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THE ARCHITECTS' SMALL HOUSE SERVICE BUREAU
OF THE UNITED STATES, INC.

H. J. ROTIER, ~~ARCHITECT~~
ARCHITECT AND DIRECTOR FOR WIS. DIV.



FROM PRELIMINARY SKETCHES TO
THE OCCUPANCY OF THE BLDG.
OVER 35 YEARS OF SERVICE.



January 2, 1930

To the Secretary,
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D.C.

Enclosed herewith I am returning Bill
for 1930 dues.

Also letter copy to Mr. Hengels, Presi-
dent of the Wisconsin Chapter which I
believe will explain my position in
relation to the Institute.

Yours very truly,

H. J. Rotier, Architect.

THE Architects' Small House Service Bureau is the only public service of its kind in this country controlled by the American Institute of Architects and endorsed by the United States Department of Commerce. This is your guarantee that whatever service and counsel the Bureau supplies is professional, unbiased and directly in your interests.

ENDORSEMENTS

Approved Statement

by the

Board of Directors, A. I. A.

THE Architects' Small House Service Bureau idea originated in and is approved by the American Institute of Architects, and in order that the development of the idea may retain the character of a professional service and be prevented from assuming the character of a purely commercial undertaking, the organization of the Bureau involves a certain control of its policies by the Institute.

"This control exists solely through the right of the Institute to appoint a majority of the Directors of the Bureau, such appointees being able thereby to impose policies consistent with the expressed wishes of the Institute.

"The approval of such policies does not carry with it any interest in or approval of any specific acts of the Bureau in the development of its operation, nor any financial interest or control whatever.

"The approval of the Bureau by the Institute means:

"(a) That it approves the idea only.

"(b) That it assumes no responsibility for the designs, plans, specifications or other service of the Bureau any more than it assumes responsibility for the service of individual members of the Institute.

"(c) That it assumes no responsibility for nor does it in any way presume to indorse any organization with which the Bureau may do business, nor any type or types of building construction or materials involved in houses designed by the Bureau.

"The Board looks upon an architect's work in a Bureau as primarily a contribution to the improvement of the small house architecture of this country, involving houses of not more than six primary rooms."

Approved Statement

by the

Department of Commerce

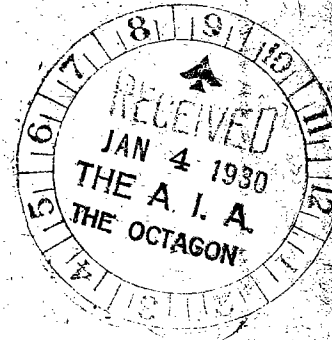
I HAVE looked into the work of The Architects' Small House Service Bureau of The United States with its divisions and branches and have examined its organization and incorporation papers. The complete plans, specifications, documents and bills of materials with the designs worked out for local conditions and to use stock materials and eliminate waste materially simplify home building problems. The form of control by The American Institute of Architects should guarantee a high standard of service. It gives me pleasure to endorse this work and to assure you that the Department of Commerce will do all it can to co-operate with the Institute and the Bureau.

HERBERT HOOVER.

Secretary, Dept. of Commerce,
United States Government.

C O P Y

December 31, 1929



Mr. Henry C. Hengels,
President, Wisconsin Chapter,
American Institute of Architects,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Hengels:

The profession in general recognizes the importance of Small House Architecture as an influence on the standards and ideals of the people, also that environment is a dominating force in every-day life.

The profession further appreciates that the houses and surroundings are indicative of the living status of the masses as well as the classes.

The Architects' Small House Service Bureau was organized to bring the "Small Home" to a higher architectural plane.

In the eight years of Bureau service, I find its work effectively handicapped by the influence of the General Contractor. To meet this situation, we are forced to give architectural service to the Small Home Builder who does not care for it, by soliciting complete architectural control.

We have found only one way to do this, i.e.: to compete with the General Contractor and encourage letting all the work separate and direct to the men that actually do it.

If this method of "guaranteeing to the Small Home Builder the Design of his House" is breaking one of the rules of the Institute, then it is only right and proper that I resign. I therefore hereby tender my resignation to take effect this date.

I believe there is something higher and bigger in the ideals of the profession in general than that particular code just referred to. I take this occasion, however, to sincerely thank you and the other officers of your administration for the many courtesies and kind attentions I have received.

Yours very truly,

H. J. Retier, Architect.

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April 5, 1930.

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NOTE *****

Special letter to be written to the Chapter in regard to
Mr. Rotier's resignation - as same was not accepted at
the March meeting.

Mr. McIntosh's note in this case reads as follows:

"Refer back - stating no justification to
accept resig. on the matter mentioned in
his letter".

G. G.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 8, 1930.

My dear Mr. Rotier:

We acknowledge, with regret, your letter of January 2nd, and copy of your letter of December 31st to the President of the Wisconsin Chapter, tendering your resignation to the Chapter.

We have written to Mr. Hengels as per enclosed copy of letter.

We will advise you in due course of the action taken.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. H. J. Rotier,
Room 813, 141 E. Wisconsin Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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May 5, 1930

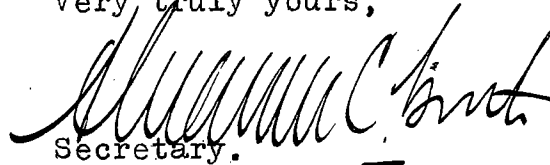
Mr. E. C. Kemper
Executive Secretary, A. I. A.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:

This pertains to the resignation of Mr. Henry
J. Rotier.

It was duly resolved by the Executive Committee
that the wishes of Mr. Rotier be granted. This
recommendation from the Chapter's Executive
Committee you asked for in a letter dated
March 13th.

Very truly yours,


Secretary.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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COPY

July 21, 1930.

Dear Mr. Rotier:

At the May meeting of the Board of Directors your resignation, as a member in good standing, from the Institute and the Wisconsin Chapter, was accepted, effective December 31, 1929.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. H. J. Rotier,
Room 813, 141 E. Wisconsin Ave.,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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