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October 30, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

The Florida South Chapter, A.I.A. is nominating Robert M. Little of Miami, Florida for Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects because of his achievement in As one of the nominators I submit this letter in support of his nomination.

I have known Mr. Little since 1947. I have worked with him in Civic and Institute affairs and, since 1951, have worked with him in the development of the campus of the University of Miami. I have observed his architectural activities at very close range.

Mr. Little's completion of "the skeleton", the concrete frame erected in the twenties for a University of Miami building of very ornate, pseudo-Spanish design, and aban-Turpin C. Bannister, FAIA doned some twenty odd years, gained him a national reputation, well deserved, as a designer of exceptional skill. This building, now called the Merrick Building, illustrated a new concept of design, a new spirit which has sparked the development of university design. Mr. Little transformed this cage of limitations into a twentieth century, university building, exploiting to the fullest the tropical climate, yet providing for the various functions skillfully, creating a building of beauty.

> This achievement was attained simultaneously with the creation of the Ring Theatre for the University of Miami Drama Department. Again, in Little demonstrated exceptional skill in design. On a very limited budget, he skillfully arranged the three functions of the theatre into three buildings so arranged that the structural shapes combined to render a harmonious, yet exciting, entity.

All of Mr. Little's work is as exciting and fresh. many have emulated the aspects of his work, few have successfully fulfilled the functional requirements, met the demands



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of local climatic conditions, and created beautiful architecture. It is very easy to identify Mr. Little's work - each building is distinctive with no monotonous repitition of detail. He solves each problem imaginatively and skillfully.

In noting Mr. Little's design achievements I do not wish to belittle his other activities as instructor and lecturer for the proper training of budding architects, his keen desire to interpret the profession to the public, and as officer and committee chairman in Institute affairs. His work is always better than norm. I place more value upon his accomplishments which already are serving as a beacon for other regions with similar problems.

If the Jury concurs with my feelings concerning Robert M. Little's accomplishments in design, and he is advanced to Fellowship, the Jury does not bestow honor on a man who has passed his zenith. He is still designing buildings meriting recognition. At the South Atlantic District Convention this year, his Dade County Medical Association Building received an award. As Fellow, Mr. Little will not be a "has-been" honored for past achievements, but he will bring even greater prestige to the Institute as a working Fellow.

Yours Sincerely,

H. Samuel Kruse'

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November 27, 1957

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

Dear Sirs:

I support the nomination of Robert Little for Fellowship in the American Insitute of Architects.

During my college career at the University of Florida, College of Architecture, Robert Little was a visiting critic and lecturer. His appearance and abilities greatly inspired all the architectural students. Robert Little has given of his time on many occasions to assist young men in architecture.

I know Robert Little has devoted many hours to institute work. His work on the chapter level has been far beyond that which might be normally expected.

He is an outstanding architect because his work is always magnative and always progressive. Ithink he should be elected a fellow because he has been a leader in architectural design for many years.

Sincerely,

EDWARD G. GRAFTON, Secretary Florida South Chapter, AIA

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cc: Sam Kruse!

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9 December 1957

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

Gentlemen:

It is with great pleasure that I write to the Jury of Fellows of the Institute in support of the nomination by the Florida South Chapter of Robert Murray Little A.I.A. to Fellowship.

I have known Bob Little for more than twenty years and remember him as one of those leaders in his profession, around whom the younger members rallied before the war, to advance their profession and obtain recognition of modern architecture in their community. His architectural style was, then as now, clean and simple, well-conceived in plan and vigorously expressed.

It was only after the war, though, that he began to obtain commissions commensurate in size and importance with his talent and experience. During the past ten years we have seen the University of Miami take the form that has attracted national attention under his guidance. While he has not designed all of the buildings, all have been in a measure influenced by his fresh approach and splendid sense of order. Those for which he was directly responsible have been consistantly among the most interesting buildings built in south Florida.

Such success in a particular field naturally brought him additional commissions in educational architecture elsewhere. His work in Puerto Rico produced some excellent design and we look forward with interest to work he will do at the new University of South Florida near Tampa.

It is almost inevitable that an interest in educational building should be accompanied by an interest in the students that occupy them. His assistance and inspiration to students cannot be shown by any formal record, since so much of it was given in that casual and informal way that is so characteristic of the man. Those of us who know him well and are aware of his influence on the younger members of the profession can best evaluate the time and effort he has spent on their behalf.

The advancement of Robert Little to Fellowship would be most warmly welcomed in this community and among his colleagues in the profession.

Very sincerely yours,

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1735 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington 6, D. C.

December 12, 1957

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2. Do they also vouch for his accomplishments?							
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Member of the Executive Committee, Flarids South Chapter, A.I.A.



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

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

December 16, 1957

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

#### Gentlemen:

This letter is submitted to you in support of the nomination of Robert M. Little for Fellowship in the A.I.A.

I have seen Mr. Little's fine influence on modern design and his development of new uses for prefabricated materials during my residence and practice in Florida sine 1945.

We all know of his outstanding work at the University. This and other buildings have set a precedent for modern post-war university design.

The residential field has been favorably influenced by his community planning at Keystone Point, which is one of the finest medium priced housed areas in Dade County. Many architects working in development of such projects have come under his fine guiding influence in contemporary small house design.

He has unselfishly served the Institute, civic bodies, and in various phases of architectural education by assisting in instruction and awards.

Please accept my sincere recommendation of the nomination of Mr. Little to Fellowship in the Institute for achievement in Design.

Respectfully submitted.

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REGISTERED ARCHITECTS, 310 HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, 2000 P STREET, N.W. WASHINGTON 6, D.C., ADAMS 4-1375

December 20, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

I am privileged to endorse the nomination of Mr. Robert M. Little of Miami, Florida for advancement to Fellowship.

During my infrequent visits to the area in which he works, I have examined with some care the buildings of Mr. Little's design, and have been thoroughly impressed with the continuous development of his architectural skills. In the series of work at the University of Miami, the sensitivity of Mr. Little's work is most apparent: the buildings, that I inspected, in addition to embodying architectural competence are specially handsome and reflective of the abilities of the designer.

Mr. Little has undoubtedly made a fine contribution to the architectural heritage of Florida; his elevation to Fellowship would be a fitting acknowledgment on the part of his colleagues.

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December 21, 1957

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

#### Gentlemen:

It has been my privilege to be one of the nominators of Robert Murray Little for Fellowship. Mr. Little and his work have been known to me for over twenty years, and I had the pleasure of working with him for two and a half years. The two and a half years I was associated with Mr. Little were the years immediately following my graduation from college, the most important years in a man's life, certainly an architect's. I believe I can honestly say I owe more of my education to this association than to my university.

Mr. Little first became known to me in the 1930's. He took the lead in small, low-cost home design. Under his planning the cracker boxes became homes South Florida was proud to display. Since the war he has become internationally known through his many outstanding buildings on the University of Miami campus and his award-winning homes.

Mr. Little has continuously been active in the Institute's affairs both locally and nationally. His civic work is well known, as is his service to the Boy Scouts and the Jim Dooley Fishing Club.

Very truly yours,

C. Robert Abele

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE FAYERWEATHER HALL CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

DECEMBER 23, 1957

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

#### GENTLEMEN:

THE NAME OF MR. ROBERT MURRAY LITTLE HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY THE FLORIDA SOUTH CHAPTER FOR ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS. HAVING KNOWN MR. LITTLE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, I FEEL QUALIFIED TO ENDORSE THIS NOMINATION AND SUPPORT HIS CANDIDACY AS FOLLOWS.

MR. LITTLE HAS BEEN OF TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE IN THE PROFESSION IN FLORIDA THROUGH HIS SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE. HE HAS SERVED CONTINUOUSLY ON IMPORTANT CHAPTER AND REGIONAL COMMITTEES, HAVING BEEN PRESIDENT OF HIS CHAPTER AND PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.

HIS INTEREST IN EDUCATION HAS BEEN SINCERE AND OF PRIMARY INTEREST. HE HAS LECTURED AT THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA AND HAS CONTRIBUTED UNSELFISHLY LOF HIS TIME TO EDUCATION IN THE PROFESSION.

Undoubtedly Mr. Little s most significant contribution has been in the area of design. Here he has demonstrated a freshness in thinking and an intense devotion in the study of his structures to a high level of design, discrimination and taste. The results have consistently been progressive, thoughtful, and particularly appropriate to the environment in which he was working. I am directly familiar with his Dade County Medical Association Building (which has won regional award merits) and which demonstrates convincingly the attention he devotes to searching for better than pedestrian solutions.

MAY I SINCERELY ENDORSE HIS NOMINATION FOR ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP AND TRUST THAT IT WILL RECEIVE APPROPRIATE ATTENTION BY THE JURY OF FELLOWS.

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THOMAS K. FITZ PATRICK, F.A.I.A.

CC - MR. H. SAMUEL KRUSE



December 23, 1957

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

#### Gentlemen:

In joining with others on recommending that Robert M. Little of Miami be made a Fellow of the Institute, it is hard to know which of the various headings should be put first. Since design is the heading under which the Florida South Chapter is making the nomination, it is perhaps as good as any. His work has been diverse, fresh in concept and workable.

The concept in the Merrick Building remodeling was in itself an ingenuity worthy of genius, and other work such as the Dade County Medical Association shows his consistent progress. These are only two among many buildings pedominantly in the university field.

I suppose one's judgment of Bob's achievement is colored by the fact that he has been such a willing professional man in heading the Chapter, the Association, working on committees and pushing the cause of architecture. It is colored also by his public service as chairman of the Committee on Airports and Ports, for the Dade County Coordinating and Planning Board, and his other public activities.

So, although emphasis is on design, Bob ranks distinction just as an architect—and what better reason could there be?

Sincerely,

Douglas Haskell

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**ARCHITECTS** 

December 23, 1957

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

#### Gentlemen

I have known Robert M. Little of Miami-Florida, and of his work, since 1921. He worked in our office in 1921 and his work was of a high caliber and outstanding, particularly in design. We have followed and seen his work in Florida, especially the University of Florida buildings which are honest and have a fresh approach that is of such fine quality that they stand out as a fine example of good architecture.

