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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
JURY OF FELLOWS

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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. Name of Nominee H. George Fink Date of Nomination October 24, 1957
2. Address of Nominee Miracle Building, Coral Gables, Florida
3. Nominee's firm H. George Fink, A.I.A., Architect
4. Nominee's principal place of business Florida
5. Nominee's Chapter Florida South
6. Nominee's State Organization Florida Association of Architects
7. Nominee admitted to Institute 1921; terminated 7/1/23; readmitted 11/15/45.
8. Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from 1945 19 to Dec. 31, 1957
9. Nominee's age 67 yrs. Birthplace Springdale, Pennsylvania
10. Nominators: Executive Committee, Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.

President:	✓ Wahl Snyder ✓	✓ Irvin Korach ✓
	✓ H. Samuel Kruse ✓	✓ Edwin T. Reeder
	✓ P. Triplett Russell	✓ C. Robert Abele ✓
	✓ Irving E. Horsey ✓	
Secretary:	✓ Edward G. Grafton	
11. Achievement in ~~Service to The Institute and~~ Public Service

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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP
BY
CHAPTER

THE JURY OF FELLOWS, A.I.A.
The Octagon, 1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Date October 24 19 57

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on July 9 19 57*Type in full name.
nominated* H. George Fink
member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. We enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes* H. George Fink
a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in** Service to the Institute & Public Service
that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

*Type in full name.

**Type in "Design," "Science of Construction," "Literature," "Education," "Service to The Institute," or "Public Service," as is appropriate.

"Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for† Thirty-Six
years prior to this date; therefore be it

†Type in number of years.

"Resolved, That‡‡ Florida South Chapter,
The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate* H. George Fink

‡‡Type in name of Chapter.

*Type in full name.

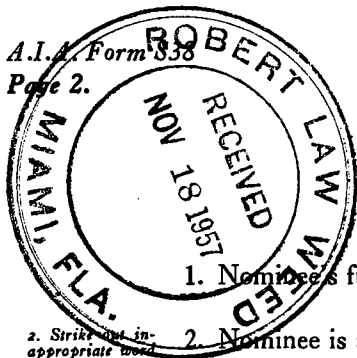
for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and the Secretary be and hereby are authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to The Jury of Fellows of The Institute and to do all things proper to forward said nomination"

Irvin Korsch
Edwin T. Reeder
Robert Allen

Charles L. De...
D. Samuel Grant
J. J. Russell
Irving E. Lopez
Edward N. Gorton
Secretary.

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT LETTERS OR DATA ARE SENT TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION.

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

1. Nominee's full name - H. George Fink
2. Nominee is a natural naturalized citizen of - The United States
3. Nominee's legal residence - 7710 S. W. 60th Avenue, South Miami, Florida
4. Nominee's firm name. - H. George Fink, A.I.A., Architect
5. Nominee's principal place of business, address - Miracle Building, 220 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables, Florida
6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by - Florida State Board of Architecture
7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect ~~teacher in architecture~~ ~~teacher in science of construction~~ ~~public official~~ ~~retired.~~
8. Born - April 18, 1890 . Place of birth - Springdale, Pa.

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
High School	Springdale, Pa.	2		
	Miami, Fla.	2	1908	
Private School				
College or University	Drexel Institute Philadelphia, Pa.	1914-16	(Evening Course)	
College or University				
Post Graduate at				
Scholarships held				

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

Not able financially to attend College or University but, while attending Drexel Institute was privileged to study "Design" under Paul Crete and "Structural" under Richard Erskine, and, during following years took many "Special Courses."

Traveled through Spain and Italy in 1925, sketching buildings and design motifs to study the underlying design of existing buildings in order to blend them into the Mediterranean Type of Architecture, prevalent in South Florida at that time.

During the trip had the honor of being decorated personally by King Alphonso XIII, receiving a citation and title of "Don" for "Understanding and Interpreting Spanish Architecture" as evinced in buildings designed throughout the State of Florida.

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Nominators should read "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", Institute Document No. 9 before completing this nomination. Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 3 to 7, inclusive. Use typewriting only.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work (City)	(State)	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
(c)	Mrs. Fuchs Residence	Coral Gables	Fla.	1952	1
(c)	Sam Huessin Residence	Coral Gables	Fla.	1956	1
(c)	George Aibel Residence	Coral Gables	Fla.	1957	1
(c)	H. W. Adelberger Res.	Coral Gables	Fla.	1950	2
(c)	J. W. Ricketts Residence	Coral Gables	Fla.	1925	1
(a)	Suburban Shopping Center	Coral Gables	Fla.	1951	3
(a)	Red-Sunset Building	South Miami	Fla.	1953	2
(a)	The Bank of South Miami	South Miami	Fla.	1954	1
(b)	Municipal Building	South Miami	Fla.	1956	2

Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.

Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

Total of fourteen (14) photographs

2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

1. From 1921 to 1927 developed the so-called "Mediterranean Type" of design, blending Spanish, Italian, Moorish and kindred designs into an entity, one of which is a residence, the photograph of which is included with this Nomination.

Traveled abroad during this period in an endeavor to study the various types of architecture first hand. The nominee was cited for his interpretation of this type and received many mentions relative to same.

2. Designed the Municipal Building for City of South Miami and this is the most pretentious building in this City at present and is furnishing a precedent for buildings of more advanced design in this rapidly growing portion of Greater Miami.
3. During the nominee's tenure on the Coral Gables Board of Supervising Architects, gave freely of his time in an endeavor to uphold the established design standards of this nationally known city.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

Type of Work Constructed	Identification of Work	Location of Work	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
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2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

Subject Title	Where Published	Date Published

3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. EDUCATION WORK

(List the degrees and the educational positions held by the nominee, and bring out clearly the nominee's signal work and its particular force and influence which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by pupils, the profession, other societies, or the public.)

2. LITERARY WORK

(List the original written works of the nominee and state clearly the particular force and influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by other societies, the profession, educational institutions or the public.)

<i>Book, Treatise or Article</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Name of Book or Periodical Containing Work</i>	<i>Year Work Published</i>
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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state organization, or to the profession, which the nominators believe has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession, and list the offices in architectural organizations occupied by the nominee and the period of each.

- 1921-¹⁹²³~~1929~~ (Inclusive) Was active in Chapter affairs as member and chairman of various Committees.
- 1945-1957 (Inclusive) Very active in Chapter affairs as a member and chairman of various Committees.
- 1951-1955 (Inclusive) Chairman, Membership Committee, Florida South Chapter.
- 1952-1955 (Inclusive) Secretary, Florida South Chapter for four (4) years.
- 1952-1955 (Inclusive) Member Executive Committee, Florida South Chapter, for four (4) years.
- 1954 Chairman, Special Committee Florida South Chapter, to make recommendations relative to procedure for Coral Gables Board of Supervising Architects.
- 1955 After completing four (4) years tenure as Secretary, Florida South Chapter, prepared detailed "List of Procedure" to assist future Secretaries and was commended for this voluntary gesture by the President, Incoming Secretary, Treasurer and others.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. List the public offices held by the nominee and the positions of trust held by him in recognition of civic leadership, and state clearly his notable work in public service and the particular influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

- 1922-1923 Member, along with Richard Kiehnel, A.I.A. and H. H. Munday, A.I.A., of the original City of Miami Park Planning Board who prepared the original layout for the now existing Miami Bayfront Park.
- 1921-1923 (Inclusive) Professional advisor to Miami City Council relative to Planning, Zoning, etc.
- 1925-1928 (Inclusive) Member of Board of Directors, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce (at Organization) and Chairman of Municipal Beautification Committee.
- 1924-1927 (Inclusive) In addition to being first Architect for City of Coral Gables, Fla., assisted the owner, George E. Merrick in laying out streets, parkways, etc.
- 1942-1945 (Inclusive) During World War II was associated with Bell Aircraft Corporation at Marietta, Georgia as Head of Architectural Division and assisted in street layout for City of Marietta without remuneration.
- 1946-1950 (Inclusive) Member of Coral Gables Optimistic Club and Chairman of Boy's Work Committee, elected President in 1950.
- 1945-1956 During this period was member of City of Coral Gables Board of Supervising Architects for nine (9) years, seven (7) years as Chairman.
- 1950 Designed and furnished plans and specifications for building at "Haven School" (Orphanage) without any remuneration.
- 1952 Designed, as a Civic gesture, "Monumental Type" of Boundary markers for City of Coral Gables, Florida.
- 1951-1953 (Inclusive) Member of City of South Miami Zoning Board, one (1) year as Chairman.
- 1954 Appointed Chairman of City of South Miami Planning Board, (without remuneration) with appointment terminating in 1959.
- 1954-1957 (Inclusive) As civic gesture, have processed sign permits for City of South Miami in conformity with Sign Ordinance prepared by Special Committee of which nominee was Chairman.

