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January 16, 1952

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

Gentlemen:

This letter is written to request your favorable consideration of the nomination of Mr. Welton Becket, for fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Architectural work developed under Mr. Becket's direction has repeatedly received premiation in both local and National Architectural competitions.

Through my personal acquaintance and association with Mr. Becket, over a period of years, I firmly believe that we can expect this high standard to continue in his work.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Burnett C. Turner", with a stylized, flowing script.

Burnett C. Turner

BCT:DK

WILLIAM CHARLES
PEREIRA & LUCKMAN
ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

L. E. MCCONVILLE, A.I.A. FRANK GRUYS, A.I.A. MAX R. HORWITZ, A.I.A. EDWIN B. FOSTER, A.S.C.E.
HAROLD CROSS, A.I.A. F. A. SAYLER, STRUCTURAL ENGINEER GEORGE W. OTT, MECHANICAL ENGINEER

January 9, 1952

Gentlemen:

I have been advised that Mr. Welton Becket of Los Angeles has been proposed for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. I have known Mr. Becket for twelve years and can speak with considerable accuracy as to his ability, integrity and experience.

Frequently when a firm obtains the large practice and prestige of Mr. Becket's organization the principal no longer takes personal responsibility for the planning and design of his firm's work. I can state with absolute assurance that this is not Welton Becket's case. Although he is inclined to give the greatest measure of credit to his fine organization, the largest portion of this credit is due him for his own personal ability and leadership.

I am sure others throughout the country share with me the belief that Mr. Becket's work is the product of an ability equal to any architect practicing in this country today. His ideals, his personal character and the manner in which he conducts his practice are above reproach. I can think of no man more worthy of this award for Fellowship and am delighted to take this opportunity to express my considered opinion before your impartial body.

Sincerely,



W. L. Pereira, A.I.A.

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

LUTAH MARIA RIGGS - ARCHITECT A.I.A.

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

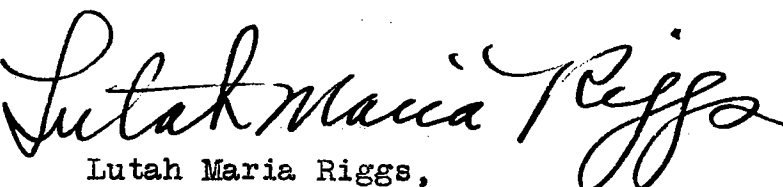
Gentlemen:

It has been brought to my attention that
the Los Angeles Chapter has nominated
WELTON BECKET for Fellowship in the Institute.

It is with pleasure that I concur in this
nomination; and if it were possible to do,
I should like to see the same honor given
posthumously to his late partner Mr. Wurdeman.

The work of this firm has been outstanding for
many years; and the current works of the office
continue to contribute to the cultural advancement
of Southern California and elsewhere.

Sincerely yours,


Lulah Maria Riggs,

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Los Angeles, California
January 16, 1952

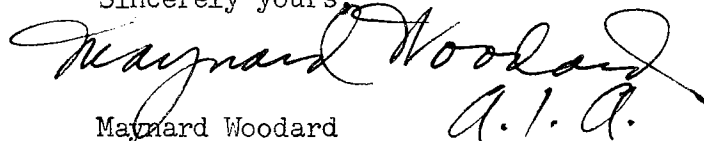
Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 6

Gentlemen:

As a member of the Southern California Chapter of the A. I. A., I have been informed by a letter from the Executive Committee that Welton Becket, A. I. A., has been nominated for a Fellowship.

I have known Mr. Becket personally for many years, have long been an admirer of his work, and feel that such an honor is highly deserved. Apart from his signal achievement in the field of design, which has already been acknowledged in the form of many awards not only from the A. I. A. but also from other groups outside the profession, Welton Becket has distinguished himself as a tireless proponent of reforms in the building industry and especially in light weight construction techniques. He has also made many important contributions in the fields of store-planning and off-street parking and, altogether, has earned the distinction implicit in the conferral of a Fellowship in the Institute.

Sincerely yours,


Maynard Woodard
A. I. A.

