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31 JANUARY 1958

THE JURY OF FELLOWS
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GENTLEMEN:

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE NOMINATION BY THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF MR. GEORGE VERNON RUSSELL FOR ELEVATION TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE INSTITUTE.

I FIRST HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF BECOMING FAMILIAR WITH THE TALENTS OF MR. RUSSELL AT THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IN FONTAINEBLEAU IN 1928, AND IT HAS BEEN BOTH A PLEASURE AND AN INSPIRATION TO FOLLOW HIS PROGRESS IN ARCHITECTURE SINCE THAT DATE.

MR. RUSSELL'S COMBINATION OF UNUSUAL ARCHITECTURAL TALENTS AND HIS DEVOTION TO THE INSTITUTE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, WHILE NOT RARE, DOES REPRESENT THE OPTIMUM IN A WELL-ROUNDED PROFESSIONAL IN OUR FIELD.

IN ADDITION TO HIS OUTSTANDING CIVIC AND PROFESSIONAL WORK AND HIS NUMEROUS AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN DESIGN, THE NOMINEE HAS DEVOTED A CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF HIS LIFE TO WORK IN EDUCATION AND IS PRESENTLY HANDLING THE MOST ADVANCE DESIGN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT AN AWARD FOR FELLOWSHIP HONORS THIS YEAR TO MR. RUSSELL WOULD BE A MOST APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION OF OBVIOUS MERIT IN MANY FIELDS.

YOURS VERY TRULY,


MARCELLUS WRIGHT, JR., F. A. I. A.

MWJR:SS

Gentlemen:

A few weeks ago I learned from Mr. Maynard Lyndon of the Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects that this Chapter has nominated George Vernon Russell for advancement to the Fellowship in the Institute.

This was good news to me. I heartily and sincerely join in recommending Mr. Russell to the Jury of Fellows. It was as a student at the American School at Fontainebleau in 1928 that I first met George Russell (Morris Ketchum was also there that summer). Later I saw much of him in New York before he decided to locate permanently in Southern California.

I have watched his continuous growth and rise to professional prominence, and I have seen his distinguished work in design. I have been aware of his tireless energy and effort in directing or participating in many community and educational programs directly or indirectly concerned with architecture. In all these efforts he has demonstrated genius as an architect, and as a leader and contributor to the community and to his profession.

The exhibit and documentation prepared by others tell of these things and it seems unnecessary to expand on the visual part of the record. But I will briefly comment on one feature of his activities - his work as teacher of design at the University of Southern California - which he does with brilliance, excellence and drive.

This is of vast importance to our profession and the structure of our culture in a time when so few architects seem willing to take time from their busy practice to teach for a few years, or on a long time basis, and when consequently the architectural

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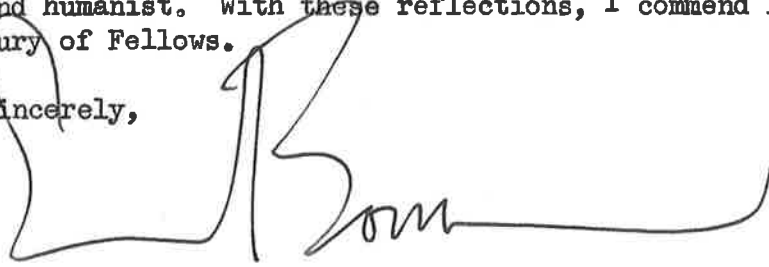
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schools are being overstocked by inexperienced professional "architectural teachers". This aspect of his achievement record, I believe, has more than casual inference to a profession that needs wise and mature guidance.

George Vernon Russell has passed the test for architect, artist, and humanist. With these reflections, I commend him to the Jury of Fellows.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ernest Born". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "B".

Ernest Born

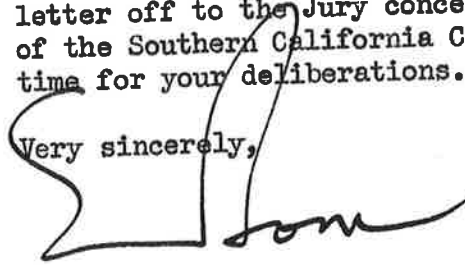
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Via Air Mail
Special Delivery

Gentlemen:

An absence from my office incurred by illness, followed by a trip to the east, has, I am sorry, delayed getting this letter off to the Jury concerning Mr. George Vernon Russell of the Southern California Chapter. I trust it arrives in time for your deliberations.

Very sincerely,



Ernest Born

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January 30, 1958

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

Gentlemen:


The Southern California Chapter has advised of the nomination of George Vernon Russell for Fellowship in the Institute.

In my opinion, Mr. Russell is one of our outstanding architects.
His buildings reflect unusual ability in the field of design.

In addition, he has been most active in professional matters and
in the teaching of design at the University level.

I strongly recommend his advancement to fellowship in the Institute.

Very truly yours,



Samuel E. Lunden, F.A.I.A.

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January 29, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

Mr. George Vernon Russell has been nominated by our chapter for fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I have followed Mr. Russell's career for many years and sincerely believe that his influence in design in this area has been outstanding.

I would like to add my endorsement to that of many others for your serious consideration of Mr. Russell for fellowship in the Institute.

Yours very truly,


Henry L. Wright, F. A. I. A.

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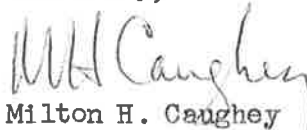
Gentlemen:

I have seldom been enthusiastic enough to recommend a man for election to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. In the case of George Vernon Russell, I am extremely enthusiastic.

Mr. Russell has served his Chapter well and is, in my opinion, one of the top designers in Southern California, if not in the nation.

May I recommend him for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Milton H. Caughey

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January 28, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

I wish to add a few words in hearty approval of the recent nomination, by the Southern California Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, of George Vernon Russell for elevation to Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known Mr. Russell for some thirty-four years, six of them spent in close association on architectural projects. I feel that I can sincerely vouch for his refinement of taste, excellent judgment and honestly of purpose. These attributes have won for him the respect of his clients and the building industry at large, as well as the enthusiastic support of his own office force.

I can think of no one more qualified to become a Fellow in The American Institute of Architects and I take great pleasure in recommending him for this honor.

