



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

March 5, 1980

Mr. Jorge del Rio, FAIA
301 Sorbona Street
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico 00927

Dear Mr. del Rio:

I have the pleasure of informing you that the Jury of Fellows advanced you to Fellowship in the Institute at its recent meeting for your notable contributions to the advancement of the profession of architecture. With this action, you are also admitted to the College of Fellows.

The newly advanced fellows will receive their medals at the Investiture of Fellows which will be held on Monday, June 2, 1980, at the Netherland Hilton Hotel, Hall of Mirrors, Cincinnati, Ohio, where the Institute's Annual Convention will take place on June 1-4. Details about this event will be sent to you in the near future.

The Officers of the Institute and the Jury of Fellows join me in the hope that you will be present to receive this honor. Please send your reply to me at your earliest convenience.

I take this opportunity to express my personal congratulations and good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Lawrence, FAIA
Secretary

Enclosures

cc: Thomas S. Marvel, FAIA, Sponsor

SECTION 1. DIGEST OF CAREER AND ACHIEVEMENTS

NOMINEE: JORGE JOSE DEL RIO FERRER

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

THE NOMINEE IS A WELL-KNOWN ARCHITECT WHO HAS RECEIVED MANY LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS FOR HIS DESIGNS.

HIS FIRM, ESTABLISHED IN 1962 AS JORGE DEL RIO, A.I.A. ARCHITECT & PLANNER, HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED A HIGHLY DESIGN ORIENTED APPROACH WITH NATIONAL AND LOCAL PROFESSIONAL REPUTATION.

AS A STUDENT OF ARCHITECTURE, IN HIS LAST MASTER DEGREE SEMESTER, HE WAS A RECIPIENT OF A FIRST HONOR AWARD IN THE III BIENAL OF SAO PAULO, BRAZIL IN 1955. AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE JURY THAT AWARDED THIS HONOR WERE THE ARCHITECTS OSCAR NIEMEYER, RINO LEVI AND ALSONFO REIDY OF BRAZIL.

DURING HIS EARLY DAYS OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE HE WAS AN INNOVATIVE ARCHITECTURAL RENDERER SPECIALIZING IN PEN AND INK TECHNIQUE. MANY OF HIS DRAWINGS HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED AS MUCH FOR THEIR ART OF DELINEATION AS FOR THEIR COMMUNICATION OF DESIGN.

AS A PROFESSOR OF DESIGN FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO, HE TRANSMITTED TO HIS STUDENTS A COMPREHENSIVE URBAN DESIGN APPROACH CONSIDERING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS AS BEING IMPORTANT ISSUES IN THE FUTURE OF OUR CITIES WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A DEVELOPING SOCIETY.

OF ALL HIS DESIGNS, THE ONE WHICH MOST REFLECTS HIS DESIGN PHILOSOPHY OF ARCHITECTURE AS A PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY IS THE ELDERLY RESIDENTIAL PROJECT IN CIDRA, PUERTO RICO. THIS PROJECT RECEIVED AN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS HONOR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN IN THE 1977 NATIONAL AIA CHAPTER DESIGN AWARDS PROGRAM. THE JUROR'S COMMENT WAS: "THIS CHARMING LITTLE COMPLEX EXEMPLIFIES THE MANNER IN WHICH THE PROBLEMS OF A RESTRICTED BUDGET, RESTRICTED SCALE, AND, VERY LIKELY, RESTRICTED QUALITY REQUIREMENTS, CAN BE OVERCOME TO PRODUCE A PLEASANT RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT. THE MODEST BUT DELIGHTFULLY SCALE PROJECT IS ORGANIZED AROUND A PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY ON TOP OF A HILL OVERLOOKING THE RURAL COUNTRYSIDE. REPETITIVE PORCH TOWERS MAKE EACH UNIT AND PROVIDE OPEN-AIR VENTILATION. INTIMATE AND PLEASANT IN THE LUSH TROPICAL ENVIRONMENT, THE PROJECT DEMONSTRATES THAT FEDERAL HOUSING PROJECTS NEED NOT BE INHUMAN OR UNATTRACTIVE".

HE HAS RECEIVED RECOGNITION DURING HIS ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE FROM THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

- 1- PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS AS DESIGN PROFESSOR GIVEN BY THE STUDENTS OF ARCHITECTURE AND THE ARCHITECTURAL LIBRARY BY THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE.
- 2- FIRST HONOR AWARD 1976, FROM THE U.S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS, DISTINGUISHED DESIGN AWARDS PROGRAM, FOR HIS 65TH INFANTRY POST OFFICE STATION.
- 3- JUROR MEMBER FOR THE 1977 A.I.A. PUERTO RICO CHAPTER DESIGN AWARDS, SHARING IT WITH THE DISTINGUISHED A.I.A. GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENT, MR. I.M. PIEI.
- 4- HONOR AWARD ON THE 1979 NATIONAL P.C.I. DESIGN AWARDS FOR HIS DESIGN IN THE CAGUAS POST OFFICE STATION.

IN ALL OF HIS EFFORTS AS PROFESSOR, ARCHITECT, AND PERSON WHO IS SENSITIVE TO HIS ENVIRONMENT, JORGE DEL RIO HAS ALWAYS COMMUNICATED HIS IDEAS THROUGH DESIGN.