MW:ms

RALPH BENDA MODJESKI AIA ARCHITECT

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January 14, 1952

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

Gentlemen:

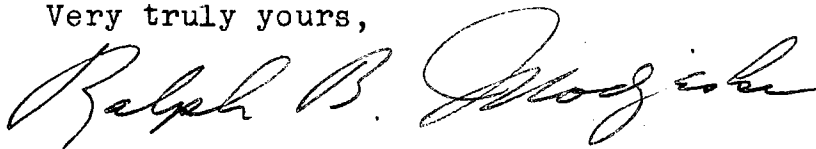
The Southern California Chapter of The American Institute of Architects informed its members that Mr. Welton Becket had been nominated by the Chapter for Fellowship.

I have had the pleasure of working in Mr. Becket's office and to observe first hand the practice of a conscientious and a thorough architect in every way. His relationship with the client, consulting engineers, personnel and contractors to produce outstanding architecture has been equaled by too few architects of today.

The Prudential Insurance Building in Los Angeles alone sets a remarkably high example of good architecture and to achieve such an example again on the Bullocks, Westwood department store marks Mr. Becket as an architect of great caliber.

+ It is with pleasure that I recommend Mr. Welton Becket for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,



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5657 Wilshire Blvd.
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Los Angeles, California
February 25, 1952

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

Gentlemen:

As a member of the Southern California Chapter of the A.I.A., I recently received a letter from the Executive Committee informing me that Welton Becket, A.I.A., has been nominated for a Fellowship.

I should appreciate your adding to the record my endorsement of this nomination. As the architect of the Prudential and General Petroleum buildings, Bullock's stores in Pasadena and Westwood, and many other celebrated buildings not only in California but throughout the United States and abroad, Mr. Becket has consistently produced interesting, imaginative and functional solutions to the problems confronting designers of large commercial and industrial installations, and in my opinion has exerted considerable influence on the architecture of his time. His candidacy for a Fellowship has my heartiest support.

Very truly yours,


Francis Runcy, Architect, A.I.A.

FR:md

PAUL ROBINSON HUNTER

ARCHITECT AIA

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• LOS ANGELES 36

February 27, 1952

Jury of Fellows

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

Gentlemen:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend
Welton Becket for advancement to Fellowship in
the American Institute of Architects.

In a relatively short period Welton Becket and
his former partner, Walter Wurdeman, developed
one of the largest offices in this area, while
maintaining at the same time a high standard of
practice in design, construction, and profession-
al relations.

During the past several years, I have served as
the architect for one of the new buildings on
the campus of the University of California at
Los Angeles, for which Mr. Becket is the super-
vising architect. I admire the way in which he
has handled the transition from the prevailing
Romanesque style to a simple and appropriate
contemporary architecture, establishing a quiet
harmony between the old and new buildings through
the skillful use of materials.

Mr. Becket has advanced the profession in this
area by establishing an outstanding program of
public relations which has continually emphasized
the significant role of the architect. I heartily
recommend him for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,


Paul Hunter

PRH/bjc

WILLIAM CHARLES
PEREIRA & LUCKMAN
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L. E. MCCONVILLE, A.I.A. FRANK GRUYS, A.I.A. MAX R. HORWITZ, A.I.A. EDWIN B. FOSTER, A.S.C.E.
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January 11, 1952

Gentlemen:

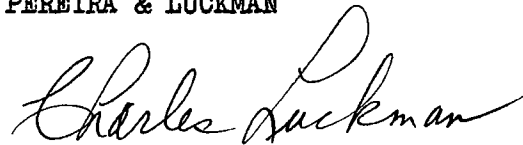
I have been advised that Mr. Welton Becket of Los Angeles has been proposed for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. I have known of Mr. Becket for many years and have known him personally for four years.

Prior to my return to this profession, I engaged the services of Mr. Becket's firm in connection with the erection of a \$25,000,000 multi-purpose factory on the west coast. During the course of this association I found Mr. Becket to be possessed of unusually high ability in both his creative ideas and in the conduct of his business. While I am sure he instinctively gives credit to his fine organization for his unusual achievements, I learned from my business relationship with him that a substantial amount of the credit is due him for his own high abilities.

Since I have returned to the profession, I have had many opportunities to become better acquainted with the work of his office and, even more importantly, of the man himself. As a result of this combined opportunity to evaluate his abilities, I am very happy to have this chance of expressing my views so that they might be a part of the consideration which I know his proposal for Fellowship will receive.

Sincerely,

PEREIRA & LUCKMAN



Charles Luckman, A.I.A.

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

ADRIAN WILSON

ARCHITECT - A. I. A.