Sincerely,



W. G. Chester

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January 28, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

The Southern California Chapter has proposed the name of George Vernon Russell for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. Having had the privilege of knowing Mr. Russell and his work in the field of architecture, I am gratified to have this opportunity to address your Jury in his behalf.

The accomplishments of Mr. Russell in the field of architecture are well known throughout Southern California and the United States. His work has been singled out for excellence in design on several occasions. He has been the recipient of several national, as well as local, awards in that field.

He has contributed greatly to the development and maintenance of the high standards of the architectural profession in our community by devoting generously of his time to students of architecture, acting as an instructor and critic of architectural design at the University of Southern California.

The Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has recently indicated the esteem in which they hold Mr. Russell by his election to the presidency of that Chapter.

I most enthusiastically recommend him to you for the honor for which his Chapter has presented him, and invite your favorable consideration of his nomination.

Very truly yours,


D. Stewart Kerr, A. I. A.

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

Gentlemen:

I know it is with some pride that the Southern California Chapter has proposed that George Vernon Russell be advanced to fellowship this year. Those of us, who have been able to observe directly the buildings which he has designed, realize that his contribution to design in this area is noteworthy and commendable. His record of awards acknowledges a wide recognition of the quality of his work.

Further, his colleagues have indicated, by electing him the current president of the Chapter, a confidence in his leadership and interest in the activities of the Institute. His responsiveness to community affairs, his adroitness in public appearances and courage to be direct in his comments certainly have left the impression in our community of an active, alert, professional man.

I urge your most favorable consideration of Mr. Russell's nomination.

Very truly yours,


Maynard Lyndon

January 27, 1958

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January 27, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

I understand that the Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has nominated George Vernon Russell for elevation to Fellowship in the Institute.

I should like very much to support Mr. Russell's nomination. I have known Mr. Russell as a student in the School of Architecture at the University of Washington, and as an alumnus of the School I have watched with great interest his progress in professional practice. As a student he showed unusual imagination and a sensitivity in the approach to architectural design considerably above his contemporaries, and I have noticed further in watching his progress that this has been a part of his design contribution. I consider it an honor and a pleasure to support Mr. Russell's nomination for Fellowship.

Yours very truly,



Arthur P. Herrman, F.A.I.A.
Dean

APH:H

GRAHAM LATTA · ARCHITECT

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January 27, 1958

Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Re: George Vernon Russell

It is with considerable enthusiasm that I welcome an opportunity to endorse the nomination to Fellowship of George Vernon Russell.

I sincerely believe that Russell has made a significant contribution in "selling" Architecture to Industry. His wartime work in Ireland with Lockheed Overseas demonstrated the value of the Architect in industrial planning and led to his recent commission to do the Administration Building for Lockheed Aircraft Service, Inc., at Ontario, California.

It has been my pleasure to inspect this facility quite thoroughly. It is a dual success. Lockheed officials are boastfully proud of Russell's accomplishments in conquering a virtually impossible time schedule without any compromise in thoroughness; we fellow Architects are tremendously impressed with his beautiful, logical solution of a modern industrial complex.

Sincerely,



GRAHAM LATTA, Architect

GL:lc

HENRY L. EGGERS, F. A. I. A.
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January 24, 1958

American Institute of Architects
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Attention: Jury of Fellows

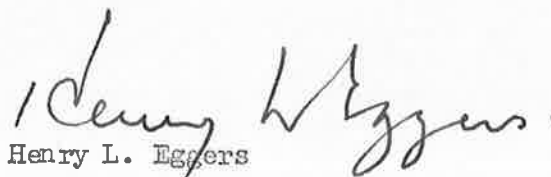
Gentlemen:

I am pleased to add my voice to those of others
to support the nomination of George Vernon Russell
for elevation to Fellowship in the Institute.

Mr. Russell's aggressive and effective approach
to architectural design, particularly in the
commercial field is well known here in Southern
California. In addition to this, he has given
lavishly of his time both to the Institute
and to the education of student architects.

I feel sure he will continue to be a great
credit to the profession.

Respectfully,


Henry L. Eggers

HLE:dl

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January 23, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

It gives me pleasure to support the nomination of George Vernon Russell, architect in Los Angeles, to elevation of Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known George for "quite a few years." We first met here in New York City, later were draftsmen for Reginald Johnson in Los Angeles, and wound up designing some very fine Hollywood sets. George's subsequent work speaks for itself -- excellent!

I am pleased to promote such a fine designer and citizen who understands people.

Very truly yours,


Robert Doulton Stott

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January 23, 1958

Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
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Gentlemen:

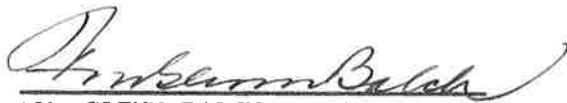
I would like to support the nomination of George Vernon Russell for the honor of being elevated to Fellowship in the Institute.

I have been personally acquainted with Mr. Russell for a number of years and am aware of his activities in connection with education work as a Critic of Fifth Year and Graduate Design at the University of Southern California. Mr. Russell has carried on this education work in spite of the demands of a large practice in architecture.

He has also been interested in community service and is well known for his activity in this regard. He has been particularly active as a Director of the Southern California Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, a Director of the California Council, The American Institute of Architects, and in spite of the many demands on his time, has accepted the presidency of the Southern California Chapter.

May I urge your careful and favorable consideration of Mr. Russell.

Yours very truly



WM. GLENN BALCH, Architect

WGB/jms

EUGENE WESTON

ARCHITECT, F. A. I. A.

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January 21, 1958

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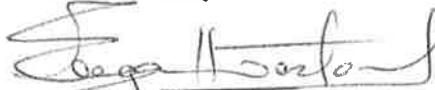
Gentlemen:

The Southern California Chapter has nominated George Vernon Russell for your consideration and I am most happy to second the nomination.

The justification for his advancement to Fellowship would without question be based on the high quality of his Architectural Design. George has received National and Local awards and has contributed much of his time in assisting Educational institutions in this area.

May I respectfully recommend your favorable action.

Sincerely



EUGENE WESTON, Jr.

