

Gruzen, Barnett Sumner

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November 11, 1956

The Jury of Fellows
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Gentlemen,

The New York Chapter has nominated for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute Mr. B. Sumner Grogan for achievement in design. Mr. Grogan has been responsible for a considerable number of conspicuous, large, and important buildings which have been distinguished for their progressive yet dignified character. The architecture produced by Kelly and Grogan seems to me to be in the best sense of modern design, shunning the merely spectacular but expressing the needs and functions of the problem and of the settings in a forward-looking manner.

I commend Mr. Grogan's candidacy to your favorable consideration.

Respectfully yours

Julius Hoodkins, FAIA

WILLIAM EMERSON
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November 13, 1956

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Gentlemen:

B. Sumner Gruzen, formerly a student of mine at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is, I understand, being nominated by the Executive Committee of the New York Chapter for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Gruzen has more than justified the reputation he had while a student of enterprise, imagination, and application. The work of his later years shows a maturity of judgment and a real refinement of taste that augurs well for the years ahead. At the same time Gruzen is more than carrying his share of work on behalf of the profession. He is just the type of architect to bring credit to the Chapter and to the Institute.

May I therefore ask your favorable consideration for his advancement to Fellowship confident of the quality of his performance from every standpoint?

Sincerely yours,



William Emerson

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November 13, 1956

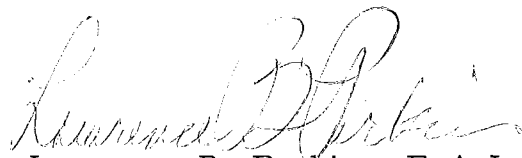
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Gentlemen:

B. Sumner Gruzen is an architect of importance and significance in his field. I feel that he has made noteworthy contribution in design.

Both as an architect and a gentleman, I comment him to your consideration as a candidate for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.


Lawrence B. Perkins, F.A.I.A.

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November 14, 1956

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Gentlemen:

I take pleasure in adding my recommendation to that of the New York Chapter for the Fellowship nomination of B. Sumner Gruzen, who has been nominated particularly for achievement in design.

Mr. Gruzen has, in my opinion, made notable contributions to the art of architecture and has devoted himself to the advancement of his profession with great zeal. From the time of his return from Europe, as holder of the Rotch Traveling Scholarship, his work has been well in the forefront of those who have contributed most to the advancement of architecture in America.

I recommend him to you in the highest terms.

Most sincerely,

Eugene F. Kennedy, Jr.
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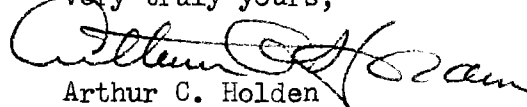
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Gentlemen:

I have learned that B. Sumner Gruzen has been nominated for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. Barney is a member of the firm of Kelly and Gruzen, and has made notable contributions in the design of housing as well as in the field of school work. He brings to all of his work a particular originality of ideas and an open mindedness which has advanced the accomplishments of his profession.

Barney has been an active member of the New York Chapter and the vigor of his personality has been a definite asset and help to his brother architects. It gives me great pleasure to recommend him for advancement to Fellowship.

Very truly yours,



Arthur C. Holden

ACH/c

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Gentlemen:

I am informed that the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has nominated for your consideration Mr. B. Sumner Gruzen as a candidate for elevation to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. I am pleased to have this opportunity to write to you to offer my own opinion of Mr. Gruzen for your consideration.

I have known Mr. Gruzen since the time of his entry into the profession in Boston, immediately after his schooling during the early 1930's. Since that time I have personally known of his consuming interest in architectural design and of his leadership, enthusiasm and ability which have long been recognized by his fellow professionals.

Although he resides and practices on the opposite side of this country, I have met him and talked to him with relative frequency during the last six years. I have had an opportunity to examine his work and to discuss design and professional problems with him on the many occasions provided by meetings of the American Institute of Architects and other professional organizations. I am deeply impressed by his sincerity and by his insight into the professional problems and the opportunities offered to the architect for service to his community.