Continued

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE (Continued)

- 1954-1955 Was in charge as Captain for collection for Community Chest, Architectural Division, for Coral Gables area.
- 1955 Prepared, as Civic gesture, sketch of proposed "High School Football Stadium" for City of Coral Gables, Fla., working with Chamber of Commerce.
- 1955 Chairman of Special Committee to prepare Swimming Pool Ordinance for City of Coral Gables, Fla.
- 1955-1957 (Inclusive) Professional Advisor to City of South Miami Slum Clearance Committee.
- 1955-1957 (Inclusive) Member of South Miami Chamber of Commerce and member of Beautification Committee developing Wayside Park and planting for islands, U. S. Highway #1, through South Miami.
- At Present Program Chairman for Rotary Club of South Miami, with additional Special Activities at Christmas for underprivileged children.

H. GEORGE FINK, A. I. A.
ARCHITECT

February 14, 1958

Miss Florence H. Gervais,
The American Institute of Architects,
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.,
Washington (6), D.C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

Conforming with your footnote on copy of letter to Wahl Snyder dated February 5, 1958, attached hereto is a clipping indicating results of the election in South Miami, February 11, 1958.

On the socalled "Dark Side of The Picture", I came within 37 votes of being elected but, while I conducted a clean and dignified campaign befitting an Institute member, two of my opponments who were elected worked day and night with much unfavorable and questionable advertising, etc.

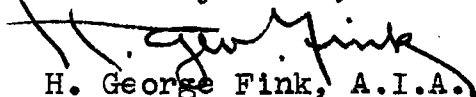
On the "Bright Side" since the election is over, are the following affiliations which would not be possible if I had been elected to the City Council.

1. The City Manager of Coral Gables has contacted me, asking if I would again serve on the Board of Supervising Architects starting July 1, 1958 and I have accepted.
2. The City of South Miami is arranging to set up the office of "Planning & Zoning Consultant" and I have also agreed to serve in this capacity, starting about April 1, 1958.
3. We have a new form of "Metropolitan Government" which includes all Cities in Dade County and eventually the majority of functions of said Cities will be performed by the Municipal setup. The Chairman of the "Board of Commissioners" has contacted me relative to serving on the main "Planning and Zoning Board" and I have accepted same.

So, although at first I was a little disapiointed at not being elected to the South Miami City Council, this disappointment has passed and I am now free to participate in Municipal affairs in an advisory capacity without the aggravations associated with an elective office.

Thanking you for past favors and considerations, I Am,

Cordially Yours,


H. George Fink, A.I.A.

HGF/dsf

A total of 1,022 voters went to the polls Tuesday in Miami and re-elected Mayor Paul U. Tevis Gluck by almost a 2-1 majority. Also elected Wallace Rinz, with 572 votes the top vote gatherer, Mrs. Jean Willis, incumbent, with 557 votes, and Jack Block, with 453 votes.

The unofficial returns were as follows:

Carl Gluck 356
Paul U. Tevis 624

FOR COUNCIL

Jack Block 453
H. George Fink 417
Albert Green 184
Wallace Rinz 572
William Wallis 296
Dohn Williams 282
Mrs. Jean Willis 557

March 6, 1958

According to the results, both Mrs. Willis and Rinz have won four year terms as the top vote gatherers, and Block wins a two year term.

There were four absentee votes, with Tevis getting all four as mayoral candidate and the council candidates splitting on that vote.

George Fink, A.I.A.
Building
Acle Mile
ables, Florida

. Fink:

Thank you for your letter of February 14, 1958. I am sorry your election campaign was not successful but I am sure you are highly gratified at the splendid support which you did receive.

The additional civic duties which you are taking upon yourself will be brought to the attention of the Jury of Fellows with your nomination.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Florence H. Gervais
Secretary to the Jury of Fellows

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H. GEORGE FINK, A. I. A.
ARCHITECT

January 22, 1958

Miss Florence H. Gervais,
Secretary of Membership and Records,
The American Institute of Architects,
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.,
Washington (6), D.C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

Your kind letter of January 20, 1958 with attached copies of correspondence in year 1923 received and frankly, I am ashamed of the conditions existing at that time, which resulted in confusing my status as a member of the Institute. I was a very poor business man at that time.

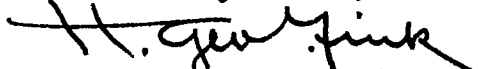
I appreciate your kindness and consideration in checking Chapter records in an endeavor to clarify this matter but, since my office records were destroyed by the 1926 hurricane, I depended on my memory for events occurring 34 years ago and humbly extend my apology for this misunderstanding and assure you it was not intentional or deliberate on my part.

I called Mr. Wahl Snyder, President of Florida South Chapter, A.I.A. and his Secretary stated they would write and request that you change the dates of 1921-29 to 1921-23 under "NOMINEES ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE" and thus conform with the records.

Aside from the above, I was honored by being nominated as a candidate for office of Councilman for City of South Miami and, since I have the support of the leading citizens and business men, have a good chance to be elected on Feb. 11, 1958. If I am successful, will be the first Member of the Institute holding an elective Municipal Office in the South Florida area.

Again thanking you for your kindness and consideration,
I Am,

Cordially Yours,


H. George Fink, A.I.A.

HGF/dsf

CC: President Snyder

...DER, *President*
N. E. 79th Street
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January 24, 1958

Miss Florence H. Gervais
Secretary of Membership and Records
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Re: Nomination of H. George Fink, A.I.A.
for advancement to Fellowship in
the American Institute of Architects

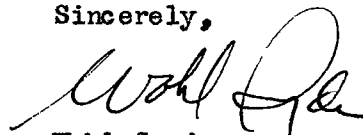
Dear Miss Gervais:

Mr. H. George Fink has mailed us a copy of his letter of January 22nd to you regarding his status as a member of The Institute.

Since we do not have additional copies of the nomination form to send you, we will appreciate your changing the dates on page 6 under Nominee's Achievements in Service to The Institute to read: 1921-1923 (Inclusive) was active in Chapter affairs as member and chairman of various Committees. Then the dates would conform with the A.I.A. records.

Thanks very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,


Wahl Snyder

WS/lm

FINK, H. GEORGE

Chapter Supporters:

Snyder, Wahl)
Kruse', H. Samuel)
Horsey, Irving E. : Proposers
Korach, Irvin)
Abele, C. Robert)

Albert, LeRoy K.
Little, Robert M.
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Smith, Robert Fitch

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EDWIN T. REEDER, A.I.A.
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H. J. ROSS, R. E.

16 January 1958

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


Gentlemen:

This letter is written endorsing the nomination of Mr. George H. Fink, A.I. A., Florida South Chapter, American Institute of Architects, for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, based on service to the Institute and Public Service. Over the period of the twenty-four years during which I have lived and practiced in the Miami area, Mr. Fink has been one of the foremost of the architectural profession to take part in public affairs. He has been constantly appointed to committees, serving both as member and chairman, which were obligated to report to the public on certain phases of civic activity which impinged directly on the rights and privileges of the citizens of the community insofar as their visual concept of their city was concerned. For many years he has served without remuneration as a chairman and member of the Coral Gables Board of Design which approved all buildings in that city.

In addition to civic work, Mr. Fink was very active in service club work and also in charitable work. He is past president of the Coral Gables Optimist Club and served for many years as Chairman of the Boys' Work Committee. He has furnished without charge plans and specifications for several charitable organization buildings, included among which was the "Haven School", an orphanage which occupies a permanent place among charitable organizations in Coral Gables. He has also worked with the Community Chest and the Red Cross, in several instances serving as chairman of his division in both of those organizations. His long years of work in planning and zoning, both in Coral Gables and in South Miami, have resulted in those two areas being among the most charming and dignified of the twenty-seven municipalities in the Miami area.

In addition to the above, Mr. Fink has served selflessly for the Florida South Chapter, having been secretary for many years and, in addition, having held numerous committee chairmanships and other offices.

Very truly yours,


Edwin T. Reeder, A.I.A.

Florida South Chapter

ETR:ab

WATSON & DEUTSCHMAN
ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS

811 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING
MIAMI 32, FLORIDA PHONE FR 3-5475

FRANK E. WATSON, A.I.A.
M. W. DEUTSCHMAN, P. E.
H. SAMUEL KRUSE, A.I.A.

January 17, 1958

The Jury of Fellows, AIA
The Octagon
1735 New York Avenue, NW
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am privileged to share in the nomination of
H. George Fink of the Florida South Chapter, AIA, for
advancement to Fellowship.

I have known and worked with George for eleven years
and am very familiar with his long, fine, sincere work
both in the profession and as a public servant.

He served the Florida South Chapter as Secretary
when I was a member of the Executive Committee and as an
officer. He was always tireless and thorough in every
undertaking initiated by him or assigned to him.

I do not list his accomplishments herein. These are
thoroughly described in other papers and I can hardly
add to them.

His long and untiring efforts in behalf of the
Institute and the profession are worthy of high recognition.

Sincerely,



H. Samuel Kruse'

HSK:rmw

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January 20, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

By this letter I wish to endorse the nomination of Mr. H. George Fink for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects based on Service to the Institute and Public Service.

I have known Mr. Fink for about eighteen years and during that time have observed how active he has been in civic affairs. He has served for many years on the Coral Gables Planning Board and in recent years on the South Miami Planning and Zoning Boards. For many years he served without remuneration as chairman and member of Coral Gables Board of Design which approves all buildings in that city. He was a member of the South Miami Chamber of Commerce's Beautification Committee which developed a Wayside Park and planting for islands on U. S. Highway #1.

Mr. Fink has also been most active in service club and charitable work. He was president of Coral Gables Optimist Club and Chairman of the Boys' Work Committee for many years. He contributed architectural services by donating plans and specifications for the Haven School Orphanage.

He has worked with the Community Chest and Red Cross during several campaigns; serving as chairman of his division in both organizations.

In addition to this, Mr. Fink has held numerous committee chairmanships in the Florida South Chapter. He was Secretary of the Chapter for four years and during that time, set up a very complete file and record system which has facilitated the work for later Secretaries. He was so conscientious and diligent that the Chapter made a special award to him at the end of his tenure as Secretary, and it is the only time such an award has been made to a Secretary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wahl Snyder".

Wahl Snyder

WS/lm

OFFICE OF

LE ROY K. ALBERT A. I. A.

A R C H I T E C T 269 GIRALDA AVENUE - CORAL GABLES 34, FLORIDA HIGHLAND B-9025

January 22, 1958

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
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Re: Mr. H. George Fink for advancement to Fellowship in the A.I.A.

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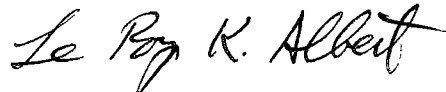
It has been my pleasure and privilege to know Mr. H. George Fink for the past 12 years. During that time we have served together as members of the Coral Gables Board of Supervising Architects and the Coral Gables Optimist Club.

Mr. Fink was Chairman of the Coral Gables Board of Supervising Architects during the five years that I served with him as a member of the Board. His decisions were just and sincere and upheld the City of Coral Gables Regulations as well as displaying to the Public the professional dignity of a practicing Architect.

During the four years that Mr. Fink and I were members of the Coral Gables Optimist Club, he was instrumental in starting new and varied programs of endeavor for the Club, which were helpful to the underprivileged children.

It is with sincerity that I favor the endorsement of Mr. H. George Fink for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,



LeRoy K. Albert

IRVING E. HORSEY - A. I. A. - ARCHITECT
9822 N. E. 2nd AVENUE - MIAMI, FLORIDA - PHONE PL 1-3318

January 23, 1958

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

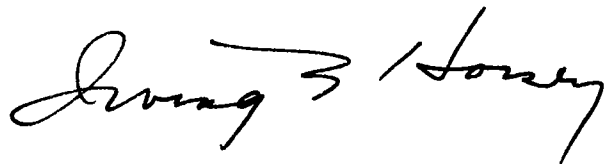
This letter is submitted to you in support of the nomination of George Fink for Fellowship in the A.I.A.

In a new area such as Greater Miami it has been the guidance and active participation of men like George Fink in the planning of the development of Miami, Coral Gables and South Miami that has made these delightful communities possible. His service has included work on the original City of Miami Park Planning Board, Advisor to the Miami City Council, Chairman of Coral Gables Municipal Beautification Committee, Chairman of City of South Miami Planning and Zoning Boards and on many other special boards and committees.

Service to the profession in the Florida South Chapter of the A.I.A. includes years of service as Chairman of various important committees, and four years as secretary.

Please accept my sincere recommendation of the nomination of Mr. Fink to Fellowship in the Institute for service to the Institute and Public Service.

Respectfully submitted,



IEH/h

ROBERT FITCH SMITH - ARCHITECT A. I. A.