EW:c

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January 21, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure and pride that I recommend to your distinguished group Architect George Vernon Russell of the Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects for advancement to Fellowship of the Institute. I most heartily concur with the Executive Board of the Southern California Chapter in their recommendation in Mr. Russell's behalf.

Mr. Russell has contributed greatly to the advancement of the profession, even prior to his acceptance into the Institute in 1947 as a Corporate member of the Southern California Chapter. He received his license to practice Architecture in California in 1936 and soon after became associated with Douglas Honnold, F.A.I.A. During the war years, 1942-1945 he spent in Britain, in charge of the Lockheed Overseas Service Facilities and as Consulting Architect for the 8th Air Force Service Command. Under his direction Langford Lodge Air Depot, Warton Air Depot, both in England; Green Castle Air Base and Megharby Air Base in Ireland were designed and constructed. It is also interesting to note that the trailer Field Command Office used, by the then General Eisenhower, on the continent was designed by Architect Russell.

Since returning to the States after the war, nominee Russell's achievements in design have been outstanding. He won a National A.I.A. "Award of Merit" in 1953 on the Republic Supply Company Building and again in 1954 for the Pike Residence. He also was awarded the Southern California Chapter "Award of Merit" in 1954 for the Avery Adhesive Label Corporation Building.

In 1955 he was recipient of a National Progressive Architecture "Design Award" for the Electronic Engineering Company of California Building. The Lockheed Aircraft Service Inc., Administration Building and Cafeteria won a National 1957 Institution Magazine "Merit of Award" and also an "Award of Merit" in the Southern California Chapter's 1957 A.I.A. Honor Award Program. The Koepfli Beach House also received the "Award of Merit" in the same 1957 local Honor Award Program. Architect Russell's most recent recognition was from the California Fashion Creators and was the 1957 "Distinguished Achievement Award" for Architecture. This award is given design leaders for outstanding work which reflects California leadership in the various design fields.

Mr. Russell's versatility in the allied arts should be included in any list of achievements. His capabilities in both water color and lithography have been attested in by one man shows in both media; examples of both can be found in private collections and the San Diego Art Museum has purchased examples of his water colors.

Architect Russell has given freely of his time to promote the profession, both to students, the general public and among the members of the profession. He has acted as critic in design for the fifth year and graduate design students in Architecture at the University of Southern California since 1954 and still is acting in that capacity. In addition he has aided the Associate Group of the Pasadena Chapter in preparing for the State Board Examination on Architectural Design and Site Planning. He has addressed the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Industrial Design Institute on "Site Selection" and the Los Angeles County Museum Art League on "Plans or Chaos". He was chosen to deliver the Annual Ramney Lecture on the Arts (First time on Architecture) at the Westridge School. His lecture "Architecture-A Basic Cultural Study" outlined the importance of Architecture as a necessary background of the educated and attempted to instill an interest and desire for good Architecture in the formative minds of the students.

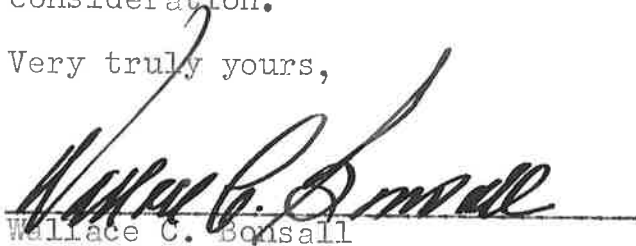
Mr. Russell has appeared on several Architectural Panels at our local California Council A.I.A. State Conventions and acted as Moderator for the National A.I.A. Design Symposium held at the 1955 National Convention in Minneapolis. The Southern California Chapter has called on him numerous times to Moderate local Seminars or appear as a Panel Member.

As a community service, Mr. Russell is currently acting as "Planning and Architectural Consultant" to the Rancho Sante Fe Association in San Diego County and to the Rancho Ondelando Estates in Ventura. This is an effort to create more pleasing and better planned communities in which to enjoy the best of living comfort.

Architect George Vernon Russell has contributed much to his local Chapter, the California Council, A.I.A. and to the Institute. He was a member of the National A.I.A. Honor Award Committee for three years; has been a Director on the Executive Board of the Southern California Chapter as a Delegate to the California Council, A.I.A. for the past two years and as President will continue his duties as a Delegate to the Council this year.

Mr. Russell is devoted to the profession of Architecture and as above noted has given generously of his time and ability to promote good architecture and the appreciation for good design. It gives me great pleasure to recommend Architect George Vernon Russell of the Southern California Chapter, A.I.A. for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Wallace C. Bonsall
Pasadena Chapter, A.I.A.

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The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, NW
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Gentlemen:

It gives me pleasure to join in the Southern California Chapter's nomination of George Vernon Russell for Fellowship on the basis of achievement in design.

For a man who does not run a large office and whose list of clients is probably one of the shortest in the country in relation to volume, George has produced quite an astonishing amount of work that has won recognition.

I well recall, in the course of a symposium at Coronado on architects and clients, getting an estimate from practioners present on what proportion of their business was repeat business with the same people. In the case of Russell it seems to me it was something like four-fifths. This was an indication of solid satisfaction on the part of the client such as does not always exist to back up the judgment of those of us who get on juries. Juries can occasionally get impressed with the over-all idea or the over-all quality of a job, as conveyed by plans and photographs, but the client knows what is there right down to the last light switch.

From our own limited knowledge, however, as visitors or tourists, Russell's work is distinguished by a warm, human quality that permeates a skilled standard of design. Industrial buildings are a rough test because a traditional economy, ^{and} vestigial notions that industrial work per se is nasty, have held back attention to the factory as a place where people work. Russell's designs for organizations such as Republic Supply Company, Electronic Engineering Company of California, Avery Adhesive, Lockheed Service, have been outstanding, and I notice that the industrial job has been followed--or preceded--more than once by a house for the head of the company, e.g. Mr. Pike of Republic or Mr. Hull of Lockheed Service.

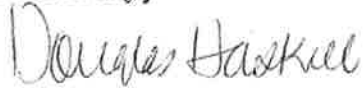
Meanwhile, George has been aware, too, of the broader aspects of architecture in relation to its surroundings. His little depots for Republic Supply raised up the warehousing of common cheap pipe, along the highway, to something dignified.

