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November 4, 1955

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

Gentlemen:

It is with genuine pleasure that I am able to participate in the sponsorship of Mr. Louis C. Kingscott for fellowship in the American Institute of Architects from the Western Michigan Chapter.


I have know Mr. Kingscott many years both professionally and socially. In addition to his success as a professional architect and engineer, I have always admired his real sense of both civic and professional obligations. It is my firm belief that architects owe a heavy debt to society that can only be paid through active participation in civic and professional affairs.

Mr. Kingscott has unselfishly volunteered for service in many fields of public and professional affairs, including the Michigan State Building Commission; the Michigan Board of Registration; the Michigan Society Board of Directors; Western Michigan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects; the American Society of Civil Engineers; the Kalamazoo Building Code Commission, Board of Review, Chamber of Commerce, and others.

As an example of his interest in young men in the field of architecture, and one that affects me personally, I well remember that Mr. Kingscott, while serving on the Michigan Board of Registration, unselfishly opened his office for the use of applicants taking the exam. He displayed great interest, and I am sure that his words of encouragement were of great help and will long be remembered by many, including myself.

I can think of no person in the State who is more deserving of fellowship in the American Institute of Architects for achievement in the field of public affairs and related fields of endeavor than Mr. Louis C. Kingscott, and I highly recommend him for this honor.

Sincerely,


C. A. O'Bryon

C. A. O'BRYON, A.I.A.

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November 11, 1955

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

This letter is in support of the application for Fellowship in The Institute being presented by the Western Michigan Chapter in behalf of Louis Clifton Kingscott.

Mr. Kingscott has contributed freely and actively of his time and talents in behalf of the profession and the public welfare. Specifically, at the State level, he has been a member of the State Building Commission since 1951, which Commission makes studies and presents recommendations on the development of the State's governmental building program in Lansing.

He served on the Michigan Board of Registration for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors from its establishment in 1938 until 1944 and was also a member for three years of APELSCOR (Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Council on Registration).

Mr. Kingscott was Chairman of the Michigan International Bridge Authority during its first years, from 1940 to 1943. Since 1953 he has been a member of the advisory council to the Authority in its work on the feasibility of a bridge from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to Canada.

At the local level he served on the Kalamazoo Building Commission in 1933 and 1934, contributing substantially to the drawing up of an operable city building code which to date is still an effective instrument in that city.

Other services rendered by Mr. Kingscott to his community include membership from 1935 to 1943 on the Kalamazoo Board of Review, studying local assessment problems; chairmanship in 1934 and 1935 for Kalamazoo County for the National Recovery Administration; membership in the Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce for many years, serving as its president in 1954 and currently as a member of its Board of Directors.

Mr. Kingscott's activities in behalf of the profession, both at the state and local levels, include a term on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Society of Architects and another as President of the Western Michigan Chapter, A.I.A.. He is also a registered civil engineer and has served separate terms as President of the Michigan Engineering Society and of the Kalamazoo Engineering Society. In his dual capacity as Architect and Engineer, Mr. Kingscott has done much to promote mutual understanding and respect between the two professions.

In the opinion of the undersigned, Mr. Kingscott has demonstrated by his initiative, by his willingness to participate, and by his effective performance in the many public and professional activities with which he has been associated that he is an appropriate candidate for the honor for which he is being recommended.

Yours very truly,



M. Brice McMillen
Past Secretary-Treasurer
Western Michigan Chapter
A. I. A.

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November 15, 1955.

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



Gentlemen:

The West Michigan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, has nominated Louis E. Kingscott for Fellowship and it gives me great pleasure to endorse the nomination of a man whom I have known and admired for more than a quarter of a century.

Although Mr. Kingscott has a very large practice - - so large, in fact, that at one time I could hardly approach closer than 500 feet to any Board of Education in the State of Michigan without falling over one of his minions - - he has still found time to do an extraordinary number of things for the service of the Institute and for public service.

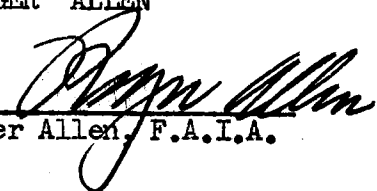
The attached sheet lists some of the activities in which he is engaged but it does not properly convey the invaluable help that Mr. Kingscott has given the profession as a whole by his services as President of the Western Michigan Chaptes, Director of the Michigan Society of Architects, and his six year tenure of office on the Michigan Board of Registration for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. He assisted in the forming of the Board of Registration and was extremely active and is still extremely active in fighting off a number of attempts to impair the usefulness of the Board of Registration by ill-advised and selfish amendments to the Legislative Act.