SHORELAND BUILDING

MIAMI 32, FLORIDA

JANUARY 23, 1958

THE JURY OF FELLOWS, A. I. A.
THE OCTAGON
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE N.W.
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RE; ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE A. I. A. OF MR. H. GEORGE FINK,
OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

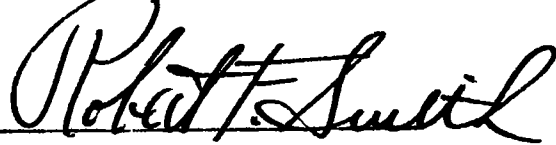
GENTLEMEN:

I HAVE KNOWN MR. H. GEORGE FINK AS AN ARCHITECT SINCE 1926. I KNEW OF HIS PREVIOUS WORK TO THAT, FOR THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, WHEN ITS FOUNDER AND DESIGNER MR. GEORGE E. MERRICK WAS ACTIVE IN ESTABLISHING WHAT IS NOW THIS BEAUTIFUL, WELL PLANNED CITY.

MR. FINK JOINED WITH MR. MERRICK AT THIS EARLY PERIOD TO ASSIST IN THE ARCHITECTURAL AND THE PLANNING WORK IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CORAL GABLES. HE HAS BEEN PRACTICING ARCHITECT SINCE 1921. WHILE I WAS PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SOUTH CHAPTER, MR. FINK WAS SECRETARY. HE HAS SERVED A TOTAL OF FOUR YEARS AS SECRETARY, AND HAS DURING THESE FOUR YEARS, BEEN OF IMMENSE VALUE TO THE CHAPTER DURING ITS TREMENDOUS GROWTH. HE HAS TAKEN PART IN PLANNING BOARD ACTIVITIES IN CORAL GABLES AND IN THE MORE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED TOWN OF SOUTH MIAMI. HE HAS DONE EXTENSIVE CIVIC WORK OUTSIDE OF HIS ARCHITECTURAL ACTIVITIES AND CIVIC AFFAIRS.

IT IS WITH REAL PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THE NAME OF H. GEORGE FINK, FOR THE ELEVATION OF FELLOWSHIP IN THE A. I. A.

YOURS TRULY



ROBERT FITCH SMITH

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January 23, 1958

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

UNFAVORABLE

Re: Advancement to Fellowship - H. George Fink

Dear Sirs:

I have known the candidate for over twenty-five years and have knowledge of his service to the Institute and his achievements in Public Service.

Service to the Institute

Period from 1921-1929: His record shows nothing outstanding.

Period from 1929-1945: No contribution whatever.

Period from 1945-1958: Became active in local chapter affairs. Was secretary of Florida South Chapter for four years and served on several committees. As secretary he was methodical, wordy and dull. After the four years in this office there was a noticeable lack of enthusiasm about electing him to other office. He delayed action for over a year on two chapter nominations for fellowship through mismanagement of his office as secretary and as one of the directors.

It is my opinion that many others have accomplished much more for the Institute and that his record is anything but distinguished.

Achievements in Public Service

1922-1923: It is claimed he helped layout Miami Bayfront Park as a member of the City Planning Board. Perhaps his contribution of time is noteworthy, but the layout for the park is not.

1924-1927: It is claimed that as first architect for the City of Coral Gables he assisted in laying out streets. This is true, but the credit for the overall planning must be to architect Phinias Paist and Denman Fink.

January 23, 1958

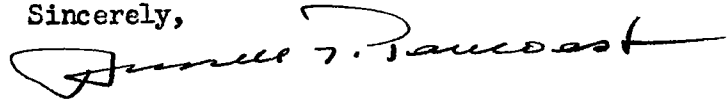
1928-1942: There do not seem to be any achievements in public service during this period. Many architects who will never be nominated for fellowship have had a continuous record of some kind of community service.

1946-1950: The writer has no direct knowledge of the candidate's work with the Optimist Club of Coral Gables.

1950-1957: The candidate has the habit of donating architectural services without remuneration. It would have been better to make personal donations and charge for the services. Free services in the South Miami area could have had some connection with the commission for the City Hall and other work which the candidate received.

In conclusion it seems that the candidate's record of achievement in public service may show one or two bright spots, but it is in no way outstanding.

Sincerely,



RUSSELL T. PANCOAST, F.A.I.A.

RTP:d

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January 24, 1958

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

UNFAVORABLE

Gentlemen:

I have before me a notice from the Florida South Chapter that H. George Fink is proposed for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute based on his service to the Institute and public service.

I have known Mr. Fink since 1925 and am well aware of his activities in the Florida South Chapter and his alleged achievements in public service. I do not consider Mr. Fink to be Fellowship material. This opinion is based on my personal estimate of him formed over a long period of years.

I have never been associated with Mr. Fink in any way, in either business or social contacts, and I have no motive in writing this letter other than that of upholding the standard of character and accomplishment required of those advanced to Fellowship.