Yours very truly

THALHEIMER & WEITZ

David D. Weitz

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HARRIS ARMSTRONG, F.A.I.A., ARCHITECT
PETER C. KOSCHER, ASSOCIATE

December 23, 1957

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.

The Octagon RE: Fellowship for Robert M. Little
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.

Washington 6, D. C.

#### Gentlemen:

I have known Robert Little since the Pan American Congress in Mexico and it has been an enriching friendship.

However, I wish to commend him for consideration by the Jury of Fellows for advancement in design primarily for the work done on the University of Miami continuously from 1950 up to the present time. It is of high quality and the continuity of the work with the same group bespeaks great competence in addition to what is obvious on looking at the work.

Yours very truly,

HARRIS ARMSTRONG, F.A.I.A.

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## CARL C. GERLACH ARCHITECT

member American institute Of architects

December 23, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

I've known Mr. Robert M. Little of Miami Beach, Fla. since 1921. We were both employed and worked together in the office of Mr. John T. Windrim, Architect, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Bob always showed great promise in his ability in design, planning detail construction and with the handling of materials. Then and now he has advanced with years of experience in the art of producing some very fine examples of Architecture in Buildings which are a great credit to his masterful ability.

The University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida is a true master piece in the field of University Architecture. The many other Buildings such as The Merrick Bldg., Lowe Gallery, Arnold-Volpe Bldg., Ring Theatre, Eaton Hall, Baron de Hirsch Meyer Bldg., Laboratory School and Dade County Medical Association Bldg. are all commendable examples of Architecture which express the ability of an honest approach to the requirements and essentials. The masterful ability of excellent delineation in design is ever present in all his work.

CARL C. GERLACH

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RALPH BODMAN, F.A.I.A.
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December 23, 1957

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

#### Gentlemen:

I understand that the Florida South Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is nominating Robert M. Little of Miami, Florida, for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects based upon his achievements in design.

My friendship with Bob began back in 1926 when we were both employed as draftsmen by Robert A. Taylor in Miami, and through the intervening years, I have been in touch with Bob at the various National Conventions and on occasional visits to Florida.

If his work as a designer were not so outstanding, I would suggest that his nomination be based on service to the Institute since his contribution in that field has, in my opinion, been exceptional.

Even from as far off as Louisiana, I have been very much aware of his work and efforts in behalf of the Florida South Chapter. I have noted at the National Conventions that he has given generously of his time and efforts in behalf of the Institute.

It is with pleasure and pride that I add my second to Bob Little's nomination for advancement to Fellowship.

Yours very truly,

Ralph Bodman, F.A.I.A.

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## the office of DANIEL SCHWARTZMAN architect

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December 24, 1957

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

#### Gentlemen:

I was pleased to learn that Robert M. Little has been nominated by the Florida South Chapter of Miami, for advancement to fellowship in The American Institute of Architects, based on his achievements in design. This is a recognition he richly deserves.

I am familiar with the outstanding quality of Bob Little's work, and have been especially impressed with the high standards of design and professional practice that he has set for himself.

I have had many opportunities to discuss with him the interests of the profession at the various conventions of The Institute, and found that he was completely dedicated to the highest professional ideals.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL SCHWARTZMAN

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

#### Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I have learned that the Executive Committee of the Florida South Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, has nominated Robert M. Little for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Little is so honored because of his contributions in design to the art and profession of architecture—the category which is of paramount importance to us and one in which too few of us qualify.

I have known Mr. Little for several years and have spent many inspiring hours in which he has discussed his philosophy of design. I have visited the University of Miami at various times to observe the outstanding work that he has done for this institution.

I am sure that Mr. Robert Little would contribute to the Jury of Fellows as he has continuously contributed to the Institute and profession.

Sincerely fours,

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RICHARD L. AECK.

RLA: ss

24 December 1957

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December 26, 1957

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

#### Gentlemen:

I am writing on behalf of Robert M. Little of Miami who has been nominated by his chapter for advancement in The Institute.

I have known Mr. Little for many years as an architect and friend. His work is outstanding and known throughout the country for excellence of design. He has been active in the service of the profession and advancing the cause of architects in the Florida area. It gives me great pleasure to endorse his nomination to fellowship.

Yours very truly

JOHN REX

JR:R



## THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS 1735 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington G, D. C.

PHILIP WILL, JR., SECOND VICE PRESIDENT 309 WEST JACKSON BLVD. CHICAGO 6, ILL.

26 December 1957

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

Re: Robert M. Little, Candidate for Fellowship

#### Gentlemen:

While I am pleased to support the candidacy of Bob Little for Fellowship, I must confess that I have never personally observed any of his buildings and cannot, therefore, comment directly on his achievement in design.

In 1946, however, I did share jury duty with him on the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Competition of that year. As evidenced by his contribution to the work of the jury, his views on design are highly thoughtful and creative. The shared experience left me with a high regard for Bob as an individual and as an architect.

Sincere/ly yours

Philip Will, Jr. Will, Jr.

December 26, 1957

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

#### Gentlemen:

I recommend to you the nomination of Robert M. Little for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

His design achievements justify this honor. I have known him for fifteen years and have always found his ideas on architectural design very stimulating. This is evidenced in the actual performed design work, which I feel is of sincere character.

I am happy to join the Florida South Cahpter in this nomination.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel E. Homsey, FAIA

SEH: HEJ

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December 26, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

No task in recent years has given me more pleasure than has that of nominating Robert M. Little, A.I.A. of the Florida South Chapter for Fellowship in the Institute. Bob Little has been an active participant in Institute affairs for so many years and is so well known to a great segment of the membership that no A.I.A. Convention is quite complete without his presence.

He has been noted in the Miami area for the excellence of his design for many years. Outstanding among the many buildings that he has done are those at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, including the Merrick Building, Lowe Gallery, Arnold de Volpe Building, Ring Theatre, Faton Hall, Baron de Hirsch Meyer Building and the Laboratory School. A notable accomplishment of Bob's office last year was the Dade County Medical Association Building. His work for the University has all been done on a limited budget but has produced structures which are stimulating and interesting and have contributed a great deal to the functional and artistic aspects of the Campus. He has been a proponent of honest and original engineering and has been one of the first to utilize the engineering advancements of concrete in an architectural manner. This is demonstrated in his many uses of precast and prestressed concrete in his various buildings.

Mr. Little has been an active member in the Florida South A.I.A. for many years and has served on numerous committees. He was President of the Florida South A.I.A. in 1947 and President of the Florida Association of Architects in 1949.

Mr. Little has always been ready and willing to serve on many civic committees for the betterment of local conditions. Notable among these was Chairman of the Committee on Airports and Ports for the Dade County Coordinating and Planning Board from 1949 through 1951. During the time of his service, the entire tremendous expansion program of the Miami International Airport was formulated and, to a great extent, carried through the planning stage to a form which approached finality. Other than these, he has many times served with the Community Chest and the American Red Cross in their fund drives for the professional men. He has acted as Minister Plenipotentiary for the Florida South Chapter in many capacities which involved a diplomatic and tactful approach.

I herewith nominate Mr. Little for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects based on design with collateral recognition given to the field of community service to the County and service to the Institute.

Very truly yours,

Edwin T. Reeder

ETR:rla

#### KENNETH C. WELCH · · · ARCHITECT

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December 26, 1957

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

#### Gentlemen:

I would like to recommend the nomination of Robert M. Little of Miami, Florida for advancement to Fellowship.

I have know Robert Little for almost two decades and have been associated with him on a number of commercial projects in the Miami area.

I am familiar especially with his work at the University - have studied them particularly from the stand point of daylight controls having photographed them from the ground and from the air. The Main Administration Building was a difficult design problem because of the necessary use of an existing concrete structure originally designed for apartment buildings.

I am also familiar and have studied the Ring Theatre designed in collaboration with Marian Manley  $A_{\bullet}$  I.  $A_{\bullet}$ 

espectfully Submitted

Kenneth C. Welch

KCW/kk

#### HENRY S. CHURCHILL, F. A. I. A., A. I. P.

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December 26, 1957.

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

Gentlemen:

I should like to support the nomination of Robert M. Little of Miami, Florida, to be raised to Fellowship.

Mr. Little has contributed greatly to the raising of design standards in Florida, particularly his work for the University of Miami at Coral Gables. At a time when Florida architecture was smothered in Spanish moss Bob Little's work and words were indeed a clearing away of dead growth. His design is fresh and vigorous and has encouraged a whole group of men to follow his example.

He has also, as the record shows, given generously and effectively of his time to Institute business and to the needs of his community.

Besides which, it pleases me to endorse him as an old friend as well as a worthy architect.

Very truly yours,

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# ROBERT C. SWANSON AIA ARCHITECT 555 HINMAN AVE. EVANSTON, ILL. PHONE UNIVERSITY 4-6726 26 Dec.1957

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A. The Octagon 1735 New York Ave., NW Washington 6, D.c.

Dear Sirs:

This letter is in the form of a letter of endorsement for the nomination of Robert M.Little of Miami, Florida for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. I feel this advancement should be based upon his acheivements in design.

I have noted Mr. Little's published work with interest and appreciation for their uniform fine design concepts.

More particularly I have inspected the following projects in person and found them to be excellent examples of intergrated, well defined buildings.

The buildings of The University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida and the Dade County Medical Association Building are two projects I recently inspected personally. The honesty of approach, the freedom from cliches and the subtlety of design make these projects in particular

and Mr. Little's work in general outstanding.

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December 27, 1957

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

#### Gentlemen:

I have learned with pleasure that Robert Murray Little has been nominated for advancement to Fellowship in design by the Executive Committee of the Florida South Chapter.

It is a great privilege for me to support his nomination. I have known Mr. Little for fifteen years and have felt his design was full of imagination and refinement. His published works in the architectural journals show his masterful imaginative solutions.