Mr. Kingscott has never been known to explain to a school board that he is either brighter or handsomer than I am although neither of these feats would be insuperable. He is an excellent competitor, offering his services only on the basis of undoubted ability and without any recourse to fee cutting. Mr. Kingscott would, I am sure, be a credit to the College of Fellows and most certainly deserves your very serious and favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

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ROGER ALLEN


Roger Allen, F.A.I.A.

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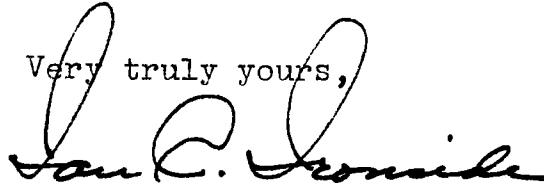
The Jury of Fellows
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1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
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Gentlemen:

As President of the Western Michigan Chapter of the A.I.A., I wish to endorse the application for fellowship from our chapter for Louis Kingscott.

Mr. Kingscott has given freely and to the fullest extent of his time to enrich public affairs in the many related fields of his endeavor. In both the architectural and engineering fields, he has assumed great responsibility and exhibited inspiring leadership, both at state and local levels. He has been active in A.I.A. work, serving as president of our chapter and a director of the state society. From 1938 to 1944, he served on the Michigan Board of Registration for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Mr. Kingscott has also been a member of the State Building Commission and the Michigan International Bridge Authority. In Kalamazoo, he has been a member of the Board of Review, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and also on the Building Code Commission. The achievements of Mr. Kingscott are, indeed, a credit to society and the profession.

Very truly yours,



Ian C. Ironside, President
Western Michigan Chapter of the A.I.A.

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

Gentlemen:

It is my recommendation that Mr. Louis C. Kingscott be nominated for fellowship in The American Institute of Architects. I have been acquainted with Mr. Kingscott personally for several years and have been associated professionally with him on a number of projects, and in my opinion he is well qualified both in character and in professional achievement to be a candidate for fellowship.

Mr. Kingscott has been active in A.I.A. work serving a term on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Society of Architects and also as president of the Western Michigan Chapter.

Mr. Kingscott served on the Michigan Board of Registration for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors from its formation in 1938 until 1944, and also was a member of the Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Council on Registration (APELSCOR) for three years.

A registered professional engineer (civil), Mr. Kingscott was named president of the Michigan Engineering Society for 1936, and was selected as an honorary member of that organization in 1955 in recognition of his achievements in strengthening the ties between architects and engineers. He also served a term as president of the Kalamazoo Engineering Society.

I have found Mr. Kingscott to be a most conscientious worker in any line of endeavor he has pursued, and hereby personally recommend him for fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,

H. W. Van Dongen

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HVD/r

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The Jury of Fellows
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Gentlemen:

This will support the nomination for Fellowship in the
Institute of Louis Kingscott, A.I.A.


I have known Mr. Kingscott during the entire time I have been
in Michigan which is nine years. He has been a leader in the
profession and in the community. Through his office he has
advanced the profession throughout the State. He has contri-
buted his time and energy to support the Western Michigan
Chapter and this Society.

Mr. Kingscott is a remarkably competent architect and a fine
gentlemen. His service to the profession and the community
makes him exceptionally well qualified to become a Fellow.

The architects of Michigan are pleased to support him for
this honor.

Respectfully submitted,

THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS



Elmer J. Manson, President

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CLAIR W. DITCHY
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December 16, 1955

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

Gentlemen:

This letter is written in support of the nomination for Fellowship of Louis C. Kingscott.

I have known Mr. Kingscott for more than twenty years. During that time he has been favorably known throughout the State as a practising architect of fine ability and high ethical standards. The success of his office has brought him wide publicity which has redounded to the benefit of the profession at large.

In addition to his professional business, Mr. Kingscott has found time to give freely of his talents and enthusiasm to many public affairs. He has served as a member of the Michigan Board of Registration for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and also as a member of the Architects' Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors' Council on Registration. At the State level he has also filled the position of chairman of the Michigan International Bridge Authority for a number of years and is still a member of the Advisory Council to the Authority. Other activities at a State level include membership on the State Building Commission, the Board of Directors of the Michigan Society of Architects and the Michigan Engineering Society of which he was president in 1936.

In his local community of Kalamazoo, he served on the Kalamazoo Building Code Commission and the Kalamazoo Board of Review which studies local assessment problems. He has been active in his local Chamber of Commerce, serving as its president in 1954 and being a member of its Board of Directors at the present time. He has also been active in the American Legion.

