Competition last year and it received the honor award in its class. Recently, they have completed an addition and modernization of The Grand Rapids Press Building (the newspaper for which I write a column) and I talked to Mr. Lee M. Woodruff, Editor of The Press regarding their work on this job. Mr. Woodruff tells me that he was in contact with Mr. Rosetti as consultant in regard to the selection of color schemes, furniture, etc., and found him extremely cooperative as was every member of the firm.

I am completely at a loss to know where anyone would get the idea that Louis Rosetti, or the firm with whom he is connected, has ever conducted their practice in an improper manner. I was in direct competition with them some years ago to obtain the architectural work for Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, Michigan, a State College, but inasmuch as my vocabulary outlasted theirs (as you know to your sorrow my vocabulary outlasts practically anyones) I got the job. Their conduct on this job was entirely correct in every particular.

I am convinced that there must be some mistake as Louis Rosetti and his firm have always enjoyed a very high reputation in the State of Michigan.

Are you going out to the Convention at Seattle in June? I hope to fly out there for the Convention with Gus Langius of Lansing, Michigan, who is to be made a Fellow. I was nominated by the Chapter for a Fellowship but withdrew inasmuch as we already had two candidates, Ken Welch, and Gus Langius, and it seemed improbable to me that we needed three. It also seemed highly improbable

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May 1, 1953.

Mr. Alexander C. Robinson III. . . . page 2.

to me that I deserved a Fellowship considering the brutal way I have assailed the ears of my fellow practioners from coast to coast.

With all best wishes and hoping we can get together at Seattle, I am

Most sincerely,

ROGER ALLEN

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Roger Allen', written over a horizontal line.

RA:r

cc: J. CHUGHES

Rosetti

FACTUAL

May 5, 1953

Mr. Roger Allen, F.A.I.A.
1126 Grand Rapids Natl. Bank Bldg.
Grand Rapids 2, Mich.

Dear Roger:

Thank you for the letter concerning Louis Rosetti which will be useful when we consider the case again next year. I am sure there has been some misunderstanding, and as I do not have the rest of the file, which is in Washington, I do not know just what prompted the request of the Jury that I obtain further information on this case.

I am sorry that it will be impossible for me to be in Seattle, as I have a daughter being married near that date, and I can't very well be in two places at once. I shall miss seeing you very much.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. ROBINSON, III

ACR/mb

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FACTUAL

May 5, 1953

Mr. Talmage C. Hughes, F.A.I.A.
120 Madison Ave.
Detroit 26, Mich.

Dear Tal:

Thank you very much for the letters you have sent me concerning Louis Rosetti and Leo M. Bauer. You have given me just the information I need, and in the case of Rosetti, I am sure there has been some misunderstanding, which letters you have sent will straighten out.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. ROBINSON, III

ACR/mb

in Mr Bauer's file



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FACTUAL

November 16, 1954

The American Institute of Architects
The Jury of Fellows
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am happy to respond to your letter of August 24, 1954 with this letter to support the nomination of Mr. Louis Rossetti, A.I.A., for advancement to fellowship in the Institute.

As the architect partner of the Detroit firm of Giffels and Vallet, Inc., L. Rossetti Associated Engineers and Architects, Mr. Rossetti's contributions in architectural design are well known and impressive both for their scope and for their quality. His firm has designed the billion dollar atomic energy project for the United States Government. His firm was partly responsible for the design of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana, which was given an award of merit by the A.I.A. in 1952. His firm designed the Hekman Biscuit Company building in Grand Rapids which was awarded first prize in the Western Michigan Chapter's Honor Awards Program in 1952.

At present his firm is completing the design for the Convention Hall Exhibits Building in Detroit's new Civic Center, a project impressive for both its size and for its many unusual design features.

Mr. Rossetti is highly respected by the architects in this area because of these unusual contributions in design and because of the valuable services he has performed to the Chapter as a director and as chairman of some of its most important committees.

Sincerely yours,

SUREN PILAFIAN - President
The American Institute of Architects
Detroit Chapter

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October 26, 1954

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CABLE ADDRESS
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American Institute of Architects
Jury of Fellows
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I present Mr. Louis Rossetti to you as a candidate for Fellowship in the American ~~Institute~~ of Architects.