January 20, 1958

In his jobs as planning and architectural consultant to the Rancho Santa Fe Association or to Rancho Ondelando Estates at Ventura, and his concern with downtown planning problems in Pasadena, etc., indicate an architect rendering distinct service to the community. And his activity as a Director of the California Council, a member of the National Honor Awards Committee, etc. indicates service to the Institute. It was a real working service, too, for when I had a symposium to organize for the California Council, the non architects whom Russell helped to invite were among those who not only accepted but showed.

I guess this indicates one man's feeling that Russell might well qualify as a Fellow.

Sincerely,



Douglas Haskell
Editor

DH:aw



CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC
COLLEGE

San Luis Obispo, California

January 20, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

This letter is in connection with the consideration of
Mr. George Vernon Russell for elevation to fellowship in
The American Institute of Architects.

During my years of apprenticeship, I had the singular
experience of working as a designer for the following
architects, all of whom have been elected to fellowship
in our Institute: Summer Spaulding, Douglas Honnold,
Welton Becket, and Henry Wright.

Having worked in the same capacity for Mr. Russell, it is
my observation that he is the peer of any and all these
gentlemen in every respect, and is certainly deserving of
recognition by our profession. Please accept my enthusiastic
support for his election.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George J. Hasslein".

George J. Hasslein, A.I.A., Head
Architectural Engineering Department

cc: Maynard Lyndon

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Maurice R. Smith

ASSOCIATE

January 18, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that I have learned that the Southern California Chapter has nominated George Vernon Russell for elevation to Fellowship.

I immediately thought of the days that George Vernon and I spent at the University of Washington, when we were undergraduates in the same class. Even then George Vernon showed great promise in all fields of architecture and particularly in the field of design. He and I also attended the Fontainebleau School of Fine Arts at Fontainebleau, France the summer of 1928, where he did some excellent work. I always felt that he had a very good mind and had ideas worth listening to. In addition to this, he also had a terrific sense of humor.

Our paths have not crossed very often since college days. I have seen him a few times at A. I. A. conventions and also when I have been in Los Angeles. However, I have followed with great interest the announcements of his various honor awards and also the publications of his work in the Architectural Press.

Please count me among those who are supporting his nomination for Fellowship.

Yours very truly,


John S. Villevik

TENNYS BELLAMY
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January 17, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

I have been informed that George Vernon Russell is being nominated by the Southern California Chapter of The American Institute of Architects for elevation to Fellowship in the Institute.

I would like to add my support to this nomination as one who has known Mr. Russell for more than 33 years and through a sufficient number of varying circumstances to testify to his outstanding character. I have watched his accomplishments in architecture and admired their high degree of excellence.

He has the happy faculty of successfully carrying through an idea in which he believes, uninfluenced by public opinion.

His refinement of taste and devotion to well balanced procedures are evident in his work and are reflected in good business management and rapport with his employees, amiable relationship with his fellow architects, respect from his clients and a very healthy appreciation from the public at large.

He has given unselfishly of his time in helping other people with their questions and unformed thoughts regarding architecture. He is quick to appreciate those of sincere endeavor in the field of architecture and the allied arts, very often encouraging further development of their talents. His knowledge of the arts and people of Mexico lends added color to his accomplishments.

Mr. Russell's broad experience in actual practice of architecture includes work on the eastern seaboard and the southwest portion of this country as well as in Europe.

As evidence of his versatility, I was pleasantly surprised while listening to a news broadcast during World War II to hear that General Eisenhower was riding to the front lines and conferring with his staff in a well equipped trailer designed by George Vernon Russell.

I know of no one more qualified to become a member of our Fellowship, and take great pleasure in writing you this letter.

Sincerely,

Tennys Bellamy

GEORGE B. ALLISON, F.A.I.A.
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January 17, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

The Southern California Chapter is nominating George Vernon Russell, A.I.A., for Fellowship in the Institute.

Mr. Russell's rather spectacular career of achievement in winning design recognition may be known to the Jury of Fellows. If not, data outlining these remarkable achievements will no doubt be submitted in support of his nomination.

Review of the photographs accompanying this nomination will no doubt reveal many things to the Jury of Fellows. Amongst them will be recognized an alert and inventive faculty of perception in contemporary forms, considerable inventiveness and ingenuity in their adaptation may likewise be noted. Those of us who know George Russell recognize him as a quick mind with a continuing interest in the problems of contemporary design.

Although his nomination is being based on his achievement in design, review of supporting data will also show that he has been interested in many allied fields including work with the various quasi public agencies and in the field of education.

Recently elected to the presidency of the Southern California Chapter, George Vernon Russell is one of our promising young men who may be regarded as leaders of the Southern California Chapter, now the third largest in the country. I respectfully endorse his nomination and trust it will receive your full consideration.

Very truly yours,


George B. Allison

GBA/cfh

H. L. GOGERTY F.A.I.A.

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January 16, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

The Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has presented the name of George Vernon Russell to your Honorable Board for consideration as a nominee for advancement to fellowship in the Institute. Having known Mr. Russell over a period of many years and knowing of his activities in the community and particularly in the architectural profession, it is my pleasure to address this letter to you in his behalf.

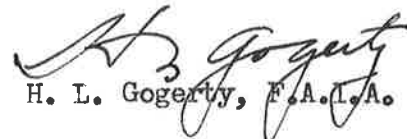
Mr. Russell has designed and successfully completed many outstanding projects throughout Southern California. Several of his works have received recognition from the Institute and from other organizations.

With his many other duties and responsibilities, Mr. Russell has given generously of his time as an instructor and critic in design in the University of Southern California School of Architecture.

Mr. Russell has recently been honored by being elevated to the presidency of the Southern California Chapter.

It is a privilege to support the nomination for which his Chapter has seen fit to recommend him, and to invite your favorable consideration of this proposal.

Very truly yours,


H. L. Gogerty, F.A.I.A.

HLG/yo

January 16, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

It gives me considerable pleasure to recommend for advancement to Fellows, George Vernon Russell of the Southern California Chapter.

I have known Mr. Russell ever since his membership in the Chapter and am well acquainted with the quality and character of the work he has been doing. I have never known him to produce a job devoid of merit. In addition to being a top flight designer, I consider him one of the outstanding all around practitioners in this part of the country.