Mr. Kingscott's many activities have brought very favorable attention to the architectural profession and I believe that his very creditable and extensive public service would be fittingly rewarded by elevating him to Fellowship in The Institute.

Yours very truly,



CLAIR W. DITCHY, F.A.I.A.

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December 21, 1955

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

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Gentlemen:

This is to state that I have been in close touch with Mr. Louis C. Kingscott for many years, and I can state of my own knowledge the valuable contributions he has made to the Porfession of Architecture over the years.

I have been an executive for the Michigan Society of Architects since 1926, serving under vaiour boards of directors. Mr. Kingscott's keen insight into the problems of the profession made him one of the most valuable directors I have had the pleasure of working with.

As a member of the Michigan State Board of Registration for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, I followed Mr. Kingscott in such service and the records show that he gave freely of his time for the benefit of all architects of Michigan, as well as the students who were coming into the profession. Since 1915 when the Act went into effect many thousands have taken the examination, and it is my belief that none had a higher grade that did Mr. Kingscott, for both the architectural and engineering exams.

Mr. Kingscott has been signally honored by his alma mater, the University of Michigan, by special citation, along with the leaders of business, industry and the professions throughout the country.

The recital of his accomplishments is a long and distinguished one, and I have no hesttancy in recommending him for the high honor af advancement to Fellowship in The Institute.

Sincerely

Talmage C. Hughes

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December 23, 1955

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DIRECTOR

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

FACTUAL

Re: Louis Clifton Kingscott

Gentlemen:

I believe I have had a splendid opportunity during the past twenty-five years through my position with the government of this state to observe first-hand the contributions Architect Louis Clifton Kingscott has made to the profession in Michigan and also the way in which he has conducted his practice as an architect.

I consider it a privilege to advise your distinguished body that Mr. Kingscott's tireless effort in behalf of registration and his position of influence with important public officials were of great importance in establishing for Michigan, through proper amendments to existing legislation, a worthwhile registration act and governing body. My association with him on many state projects has proven his ability as an architect and that his business and professional ethics are above reproach.

I therefore recommend that he be elevated to Fellowship in the Institute and Membership in the College of Fellows.

Yours very truly,

Adrian N. Langius, F.A.I.A.

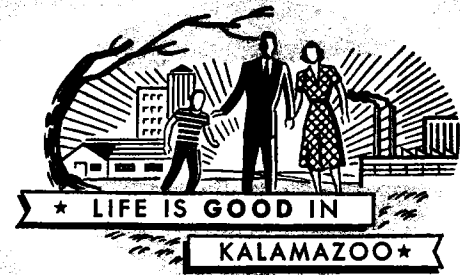
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• KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

November 21, 1956

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, Northwest
Washington 5, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

We have been informed that Louis C. Kingscott, Sr., of this city, has been nominated to Fellowship in your organization for Service to the Public and the Institute. Believing that his record of service to this organization will be of interest, we submit the following in support of his nomination.

Louis C. Kingscott, Sr. served on our Board of Directors for four years, 1952-1956. He was elected to the office of President in 1954 for a one-year term. He served as Chairman of the Executive Committee during his last year as a Director.

During the period of his directorship, he served as Chairman of the Fire Prevention Committee, and received national recognition from the Chamber of Commerce of the United States for the activities of this committee as reported to the National Fire Waste Contest. He also participated in many other Chamber community, state and national affairs activities.

One of his most recent community-service activities has been as a member of the Steering Committee for a Community Activity Building. This group directed the efforts of 125 people in Kalamazoo County who studied the needs for such a building, and recommended its construction as a County-financed project.

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He is an active member of the Education Affairs Committee of the Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce at this time. This Committee studies all phases of the educational system-- teachers' salaries and qualifications, curriculum and grading, facilities and financing, and aid to schools legislation. The Committee also plans adult education programs. Its members consist of business persons and educators including superintendents of area public schools, and presidents and officials of two colleges located here.

We trust these matters will be given consideration when the nomination of Louis C. Kingscott, Sr. is reviewed for Fellowship in your association.

Cordially,



Robert J. Brown
General Manager

RJB:be

cc - Mr. Peter VanderLaan

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR

PLANT DEPARTMENT

November 23, 1956

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 5, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that Lewis Clifton Kingscott, Sr., is being nominated for advancement to fellowship in The American Institute of Architects. Mr. Kingscott has for many years past been employed as architect on various University projects. Our association with him during these projects has been most satisfactory.