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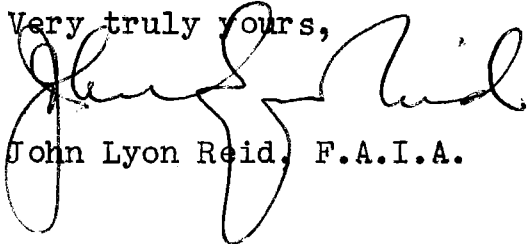
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I remember clearly a long conversation that I held with him during the recent convention of the A.I.A. in Minneapolis. He discussed with me his design philosophy as it was expressed in one of his recent designs for a school which has now been completed in New York. He maintained and demonstrated that good architectural design, conceived in terms of respect for the dignity of the individual, evoked a response that was desired by educators who themselves sought the same response unsuccessfully in terms of supervision and discipline. I think Mr. Gruzen is one of the rare architects who seeks and often reaches an architecture which serves and dignifies the human spirit.

It is with pleasure that I most respectfully recommend for your consideration a favorable action on Mr. Gruzen's candidacy.

Very truly yours,


John Lyon Reid, F.A.I.A.

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B) S

Gentlemen:

This is to state that I have known B. Sumner Gruzen for some twenty years and highly recommend that he be nominated for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

His contributions to the art of architecture have been notable and he has many fine buildings to his credit. His devotion to his profession has been of the highest form and he has participated with great zeal in community activities.

It is a pleasure to recommend him in the Fellowship.

Very truly yours,

Edward D. Stone

Edward D. Stone

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HAROLD R. SLEEPER, F.A.I.A.
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November 19, 1956

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Gentlemen:

I understand that B. Sumner Gruzen has been nominated by the Executive Committee of the New York Chapter of the A. I. A. for elevation to Fellowship.

I have worked with him on committees, both in and out of the Chapter and have observed his fine architectural work for a score of years.

Under his guidance his office has achieved notable work in a variety of fields. His design is fresh and stimulating but not forced for an effect. In other words, his design talent results in sound buildings which are also thoroughly practical and solve the problems of site, cost and utility as well as aesthetic consideration.

I recommend his advancement to Fellowship for his broad and comprehensive design ability.

Sincerely yours,



Harold R. Sleeper

HRS:jb

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November 19, 1956

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
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Gentlemen:

This letter is an unqualified and enthusiastic support of the candidacy of Mr. BARNET SUMNER GRUZEN for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects. Mr. Gruzen's nomination was endorsed by the Executive Committee of the New York Chapter which I serve as Secretary.

This candidate's rise is characteristic of the better architectural practice of our time: he has brought his firm from modest beginnings to a point of importance and effectiveness for serving the expanded needs of the public in a variety of essential fields - governmental, schools, hospitals, public housing, commercial and industrial. Yet within this large scope he has succeeded to an impressive degree to achieve and retain originality in planning and design with no sign of relaxing quality in spite of the volume of work handled. My admiration centers particularly on the General George W. Wingate High School in New York City, the Rogers Comprehensive High School of Newport, R. I., and the Milton Steinberg House in New York City.

In fields other than design he has served the profession generously - as member of various Chapter committees, as author of numerous articles on matters architectural and, finally, as director of important educational institutions.

Without reservation, I recommend Mr. Gruzen to you for elevation to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Respectfully yours,

L. Bancel LaFarge

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cc: N. Y. Chapter of A.I.A.

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November 23, 1956

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Jury of Fellows
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Gentlemen:

I am happy to support the candidacy of Mr. B. Sumner
Gruzen for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute
of Architects. His voluminous work over the last twenty years,
has been of consistently high quality and speaks well for both his
resourcefulness and his skill as an architect. He has freely con-
tributed of his dynamic energy to the advancement of the welfare
of the profession and of the communities of which he has been a
part. I believe he has earned the right to be considered for the
honor you are asked to bestow upon him.

Yours sincerely,

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Ernest J. Kump, Architect

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MORRIS KETCHUM JR., F. A. I. A.
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November 26, 1956

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Gentlemen:

I understand that B. Sumner Gruzen, A. I. A., has been nominated for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects by the New York Chapter. I am writing this letter to support his nomination.

For many years, Barney Gruzen, as head of the firm of Kelly and Gruzen, has successfully fought to do more than just turn out an acceptable job. He has devoted himself and his opportunities to the realization of designs that were in themselves inspirational to the profession -- well conceived, well built and well detailed. At the same time, he has shown an equal devotion to his profession and his community.

I believe that he deserves well of the Institute and I hope that his nomination receives your favorable consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

Morris Ketchum Jr.
Morris Ketchum, Jr.

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AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

November 26, 1956

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

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Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee of the New York Chapter has nominated for Fellowship, Barnett Sumner Gruzen. I have known him for the past fifteen years.