Yours very truly,

FLEWELLING AND MOODY
Architects

By 

RCF:bb

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DONALD BEACH KIRBY - ARCHITECT

FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

15 January 1958

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

Re: George Vernon Russell, A.I.A.

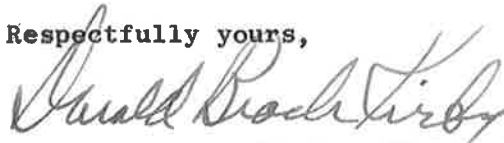
Gentlemen:

George Vernon Russell, A.I.A., has been nominated by the Southern California Chapter for advancement to Fellowship. I wish to add my recommendation to this nomination and to say that I have known Mr. Russell for about twenty years and have greatly admired his distinguished practice.

Mr. Russell has consistently produced fine design in his work and has been a leader in the development of better taste in architecture on the Pacific Coast. The many published examples of Mr. Russell's work have carried his name far beyond the Los Angeles area. He has found time to take part in educational activities, professional activities and has served on numerous committees and panels in the most constructive way.

I urge your favorable consideration of Mr. Russell's nomination.

Respectfully yours,



Donald Beach Kirby, F.A.I.A.

DBK/s

HENRY F. WITHEY-ARCHITECT
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January 14, 1958

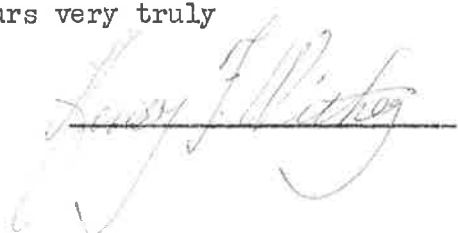
Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Ave. N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen;

Mr. George Vernon Russel, Architect has been proposed for Fellowship by our Southern California Chapter. Mr. Russel's work and achievements as Architect as listed in the statement submitted to you make him very worthy of advancement.

I have known him quite intimately since he joined our Chapter in 1947 and I fully indorse him for advancement. He is the President of our Chapter for this year:

Yours very truly

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry F. Withey", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized.

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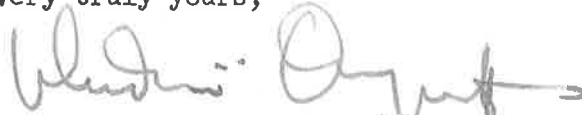
14 January 1958

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

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that the Southern California Chapter has nominated George Vernon Russell for Fellowship in the Institute. Although, due to the distance which separates us, my contacts with Mr. Russell have been infrequent, I was very much impressed with both his attitude and the quality of the work I was privileged to observe. I would like, therefore, to enthusiastically support his nomination with full knowledge that he will be a very worthy and desirable addition to the College of Fellows.

Very truly yours,



Vladimir Ossipoff, Architect

VO:pj/sf

THOMAS J. RUSSELL, A. I. A.
A R C H I T E C T
533 EAST OCEAN BOULEVARD
LONG BEACH 2, CALIFORNIA

January 14, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

George Vernon Russell is a first class architect in every respect. Our chapter couldn't propose a better person.

Sincerely,


Thomas J. Russell

TJR:dc



RICHARD J. NEUTRA AND ROBERT E. ALEXANDER
ARCHITECTS • PLANNING CONSULTANTS • ASSOCIATED ENGINEERS

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ROBERT R. PIERCE
C. HOWARD MILLER, A. I. A.

January 14, 1958

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue N.W.
Washington 5, D.C.

Re: George Vernon Russell

Gentlemen:

George Vernon Russell is one of the most dedicated professionals in the Institute. I have known him since 1932, and have followed his work and career with interest. During the past four years we have worked together as visiting critics in the College of Architecture, University of Southern California where his leadership and judgement have been very effective.

He has tackled the job of designing buildings for industry, which are normally not leaders in the design field, and has vested his work with singular qualities of proportion and beauty seldom found in this category of construction.

The effect of George's design work in the industrial field is difficult to measure, but it is certainly considerable and has an influence extending far beyond Southern California. He is definitely contributing to the ideal of the profession of being of increasing service to society in creating work spaces which will add to the health and delight of our laboring population.

I am convinced that George should be elevated to Fellowship, and urge that the Jury take this action.

Cordially yours,

Robert E. Alexander

REA/ep

PAUL THIRY, ARCHITECT

FELLOW AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

January 13, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

Please add my name to those who propose George Vernon Russell
for advancement to Fellow in the Institute for Design.

I have known Mr. Russell since our student days at the University of
Washington. He represents a high order of professional practice
and, in my opinion, is an exemplary designer.

It is a privilege to recommend him to you.

Sincerely



Paul Thiry

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MORRIS KETCHUM JR., F. A. I. A.
227 EAST 44 STREET • NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

January 13, 1958

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


Gentlemen:

I have learned that the Southern California Chapter has nominated George Vernon Russell, A. I. A., for advancement to Fellowship. This letter is in support of his nomination.

I have known George Russell for the last thirty years--- as a fellow draftsman in the Office of York and Sawyer, as a fellow architect and as a friend. During those years, I have admired his achievements as an architect, his work in the field of architectural education and his service to The Institute. It was particularly gratifying to have his outstanding design abilities recognized by The Institute by Awards of Merit for the industrial plant of the Republic Supply Company and the residence of J. J. Pike, both in California.

I believe that George Russell well deserves the recognition of Fellowship from The Institute and I hope that his nomination receives your favorable consideration.

Very sincerely yours,


Morris Ketchum, Jr., F. A. I. A.

MKjr:vs

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January 10, 1958

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
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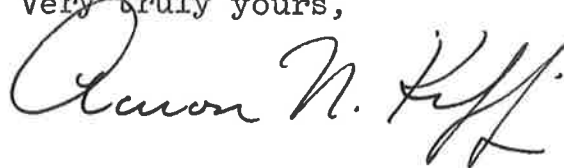
Gentlemen:

I am greatly pleased to be able to write in behalf of Mr. George Vernon Russell who has been nominated by the Southern California Chapter of The American Institute of Architects for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known George for about thirty years, when we were both young men here in the office of York & Sawyer. At that time he showed far more than ordinary promise as an architect, which his work in California now confirms. His colleagues on the coast I am sure know his overall achievements in architecture better than I do at this distance - what I have seen of his work, I am sure it is outstanding. More important perhaps is that I find him, after thirty years, still a very professional architect, alive and brimming over with the same enthusiasms which motivated him when he first entered the profession.