I sincerely hope his nomination receives your favorable consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Samuel E. Homsey

VH: HEJ

#### EDWARD D. JAMES ARCHITECT INC.

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December 27, 1957

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

Sirs:

I have been notified by The Florida South Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, that Robert M. Little is being nominated for advancement to Fellowship this coming year.

Those of us whose primary practice is in the school and university field, have watched the University of Miami at Coral Gables develop into its present important architectural group. In the years of my friendship with Bob Little I have constantly observed his analytical, inquisitive mind, and his versatile pencil, and I take with me from each encounter, a feeling of inspiration which I believe adds a bit more character to my own work. In my opinion, he is one of our outstanding designers in America.

I can, with enthusiasm, and with pride in my profession, recommend to you, Robert M. Little, a man high in ability and humble in spirit.

I thank you for this opportunity.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD D. JAMES

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cc: The Florida South Chapter, A. I. A. Mr. Robert M. Little, A. I. A.

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December 27, 1957

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

#### Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure to me to endorse the nomination of Robert M. Little for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute. I have known him for many years and have on occasions enlisted his able services as a Judge on competitions. At these times I had a chance to get to know him well and to observe the devotion and energy he generously contributed to the advancement of the professional welfare. He won my sincere regard and respect and I count him as a friend.

The work he has done at the University of Miami seems to me sufficently praiseworthy to warrant his inclusion among the upper echelons of American architects in respect to Design. The buildings speak for themselves as to the sensitive and understanding mind of their creator. They do honor to the name of Architect and reflect credit upon the whole profession.

With his service to the Institute I am not directly acquainted, but I have heard high praise of its effectiveness on numerous occasions by fellow members of his Chapter. Knowing him as a warm-hearted human being, I am sure that these estimates of his services to his contemporaries are accurate.

I believe Bob Little will wear the label, F.A.I.A., becomingly.

Very truly yours,

Office of, ERNEST J. KUMP

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#### C. E. SILLING & ASSOCIATES . ARCHITECTS . CHARLESTON, W. VA.

28 December 1957

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

#### Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee of the Florida South Chapter, A.I.A. has nominated Robert M. Little of Miami, Florida for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects. Mr. Little's achievements in design and in public service have been detailed carefully in his Chapter's submission to you. He is a continuously interested worker in AIA affairs locally and nationally.

I respectfully recommend Mr. Little to your consideration for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely,

C. E. Silling

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430 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

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30 December 1957

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

#### Gentlemen:

I understand that the Florida South Chapter, American Institute of Architects, has nominated Robert M. Little, of Miami, for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute. I would like to endorse this nomination strongly. Mr. Little's achievements in design in the Florida area are wellknown. What is important about them, I believe, is that they are sober and distinguished accomplishments in contemporary architecture in an area where the temptation to be extravagant and unrestrained in design are almost too great for most architects to resist. He is to my mind one of the few architects in that area who has paid particular attention to the climatic problem and to the proper uses of materials and building techniques in that region.

Although I understand that Mr. Little is being nominated for advancement in design his efforts in behalf of the Institute, both in the Florida South Chapter and the Florida Association of Architects, and his continuing concern with architectural education are certainly additional reasons for his advancement.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas H. Creighton

Editor



#### CELLARIUS AND HILMER ARCHITECTS

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December 31, 1957

ROGER R. AICHHOLZ HANS H. NUETZEL

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

#### Gentlemen:

I am informed that the Florida South Chapter has nominated Robert M. Little of Miami, Florida, for advancement to Fellowship on the basis of his achievements in design.

I have seen some of his work at the University of Miami and have admired it. On the basis of what I have seen I would believe him worthy of consideration for Fellowship. I can only regret that my distance from Miami, Florida, does not permit me to know more of his executed work and to speak more authoritively of his achievements.

Yours very truly,

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

Gentlemen:

Recent correspondence has been received from the Florida South Chapter advising me that they are nominating Robert M. Little, of Miami, Florida, for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

I have followed Robert Little's work for a number of years through publications; and about five years ago, I had the opportunity to serve on a jury for an invited competition conducted by the Lowe Gallery of Art of the University of Miami for distinguished Florida architecture. As a member of the jury, we awarded the first medal to Robert Little's Ring Theater at the University of Miami. At that time, I, also, had the opportunity to examine carefully not only the Ring Theater but Robert Little's home and office as well as several other buildings which he had done in the Miami area.

I am impressed by the quality of his work, of his attitude and integrity regarding architecture and its practice. I believe he is one of the outstanding architects of the South. I believe he conducts his practice on a high ethical plane and that he achieves distinguished design in much of his work.

I thought it might be a pertinent fact to the Jury of Fellows that Robert Little's son, Robert M. Little, Jr., is a fifth year student in our Department of Architecture here in the School of Design. Robert Little, Jr., is an excellent student with a serious attitude toward his work, and he inherits much of his father's talent for good design. We expect to graduate him in June with the Bachelor of Architecture; we will be very proud to have him numbered among our graduates.

In addition to Robert Little's contributions to design in architecture, he has been a contributor to the affairs of the Institute, he has worked in his Chapter, he attends the national conventions where his voice is often heard and respected. In my opinion, Robert Little would make an important addition to the College of Fellows; and I believe that the Jury should immediately advance him to that position.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry L. Ramphoefner, FAIA

Dean

December 31, 1957

HLK: JAG

### CLARK AND BEUTTLER · ARCHITECTS

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January 2, 1958

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

### Gentlemen:

On behalf of Robert Murray Little of the South Florida Chapter of the A.I.A. I am writing with great satisfaction to recommend that he be advanced to Fellowship.

I have known Bob for almost fifteen years when we worked together on wartime Government projects. The years haven't dulled his enthusiastic awareness of vital architectural trends. This trait, I am sure, was a valuable asset in his teaching at the University of Florida and elsewhere.

He has always been a member of the forward-looking part of our profession in Florida. He has shared his ability and vitality with others at national conventions and as a judge of important competitions. In his own State he is past president of the A.I.A. and past president of the Florida Association of Architects.

To come to the most important part of his contribution to architecture, he is a sensitive designer with work in great variety to his credit: many University of Miami buildings, including the fine Lowe Art Gallery, among others of several purposes, laboratory, theatre, and so on.

His public service includes membership on vital planning committees, notably the Coordinating Board which charted Miami's airport expansion.

It is my hope the Jury will act favorably on Bob Little's worthy candidacy.

Sincerely yours

Hervey Parke Clark, F.A.I.A.

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JANUARY 2, 1958

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

GEN TLEMEN

IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE DURING THE PAST TWENTY YEARS IN GREATER MIAMI TO OBSERVE THE NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ROBERT M. LITTLE IN THE FIELD OF ARCHITECTURE. SINCE THE TERMINATION OF WORLD WAR II, MR. LITTLE HAS INCORPORATED MANY NEW MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION METHODS INTO HIS DESIGNS WHICH HAVE RESULTED IN INSPIRING AND DELIGHTFUL STRUCTURES.

THE INDIVIDUAL BUILDINGS HE DESIGNED FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI HAVE BEEN OUTSTANDING, AND I BELIEVE THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE NATIONAL REPUTATION OF THIS UNIVERSITY'S ARCHITECTURE.

IN ADDITION TO HIS NOTEWORTHY DESIGNS FOR OUR FLORIDA WAY OF LIFE, MR. LITTLE HAS ALWAYS BEEN OF GREAT SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE, TO OUR STATE ORGANIZATION AND TO OUR LOCAL CHAPTER. HIS COMMUNITY SERVICE INCLUDED WORK ON PLANNING BOARDS FOR COUNTY AND AIRPORTS IN 1949 THROUGH 1951.

HIS CONSTANT EFFORTS IN AIDING DRAFTSMEN AND YOUNG ARCHITECTS IN THE AREA HAVE INDICATED HIS GREAT INTEREST IN ALL PHASES OF ARCHITECTURE.

I BELIEVE MR. ROBERT M. LITTLE IS MOST DESERVING TO BE A FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS AND THAT HE SHALL ALWAYS CONTINUE TO EXERT HIS UNUSUAL TALENTS AND EFFORTS TO THE FURTHERANCE OF THE INSTITUTE AND THE PROFESSION.

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JOHN S. PATERSON HIDEO A. MATSUNAGA A.I.A.

January 2, 1958

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

### Gentlemen:

I have learned that my good friend Robert Murray Little of Miami has been nominated for advancement to Fellowship on the basis of design by the Executive Committee of the Florida South Chapter.

The frequent appearance of his outstanding work in our professional journals and our yearly reunions at A.I.A. conventions are always delightful occasions and it gives me great pleasure to add my recommendations for your favorable consideration of Mr. Little.

Very truly yours,

George Vernon Russell

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January 2, 1958

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

### Gentlemen:

I am informed that the name of Mr. Robert Murray Little has been proposed for membership in the College of Fellows by the Executive Committee of the Florida South Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Little has been known to me for some twenty years, and I am glad to recommend him for your favorable consideration, both in terms of his personal qualifications and of the outstanding design work for which he has been responsible.

It is hoped that your Committee will, because of these qualifications, look favorably upon the recommendation of the Florida South Chapter.

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Sincerely yours,

SAM'L INMAN COOPER. F.A.I.A.

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HARRY W. ALTMAN, A. I. A. H. WESLEY ALTMAN, A. I. A.

## ALTMAN & ALTMAN

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January 3, 1958

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

### Gentlemen:

We have been asked by the Executive Committee of the Florida South Chapter of the American Institute of Architects for our endorsement of Mr. Robert Murray Little for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. While a detailed and factual endorsement rather than that of general character is requested, I believe that our endorsement because of our relationship with Mr. Little must be more general than specific. This, however, should be more of an advantage than a disadvantage because we are one of the very few who have been familiar with Mr. Little and his work over his entire life span.

Mr. Little was born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, where our office has practiced architecture for 49 years, and it has taken an unusual amount of initiative, courage and ability for Mr. Little to arrive at his present position. Knowing this, we have the utmost respect for his ability and his achievements. His service to the Institute, which is a matter of record, has been one of devotion and unselfishness and he has given freely of his time when he was personally involved with a tremendous amount of work.