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LOS ANGELES 17, CALIFORNIA

December 18, 1951

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

Attention: Jury of Fellows


Gentlemen:

Mr. Welton Becket, Architect of Southern California, has been sponsored by the Southern California Chapter of A.I.A. for fellowship. It is with genuine pleasure that I recommend Mr. Becket to you as an applicant qualified to receive such an honor.

Mr. Becket, through his organization, has produced outstanding architectural edifices which have been the inspiration to younger architects, highly creditable to the profession, and landmarks of distinction in our community. Mr. Becket has contributed his time, energy and ability to the betterment of the profession for a period of years, as well as notable contribution in the commercial and industrial field of architecture.

I unhesitatingly recommend him to you as well qualified to receive his fellowship.

Yours very truly,


ADRIAN WILSON

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JUAN F. NAKPIL
- ARCHITECT -

MEMBER; AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
FELLOW; PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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DECEMBER 15, 1951

THE JURY OF FELLOWS
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1741 NEW YORK AVENUE, WASHINGTON
U. S. A.

GENTLEMEN:

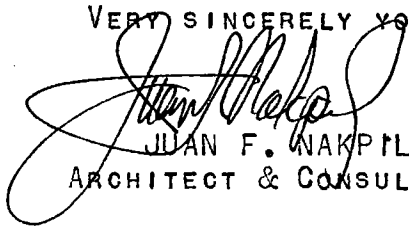
HAVING BEEN INFORMED OF MR. WELTON S. BECKET'S NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP BY THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER, I AM TAKING THE LIBERTY OF ADDRESSING THIS LETTER TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRIBUTING MY PERSONAL OPINION OF MR. BECKET'S WORK.

THE JAI-ALAI BUILDING HERE IN MANILA WHICH MR. BECKET DESIGNED IS A DISTINCTIVE CONTRIBUTION BY A FOREIGN ARCHITECT TO THE PROGRESS OF ARCHITECTURE IN THIS COUNTRY.

DURING MY TRIP IN 1947 AS A MEMBER OF AN ARCHITECTURAL MISSION SENT BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT, IT WAS MY PLEASURE TO HAVE PASSED THROUGH LOS ANGELES AND TO HAVE SEEN SOME OF HIS WORKS. I AM DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY HIS DESIGN, CHOICE OF MATERIALS AND ARCHITECTURAL TREATMENT.

IT IS MY OPINION THAT MR. WELTON S. BECKET IS AN ARCHITECT WORTHY OF THE FELLOWSHIP FOR WHICH HE WAS NOMINATED.

VERY SINCERELY YOURS,


JUAN F. NAKPIL
ARCHITECT & CONSULTANT

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DONALD BEACH KIRBY, A.I.A. • THOMAS B. MULVIN, A.I.A.

MEMBERS AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATED

December 12, 1951.

Jury of Fellows

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

Re: W.D. Becket

Gentlemen:

I understand that Welton D. Becket has been recommended for Fellowship in the Institute. I have known Mr. Becket for about fifteen years and had the pleasure of registering him and his late partner, Mr. Wurdeman, as members when I was secretary of the Southern California Chapter.

Mr. Becket's tremendous professional activity over the past twenty years has been phenomenal. In my estimation the most amazing part of this phenomena is the high quality as well as the great quantity of work produced by this very talented architect.

The photographs and other exhibits which have been forwarded to you speak for themselves but I wish to comment particularly on the Prudential Building, Los Angeles; the Spiral Garage, Los Angeles; the General Petroleum Building, Los Angeles; and the two Bullocks department stores in Pasadena and Westwood. These buildings employed significant innovations in plan as well as new uses of structural materials. The use of light weight structural members has been of particular interest in California where seismic loads are encountered. The planning of the department stores was quite radical in that stock rooms were scattered throughout the store in complete departmentalization. The success of Mr. Becket's innovations has proven his good judgment.

Mr. Becket has conducted his practice in an ethical and business-like way and he has been a fine example to others in the profession who have seen good business methods and good design fostered by this architect.

From personal knowledge I can recommend Mr. Becket to you as deserving of the honor of Fellowship.

Very truly yours,


Donald Beach Kirby

DBK/m

B. MARCUS PRITECA
ARCHITECT
506-15 PALOMAR BUILDING
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Dec.,
7th,
1951.

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

Gentlemen:

Nomination for Fellowship, A.I.A.,
Mr. Welton Becket.