I unhesitatingly recommend Mr. Russell to the Jury of Fellows as a candidate.

Very truly yours,



ANK/JY

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CHARLES O. MATCHAM, F.A.I.A.
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January 10, 1958

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

ATTENTION: Miss Florence Gervais, Secretary to the Jury

Gentlemen:

George Vernon Russell, President Elect of the Southern California Chapter, has been nominated by the Executive Committee of that chapter for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute for Achievement in Design. The long list of awards which he has won are well known. His skill in design is evidenced by the fact that for several years past he has been Chief Critic for Fifth Year and Graduate Design at the University of Southern California. He has lectured and served as moderator in many meetings of Civic organizations. He has served as Planning and Architectural Consultant for various California communities.

George Russell's reputation throughout our community and beyond for his design has been outstanding and I am delighted to recommend him most highly for advancement to Fellowship.

Sincerely yours,


Charles O. Matcham, F.A.I.A.

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January 10, 1958

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Southern California Chapter
American Institute of Architects
3723 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 9
Los Angeles 5, Calif.



ATTENTION: To Committee nominating Fellows

Dear Sir:

I know the work of George Vernon Russell and have followed his splendid progress for years.

I surely support the idea of elevating him to fellowship.

Very sincerely yours,

Richard J. Neutra
RJN/b

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January 10, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

I have learned that George Vernon Russell has been nominated for Fellowship in the Institute. It is an extreme pleasure for me to earnestly urge your favorable consideration for his advancement.

Mr. Russell's achievements in design have earned him wide and well deserved recognition, both regionally and nationally.

Those of us who have known George for many years have grown to respect him as a distinguished architect and as a man.

From 1934 to 1941, George and I were partners. It is, then, with knowledge, warmth, and understanding of a fellow architect that I now pay my greatest respect to him.

Yours very truly,

Douglas Honnold

DH:R



HARRIS ARMSTRONG, F.A.I.A., ARCHITECT

PETER C. KOSCHER, ASSOCIATE

January 9, 1958

AIR
MAIL

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

Gentlemen:

I have learned with real pleasure that the Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has nominated George Vernon Russell for elevation to Fellowship in the Institute.

I would like to support the Southern California Chapter for many reasons--certainly his many A.I.A. awards and his educational work and his community service are all very important--but in addition to these many achievements, he is a warm and friendly person who adds to the stature of the architect as a complete citizen in his many contacts with the lay public.

Yours very truly,

HARRIS ARMSTRONG, F.A.I.A.

HA:mk

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EMIEL BECSKY
HARRY SAUNDERS
KAZ NOMURA
ASSOCIATES

9 January 1958

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

Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that Mr. George Vernon Russell has been nominated by the Southern California Chapter for elevation to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

As one who has known Mr. Russell for twenty seven years, I wish to submit my sincere recommendation that his nomination be approved. In all the time I have known him I have admired his ability as a designer, and I am well aware of the contribution he has made to architecture and to the Institute.

I can think of no one on whom the honor of a Fellowship could be more appropriately bestowed.

Sincerely,



Frederick E. Emmons
Frederick E. Emmons

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JANUARY 9, 1958

THE JURY OF FELLOWS
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON
1735 NEW YORK AVE., N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

GENTLEMEN:

AS YOU KNOW, GEORGE VERNON RUSSELL, AMONG OTHERS, HAS BEEN NOMINATED BY THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER FOR FELLOWSHIP.

AMONG HIS MOST RECENT WORKS ARE: REPUBLIC SUPPLY COMPANY, RESIDENCE FOR J. J. PIKE, ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, AVERY ADHESIVE LABEL CORPORATION, LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT SERVICE INCORPORATED ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND CAFETERIA, AND THE J. B. KOEPLI BEACH HOUSE. ALL OF THESE HAVE RECEIVED AWARDS.

AS CRITICS OF FIFTH YEAR DESIGN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, I HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH MR. RUSSELL, AND I REGARD HIS CONTRIBUTION THERE AS INVALUABLE.

HIS RECENT ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, IS AN INDICATION OF HIS ABILITY TO SERVE THE INSTITUTE.

I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT MR. RUSSELL'S NOMINATION.

YOURS VERY TRULY



THORNTON M. ABELL

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GEORGE T. ROCKRISE A.I.A.
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8 January 1958

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

Gentlemen:

It is a great pleasure for me to write in support of the Fellowship nomination of George Vernon Russell, of the Southern California Chapter.

I have known Mr. Russell for the past four years, and have considerable familiarity with his work. I also participated in a panel discussion with him at one of the State Architectural Conventions.

As a person and architect I find him a most provocative and stimulating thinker, with a great awareness of the responsibility of the architect to our society. I know that he engenders a constructive philosophy of architecture in the young people of our profession with whom he has contact.

I have great admiration for the concise, but imaginative quality which I find in his architectural design and planning.

I recommend Mr. Russell to you without reservation.

Sincerely,


GEORGE T. ROCKRISE

GTR/mr

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
UNIVERSITY PARK
LOS ANGELES 7

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 8, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

Mr. George Vernon Russell has been nominated by the Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to Fellowship.

His participation as a member of the faculty of the School of Architecture at the University of Southern California has enriched our educational program, and I endorse his nomination most heartily. He is devoted to the cause of Architecture, is a talented architect, and the regard of his colleagues is evidenced by his recent election to the presidency of the Southern California Chapter.

Yours truly,



Arthur B. Gallion, F.A.I.A.
Dean, School of Architecture

ABG/g

KENNETH N. LIND

a a ARCHITECT

943 N. LA SIENEGA BLVD. LOS ANGELES 46 CALIFORNIA

January 8, 1957

Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 6 ✓

Honorable Jury:

I have noted with sincere pleasure the nomination of the following men for fellowship in the American Institute of Architects:

Paul Robinson Hunter
William Leonard Pereira
John Leon Rex
George Vernon Russell

I have followed the careers of each of these men for the past twelve years, and it is my belief that their contribution and achievement is outstanding, a real credit to the profession.

Sincerely yours,


KENNETH N. LIND, A.I.A.

KNL:jls

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January 8, 1958
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Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1735 New York Ave. N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Re: Proposed Fellowship Award
George Vernon Russell

A recommendation will be considered by you to award Mr Russell a Fellowship in the Institute, I heartily recommend that it be received favorably.

Mr Russell, over a period of many years, has served the Institute and the community outstandingly. He has a thorough knowledge of the aesthetics of design and has conducted his activities in a highly professional manner.

I unhesitatingly recommend him as qualified to receive the award.

Very truly yours,



Adrian Wilson

aw/m

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January 7, 1958

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

Gentlemen -

I have been informed that George Vernon Russell has been nominated by our Chapter for elevation to Fellowship, and would like to give my support to Mr. Russell.

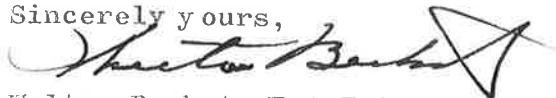
It is my feeling that he has made outstanding contributions to design in this area. His National A.I.A. Awards of Merit are for Republic Supply Co., and the residence of J. J. Pike. He won the National Progressive Architecture Design Award for the Electronic Engineering Co of California, and his Southern California Chapter awards have been for the Avery Adhesive Label Corporation - award of merit, the Lockheed Aircraft Service Inc. administration building and cafeteria - award of merit and the Institution Magazine Merit of Award, and another award of merit for the beach house of J. B. Koepfli.

Mr. Russell has been critic for fifth year and graduate design at the University of Southern California since 1954. His lectures have been before the L.A. County Museum Art League - "Plans or Chaos" - "Site Selection" - L.A. Chamber Commerce Industrial Design Institute - "Architecture - A Basic Cultural Study" - Annual Ramney Lecture on the Arts at Westridge School. He was moderator in 1955 at the A.I.A. Design Symposium and has been on panels at National A.I.A. Convention in 1956 "Youth Wants to Know" and in 1955 at CCA. A.I.A. Education Panel.

His efforts for the Institute and our community have also been outstanding - such as Director of the Chapter, Director of California Council, and National Honor Awards Committee. He is planning consultant to Rancho Ondelando Estates in Ventura and is currently Planning and Architectural Consultant to the Rancho Santa Fe Association in San Diego County.

I feel proud that Mr. Russell is being presented for consideration from our Chapter as a Fellow.

Sincerely yours,



Welton Becket, F.A.I.A.

WB/bs

WILLIAM H. HARRISON
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January 7, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

In support of the nomination of George Vernon Russell, I hope to convey to you my keen interest in his advancement to Fellowship. Mr. Russell is outstanding in the Los Angeles Chapter, and will be our president this year. He has been chairman of our Exhibition Committee and has been a panel leader in Chapter programs, and is always very generous with his time and ability.

Mr. Russell is a distinguished designer. As architect for industrial buildings he has created unusual beauty in choice of materials and colors. His buildings have already received regional and national honor awards, and point the way for new advancements in utilitarian structures. He shares his talents in the field of Education and is much appreciated at the University of Southern California.

I have worked with George Russell upon several occasions, and have great admiration for his architectural ability, his unbounded energy in all his endeavors, and for his integrity as a man.

Very truly yours,



William H. Harrison, F. A. I. A.
Architect

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January 6, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

I am writing this to recommend your strong consideration of architect, George Vernon Russell, in his nomination to become a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

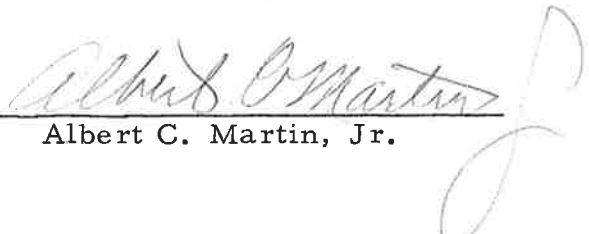
George Vernon Russell has established himself in the professional circles of California as an outstanding contributor to the advancement of good design and construction techniques. For much of his work, he has been recognized by winning awards of the highest type most of which have been sponsored by the Institute. I believe it particularly worthy to note that Mr. Russell has made an outstanding contribution in the molding of industrial forms into something which is architecturally pleasant and practical.

I write this without hesitation and offer you my sincerest recommendation towards his favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

ALBERT C. MARTIN & ASSOCIATES

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Albert C. Martin, Jr.

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WILLIAM WOOLLETT A.I.A.
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January 3, 1958

EDWARD S. HELD


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

Gentlemen:

The name of George Vernon Russell as candidate for Fellowship in the Institute, has come to my attention and I am more than happy to speak in high praise of Mr. Russell's ability, and in my humble opinion, his qualifications for this high honor.

Mr. Russell has already distinguished himself with several national awards and has been an inspiration to many of us here who have had the opportunity of knowing him. I think that as Mr. Russell continues his practice and an experience of his obligations to his community and to his country as a whole, he will take more and more a position of leadership.

Very truly yours,



WILLIAM WOOLLETT, ARCHITECT

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CC: G. V. Russell

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3 January 1957

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

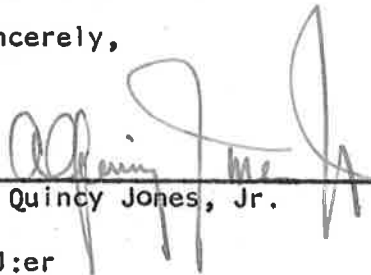
Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that George Vernon Russell has been nominated and is to be considered by your Jury for elevation to Fellow in the American Institute of Architects. I have known Mr. Russell for twenty two years. As a matter of fact, I worked for Mr. Russell on my first job out of college.

Since that time I have been associated with Mr. Russell on work, observed the work of his office, and as well have been on the Fifth Year Design Faculty at the University of Southern California with him. It is my opinion that Mr. Russell is an architect who does represent the highest standards that one could expect in the Institute. His achievement in design speaks for itself, and I can honestly say that in all other phases of practice he is an outstanding example of what an architect should be.

I can unhesitatingly recommend a favorable action on his nomination.