Mr. Gruzen is one of our foremost designers. His work has covered many categories, such as schools, housing, hospitals, shopping centers, industrial plants, and religious community centers. The Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, is one of the outstanding buildings of its kind in the United States. For this building alone he has received much credit and recognition.

Mr. Gruzen has taken an active interest in the affairs of the New York Chapter. He has served on the Executive Committee; on other committees, and is now Chairman of the LeBrun Scholarship Committee. He is actively interested in and gives much of his time to these matters.

I unreservedly recommend Mr. Gruzen to you for consideration as a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects.

Respectfully yours

Robert W. Cutler
President

RWC:Mc

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To The Jury of Fellows
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1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
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Gentlemen:

I am most sincerely happy to add my small voice in support of the nomination of B. Sumner Gruzen for the honor of Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Since student days together at M.I.T. and later in Europe, I have known him and his work. As a student his designs were original and creative, and his subsequent work over the years has maintained these qualities. The joy and enthusiasm and industry of those early problems is still expressed in the most recent buildings he has done; one group, the new dormitories at Rutgers, I visited only last week.

In addition to his talent in design I know Barney Gruzen personally to be a man of most sterling character, generous, fair and of high ideals.

Because I believe his character and his work are a credit to our profession, I am most pleased to recommend B. Sumner Gruzen to your kind consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph D. Murphy

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DANIEL SCHWARTZMAN architect

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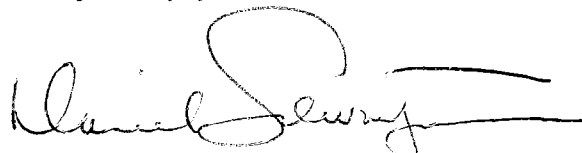
Gentlemen:

I was indeed gratified to learn that B. Sumner Gruzen has been nominated to Fellowship in the Institute by the New York Chapter. I have known Mr. Gruzen for many years and have observed his devotion to the interests of the architectural profession and to his community.

His contribution to architecture through the design of fine buildings in advanced techniques in both design and construction, has been outstanding. Mr. Gruzen's success in promoting good advanced architectural design with the public authorities, for whom his firm has designed many important structures, has resulted in fine public buildings and has smoothed the opportunities for other members of the architectural profession to gain acceptance for this type of work.

I heartily support his nomination.

Very truly yours,



DANIEL SCHWARTZMAN

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GEORGE S. JOHNSTON

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Gentlemen:

B. Sumner Gruzen has been recommended for advancement to Fellowship by the New York Chapter of the Institute.

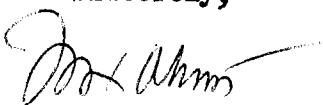
As an able, energetic architect he with his capabilities and his standards has been responsible for his firm constantly pressing upon the community and the public finer buildings.

He has been one of the few in our profession who has fought and succeeded in having his clients realize that architecture and the sister arts have an interrelation, and has thereby pushed the appreciation of our work in the profession definitely forward.

This is due to his talents, ingratiating salesmanship, and dedication to his profession and his community.

He is worthy of advancement to Fellowship.

Sincerely,



Max Abramovitz

MA:J

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December 3, 1956

Gentlemen:

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This letter is written in support of the candidacy of Barnett Sumner Gruzen, who has been nominated for Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects. Mr. Gruzen's candidacy was endorsed by the Executive Committee of the New York Chapter, of which I am Vice President.

Mr. Gruzen is well known to me as a partner in the firm of Kelly and Gruzen, who have produced a prodigious amount of architectural work in recent years. In my opinion some of his work has been outstanding, including the George W. Wingate High School (Banjo plan) in Brooklyn, N.Y., and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, N.Y.

Recognition of his design and promotional ability is evident in the many awards he has deservedly won.

I recommend Mr. Gruzen to you for elevation to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,

Harold C. Bernhard

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ARCHITECT

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December 7, 1956

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Gentlemen:

This will convey my enthusiastic endorsement of the nomination of Mr. Barnett Summer Gruzen for Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects, for achievement in architectural design. His accomplishments in design cover a wide variety of building types. He has received particular recognition for the design of school buildings in the New York - New Jersey area. In this work he has shown a remarkable freedom from design cliches. His originality has stimulated a great deal of interest in school design, both in and out of the profession. In thus generating public interest in architecture he has been of valuable service to the profession.