Sincerely yours,


John L. Skinner

JLS/k

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January 28, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

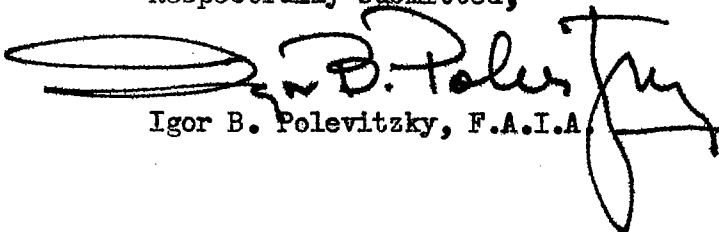
I would like to add my vote to the nomination of Mr. H. George Fink, A.I.A., for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, on the basis of service to the Institute.

I have known Mr. Fink for many years, and know him to be a man of great integrity and devotion to his chosen profession.

He has served the Florida South Chapter selflessly and long through his activity in various important committees, and as an officer, since 1921. He was Chairman of the Membership Committee from 1951 to 1955, member of the Executive Committee, and Secretary to the Chapter for four years (1952-1956). Even after his retirement as Secretary, he gave unstintingly of his time in working with the officers toward improvements in the operation of the Chapter.

Mr. Fink has also been very active as a citizen, serving on many planning and beautification boards of the area.

Respectfully submitted,


Igor B. Polevitzky, F.A.I.A.

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JANUARY 30, 1958

THE JURY OF FELLOWS, A.I.A.
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1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

GENTLEMEN

IT HAS BEEN MY PRIVILEGE TO KNOW H. GEORGE FINK FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS, THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

SERVING TOGETHER ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS GIVEN ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE THE THOROUGHNESS AND PRECISENESS WITH WHICH MR. FINK CARRIED OUT HIS DUTIES AS AN OFFICER. THIS WAS APPARENT IN THE VERY MANY CHAPTER ACTIVITIES HE WAS INVOLVED IN AND PARTICULARLY DURING HIS FOUR YEARS AS SECRETARY. I WAS MOST FORTUNATE TO SUCCEED HIM IN THIS POSITION AND HAVE THIS OFFICE'S PROCEDURES, CORRESPONDENCE AND DUTIES SO WELL OUTLINED THAT THEY ARE STILL BEING USED TODAY BY OUR CURRENT SECRETARY.

BESIDES HIS VARIED ACTIVITY IN THE FLORIDA SOUTH CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, MR. FINK HAS COMPLETED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE CORAL GABLES PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEES, WHICH WAS PARAMOUNT IN DEVELOPING A FINE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY. TODAY HE IS ENGAGED IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI.

AT PRESENT HE IS SERVING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI'S PLANNING BOARD, AFTER THREE YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THAT CITY'S ZONING BOARD AND ONE YEAR AS CHAIRMAN.

I BELIEVE HIS FINE AND SINCERE WORK FOR OUR PROFESSION AND HIS GREAT ACTIVITY IN PUBLIC SERVICE QUALIFIES MR. FINK TO BE CONSIDERED AS A FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

VERY TRULY YOURS


IRVIN KORACH

IK:H

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January 30, 1958

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Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

As a member of the Executive Committee of the Florida South Chapter of the American Institute of Architects I have the pleasure of endorsing the nomination of H. George Fink.

Within the scope of my experience I know of no one in the Florida South Chapter who has devoted more time to civic and chapter work. Mr. Fink has served on planning, zoning, welfare and code committees for three different cities within the county over the past thirty-five years. This work has been continuous--not intermittent.

Within the chapter Mr. Fink has served as chairman of practically every standing and special committee. For four years continuously he served as chapter secretary, during which time he prepared a "List of Procedure" for future secretaries to follow.

Very truly yours,

C. Robert Abele, Secretary
Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.

CRA:rs

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UNFAVORABLE

Re: Mr. H. George Fink

Dear Sirs:

I have known the candidate for over thirty years and have a fair knowledge of his activities in the profession during this period.

Mr. Fink served the Florida South Chapter as secretary for four years, due to the fact that there is a total lack of enthusiasm in regard to the office of secretary in any organization. However, after the four years the chapter did not see fit to advance him to any higher office, and since his last term as secretary he has been completely inactive in attending chapter meetings or in working for the chapter.

I believe that some of Mr. Fink's claims in his Public Service Achievements are completely exaggerated and he has taken credit in some of his City Planning comments, where the work was actually performed - particularly in Coral Gables, by Phinias Paist who was in my opinion a great architect and planner.