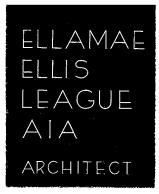
His work represents a fine balance of utility and beauty and is far removed from so many of those today who attempt cleverness at the expense of common sense. At the University of Miami his taking of abandoned structural skeletons and converting them into beautiful contemporary useful buildings was outstanding.

Because of the geographical distance between most of Mr. Little's work in Florida and our work in Pennsylvania, we are not familiar with his work in detail but have many times admired it. Mr. Little, from our interpretation, has what is required of a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects - a true devotion to his profession and the putting of this true devotion to his profession to practical use for the benefit of all mankind.

Very truly yours,

Harry W. Altman

H. Wesley Altman, Jr.



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January 3, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

Mr. Robert Murray Little, A. I. A., member of the Florida South Chapter, has been recommended for elevation to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I have seen a great deal of Mr. Little's work and I have been very much impressed with the work done at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. Mr. Little has a completely fresh approach to university architecture. I believe that the Ring Theatre, the Meyer building, the Lowe Gallery, Eaton Hall, and the Laboratory School all show an unusual understanding in the use of materials.

The Merrick Building is a masterpiece in the adaption of an existing structure to a sincere solution of a difficult problem. The completed building is quite pleasant and successful.

Mr. Little is versatile, as shown in the fact that his home and office combine to make a pleasant use of space in which neither function encroaches upon the other.

Mr. Little has been of great service to the Institute in many ways, having been President of the Florida South Chapter in 1947 and President of the Florida Association of Architects in 1949. I believe that on the basis of his design work alone, he has more than earned the honor of being elevated to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Yours very bruly,

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January 4, 1958

The Jury of Fellows, AIA The Octagon, 1735 New York Ave NW Washington, D C

### Gentlemen:

Robert M. Little of the Florida South Chapter has been nominated for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known Bob Little for ten or twelve years and I have been very much impressed with the quality of his work, particularly his university buildings with which I am most familiar. It is my strong feeling that the straightforward and businesslike approach both in design and practice should constitute ample reason for consideration of his advancement. In this case the quality of the resulting work is outstanding, and I feel that it is entirely proper that he be made a Fellow.

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L Morgan Yost, FAIA

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January 4, 1958

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

### Gentlemen:

We have been advised that Robert Murray Little of Miami, Florida, has been nominated for advancement to fellowship in the American Institute of Architects for achievements in design. We would like to endorse this proposal as we feel that he is deserving of this recognition.

The writer has personally visited a number of his projects, all of which attest to his skill as a designer. If the Institute sees fit to recognize his ability, I feel that the honor would be well deserved.

Respectfully,

Harold Spitznagel A.I.A.

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January 6, 1958

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

### Gentlemen:

May I submit my wholehearted endorsement of the movement requesting advancement to Fellowship for Robert M. Little, A. I. A., of Miami, Florida.

In my opinion, Mr. Little represents all of the best attributes of the serious professional architect and is pre-eminently qualified for this honor.

Very truly yours,

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

### Gentlemen:

Realizing that the Jury must have, in the case of each candidate, a detailed account of his life's accomplishments, I would like to spare the Jury the reading of another long letter.

It's enough to say that if the Jury of Fellows is recognizing devotion to the profession, achievement in design and service to the community, I would like to know that Robert M. Little is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

I've known Bob Little for many years and have the highest respect for him as an Architect and as a person.

Sincerely yours,

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HS/mg

CC: Mr. H. Samuel Kruse

### ARCHITECT

6 January 1958

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

### Gentlemen:

I am advised that the Florida South Chapter is proposing Robert M. Little for advancement to Fellowship.

I have known Bob for several years and admired his unusual devotion and dedication to the architectural profession. I am sure we have all followed his fine architectural works in the rebirth of Florida architecture. Not to be overlooked also, has been his devotion to Institute affairs and his attention and interest in all meetings where architects gather. This combination of organizational activity and successful practice is not always present in our men and is much to be desired.

I heartily commend him to you for Fellowship in the Institute.

Sincerely

BP/kd

CC: H. Samuel Kruse
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THE JURY OF FELLOWS, A.I.A. THE OCTAGON 1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W. WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

### GENTLEMEN:

I AM WRITING TO SUPPORT THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT M. LITTLE TO ADVANCEMENT AS FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

I HAVE KNOWN MR. LITTLE'S WORK FOR SOME TIME AND HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SOME OF HIS WORK WHILE IN MIAMI. THE UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS AT CORAL GABLES IN PARTICULAR, ARE EXTREMELY SENSITIVELY DONE AND IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO ENDORSE HIS NOMINATION.

VERY TRULY YOURS.

George Matsumoto, A.I.A. Professor of Architecture

GM: EY

JANUARY 7, 1958

CC: MR. H. SAMUEL KRUSE



## THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington 6, D. C.

January 7, 1958

### CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Robert M. Little, A.I.A.
To Members of The Executive Committee, Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.
An architect is advanced to Fellowship in recognition of exceptional ability or of exceptional service. The Jury of Fellows always tries to choose wisely and with discrimination, but it is limited in precise knowledge about the nominees.
To complete Nomination this form must be filled and returned <u>before</u> February 1st. Otherwise, no action will be taken at the forthcoming Jury meeting.
It is the opinion of the Jury of Fellows that a designer, however talented, should not be advanced to Fellowship if he possesses deficiencies of character which reflect discredit upon the profession; and that no architect, regardless of outstanding service, should be advanced if the buildings which he has designed are so notably inferior in architectural design as to reflect discredit upon the profession.
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 Robert M. Little, A.I.A. and return this sheet in the addressed envelope provided.
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2. Do they also vouch for his accomplishments? $Y_{ES}$
3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? HIGHLY
4. What is your opinion of his character? HE IS A HIGHLY RESPECTED
HONORABLE AMERICAN.

(Signature) Member of the Executive Committee,

Florida South

Chapter, A.I.A.



## THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington 6, D. C.

January 7, 1958

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Member of the Executive Committee,

# UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA · GAINESVILLE COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND FINE ARTS

Office of the Dean

January 8, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

H. Samuel Kruse', President of the Florida Association of Architects, has written me that the Executive Committee of the Florida South Chapter is nominating Robert M. Little for advancement to Fellowship. Like so many other architects who have distinguished themselves, he has made contributions in a number of areas.

During the period of his presidency and immediately thereafter, "Bob" Little evidenced considerable interest in the work of the students at the University of Florida by coming the considerable distance to Gainesville to talk with the students. You will, of course, consider the work in design from evidential materials. You will find, I believe, that "Bob" Little has been one of the pioneer searchers for a new expression for Florida architecture. "Bob" Little came to Florida at the time of the boom of the 1920'3. He lived through the Mediterranean style" and became a leader of the group seeking fresh answers to the problems of Florida's climate.

"Bob" Little has been an avid experimenter, taking the risks of the experimenter, and because of his ability, he has succeeded measurably. It is a pleasure to me to add these words to those which have been written in support of Robert M. Little's nomination for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN L. R. GRAND

Professor of Architecture

JLRG:m

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January 8, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

It gives me great pleasure to recommend for your consideration,

Robert M. Little

of Miami for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known Bob Little for many years and consider him one of the best designers of my generation. His ethics are above reproach and I feel that his contributions to the profession have been extremely valuable in services rendered as well as in design. He has my heartiest endorsement.

Sincerely,

AS. GAMBLE ROGERS, I'I

JGR:erw

C. HERRICK HAMMOND, F.A.I.A,

ARCHITECT

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January 8, 1958

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

Attention - The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.

Gentlemen:

The Florida South Chapter has nominated Robert M. Little of Miami, Florida for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects based on his achievements in design.

The nomination and supporting exhibits are before the  $\mathtt{Jury}_{\bullet}$ 

It has been my pleasure to have known Robert Little before my moving to Florida. He has been in my home in Winnetka and I have been familiar with his work for years and consider that he is eminently qualified for advancement to Fellowship.

I sincerely trust that the Jury will take favorable action on his nomination.

Sincerely yours,

C. Herrick Hammond

CHH/FB

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January 9,1958

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A. The Octagon Washington, D.C.

### Gentlemen:

I have received word that The Florida South Chapter is nominating Robert M. Little for Fellowship.

Having known Bob since 1946, I have followed his work since that time. It would give me pleasure to see him elevated to Fellowship and I sincerely believe that he is worthy and has earned this high honor.

Sincerely

Louis Skidmore, F.A.I.A.

Lake Eloise Winter Haven, Florida

January 9, 1958

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

Dear Sirs:

This letter is to serve as an endorsement of the nomination of Robert M. Little of Miami, Florida for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

l am sure that Mr. H.S.Kruse has sent you data sheets concerning Mr. Little's education, accomplishments and service to the public and to the Institute.

I hope that the members of the jury will agree that Mr. Little will be an addition to the roster of Fellows of the Institute.

Very truly yours.

William F. Bigoney, Jr. A.V.A.

2520 E. Las Olas Bivd. Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

WFB:mb

ERNEST J. KUMP, F.A.I.A.

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January 10, 1958

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

### Gentlemen:

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Robert M. Little of Miami, Florida, as a candidate for advancement to Fellowship on the basis of his achievements in design.

Mr. Little's work has been extremely noteworthy and outstanding, and I believe he is one of the most creative people in his field. This is manifest in Mr. Little's work in the field of university architecture and other outstanding projects that he has designed. Among these are the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida; Dade County Medical Association Building; and Little House.

Mr. Little has also contributed work in other fields in the interest of the profession, which includes construction techniques and lectures in architectural education, as well as service to the Institute. He has participated on numerous committees of the Florida South Chapter of the A.I.A., as well as having been President and Chairman of the Florida Association of Architects.

I heartily recommend and endorse the nomination to Fellowship of Mr. Robert M. Little.

Sincerely,

Ernest Kump, F.A.I.A.

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### RUSSELL MULLGARDT SCHWARZ VAN HOEFEN

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January 11 1958

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

Robert Murray Little

Gentlemen:

Bob Little is a vital personality and a credit to the profession for his work in design and in experimentation with materials+structure. It is my feeling he should be elevated to fellowship.