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NOMINEE: JORGE JOSE DEL RIO FERRER

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

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THOMAS S. MARVEL, AIA

October 30, 1979

Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Sirs :

I enclose with this letter the portfolio of Jorge del Rfo, AIA, as a nominee for Fellowship. He has been one of the most outstanding Architects practicing in Puerto Rico in recent years. Jorge's whole life has been dedicated to design and the impact that it can have on students, the profession, and society as a whole.

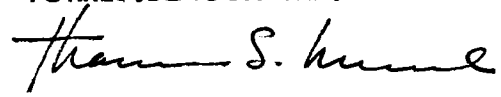
His work has been premiated continually for excellence in design since the early 1960's, both locally and nationally. And the remarkable and individual characteristic of his work is its freshness, clarity, and simplicity. Through his efforts, the whole profession of Architects has benefited from his total concentration on the art and science of well designed buildings.

His work speaks for itself and the honors he has received are eloquent testimony to his unique, sincere, and total dedication to Architecture.

For all of this, I am honored to be his sponsor for Fellowship and recommed him to the Jury of Fellows as our most deserved candidate.

Sincerely yours,

TORRES.BEAUCHAMP.MARVEL



Thomas S. Marvel, FAIA
TSM/cp
Enclosure

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SECTION 2. NOMINATION *(submit in duplicate)*

1. JORGE JOSE DEL RIO FERRER, of the PUERTO RICO and corporate member of the AIA since
(name of nominee) (chapter assignment)

MAY 15, 1969 is nominated for Fellowship for notable contribution to the advancement of the profession of
(election date)

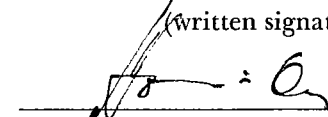
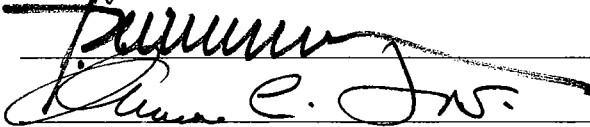
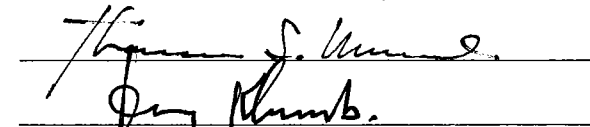
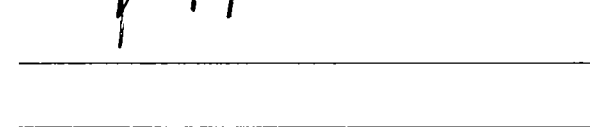
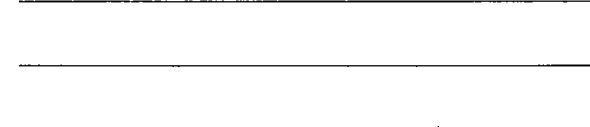
architecture in the area (s) of DESIGN
(areas of distinction, see Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowship for a complete listing).

The nomination is made by:
(check and sign either 1a. or 1b.)

1a. Vote of governing Board of _____
(name of component organization)

(signature and title of Chapter President or Secretary) (date)

1b. Individual corporate members and/or Fellows as follows:

(written signature and date)	(typed signature and chapter):
	<u>HORACIO DIAZ, FAIA-PUERTO RICO</u>
	<u>JESUS EDUARDO AMARAL, FAIA-PUERTO RICO</u>
	<u>OSVALDO L. TORO, FAIA-PUERTO RICO</u>
	<u>THOMAS S. MARVEL, FAIA-PUERTO RICO</u>
	<u>HENRY L. KLUMB, FAIA-PUERTO RICO</u>
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2. The nominators designate the following member to be the sponsor of the nomination:

Name THOMAS S. MARVEL FAIA

Address 8 MEXICO ST., HATO REY, PUERTO RICO 00917 Phone Number (809) 753-8787

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SECTION 3. PROFILE

(Additional sheets may be inserted, but please be concise.)

TYPEWRITING ONLY

1. Nominee's name: JORGE JOSE DEL RIO FERRER
2. Nominee is a natural naturalized citizen of the United States.
3. Nominee's mailing address: 301 SORBONA ST.
RIO PIEDRAS, PUERTO RICO, 00927
4. Nominee's firm name and address: JORGE DEL RIO A.I.A. - ARCHITECT & PLANNER
301 SORBONA ST., RIO PIEDRAS, PUERTO RICO, 00927
5. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by: PUERTO RICO, NCARB

(name of state board, NCARB, as case may be)
6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture in the states of: FLORIDA
7. Nominee is engaged in the profession of architecture as: DESIGNER/PROPIETOR OF JORGE DEL RIO A.I.A.
ARCHITECT & PLANNER
8. Nominee's date of birth: MARCH 17, 1933

Place of birth: HAVANA, CUBA
9. Nominee's education: MASTER IN ARCHITECTURE
(a) High School, College, University, Post Graduate, etc. (chronological order)

Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
VEDADO, CUBA	5	1950	BACHELOR IN SCIENCES
VEDADO, CUBA	3	1950	SURVEYOR & LAND APPRAISER
HAVANA, CUBA	6	1956	MASTER DEGREE IN ARCHITECTURE

(b) Scholarships held by nominee:
10. Nominee has traveled in the following countries: ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, MEXICO, CANADA, UNITED STATES, CARIBBEAN ISLANDS, HAITI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, ITALY, SWITZERLAND, FRANCE, ENGLAND, HOLLAND AND BELGIUM.
11. Other data concerning nominee's record: