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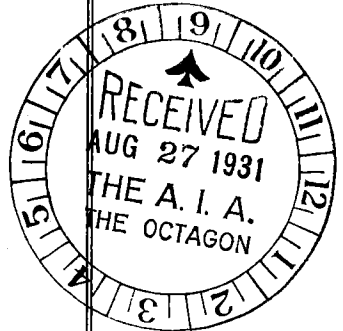
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August 25 1931

Mr. Frank C. Baldwin, Secretary
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.



My dear Mr. Baldwin:

Mr. William Muschenheim has applied to the New York State Board for registration as an architect. He has presented the diploma which he received from the Behrens Master School of Architecture at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna. The Board apparent does not know of the standing of this school and has asked Mr. Muschenheim to present some evidence of the recognition of the School in architecture.

It occurred to me that since Professor Behrens is an Honorary Corresponding Member of the Institute that you may possibly have sufficient information regarding the Academy and the Professor's standing to be in a position to give an opinion on the rating of the school.

Incidentally I might mention that I received my degree in architecture at the Academy in the year 1892. The school is considered one of the best architectural schools in Europe.

Your kind assistance would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Urban". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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August 28, 1931.

Dear Mr. Urban:

Your letter of August 25th to Mr. Baldwin is received during his absence, and I am responding for him.

We are in doubt as to what procedure can be taken here which might be helpful in the matter.

The letter has been forwarded to Mr. Baldwin, at The Crossways, Nantucket, Massachusetts. It may not reach him promptly as I understand he was planning a trip to Maine.

I am, therefore, suggesting the following to whom you might write:

Mr. Charles Butler, Chairman, Committee on Education, A.I.A., 56 West 45th Street, New York City;

Mr. Kenneth Murchison, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, A.I.A., 101 Park Avenue, New York City.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Joseph Urban,
5 East 57th Street,
New York City.

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Copy to Mr. Baldwin; Mr. Butler; Mr. Murchison