On the information that Mr. Welton Becket has been nominated by the Southern California Chapter for elevation to Fellowship, it gives me pleasure to present my endorsement of his candidacy.

I have followed the career of the nominee together with that of his late partner, Wurdeman, since they both were graduated from the University of Washington here in Seattle. My own practice having taken me regularly to California during many of the past years, it was only natural that I should observe the amazingly rapid strides and accomplishments in architecture of Mr. Becket's firm, after they had transferred their office to Los Angeles.

The Sponsoring Committee undoubtedly will submit many outstanding exhibits of the nominee's works, and I especially remember and acclaim such structures as,

Bullock's Department Store, Pasadena,
General Petroleum Building, Los Angeles,
Prudential Building, Los Angeles,
Orbach's Department Store, Los Angeles,
Hillcrest Country Club, Los Angeles.

While I served on the Washington State Board of Architectural Examiners, I had occasion to scrutinize a rather complete "catalog" of the nominee's works throughout this country and also the Pacific Islands, and the list of structures and the quality of the

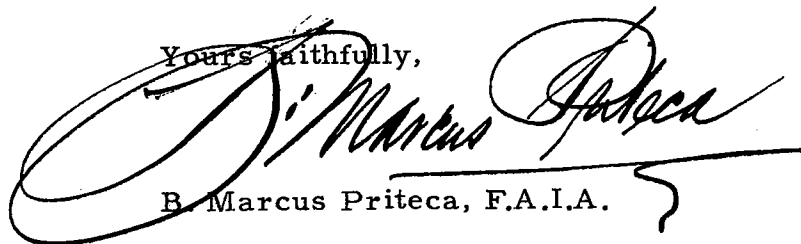
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December 7th, 1951.

buildings struck me as perhaps the most outstanding development
of an architectural practice of my time in this Western area.

Hoping Mr. Becket receives your favorable considera-
tion to the very high honor of Fellowship in the Institute,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, reading "B. Marcus Priteca". The signature is written over a horizontal line and has a decorative flourish at the end.

B. Marcus Priteca, F.A.I.A.

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MARSH, SMITH & POWELL

Architects and Engineers

MADISON 2737 + 300 LANE MORTGAGE BLDG., EIGHTH AT SPRING + LOS ANGELES 14

David D. Smith
Herbert J. Powell
Howard H. Morgridge

December 4th, 1951

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

Gentlemen:

I wish to endorse the name of Mr. Welton Becket, for advancement to Fellowship, from the Southern California Chapter.

In association with Mr. Walter Wurdeman, who died a year ago, Mr. Becket has designed the outstanding commercial buildings in Southern California which have been erected in the last two or three years.

His organization is a large one and yet they are meticulous in their attention to detail. He has designed two stores for Bullocks, a department store in Los Angeles, each of which is outstanding. The more recent, the Westwood Store, representing a distinct advance over the excellent Pasadena Store.

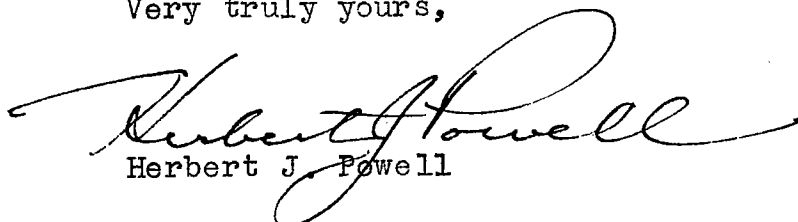
In a large office, such as Mr. Becket operates, the architect in chief, sets the temper of the office, and the character of the design, although executed by designers on his staff, reflects the attitude of the top man.

Mr. Becket, for this reason, deserves great credit for the high caliber of the work his office has been doing, and is currently turning out.

His services to the chapter in the past have been considerable and they have been freely given when required.

It is a pleasure to me to recommend him.

Very truly yours,


Herbert J. Powell

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GOLEMON & ROLFE . . ARCHITECTS

MEMBERS OF THE TEXAS SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS
AND OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

ALBERT S. GOLEMON, A.I.A.
WALTER T. ROLFE, F.A.I.A.

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Houston 6, Texas
December 3, 1951

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

Dear Gentlemen:

Mr. Welton Becket of Los Angeles, California has been proposed for elevation to Fellowship in the Institution. In my judgment he is one of the most competent architects of our time and has certainly made an outstanding contribution to creative design in the profession of architecture.