Sincerely fours,

Hari Van Hoefen

# RICHARD J. NEUTRA AND ROBERT E. ALEXANDER ARCHITECTS . PLANNING CONSULTANTS . ASSOCIATED ENGINEERS

January 14, 1958

RICHARD J. NEUTRA, F.A.I.A.
ROBERT E. ALEXANDER, F.A.I.A.
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ROBERT R. PIERCE
C. HOWARD MILLER, A.I.A.

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

Re: Robert Little

### Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that Robert M. Little of Miami Florida has been proposed for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects based on his achievements in design. Especially since my own work has involved many intimate studies of college buildings, I have a special admiration for the work Bob Little has done at the University of Miami and Coral Gables. As a result, I also know enough about this particular category of work to realize that his designs have had a beneficial influence on architectural design of college buildings throughout the country.

I urge that he be elevated to Fellowship.

Cordially yours,

Robert E. Alexander

REA/ep



YAMASAKI LEINWEBER & ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS

January 14, 1958

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

### Gentlemen:

I understand that the Executive Committee of The Florida South Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, is nominating Robert M. Little for advancement to Fellowship because of his achievements in design. I have known Mr. Little for some years and have a high respect for his architectural ability and integrity. His work at the University of Miami is outstanding. It is sensitive and imaginative. I would like to recommend him highly.

Sincerely,

Minoru Yamasaki

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14 January 1958

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

### Gentlemen:

It is a distinct pleasure to endorse the nomination of Robert M. Little of Miami, Florida for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

While Mr. Little may deservedly be given recognition for many contributions in service to the Institute and his public services, his nomination as a Fellow will acknowledge his achievements in architectural design. The outstanding series of buildings for the University of Miami particularly establish the warrant for his election as a Fellow of the Institute.

I believe Mr. Little will hold his Fellowship with distinction and with honor for the Institute.

Sincepely yours

S.B. Zisman, A.I.A. San Antonio Chapter.

SBZ:dg

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# THE FLORIDA SOUTH CHAPTER THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

January 15, 1958

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F.A.A. Director for Chapter

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

#### Gentlemen:

It was both a privilege and pleasure to have been one of the nominators of Mr. Robert M. Little for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute and this letter is to point out some of his achievements which I feel make him worthy of this honor.

First of all, I have known Mr. Little for about twenty years and have always admired him not only for his great talent as an architectural designer, but for his sincerity and integrity. He is considered one of the finest and most creative architects in our area.

His University of Miami buildings are most outstanding and have gained the attention of architects throughout the country. Although these University buildings are perhaps his most noteworthy work, he has designed many outstanding residences and commercial buildings which have received both local and national publicity.

Mr. Little has given freely of his time to various civic and A.I.A. affairs. He has lectured at the University of Florida in Gainesville, and conducted a course for the local Draftsman's Club. He served as Judge in the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Competition, Hot Springs, Va., in 1946 and the North Carolina Chapter AIA Exhibit Awards in 1955.

He was Chairman of the Committee on Airports and Ports in Dade County during a large expansion program a few years ago.

His service to The Institute includes serving as Chairman or member of various Committees. In fact, I believe our Chapter records would indicate he has worked in some capacity every year since becoming a member and has always done a commendable job. He was President of Florida South Chapter in 1947, and President of the Florida Association of Architects in 1949.

Mr. Little is well known to A.I.A. members throughout the country, having attended all National and Regional Conventions for a number of years, and I am sure he is liked and respected by all who have had the opportunity to meet him.

In view of his outstanding record and many fine qualities, I sincerely hope the Jury will favorably consider Mr. Little for this great honor.

Sincerely yours

WS/lm

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# UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA . GAINESVILLE COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND FINE ARTS

Department of Architecture

January 16, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

It is good to know that the Executive Committee of the Florida South Chapter of the Institute is nominating Robert Murray Little of Miami for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

Through my contacts with Bob Little over the past fifteen years in professional organizations and at the University of Florida I have come to know him and his work quite well. He has an inquiring mind and is never satisfied with average performance, as his own work in the Miami area amply demonstrates. Working oftentimes within limited budgets, his work rises above the commonplace.

At the University of Florida we have always found him a staunch supporter of the younger generation. His interest in students as demonstrated by his willingness to share his experience through lectures and informal discussions has been most helpful to us through the years.

It is a pleasure to add my word of commendation to the many who will join in testifying to the demonstrated ability and fresh outlook which Bob Little brings to the profession of architecture.

Sincerely yours,

William T. Arnett, A.I.A. Professor of Architecture

and Dean Emeritus

WTA/db

WILLIS L. STEPHENS
ARCHITECT
594 S. EDGEWOOD AVENUE JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

MEMBER OF THE AIA

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

January 17, 1958

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

Re: Robert Murray Little, A.I.A.

### Gentlemen:

The writer has known Mr. Little for a long number of years and he is indeed a credit to our profession, especially for his design talents.

For example, his outstanding buildings on the campus of the University of Miami have contributed greatly in changing a small school into a nationally known and respected institution.

I have watched with great interest the progress of Mr. Little's career. Through the years he has produced the best in architectural design, starting from his early residences to his mature status of today. I strongly feel that such work is the greatest service that an architect can perform.

I respectfully recommend to the Jury of Fellows that Mr. Robert Murray Little be awarded the honor he has rightly earned, and that he be made a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely yours,

Willis L. Stephens

WLS: jw

#### MACKIE KAMRATH ARCHI AND

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17 JANUARY 1958

THE JURY OF FELLOWS THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS 1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W. WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

ROBERT M. LITTLE RE: NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

GENTLEMEN:

! AM INFORMED THAT BOB LITTLE HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR FELLOWSHIP IN DESIGN.

ALTHOUGH I HAVE KNOWN BOB FOR TEN OR MORE YEARS, I CANNOT HONESTLY SAY THAT I HAVE EVER PERSONALLY SEEN ANY OF HIS COMPLETED WORK AND THEREFORE DO NOT FEEL QUALIFIED TO PASS ON HIS NOMINATION IN DESIGN.

HOWEVER, I MUST SAY THAT I KNOW HIM TO BE CONSIDERED AS TOP RATE AMONG HIS COLLEAGUES, BUT I FEEL OTHERS ARE MUCH BETTER QUALIFIED THAN I TO EVALUATE HIS DESIGN ABILITY.

VERY TROLLY YOURS,

KARL KAMRATH, F.A. I.A.

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January 20, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

I wish to add my endorsement of Robert M. Little, A.I.A., of Miami, Florida for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, based on his achievements in design. I have known Mr. Little and have been familiar with his work a number of years. I feel sure that his accomplishments in design, his high character and his service to the Institute undoubtedly qualify him for this signal honor.

I sincerely hope that you will see fit to elevate this deserving candidtate.

Sincerely yours,

WM. HENLEY DEITRICK

WHD:k

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

GENTLEMEN

IT WAS WITH PLEASURE THAT I HEARD OF THE NOMINATION, BY THE FLORIDA SOUTH CHAPTER, OF ROBERT LITTLE FOR ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

THROUGH PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE !

KNOW OF HIS INTEGRITY AND OF HIS

FINE CONTRIBUTIONS TO ARCHITECTURE.

HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM TO YOU FOR THE HONOR OF ADVANCEMENT TO A FELLOWSHIP IN THE INSTITUTE.

SINCERELY YOURS

RSS/EC

FAPHAEL S. SORIANO ARCHITECT MEMBER OF AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS POST OFFICE BOX 128, TIBURON, CALIFORNIA

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### WILLNER & MILLKEY

ARCHITECTS

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January 21, 1958

WILLIAM E. WILLNER, A. I. A. HERBERT G. MILLKEY, A. I. A.

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

Dear Sirs:

I have been informed that Robert M. Little of Miami, Florida, has been nominated for advance-ment to Fellowship by the Florida South Chapter, based on his achievements in design.

I have known Bob Little for approximately ten years. His design work is non-traditional in character and worthy of note because of its cleanness of line, logical planning, and detailing which reflects a thorough knowledge of construction and materials to an unusual degree. His buildings are further distinguished because of their complete lack of cliche and use of forms merely for their shock effect.

In addition, buildings designed by him are distinguished by his use of materials in a new and fresh manner, as illustrated by the precast concrete perforated panels of the Dade County Medical Association Building.

It gives me great pleasure to have this opportunity of endorsing Robert Little's nomination for Fellowship.

Sincerely,

Howard Millow

Herbert C. Millkey

HCM:dc

cc: H. S. Kruse

#### DOUGLAS HONNOLD . FAIA JOHN REX C Н l T Ε C S Ν A S S T D 0 C 1

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January 21, 1958

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

### Gentlemen:

I have learned that Robert M. Little of Miami, Florida has been nominated to Fellowship in the Institute. It is an extreme pleasure for me to urge your favorable consideration for his advancement.

Mr. Little's achievements in design have earned him wide and well deserved recognition, both regionally and nationally. Not having been in Florida, I have not actually seen his buildings, but I am familiar with his work through publications.

I have known Mr. Little for several years, having met him at national conventions and other activities. I have a deep respect for his talent, integrity as a professional man and as an architect.

Sincerely yours

DH:R

### ROBERT ELKINGTON A.I.A.

ARCHITECT AND CONSULTANT 7916 KINGSBURY BOULEVARD SAINT LOUIS 5, MISSOURI TELEPHONE: PARKVIEW 7-3033

The Jury of Fellows The Octagon Washington 6, D.C.

### Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure to nominate Robert Murry Little of Miami for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I have know him for about ten years and have the pleasure of spending a great deal of time with him at the annual conventions. As you know, the talk is never about women or current events, but always about Architecture, and students of Architecture.

I have seen sketches of new work and photographs of work that has been built, and have followed with pride the work published.