The work of Mr. Gruzen has improved the public acceptance of The Architect as a necessary accessory to all building construction. It is fitting that he be recognised by advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Sincerely yours,

Alonzo Clark
Alonzo Clark

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17 December 1956

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The American Institute of Architects
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B

Gentlemen:

This is in support of a nomination which I understand the New York Chapter has made for the elevation to Fellowship of Mr. B. Sumner Gruzen.

I have known Mr. Gruzen personally for many years and have been continuously impressed with his great energy and his devotion to professional accomplishment. Over and again he has demonstrated unusual mastery of the means of producing excellent designs under today's technique of building, and tremendous coordinating skill to obtain a consistent, efficient, and attractive result.

Responsibility toward the status of the professions generally and willingness to work for the community are also evident in Mr. Gruzen's record.

Certainly Mr. Gruzen has distinguished himself as one of the most really able practicing architects in this region.

Sincerely,

Lawrence B. Anderson

Lawrence B. Anderson
In Charge of the
Department of Architecture

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MAX FOLEY, F. A. I. A., P. E.
101 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 17

December 19, 1956.

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American Institute of Architects
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Washington 6, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

The New York Chapter of the Institute is nominating B. Sumner Gruzen of Kelly & Gruzen for Fellowship.

I understand that Mr. Gruzen is being nominated particularly for achievement in design. I am sure that your examination of his work in design will show you that he is qualified for Fellowship. His devotion to his profession, to the Institute and to the community would recommend him to you also.

Please let me add my endorsement to the many which you have undoubtedly received and recommend him highly to you for Fellowship.

Sincerely,

Max Foley

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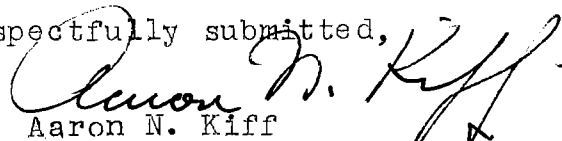
December 20, 1956

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Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I take pleasure in personally endorsing the candidacy of Mr. Barnett Sumner Gruzen for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute. Mr. Gruzen's nomination has been made by the Executive Committee of the New York Chapter of which I am serving as a member. I have known Mr. Gruzen for many years and cannot speak too highly of his achievements in the field of design. He finds time, apart from his practice, to serve the New York Chapter and the Institute on various committees, and his contributions are always studied and forceful. I take pleasure in adding my personal endorsement of Mr. Gruzen for this high honor.

Respectfully submitted,



Aaron N. Kiff
Treasurer, New York Chapter
American Institute of Architects

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December 31, 1956

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CHARLES L. MACCHI

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JAMES J. BUCKRIDGE

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

As a member of the Executive Committee of the New York Chapter, I am writing to endorse the nomination for Fellowship in the Institute of Mr. B. Summer Gruzen.

Mr. Gruzen as a partner in the firm of Kelly and Gruzen has been very influential in producing a great volume of architectural work all done in a professional manner and reflecting high standards of design and of architectural practice.

His application form lists an imposing number of buildings of which perhaps the most influential is the Public School in Brooklyn known somewhat colloquially as the "Banjo". This particular project is an example of the kind of thinking that I feel warrants recognition and implies great promise.

I, therefore, recommend Mr. Gruzen to you as qualified for elevation to Fellowship in the Institute.

Very truly yours,



Roger G. Spross

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January 3, 1957.

The Jury of Fellows,
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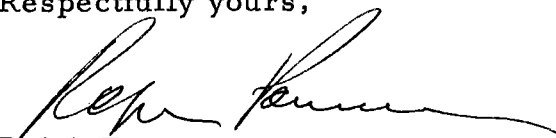
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Gentlemen:

This letter is written in full support of the candidacy of
B. Sumner Gruzen nominated for Fellowship by the New York
Chapter.

Mr. Gruzen is an outstanding figure in the architectural
profession in this city and has to his credit many fine buildings.
He has been an active member of the chapter and has served with
distinction on many of its committees.

Respectfully yours,


Ralph Pomerance

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Gentlemen:

It is with great pleasure that I am complying with Mr. Robert Allan Jacobs, F.A.I.A. request to write you on behalf of my old friend and classmate at M.I.T., B. Summer Gruzen.

Barney, as he is known to his friends, has always displayed unusual aptitude for design. At M.I.T. he was brilliant, daring and imaginative.

As time passed, after his return from Europe, Barney built the organization that he heads today. This combined ability to design and organize astounds me. The fact is that he succeeded to organize a top flight architectural office, and add to his design achievement, almost daily.

In my present position it is my privilege to supervise the design of the best architects in New York, engaged by the Board of Education.