Mr. Becket also is a fine speaker and has contributed to the literature of the profession by participation in public and professional meetings wherein the general improvement of the profession was upper most.

Mr. Becket came to Texas when we invited him to our Dallas convention and made an outstanding contribution as the principal speaker for our seminar on lightweight construction.

I sincerely hope the Jury of Fellows will find full and complete evidence of his total competence to receive this distinguished honor at an early time.

Sincerely,

Walter T. Rolfe

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GOLEMON & ROLFE . . ARCHITECTS

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Houston 6, Texas
November 30, 1951

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

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Gentlemen:

I understand that Welton Becket of Los Angeles, California has been nominated for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects by the Southern California Chapter. I wish to urge that his nomination be considered favorably by you.

In looking over the list of architects throughout the United States who have notable achievement to their credit in the practice of the profession, during the post-war period, I believe Welton Becket stands among the top.

Mr. Becket not only has excellently designed buildings to his credit such as the General Petroleum Building and Prudential Building in Los Angeles, and the Bullocks Department Stores at Pasadena and Westwood, which I have seen, but he has shown the ability to perfect an outstanding organization. Anyone visiting his office is well impressed by the systemitized and professional manner in which his work is produced.

I visited Mr. Becket's office in the summer of 1950 and came away feeling that any person would think much better of the profession after such a visit.

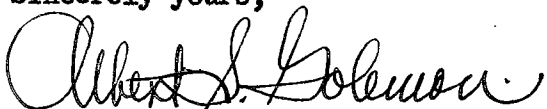
Mr. Becket was invited by the Texas Society of Architects to deliver the keynote address at it's annual convention of 1950 in Dallas, Texas and to lead the discussion in the seminar on lightweight construction, during the convention. He did an excellent job of it and made a very good impression on everyone.

I have personally known Mr. Becket since 1927 although I have seen him very little during the years. In 1927 we were classmates in

architecture at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts at Fontainebleau, France and I later travelled with him and two other students in Italy and Southern France.

He has always been an excellent designer and has proven himself to be a good executive and administrator. I personally consider Mr. Becket to be one of the outstanding men in our profession today.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Albert S. Golemon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Albert" being more prominent and the last name "Golemon" following in a similar style.

Albert S. Golemon, Vice-President Elect
Texas Society of Architects

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and
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A R C H I T E C T S E N G I N E E R S C O N S U L T A N T S

November 29, 1951

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

Gentlemen:

I understand that Welton Becket has been nominated for Fellowship in the A. I. A.

It seems to me that his contributions to the design of an unusual number of exceptionally fine structures of all kinds merit without question such a recognition. I am sure that the photographs he submits of these buildings will indicate this emphatically.

I urge his advancement to Fellowship.

Sincerely,

JOHN WELLBORN ROOT

JWR:mc

LOUIS BODMER AIA ARCHITECT
MEMBER AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

524 B STREET, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
ORPHEUM THEATRE BUILDING

November 28, 1951

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American Institute of Architects
Jury of Fellows

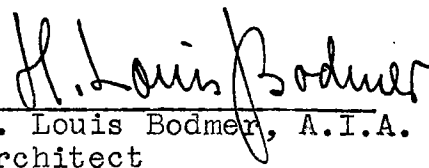
Gentlemen:

The nomination of Welton Becket to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects has been brought to my attention.

It is a great pleasure to hear of the nomination of an architect with whom I had the privilege to work as an associate principal during four war years in Governmental construction assignments.

Welton Becket's desire for unabridged duty to his clients has earned him a place of honor. His sincerity in the profession of Architecture and generosity in his efforts to achieve beauty and utility combined, has made him an inspiration to his fellow architects. These merits and his excellent personality have won him my admiration and wholehearted recommendation for a Fellowship Award.

Very truly yours,


H. Louis Bodmer, A.I.A.
Architect

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BREO FREEMAN, A. I. A.
ARCHITECT
45 SOUTH MARENGO AVENUE
PASADENA CALIFORNIA

November 27, 1951

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

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to endorse Welton Becket as a "Fellow" to the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Becket has vision and leadership and has been of great service to society; he has employed many of our young men and has aided them in our profession; his knowledge of building materials and construction techniques has brought forth many of our very best buildings such as Bullock's Department Store, Pasadena, General Petroleum Building, Los Angeles, Prudential Building, Los Angeles, Hallmark Store, Kansas City. Mr. Becket has raised the level of our profession through the State of California.