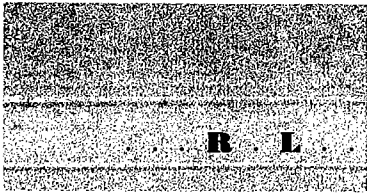
I do not believe that Mr. Fink is the caliber of man who is entitled to a fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely,



ANDREW J. FERENDINO

AJF:d



ROBERT M. LITTLE ARCHITECT

STEPHEN LITTLE ASSOCIATE

FEBRUARY 14, 1958

THE JURY OF FELLOWS
THE OCTAGON
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENTLEMEN:

THE NAME OF H. GEORGE FINK, SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE A.I.A., HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP ON THE BASES OF SERVICE TO INSTITUTE AND PUBLIC SERVICE.

MR. FINK HAS BEEN KNOWN TO ME SINCE 1925 WHEN HE WAS THE ARCHITECT FOR THE DEVELOPER OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA.

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW WHAT HE DID WHILE SERVING ON THE MANY CIVIC AND INSTITUTION COMMITTEES RATHER THAN THE NUMBER OF COMMITTEES ON WHICH HE SERVED. I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS, HOWEVER I DO KNOW THE EFFORT HE PUT FORTH AND THE RESULTS OF THESE EFFORTS ON CIVIC COMMITTEES ARE EVIDENT IN THE ORDER AND CULTURAL GROWTH IN THE COMMUNITY HE SERVED.

THE INTENSE SERVICE WHILE OFFICER OF THE CHAPTER WERE VERY PRODUCTIVE IN ESTABLISHING FINE RECORDS AND PROCEEDURE FOR FUTURE LEADERS. HE WAS CONSTANTLY AWARE OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN THE NATIONAL A.I.A. AND OUR COMMUNITIES, WHICH GREATLY ASSISTED IN PROGRESSIVE PROGRAMS.

HIS EFFORTS BEHIND THE SCENES ARE DIFFICULT TO MEASURE, BUT WE ALL KNOW AND FEEL THE EFFORTS PUT FORTH AND THE SACRIFICE OF HIS PERSONAL TIME.

IT IS WITH PLEASURE THAT I ENDORSE HIS ELEVATION TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE

SINCERELY,

ROBERT M. LITTLE

RML:JB
CC: WAHL SNYDER



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December 5, 1957

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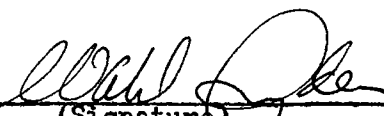
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To help the Jury learn such aspects, which are not normally completely supplied through regular nomination procedure, fill in the lines below which in your opinion apply to H. George Fink, A.I.A. and return this sheet in the addressed envelope provided.

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 is a man of integrity with an excellent character that is beyond reproach.


(Signature)

Member of the Executive Committee, Florida South 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? EXEMPLARY. GEORGE IS A STRONG, LEADER-TYPE MAN; HONEST, INDEFATIGABLE, RELIABLE,

Samuel Fouse
(Signature)

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Irving S. Hovey
(Signature)

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3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? Yes
4. What is your opinion of his character? Good

Edward G. Peyton
(Signature)

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1. Has he many friends who speak well of him? MANY
2. Do they also vouch for his accomplishments? YES
3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? HIGHLY
4. What is your opinion of his character? HE IS A HIGHLY
RESPECTED OF THE COMMUNITY.

Irwin Karnak
(Signature)

Member of the Executive Committee, Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.



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Robert Allen
(Signature)

Member of the Executive Committee, Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.

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FELLOWSHIP NOMINATION MATERIALS

Members.
Fink, H. George.

March 7, 1960

Mr. C. Robert Abele, President
Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.
8320 S. W. 62nd Place
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Abele:

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you that the nomination of H. George Fink, A.I.A., for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute, was before it for consideration at three separate meetings without favorable action; therefore, it has been dropped from the agenda and the exhibits have been returned to you under separate cover.

The Jury has asked me to inform you that, in their deliberations during the past three years, this proposal has been considered among the several hundred with which they have had to compare it as to his qualifications.

The Rules of Procedure of the By-laws of The Institute permit the re-submission of a new nomination after the lapse of one year following this action.

The Jury suggests that if you take this course, you make a more adequate presentation which will tell clearly what you feel are sufficient grounds for a different action.

The Jury trusts you will understand the conditions under which it must necessarily work.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves, F.A.I.A.
Executive Director

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