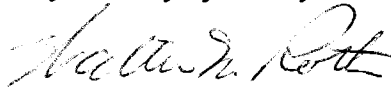
During the period of this association with the University Mr. Kingscott has contributed generously his professional background in the service of public affairs. From personal knowledge I know that he has been active in A. I. A. work on the chapter and state level and that he has served on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Society of Architects and at one time was president of the Western Michigan Chapter. Mr. Kingscott also served on the Michigan Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Surveyors at the period of its formation.

From 1940 to 1943 he served as chairman of the Michigan International Bridge Authority, which commission was set up by the Governor of the State of Michigan to study and report on the feasibility of a bridge between the United States and Canada at Sioux Ste. Marie. He has also been appointed by the Governor of the State of Michigan as a member of the State Building Commission to make studies and recommendations for new governmental buildings in Lansing, Michigan.

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I am not familiar in detail with other specific boards and commissions which he has served upon but I am sure that he has received numbers of appointments from the City of Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo County to serve where his experience was of value.

Very truly yours,



Walter M. Roth
Plant Superintendent
Civil Engineer #1785

WMR/dbh

The Jury of Fellows
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FACTUAL

Dear Sirs:

To write of the public service of Louis C. Kingscott, Sr. is indeed a pleasure. In participation on a variety of boards and committees, and particularly as a member of the Kalamazoo City Commission and the Kalamazoo County Board of Supervisors, I have had occasion to work with Mr. Kingscott. There too, as well as in discussions of schoolmen of the state which I have had occasion to overhear because of my husband's profession, I have been able to sense the reaction of others to his willingness, skill, dependability and initiative in giving of both his personal and professional talents.

Not only has he shared his professional services, but he has been able to do so with due regard for the rights of his fellow professionals while conveying a respect for his regard to laymen. He has been able to let the public be aware of his loyalty to the locally unpopular political party, and yet be elected to positions of honor and responsibility in groups which are strongholds of the opposite party. These are no mean evidences of unusual ability.

Without hesitation I commend for your consideration one whose recognition would bring honor to your profession as well as to our -- that is Mr. Kingscott's and mine -- mutually beloved community.

Sincerely yours,

Comelia A. Robinson

Mrs. Wm. McKinley Robinson

Information Requested By Jury



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December 12, 1956

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

Gentlemen:

We have received a letter from the Executive Director of the Institute, dated April 23, 1956 in which he advised us that the Jury had referred the nomination of our member, Louis C. Kingscott, to its 1957 meeting. Also that the Jury would like to know if our Executive Committee could make a better case in regard to Mr. Kingscott's Public Service for its information at the 1957 meeting.

In response to this the Executive Committee has renewed its investigations on the score of Mr. Kingscott's Public Service. Most of the evidence found was a reiteration of what it already had described in the nomination of 1956.

When talking with older members of the profession and with engineers we found that our candidate did outstanding work in the writing of the Michigan State Registration Act. Then it took month after weary month to see it thru an indifferent and sometimes hostile State Legislature. His efforts in this trying endeavor were of exoeptional service to the public and to the profession.

After the act was passed he served for six years on the Michigan State Registration Board to help this new act get started. Besides that he served for three years on the Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Council which organization was created for the express purpose of counselling with the Registration Board by a representative group from the professions involved.

For further public service in the State of Michigan we refer again to our earlier description in the nomination.

His work on the Michigan International Bridge Authority was such that the Governor of Michigan personally wrote to thank him and requested that he serve in an advisory capacity to the Bridge Authority.

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December 12, 1956

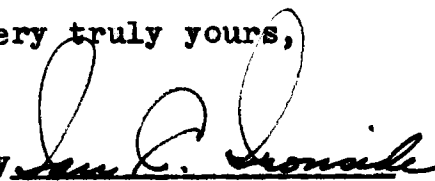
Besides that on a State wide basis he served on many committees, sometimes as chairman, other times as just a member but in all cases his influence was noted and his ideas and knowledge were eagerly accepted. All this in several fields such as "School House Construction Standards", "Restoration of the Biddle House on Historic Mackinac Island", "State Building Commission", and others.

In his own City of Kalamazoo his efforts are also noteworthy. Our investigation disclosed that he has been active for many years and that his achievements for the public good have been substantial. He has worked on the City Building Code Committee, on the N.R.A., in many phases of the Chamber of Commerce, in the field of assessment for tax purposes, and in the organization of a county wide project for youth activities.

After this investigation the Executive Committee is even more than before convinced that our candidates efforts in Public Service in his City and in the State are outstanding and far beyond the call of normal duty. It seems fitting to us that such a man who has received honor and acclaim from others, although often not, should now be recognized by his fellow architects.

We, therefore, hope that the above is sufficiently clear so that there will be no doubt in the Jury's mind and enable them to come to a favorable decision.

Very truly yours,

By 
Ian C. Ironside