Yours very truly,

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KAHN AND JACOBS, *Architects*

ELY JACQUES KAHN, F. A. I. A.
ROBERT ALLAN JACOBS, A. I. A.
JAMES B. NEWMAN, A. I. A. - A. S. C. E.

TWO PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

November 21, 1951

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

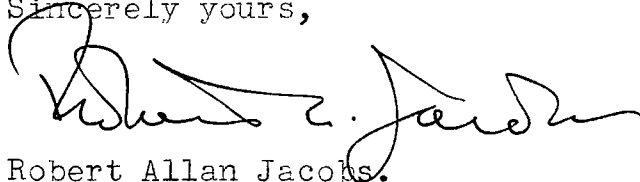
Gentlemen:

It has been brought to my attention that Mr. Welton Becket has been nominated to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects by the Southern California Chapter. I am sure that you need no more fuel to add to the tremendous fire that has been built under Mr. Becket's reputation.

However, it has been my good fortune and privilege to be associated with him on a small office building development for the Remington Rand and Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Companies in Los Angeles. Our offices have been working closely together and I have had a great deal of intimate contact with him and his organization.

While in Los Angeles I had the opportunity of visiting several of the structures which he designed and felt that he has made a tremendous contribution to the art of architecture and that his work is on the "forward edge of the sword".

Sincerely yours,


Robert Allan Jacobs.

EARL HEITSCHMIDT
ARCHITECT

EARL HEITSCHMIDT, F.A.I.A.
WHITING S. THOMPSON, A.I.A.

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LOS ANGELES 17, CALIFORNIA
MUTUAL 6241

November 20, 1951

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

ack 11/27/51
JRS

Gentlemen:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I note that the Southern California Chapter Executive Committee has nominated Mr. Welton Becket for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I have known Mr. Becket and his late partner, Mr. Walter Wurdeman, for many years. My first personal experience with them was when their newly formed firm won the competition for the Pan-Pacific Auditorium in this city. (I was Professional Advisor in that competition, and proud to say they won it with "hands down".)

Since then, I have followed with a great deal of interest, their repeated success and their rapid climb in the Profession. It has been the subject of great amazement to me to see how these men have surmounted their obstacles, and yet have had time to donate so generously of their time to help the Profession as a whole, and the Southern California Chapter, in particular.

It is my understanding that the Executive Committee of the Southern California Chapter nominated Welton Becket for his notable achievements in Design. I can vouch for Mr. Becket's ability in this respect, having so recently worked with him on our new "Greater Los Angeles Plans, Inc." Exhibition Hall and Arena. I do not need to call to your attention the outstanding Architectural works carried on by this firm, of which Mr. Becket's contributions were so outstanding. A few of the most notable in this community are as follows:

General Petroleum Building
The Western Home Agency of the Prudential
Life Insurance Company
The outstanding Bullock's Department Store
in Pasadena, and one equally as outstanding,
but newer, Bullock's Department Store in
Westwood.

The Jury of Fellows

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Mr. Becket is also the Supervising Architect for the University of California at Los Angeles, and is the designer of the new \$30,000,000.00 Medical Center group on that campus.

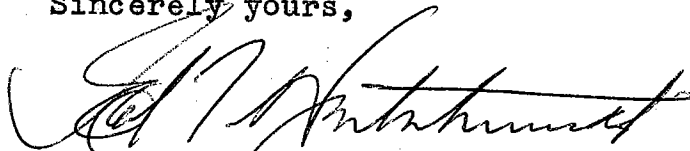
He has also contributed outstandingly in the design of Homes. With the Kaiser-Burns organization, he has contributed much to their outstanding developments, and his "Home of Tomorrow" has won national and international recognition.

He has been, and still is a staunch supporter of the Architectural Profession in its efforts to better its Public Relations, and has contributed much time and money to aid in that effort. He is one of the most cooperative individuals in that respect that I know in the Profession.

Besides his ability as an Architect, he has an outstanding personality that has made him many friends, both inside and outside of the Profession.

I am sure that his nomination by the Southern California Chapter is the most outstanding they have made in many years, and I most heartily endorse it.

Sincerely yours,



Earl T. Heitschmidt, F.A.I.A.

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JOHN PAUL JONES AND LEONARD BINDON
ARCHITECTS

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American Institute of Architects
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Attention: Jury of Fellows

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that Welton Becket of Los Angeles has been nominated for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

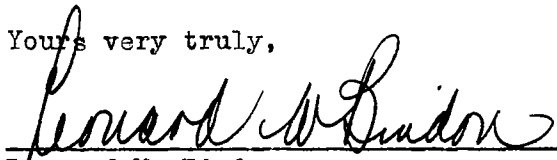
It was my privilege to have known Mr. Becket during his early days of practice in Seattle and because of this, I naturally was interested in his amazing accomplishments in California and elsewhere.

In my opinion Welton Becket has contributed very materially towards the advancement of the profession of architecture. His courage and conviction in advancing the theory of light weight structures has alone had an important influence on the design of multi story buildings.

It seems to me that Welton Becket's name must rightfully be included among those in the profession who have distinguished themselves in their chosen field. Few of us can hope to receive the public recognition that is his.

May I add my humble voice to the many, who I am sure feel as I do, that Welton Becket has done an outstanding job in his comparatively young career.

Yours very truly,


Leonard W. Bindon

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CHESTER H. TREICHEL, A. I. A.

ARCHITECT

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Re: NOMINATION OF FELLOWSHIP
WELTON BECKET

It has come to my attention that the Southern California Chapter has placed in nomination for Fellowship in the Institute the name of Welton Becket.

I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Welton Becket during World War II. During this War period as Senior Project Planner for Federal Public Housing Authority it was my duty to select Architects for various types of Government Housing and Commercial Projects ranging in value from a few thousand up into the millions of dollars.

Among my selections of Architects was the firm of Wurdeman and Becket. No project was too large or too small for them to handle. Some of the Architects selected failed to deliver in the manner expected of them, however, the firm of Wurdeman and Becket delivered with such dispatch and design ability that they were awarded millions of dollars worth of Government work.

I was so impressed with the work of this firm that I reported back to our San Francisco office with the statement:- "There's a firm of Architects that we are going to hear a great deal about in the future".

Mr. Becket's amazing rise in the field of Architecture is not only recognized in our own country but has carried his talent into Mexico, Cuba and the Phillipines.

The varied work of Welton Becket has contributed greatly to the recognition of outstanding architecture in California and I am sure it has been a stimulation to the Architectural Profession as a whole.

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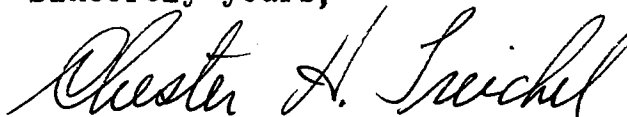
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I feel honored in having the opportunity of knowing Welton Becket personally and to have this privilege of saying a few words in his behalf. A Fellowship bestowed upon Welton Becket would not only be justly earned but also be a credit to the Architectural Profession in the recognition of one who, thru his brilliant ability contributed greatly to our cause.

Your earnest and favorable consideration is requested.

Sincerely yours,



CHESTER H. TREICHEL AIA

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ROBERT ALLAN JACOBS, A. I. A.
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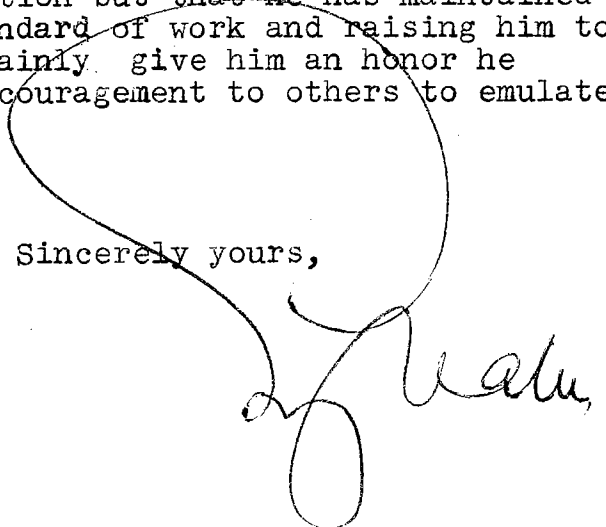
The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It has been my good fortune to know Welton Becket personally and I have seen many of the buildings for which he is responsible.

There is no question but that he has maintained an unusually high standard of work and raising him to Fellowship would certainly give him an honor he deserves and be an encouragement to others to emulate his achievements.

Sincerely yours,


Ely Jacques Kahn

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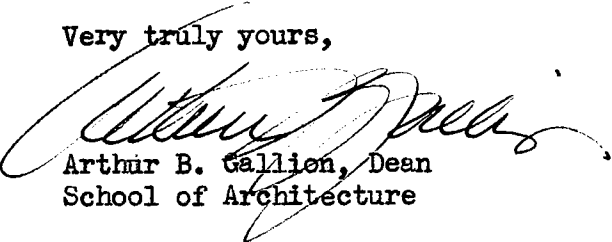
Gentlemen:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to bespeak your earnest and favorable consideration of two outstanding architects in this region who have been proposed by the Southern California Chapter for the honor of Fellow.

The reputations of Mr. Welton Becket and Mr. Maynard Lyndon are international and these reputations have been gained through the outstanding merit of their architectural work. I think it is no exaggeration to say that Mr. Welton Becket has advanced the architectural quality of large commercial structures and Mr. Maynard Lyndon has demonstrated refined architectural skill in the field of residential and school design. These gentlemen have each represented a high level of professional ethics in the conduct of their practice.

It is a privilege to add my recommendation of these gentlemen for the high distinction of Fellow in the American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,


Arthur B. Gallion, Dean
School of Architecture

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Mr Maynard's
file

AUSTIN FIELD & FRY

Architects ★

JOHN C. AUSTIN, F.A.I.A.
ROBERT FIELD, JR., A.I.A.
CHARLES E. FRY, A.I.A.
E. H. LEE, STRUCTURAL ENGR.

November 13, 1951

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Gentlemen:

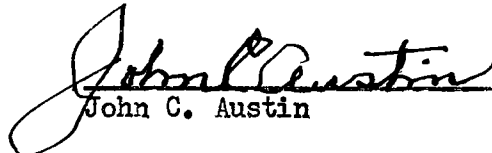
My understanding is that you desire privileged communications regarding the business and social standing of the Institute Members who in my opinion are qualified to receive the Degree of Fellowship in the Institute.

The most outstanding man in this district, in my opinion, is Welton Becket, who is known by the entire profession as one who lives up to the highest ethical standard and has had a broad experience in the design and supervision of many of our outstanding building projects.

Mr. Becket's activities during the past few years are too numerous for me to mention in a letter, therefore, I am appending to this a list of some of the structures that he is responsible for. Mr. Becket's education has been a broad one. He has a B. A. Degree at the University of Washington with six years college training in Engineering and Architecture, including three years Civil and Structure Engineering. He attended the School of Fine Arts at Fontainebleau, France for one year.

I know of no one in Southern California more deserving of the additional honor that will be conferred on him if he is advanced to Fellowship.

Very truly yours,


John C. Austin

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Supervising architect University of California, Los Angeles
Executive Architect University of California, Los Angeles
General Petroleum Building, Los Angeles
General Petroleum Spiral Garage Los Angeles

Prudential Insurance Company Western Home Office, Los Angeles
For this job we received the Pan American honor award and
American Institute award

Lockheed Aircraft Office Building, Burbank
Lever Brothers Los Angeles
Stonestown Shopping Center, San Francisco
The Emporium, Stonestown San Francisco
Jai Alai Stadium Manila, P.I.
Ohrbach's Department Store Los Angeles
Bullock's Department Store Pasadena
Bullock's Department Store Westwood, Calif.
Bullock's Store Palm Springs
Buffum's Store Santa Ana

Pan Pacific Auditorium Los Angeles
For this job we received an AIA competitive
award

Pan Pacific Theater - Pan Pacific Bowling Alley Los Angeles
Hillcrest Country Club Los Angeles
Kaiser Homes - consulting architect Los Angeles
Post-War research Home - Fritz Burns Los Angeles

Hall-Mark Store Kansas City, Mo.
For this we received Certificate of Award
Kansas City Chapter A.I.A.

The following work we have in the planning or construction stage:

McCulloch Motor Corporation Recreation Center	Los Angeles
Hollywood Cemetery Mausoleum	Los Angeles
Police Administration Facilities - with J.E. Stanton	Los Angeles
Cancer Research Building, U C L A campus	Los Angeles
Residence Hall U C L A campus	Los Angeles
The Superior Oil Building	Beverly Hills
Remington Rand Office Bldg. (with Kahn & Jacobs, N.Y.)	Los Angeles
National City Bank of N.Y. bank and office building	Sao Paulo, Brazil
California Exposition Building - 48th Agricultural District	Los Angeles