On one occasion while discussing a new dormitory for the University of Miami, Bob said he tole his office he wanted 100 different sketches of bathrooms. An unusual request, but one which shows the consideration for a plan element. This desire to study all possibilities makes his progressive architecture (planing and detailing) what it is --- a quiet soundness in the mumbo-jumbo that is Miami.

The College of Fellows can be proud to have him in the ranks.

Robert Elkington (A.

St. Louis Chapter

CHARLES M. GOODMAN ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS 814 EIGHTEENTH STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON 6. D. C.

January 22, 1958

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

ROBERT M. LITTLE, AIA

### Gentlemen:

Robert M. Little, who is known to me personally, is unquestionably one of the distinguished group of practicing American architects whose executed work has made a material contribution to the development of Contemporary American architecture into a fine art.

In particular, his contribution to the reorientation of university architecture into the idiom of our time as shown by his executed work at the University of Miami, is impressive.

His unusual facility at communicating to the members of his community has contributed materially to their better understanding of the nature and relation of architecture to the community as something more than building materials.

He has demonstrated through his work that beauty in architecture is in the public interest and necessary to the cultural growth of a healthy community life.

He has contributed his time unstintingly to the furtherance of this goal in his community by serving on public bodies concerned with its growth.

> CHARLES M. GOODMAN A LA MILTON A. GUREWITZ PE ROBERT CALHOUN SMITH EASON CROSS, JR. CHARLES F. DETTOR, R.A.

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A. Re: Robert M. Little, AIA

January 22, 1958

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He has, by so doing, dignified the profession of architecture in the eyes of his community.

I consider him a man of exceptional talents whose advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects would do great credit to the profession as well as cloak him with the dignity commensurate with his accomplishments in the practice of architecture.

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CMG:dms

### JOHN CARL WARNECKE A.I.A.

ARCHITECT

III NEW MONTGOMERY STREET SAN FRANCISCO 5, CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE YUKON 2-6393

January 22, 1958

incerely,

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

### Gentlemen:

I have been asked by Mr. Samuel Kruse, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Florida South Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, to write a letter endorsing Robert M. Little for your consideration as a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects. I am very honored to have received this request and more than pleased to be able to endorse him.

I have always admired Bob's work and I think that his work at the University of Miami is particularly outstanding. The pioneering design work that he has done in campus architecture over the past years has made a great contribution in this area of design.

In addition, his work has been extremely sensitive and beautiful in its many aspects.

JCW:cmg

cc: Mr. H. Samuel Kruse

OAKLAND OFFICE 1700 FINANCIAL CENTER BLDG. GLENCOURT 1-8094

January 22, 1958

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

### Gentlemen:

This is a letter recommending your favorable consideration of Robert Murray Little for elevation to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I have known Mr. Little for many years. I have joined with him in discussions at many of the architectural conventions, and I have learned to respect not only the products of his practice but the dimensions of his mind which range widely in their cultural interests and bring to the philosophy of architecture a sharp and inquiring attitude.

I have visited his home in Miami and many of the buildings which are listed in support of his nomination, particularly those at the University of Miami, the Dade County Medical Association Building, and others. They are all of a very high level of design, often refreshingly new in approach, and I am sure that the members of the Jury are familiar with many of these structures because they have been published widely. He is one of the two or three men, to my knowledge, in Florida who is maintaining high professional standards in the practice of architecture against a background of crude, blatant architecture on Miami Beach. I know that he has been tempted to turn out trashy architecture and that the monetary rewards would be high, but he has elected to remain honest with himself and his profession.

If the State of Florida has a quota of only two or three Fellowships, certainly Bob Little is entitled to one of them. I urge you to consider him favorably.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Cerny

RGC:iw

SHORELAND BUILDING
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JANUARY 23, 1958

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

RE: ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE A.I.A. OF Mr. ROBERT M. LITTLE, OF MIAMI, FLORIDA

#### GENTLEMEN:

I HAVE KNOWN MR. ROBERT M. LITTLE FOR 25 YEARS. DURING THIS TIME I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE HIS WORK IN DESIGN, ESPECIALLY IN THE MIAMI AREA. HIS OUTSTANDING WORKS, I FEEL, ARE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, IN CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA.

ONE OF HIS OUTSTANDING WORKS IS THE MERRICK BUILDING. THIS BUILDING HAS A HISTORY GOING BACK TO 1925, WHEN IT WAS FIRST STARTED. DURING THE 1926 BOOM AND DEPRESSION THIS BUILDING WAS LEFT UNFINISHED AS A CONCRETE SKELETON. IN THIS STATE IT REMAINED UNTIL 1950. MR. LITTLE WAS THEN COMMISSIONED TO TAKE OVER THE SKELETON AND CREATE A BUILDING, USING THE SKELETON ALONG MODERN LINES FOR A MODERN AND FORWARD LOOKING UNI-VERSITY.

THE RESULTS OF HIS WORKS HERE ARE VERY OUTSTANDING, AND THE BUILDING HAS RECEIVED FAVORABLE COMMENT FROM ARCHITECTS NOT ONLY LOCALLY, BUT NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. HE HAS SINCE THEN HELPED TO CREATE THE UNIVERSITY PLAN AND SOME OF THE BUILDINGS WHICH HAVE FOLLOWED THE PLANNING OF THE CAMPUS.

AMONG THESE ARE THE LOWE GALLERY, ARNOLD-VOLPE BUILDING, RING THEATRE, EATON HALL, BARON DE HIRSH MEYER BUILDING, LAW-ORATORY SCHOOL, ALL OF THESE BUILDINGS HAVE SPECIAL MERIT, AND SPEAK WELL FOR THE DESIGN ABILITY OF MR. LITTLE. I SEE IN HIS WORK THAT RARE COMBINATION OF THE FEELING FOR STRUCTURE COMBINED WITH ART, THE CIRCULATION OF PEOPLE, THE GENUINE USE-FULNESS OF THE PLAN, AND THE INTEGRATION WITH THE OVERALL DESIGN OF THE CAMPUS PROJECT.

MR. LITTLE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN CIVIC WORK, EXPECIALLY IN CONNECTION WITH UNIVERSITIES, HIS OWN CHAPTER OF WHICH HE HAS BEEN PRESIDENT, AND THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS, OF WHICH HE HAS SERVED AS PRESIDENT. HE HAS SERVED AS THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF AIRPORTS AND PORTS, PART OF DADE COUNTY'S PLANNING AND COORDINATING BOARD WORK. THE REPORT RENDERED BY THIS GROUP WAS HIGHLY VALUABLE IN IT'S CONTENT, AND THE COMMITTEES SERVICE WAS A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE OVERALL PLANNING OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA AREA.

IT IS WITH REAL PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THE NAME OF ROBERT M. LITTLE, FOR THE ELEVATION OF FELLOWSHIP IN THE A.I.A.

YOURS TRULY,

ROBERT FITCH SMITH

RFS:A

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

January 23, 1958

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

### Gentlemen:

Relative to the nomination of Robert M. Little, A.I.A. for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute, consider it a privilege and pleasure to support his nomination as I have known Bob for several years and, in addition to his "Achievement In Design", consider his personal attitude and reputation as being beneficial to the Architectural profession.

I am not personally familiar with his educational background but his Architectural designs reflect prior education and experience. He has been a resident of the Greater Miami Area since 1925 and has travelled in Mexico and Europe.

Some of his earlier designs reflected the influences acquired during trips to Mexico, and were outstanding examples of this type, sp prevalent at that time.

He has a varied background relative to design and construction, which is reflected in his latest work, and has achieved unusual effects by combining various structural materials; heretofore considered unsuitable for decorative purposes but; by personal research and investigation of their possibilities, incorporates them in his unusual and pleasing Architectural compositions.

I am of the opinion that his seven (7) buildings at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla. reflect his unusual talent in combining the functional with the artistic and, by pioneering, the resultant effect has been an advancement of Architectural design in this and other ageas.

Of particular interest in the "University Group" is the Baron de Hirsch Meyer Building, where the use of precast, gravel faced panels are the predominating feature, blended with other and varied materials.

Another building recently completed in Miami, Fla. is the Dade County Medical Association Building which is outstanding particularly regarding the use of "Precast perforated concrete panels? combined with other materials which provide a relief from the usual monotony of design, prevalent in many buildings of this type.

To me, of particular interest is his "Office-Residential Building" located at 2180 Brickell Avenue, Miami, Fla. By careful planning, selection of materials and complimenting landscape treatment, he has achieved the ultimate in design of a very difficult ensemble of "commercial" and "residential" useages.

In addition to his design ability Bob has been:

1. President of Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.,

2. Member and Chairman of various committees,

- 3. President (1949), Florida Association of Architects and also served on numerous committees.
- 1. Chairman Committee on Airports, Dade County, Coordination and Planning Board 1949-51.

It is indeed an honor to be able to support Bob's nomination for this honor in the Institute and, if I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

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HGF/dsf

H. George Fink, 1.

Cordially Yours.

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Jnauary 23,1958

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

Dear Sirs:

This letter is regarding the proposed advancement of Mr. Robert M. Little to Fellowship in the American Insitute of Architects.

My acquaintance with Mr. Little's work and professional activities started about 1929 or 1930. During those and subsequent years none of us had very much work. I understand that for a time Mr. Little drove a laundry truck.

Suddenly a few small houses appeared, designed by Robert M. Little. The designs were distinct departures from the small houses we had known before. The care and imagination that went into their execution served to lift the speculator's small house out of the tenement class. I have spoken to Mr. Little many times about his contribution to the improvement of small house design in this area. It is understandable that his reaction to my approbation has not been prideful. Many more advances have since been made here and elsewhere. I am proud of his depression houses because they were the first bright spots here.

It was my priviledge to recommend Mr. Little to the late Dr. B.F. Ashe, president of the University of Miami, to help carry on the development of the new campus, specifically to complete the old concrete frame, circa 1926, into a usable, modern University Building. This redesign, now known as the Merrick Building, was done magnificently. I had known the frame work and the original plan for this completion. It was designed for the "quaint" period of psuedo-spanish architecture. The problem was not an easy one but the final solution works perfectly with the contemporary style now established for the Campus. In view of the difficulties of the task, I consider it one of Mr. Little's great achievements.