When he began to design the now famous Banjo School, Barney arrived with his staff and a suitcase full of schemes, including three small models. The approved scheme shelved automatically most of the stale, old, Board of Education standards, and Barney began to spread his wings. Only our limited time schedule, prevented him to do an even better job.

The same is true of his design for the New York High School of Printing Trades, another complete innovation, and his present design for J.H.S. 22 Manhattan and library.

These designs are very different from each other, they continue to break down stagnated standards, and can only be the produce of a very fertile mind.

Barney started another trend in New York City Schools, the utilization of contemporary artists to create sculpture, mosaics, or other

forms of art for our school buildings.

We followed his example, and today we call for some expression of contemporary art in practically all of our new buildings.

I could write a book on the reasons why Barney's entitled to a fellowship, but I will rest here and say that he is greatly responsible for many of the improvements that we believe to have made in New York City school design.

Very truly yours,



Michael L. Radoslovich
Chief Architect



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C O N F I D E N T I A L

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Sincerely yours,

Andrew G. Park, Jr.

Member of the Executive Committee, New York Chapter, A.I.A.



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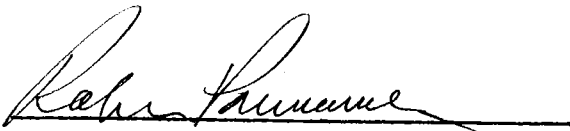
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January 9, 1957

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Re: Mr. Barnett Sumner Gruzen

Gentlemen:

This is to convey to you my recommendation for the election of Mr. Barnett Sumner Gruzen as a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. It is my understanding that Mr. Gruzen's nomination has been based upon his achievements in architectural design.

For many years I have followed with great interest the development of Mr. Gruzen's office and its contributions to the advancement of architectural design. It seems to me that his office is in the forefront of those which are leading the way to better buildings. I base this judgment not only upon his published work but also upon the actual buildings, including the Albert Einstein College of Medicine which I visited last Sunday.

It is my belief that not only has Mr. Gruzen made outstanding contributions to architectural design but that he also has the highest standards of professional ethics governing all phases of his work.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick G. Frost, jr.
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January 18, 1957

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Gentlemen:

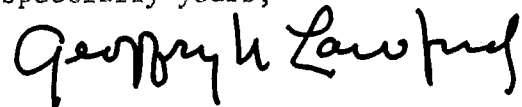
It is a pleasure indeed to write you in support of the candidacy of B. Sumner Gruzen, who has been nominated for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Gruzen's candidacy has been endorsed by the Executive Committee of the New York Chapter, on which I am serving as a member.

Mr. Gruzen is a distinguished architect, with exceptional talent in architectural design. As a member of the firm of Kelly and Gruzen he has been responsible for the design of many important structures, into which he has brought new forms and skillful innovations to all phases of the work. He has made important contributions to the planning of schools, hospitals, armed services installations and shopping centers as well as in many other fields, and has received numerous awards and other citations in recognition of the quality of his work.

He takes an active part in the affairs of the New York Chapter and of the Institute. He has served on many Chapter committees and is a former member of its executive committee.

Without reservation I recommend him to you for elevation to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Respectfully yours,



Geoffry N. Lawford

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ARCHITECTURE
WALTER FRANCIS BOGNER
Professor of Architecture

January 22, 1957

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Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a letter from the New York Chapter requesting me to support the candidacy of B. Sumner Gruzen and a letter from the Wisconsin Chapter asking me to support candidacy of Frederic R. von Grossmann.

I have known Mr. B. Sumner Gruzen as a Rotch Travelling Scholar and as the designer of a new type of school in New York which was identified as "banjo" type. I believe Mr. Gruzen to be very competent and successful in his practice.

Mr. Frederic R. von Grossmann was a student of mine in the School of Design of Harvard University, and I have liked him for his personal qualifications. I do not know enough about his work in Wisconsin. I have heard that he is quite aggressive in his practice and active in the Wisconsin Chapter. (In von Grossman file)

I really do not consider myself competent to set a fair and equal basis of evaluation on architects practicing in various states of the Union and being in part recommended for service to the Institute, in part for distinguished work in design, and in part for other causes. Of the people in the New England region, I believe that Mr. Peter Geddes of Providence, Rhode Island is a well qualified person for service to the Institute, and I have therefore written a separate letter giving him a clear-cut recommendation. (In Geddes file)

Sincerely yours,


Walter F. Bogner, F.A.I.A.

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