Sincerely,


A. Quincy Jones, Jr.

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January 3, 1958

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

ATTENTION: Miss Florence Gervais, Secretary to the Jury

Gentlemen:

The nomination of George Vernon Russell for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects comes as no surprise to his fellow Architects. Mr. Russell has been a devoted member of the Southern California Chapter for many years and has contributed much to enrich the profession of Architecture.

My personal association with Mr. Russell has been that of a valued friend and fellow Architect. I feel as though his unimpeachable devotion to Architecture and his business acumen are prime factors in his advancement to Fellowship.

It is with great pride and pleasure that I recommend Mr. Russell be advanced to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely yours,



Stewart S. Granger, A. I. A.
Director, Southern California
Chapter, A. I. A.

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December 30, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

It has been brought to my attention that the Southern California Chapter has nominated Mr. George Vernon Russell for advancement to Fellowship for achievement in "Architectural Design."

It is my pleasure to address this communication as a "second" to the nomination of Mr. Russell, whom I have known for about twenty years.

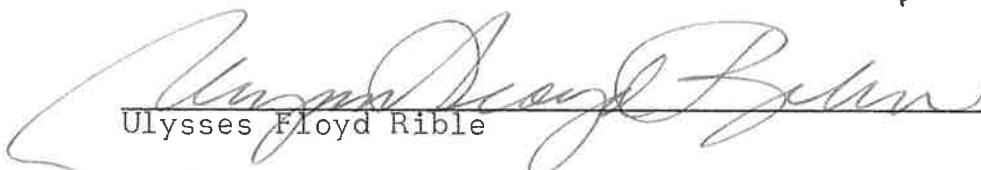
Mr. Russell's accomplishment in the field of "Design" is well known to his professional colleagues. No doubt an itemized record of his awards has been supplied to you.

In the field of "Education," it has been my pleasure to know personally of his work at the University of Southern California, and I am well acquainted with his talks on many facets of architecture before civic and professional bodies.

The Southern California Chapter has just recognized Mr. Russell's executive leadership by electing him to the office of president pursuant to his service for two years on the Chapter's Executive Committee.

Your sympathetic attention to Mr. Russell's nomination is respectfully suggested.

Very truly yours,


Ulysses Floyd Rible

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December 30, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

This year, the Southern California Chapter is nominating four men for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Paul Hunter
John Rex
William Pereira
George Russell

It is unusual that a quartet of men with the high qualifications of these four, could be submitted in one year from any chapter. I have no hesitation in recommending to your attention all four. They are all Fellowship caliber.

Sincerely,


Herbert J. Powell

HJP:mf

PAUL ROBINSON HUNTER

ARCHITECT AIA

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December 13, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee of the Southern California Chapter has nominated George Vernon Russell for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute. It gives me great pleasure to support this nomination.

George Russell is doing some of the clearest and most vigorous thinking in the field of design today. He numbers many important industrial clients who are enthusiastic about the forward-looking buildings he has developed for them.

Mr. Russell, however, feels strongly that an architect should not be a specialist in his practice, and his distinguished work in many types of buildings bears out this point of view. He is a much sought after critic among the fifth year students in the College of Architecture of the University of Southern California. The regard of the architects of this area was expressed recently when he was elected president of our Chapter for 1958.

I heartily recommend George Russell for your consideration for advancement to Fellowship.

Sincerely,



Paul Hunter

PRH/db

edward h. fickett, aia.
architect

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November 20, 1957

The Jury of Fellows, A. I. A.
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

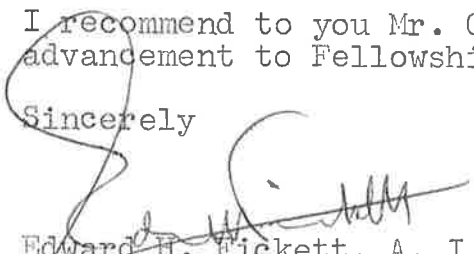
Gentlemen

During the past year I have served as secretary for the Southern California Chapter. During this time I have come to know George Vernon Russell personally. He is presently teaching and devoting many hours of personal time toward the betterment of the students at the University of Southern California.

As a Director in the Chapter for the past three years, Mr. Russell has certainly formulated policy which reflects his outstanding character. Mr. Russell's many national awards from the A. I. A. certainly classify him as one of the outstanding designers of the last ten years.

I recommend to you Mr. George Vernon Russell for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Sincerely



Edward H. Fickett, A. I. A.
Secretary, Southern California Chapter

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

November 15, 1957

CONFIDENTIAL

Re: George V. Russell, A.I.A.

To Members of
The Executive Committee, Southern California Chapter, A.I.A.

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To complete Nomination this form must be filled and returned before February 1st. Otherwise, no action will be taken at the forthcoming Jury meeting.

It is the opinion of the Jury of Fellows that a designer, however talented, should not be advanced to Fellowship if he possesses deficiencies of character which reflect discredit upon the profession; and that no architect, regardless of outstanding service, should be advanced if the buildings which he has designed are so notably inferior in architectural design as to reflect discredit upon the profession.

To help the Jury learn such aspects, which are not normally completely supplied through regular nomination procedure, fill in the lines below which in your opinion apply to George V. Russell, A.I.A. and return this sheet in the addressed envelope provided.

1. Has he many friends who speak well of him? Yes.
2. Do they also vouch for his accomplishments? Yes.
3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? Yes.
4. What is your opinion of his character? He adheres to the highest standard of ethical conduct. His character is above reproach

Carl Depp
(Signature)

Member of the Executive Committee, Southern California Chapter, A.I.A.



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3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? YES.
4. What is your opinion of his character? QUITE GOOD


(Signature)

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4. What is your opinion of his character? Excellent

Edward H. Fickett
(Signature)

Member of the Executive Committee, Southern California Chapter, A.I.A.
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B. Stewart Kerr
(Signature)

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4. What is your opinion of his character? EXCELLENT

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(Signature)

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4. What is your opinion of his character? _____

An outstanding practicing architect and designer who contributes generously of his time to Institute problems and the strengthening of the profession.

Burnett C. Turner
(Signature)

Member of the Executive Committee, Southern California Chapter, A.I.A.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

November 27, 1957

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