Other successes in Mr. Little's professional career will be covered by others. They are plentiful and excellent. I wanted to put down the two above to exemplify his approach to his

work and because I happen to have been close to them both.

Design ability and thoughtful pursuance of ones practice are not the only attributes I consider of importance in recommending an architect for advancement to the College of Fellows. I have found Mr. Little's intra-office spirit both good and generous. He works with and for his assistants. I have known of his helping valuable men get out of his employ when it appeared to be for their own good. I have served as a member of a 2-man jury to judge a small competition held within the Little office to give each boy a chance at solving some small interesting problem and to open discussion.

Back in 1939 and 1940 Our A.I.A. Chapter was a pretty dead, dull thing. So dull in fact that the young architects, good, up-and-coming ones, looked upon us with a very jaundiced eye. For this I could not blame them but I did want some life in the Chapter. Well, this is how I began to get it. Mr. Little called a meeting in his office of fifteen or twenty of these young men. He started them thinking and talking and finally the Florida South Chapter got most of them as members, thank goodness.

I can further recommend Mr. Little for his standing in the community, his unquestioned integrity, his willingness to lend a helping hand when called on, and especially his interest in the younger members of our profession.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion I. Manley, F.A.I.A.

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January 27, 1958

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A. The Octagon 1735 New York Avenue NW Washing 6, D. C.

#### Gentlemen:

It is my sincere desire to nominate Robert M. Little, A.I.A. of Miami, Florida, for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. I offer this nomination based on his ability, pioneering efforts and achievements in the field of Architectural Design.

Robert M. Little has devoted himself to the expression of truth in Architecture so artfully evident in the productions of his imaginative design ability.

He is loved and admired by his fellow Architects and is highly respected for his untiring energy, his contributions to the designing profession, his service to the construction fraternity, in the field of education, public service and service to the Institute.

I am sure that a review of the achievements and the contributions to architectural design qualify Robert M. Little for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Very truly yours,

Anthony'L. Fullara, A.I.A.

ALP:bb

cc: H. Samuel Kruse, A.I.A.

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January 27, 1958

Re: Mr. Robert M. Little, A.I.A.,

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

Gentlemen:

I am informed that the Executive Committee of The Florida South Chapter, A.I.A., has nominated Mr. Robert M. Little, A.I.A., for Fellowship in the A.I.A., for Achievements in Design.

I have known Mr. Little for ten years. His outstanding work in the design of University buildings indicates a fresh approach to this type of Architecture, and presents a fine quality in regional Architecture. He has stimulated those of the profession who have actually seen his work, or have viewed it in the Architectural publications.

Several projects, such as the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, designed by Mr. Little, indicate his creative ability in Architectural design, and his approach to the solution of the regional climatic problems involved.

He has served his professional organization well in the capacities of member and chairman of several Committees, President of the Florida South Chapter, and President of the Florida Association of Architects.

He has accepted responsibility in his community for serving as Chairman of Committee on Airports and Ports, Dade County Coordinating and Planning Board.

January 27, 1958

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.,

Re: Mr. Robert M. Little, A.I.A.

I am, therefore, pleased to recommend Mr. Robert M. Little, A.I.A., for advancement to Fellowship in the A.I.A., for Achievement in Design.

Sincerely yours,

John N. Richards

JNR:hsp

# VOORHEES WALKER SMITH & SMITH IOI PARK AVENUE NEW YORK 17

January 27, 1958

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

### Gentlemen:

I have known Robert Little of Miami for many years and have watched his work with much interest. I freely endorse the nomination to Fellowship by the Florida South Chapter.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Walker

#### POLEVITZKY, JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES

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January 28, 1958

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

### Gentlemen:

It gives me great pleasure to add my unqualified enthusiasm in requesting the Board to consider elevation of Mr. Robert M. Little, A.I.A., of Miami, Florida, to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Little's notable work in the design of university buildings has demonstrated for the profession a fresh approach to university architecture. His buildings for the University of Miami were among the first in the country to depart from the established forms of architecture, yet his buildings possess that intangible — the art; that quality which mutates engineering and materials into a beautiful architecture. He has shown the way and it has stimulated and refreshed those of the profession who have seen his achievements.

Some of his outstanding works, especially in the design of University buildings are as follows:

### University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida:

Merrick Building	-1950
Lowe Gallery	-1952
Arnold-Volpe Building	-1955
Ring Theatre	-1950
Eaton Hall	<del>-</del> 1954
Baron de Hirsch Meyer Building	<b>-1</b> 956
Laboratory School	-1955

Through my close personal acquaintance with Mr. Little, I have learned to respect his sincerity and complete devotion to the profession of Architecture. He is looked up to and liked by his colleagues for his ability and ingenuousness.

He has been a staunch supporter of the Institute and has served both the local Chapter and the State Association in innumerable capacities, including being president of the State Association in 1949.

As a civic leader, he has served the area as Chairman of Committee on Airports, Coordinating and Planning Board of Dade County, and in numerous other capacities.

It is my firm personal conviction that Mr. Little is well worthy of elevation to Fellowship, and that he will be an asset to the College of Fellows.

Respectfully submitted.

Igor B. Polevitzky, F.A.I.

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### JOHN M. CROWELL 225 SOUTH PALM AVENUE

ARCHITECT SARASOTA, FLORIDA

JANUARY 28, 1958

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

### GENTLEMEN:

IT GIVES ME PLEASURE TO OFFER A FEW COMMENTS IN THE INTEREST OF THE CANDIDACY OF ROBERT MURRAY LITTLE, A.I.A. OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOR FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

I HAVE KNOWN MR. LITTLE FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS, AND CAN ATTEST THAT THROUGHOUT THAT PERIOD HE HAS BEEN IN THE VANGUARD OF THOSE WHO SOUGHT TO ELEVATE THE QUALITY OF ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN IN FLORIDA, AND TO PROMOTE THE HIGH STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE. HIS SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION HAS BEEN CONSTANT AND OUTSTANDING, AND HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A DESIGNER RANK HIM, IN MY OPINION, AMONG THE BEST QRCHITECTS IN FLORIDA. I CAN, THEREFORE, ENDORSE HIS CANDIDACY WITH NO RESERVATIONS WHATSOEVER.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

John M. Crowell, A.I.A.

JMC:JC

cc: Mr. H. SAMUEL KRUSET

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January 28, 1958

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

### Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Robert M. Little, A.I.A. by the Florida South Chapter of A.I.A., for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute by reason of noteworthy achievement in design, especially of University of Miami buildings.

Mr. Little is an architect of the greatest integrity, and has established himself in this community and the State of Florida as a man of vision and courage in his forthright approach to design in all his many works.

I am personally familiar with practically all of his buildings, and have known him professionally and through association with him for the past twenty years. I am currently associated with him and Robert Fitch Smith on the Addition to the Nurses Home at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, Florida, the cost of which is approximately \$650,000.00.

His work at the University of Miami include the following buildings: Merrick Building, Lowe Gallery, Arnold-Volpe Building, Ring Theatre, Eaton Hall, Baron de Hirsch Meyer Building, Laboratory School all built between 1950 and 1956.

In Miami, the Dade County Medical Association Building is one of his most recent, and a most interesting design conception. His own residence and office is unique in its function and styling.

Mr. Little has been of invaluable service to the Florida South Chapter throughout the years, performing untiring committee service, has been a chapter delegate to many state, regional, and national conventions. He has been especially active in the affairs of the Florida Association of Architects.

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He has devoted much time unselfishly to lecturing at the University of Florida, assisting the Draftsmen's Club of Miami with refresher courses and counciling many draftsmen. He has served as judge of numerous competitions, both local and national.

As a public service he has served as Chairman of the Commitee on Airports and Ports for the Port Authority of Dade County, Miami, Florida.

In 1949 Mr. Little was an effective President of the Florida Association of Architects.

He is an Architect of great capacity and has always been an untiring worker for this profession.

I wish to give him my unqualified endorsement for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, and trust that the Jury of Fellows may see fit to honor him with membership.

Sincerely,

William H. Merriam Architect, A.I.A.

WHM: jbd

cc: Mr.H. Samuel Kruse P. O. Box 1324

North Miami, Florida

JOHN J. ROWLAND, A. I. A. JAMES M. SIMPSON A. I. A. ARCHITECTS

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

Re: Application for Fellowship Robert M. Little

### Gentlemen:

While I am located some distance from Mr. Little, I have known him many years as a member of a committee acting in an advisory capacity to the Public Housing Administration. Of course, I have known of his work for some time.

We consider him as one of the finest architects in the Southeast as far as his design is concerned and he has given much of his time for Institute work, serving on many juries of award in this state.

Personally, he is a fine man and an architectural enthusiast which I consider a very great point in his favor.

I do not wish to reiterate his work as other letters have done, but I am sure you will find that Mr. Little will be a valuable asset to your group and I hope you will extend this advancement in the Institute to him.

Yours very truly

JOHN J. ROWLAND

JJR/lh

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29 JANUARY 1958

THE JURY OF FELLOWS
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

RE: ROBERT M. LITTLE
NOMINATION TO FELLOWSHIP

GENTLEMEN:

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ROBERT M. LITTLE HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR FELLOWSHIP BY THE FLORIDA SOUTH CHAPTER FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENT IN DESIGN.

IT WAS MY GOOD FORTUNE TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PERSONALLY SEE THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LAST OCTOBER. THIS FINE PIECE OF WORK IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE I HAVE SEEN OF BOB'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS; CONSEQUENTLY, I DO NOT FEEL IN A POSITION TO JUDGE HIS CONSISTENT ABILITY. I AM SURE THAT HIS COLLEAGUES IN FLORIDA COULD BE MORE FACTUAL.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

FRED J. MAC KIE, JR., F.A.I.A.

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January 29, 1958

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

### Gentlemen:

I understand that the Florida South Chapter has nominated Mr. Robert M. Little of Miami for advancement to fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Little for a number of years, and I am quite familiar with his achievements in design and interest in Institute affairs. His work at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida has been particularly outstanding, and I believe he is worthy of recognition by the Institute in the field of design.