Mr. Rossetti is a member of the firm of Giffels & Vallet, L. Rossetti Associated Engineers and Architects. He has been responsible for a great deal of the firm's architectural achievements and is now in charge of the design of the 25 million dollar Convention Hall and Auditorium for the City of Detroit.

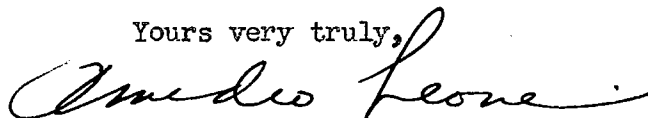
He is registered as an architect in the N.C.A.R.B. as well as several other States besides Michigan.

In the twenty years that I have known Mr. Rossetti I have always found him to be a man of highest integrity in his professional outlook as well as a sincere student of architecture.

Mr. Rossetti is now serving his third year as a Director of the Detroit Chapter of the A.I.A. and is Chairman of the Chapter's Committee on Education and Registration. He has rendered valuable service in the guidance of students in chapter affair interests.

It is my sincere hope that his nomination for Fellowship will be favorably received by the Jury, based on his design accomplishments and general high standard as an architect in the service of his community.

Yours very truly,



AMEDEO LEONE,

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ROBERT-W-YOKOM-A-I-A-

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Jury of Fellows
Washington, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

I am writing regarding the nomination of Mr. Louis Rossetti of the Detroit Chapter. He is a designer for the firm of Giffels & Vallet, Inc., L. Rossetti Associated Engineers and Architects, and has charge of some of the important commissions in the U.S.

Altho the writer knows very little personally of Mr. Rossetti outside of his work in the Detroit Chapter he seems like a man of good character and has been in regular attendance at our meetings. His suggestions for the good of the Chapter have been well received and he should make a well qualified Fellow of the organization.

His work has been largely confined to Modern and his firm has received the Award of Merit of the A.I.A. for its Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

I, therefore, take pleasure in recommending Louis Rossetti.

Very sincerely

David H Williams
David H. Williams, Jr.

DHW/mw

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DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING

September 4, 1954

Jury of Fellows,
The American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I have known Mr. Louis Rossetti for many years, and have found him to be of most excellent character. He is very dignified and friendly, and always considerate of the younger men coming into the profession.

I have great respect for the fine architectural work he has produced as a member of the Detroit firm of Giffels & Vallet, Inc.

Mr. Rossetti and I have served together as Directors of the Detroit Chapter, and worked together on the Education Committee. I can vouch for the great amount of time and effort he has contributed to our profession.

I heartily endorse the nomination of Mr. Rossetti as a candidate for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely,



Director

LRB:b

RAYMOND C. PERKINS A.I.A.
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September 3, 1954

Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

As one of the directors of the Detroit Chapter of the A.I.A. who placed the name of Louis Rossetti before you for consideration of advancement to Fellowship, I am pleased to address you.

Mr. Rossetti is a most capable and imaginative designer. He is actively the chief designer of what is probably the largest architectural office in the States. The name is "Giffels and Vallet, Inc. and L. Rossetti". Work of this firm has received many honor awards.

The student chapters of the A.I.A. centered around Detroit have prospered under his guidance. He gives his time for this without stint.

In spite of rather a quiet demeanor, he handled the largest dinner group our chapter has assembled in a most polished manner and apparently without notes.

His modest personality and cosmopolitan background, together with his great ability, make him a personage well worthy of Fellowship.

This honor for Mr. Rossetti would bring credit to our profession.

Respectfully yours,

Raymond C. Perkins
Raymond C. Perkins, A.I.A.
Detroit Chapter

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August 31, 1954

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In regards to a letter of support for Messrs. Amedeo Leone and Louis Rosetti to advancement of Fellowship for Design, which your Secretary requested in a letter dated August 26, my feeling is that these gentlemen deserve Fellowship in the A.I.A. for - service to the Institute, public service and design, but not for design alone.

I could not say that they have been leaders in the field of design, but they have upheld and fought for the importance of architectural design within offices riddled with engineers, where architecture otherwise might have been entirely neglected. To me, this is an important service for which they deserve recognition and credit, but I feel that it would be wrong to promote them to Fellowship entirely for this. I would therefore like to see the reason for advancement to Fellowship changed to - for service to the Institute, public service and design.

Sincerely yours,



EERO SAARINEN

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