I heartily endorse Mr. Little's elevation to fellowship in the Institute.

Yours very truly,

Henry L. Wright, F.A.I.A

HLW:bb

JANUARY 29, 1958

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

### **GENTLEMEN:**

MR. ROBERT M. LITTLE OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, IS BEING NOMINATED AND RECOMMENDED TO YOU BY HIS CHAPTER AND FRIENDS IN THE PROFESSION TO BE ADVANCED TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE A.I.A.

HIS GREAT WORKS WILL BE ENUMERATED IN DETAIL BY OTHERS, HOWEVER, I EARNESTLY HOPE YOU WILL RECEIVE THIS LETTER AS MY RECOMMENDATION AND THAT YOU WILL FAVORABLY CONSIDER HIS ADVANCEMENT.

I HAVE KNOWN BOB LITTLE OVER TWENTY YEARS AND HAVE ALWAYS DEEPLY RESPECTED HIM AS AN OUTSTAND-ING MEMBER OF THE PROFESSION. IT IS BELIEVED BY THE PEOPLE THAT KNOW HIM, THAT HE WILL REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON THE JURY OF FELLOWS IF ELECTED BY YOU.

YOURS VERY TRULY.

MM. B. HARVARD

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CC: MR. SAMUEL KRUSE

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January 30, 1958

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

Rer Robert M. Little, A.I.A.
Nomination for Fellow, A.I.A.

### Gentlemen:

In the past ten years I have known Bob Little as a refreshing and stimulating personality. He has consistently pursued an aggressive and logical course in his thinking, both in matters relating to the Institute and architectural practive, as well as in design.

The results of this course are most ably demonstrated in the buildings which he has designed for the University of Miami. Here he has used imaginative thinking in planning, composition, and use of materials, notably wood and concrete. These buildings are original in concept, free of cliches and oft repeated idioms, expressive in total concept of plan and materials, admirably suited and conceived for the sub-tropical climate of Miami.

His work in the Institute affairs has been wholly in leadership in all phases. Bob has always been sought after for wise and comprehensive opinions backed with aggressive action.

I can without reservation consider him a leader in the architectural profession and endorse wholly his nomination to Fellowship in the Institute for noteworthy achievement in design.

Very truly yours,

Verner Johnson

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January 30, 1958

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

Re: Mr. Robert M. Little

Dear Sirs:

It has been my privilege to know Robert Little for twenty-four years. He has always tried to represent, and successfully, the best principles of architectural design and professional practice.

In recent years Mr. Little has done the majority of the architectural work for the University of Miami, and has been the coordinator of the school's long range planning. His university buildings use a fresh approach which express the general simplicity of his design.

Mr. Little has been constantly active in behalf of the profession, and very active in civic work in our community. I do not believe it is necessary to enumerate the offices he has held in professional organizations, since I am sure they are itemized in his application to fellowship. I feel very strongly the need for men of Mr. Little's caliber to be recognized for the work they have done in civic improvement in their community and in advancement of the architectural profession.

I am sure that the election of Mr. Little as a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects will serve as an inspiration to many of our men now practicing in this area. I would appreciate your very serious consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely.

ANDREW J. FERENDINO

#### Gentlemen:

Robert Murray Little, of the Florida South Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, has been nominated by his chapter for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute. At the invitation of Mr. H. Samuel Krusé, of that chapter, I am invited to comment on Mr. Little's work. This it is a pleasure to do.

Although Mr. Little's nomination is predicated on his work in Design, his achievements in other categories are impressive and his work, too, in construction and in public service is worthy of notice.

I may add that the modesty of his nominators does not pass unnoticed in a time when it seems to be stylish to submit nominations to Fellowship in not less than all categories on the theory that a diamond not caught on one screen may be picked up on a second, third or fourth.

Writers of letters to the Jury of Fellows are admonished concerning comments of general character, but I wonder if such comments are not in order particularly when a photographic documentation (as part of the nominee's dossier) shows the visual part of the presentation better than words, to men skilled in architectural design.

However, a few words on Robert Little's design. The work I know best of his is the, now famous, University of Miami. The first of the new buildings for the University appeared just after the close of the last World War and had tremendous effect in the large university building programs then being formulated throughout the country. With the appearance of Mr. Little's work, prewar "university style" plans were, in many cases, restudied and redrawn. Published in all the journals and widely in the national press, it gave heart to many university boards of regents or trustees to take a fresh view of campus architecture and facilitated for many architects, doing college and university work, the arduous task of persuading their clients that a university plan and buildings need not be in either the mortuary style or in the janitorial style.

ESTHER BORN, CARL BERTIL LUND associates

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

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If Robert Little had designed nothing else, his name would be assured a place for a long time in the record of university architecture in this country. His other works have an individuality and freshness that carry on the excellence of his university buildings and enrich the Miami area.

Returning to the reference in the fourth paragraph above concerning comments on general character,—that to me means attitude to his fellow architects and society, professional ethics, and many things besides,—these are important. I don't know Robert Little personally, but my friends who do and who practice in Florida speak always good of him as a man and the things he does for the community and the profession. It isn't always that way, you know, especially in a profession which is in large percentage individualistic and "artist".

In conclusion, a man with Robert Little's achievements in Design and notable record of achievement in all aspects of his professional and public life I believe is a conspicuous candidate for elevation to fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely yours

Ernest Born

EB:klc

Via Air Mail -Special Delivery

The Jury of Fellows

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### Gentlemen:

An absence from my office incurred by illness, followed by a trip to the east, has, I am sorry to say, delayed getting this letter off to the ury concerning Mr. Robert M. Little of the Florida South Chapter. I trust it arrives in time for your deliberations.

Very sincerely,

Ernest Born

EB/ef

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P.S. This letter was inadvertantly omitted from the previous mailing to the Institute.

### GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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January 31, 1958

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

### Gentlemen:

I should like very much to second the proposal of the Florida South Chapter to elevate Mr. Robert Little to Fellowship in the Institute. Mr. Little's distinguished work in Florida, which has been widely recognized, is an ample demonstration of the enthusiasm, talent, and integrity with which he serves the profession of architecture. This enthusiasm has extended to the various capacities in which he has served the Institute in Florida, marked by his terms as President of the Chapter and the Association and his chairmanship of important Chapter and civic committees.

I regard Mr. Little as possessing in a high degree qualities with respect to search for the ideal in design and its clear performance, which are becoming rarer in modern practice. They deserve recognition wherever we can find them, and I hope very much that the Jury will favor his candidacy.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Heffernan

Director

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

GENTLEMEN:

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I ENDORSE THE SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER'S NOMINATION OF ROBERT M. LITTLE OF MIAM! FOR ADVANCE-MENT TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

FOR MANY YEARS I HAVE WATCHED WITH GREAT INTEREST MR. LITTLE'S CONTINUING ADVANCEMENT OF NEW DESIGN CONCEPTIONS, AND THEIR READY ACCEPTANCE BY THE PUBLIC. NOT OFTEN DOES AN ARCHITECT ACHIEVE A NEW DESIGN TECHNIQUE AND THEN SEE THE "UNINITIATED" DELIGHT IN 1TS BEING.

SINCE THE LAST WAR, THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI HAS FORGED RAPIDLY TO THE FOREFRONT AMONG THE COUNTRY'S GREAT UNIVERSITIES. MUCH OF ITS NATIONAL PRESTIGE WAS QUICKLY GAINED THROUGH ITS NEW CONCEPTION IN UNIVERSITY DESIGN. MR. LITTLE, WITH HIS DESIGNS FOR THE MERRICK BUILDING, LOWE GALLERY, ARNOLD-VOLPE BUILDING, RING THEATRE, EATON HALL, LABORATORY SCHOOL, ETC. CERTAINLY WAS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THIS RECOGNITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI. IN ADDITION TO THIS, I GREATLY ADMIRE HIS OWN RESIDENCE AND HIS DESIGN FOR THE DADE COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION BUILDING

PERSONALLY, I HAVE KNOWN BOB LITTLE SINCE BEFORE WORLD WAR II.
WE SEEM TO TURN UP AT STATE, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.
I KNOW OF HIS INTENSE PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE PROFESSION AND
IN HIS ETHICAL APPROACH TO THE PROBLEMS OF EVERY DAY PRACTICE.
UNQUALIFIEDLY, I RECOMMEND HIM TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS FOR ABVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

JS:BQ

### G. MURLIN DRURY, A. I. A. ARCHITECT 8036 S. W. 9th Avenue Portland 1. Oregon

April 9, 1958

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

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

I am writing in behalf of Robert M. Little of Miami, Florida, whose nomination for advancement to Fellowship has been presented to the Institute.

I was a contemporary of Mr. Little's in Miami Beach, Florida, from 1934 through 1942 and we had the opportunity to work together on a project during World War II. We felt that this period of building in Florida was the break-away from the traditional and eclectic toward a more revitalized architecture. Those of us who worked in the area during that period considered Mr. Little to be one of the leaders in this search for solutions of forms which would be indigenous to lower Florida; its climatic conditions, such as bright sun, heavy rain, and humid temperatures; and its semi-tropical environment.

Mr. Little was searching constantly for solutions of the problem to make living comfortable in that area, but his work, as I knew it, went beyond the mere solution of the problem. In the case of his residential work which I knew so intimately, it had a great measure of charm, was so appropriate to its setting and the best tribute one can pay his contemporary, I feel, is to say that we always looked forward with anticipation to see the results of each new venture of his. We always felt that his work was a great credit to the entire profession.

Although I must confine my knowledge of his work to that period, I have seen many illustrations of his later work. To me it has that same quality of aesthetic appeal, and it is on this basis that I ask for favorable consideration by the Jury in his advancement to Fellowship. I feel that he has been a consistent producer of a better, more pleasant environment in the area in which he has worked. He has been a leader rather than a follower, and I for one will feel proud to consider him as a fellow of our Institute.

Sincerely yours,

G. MURLIN DRURY

A. I. A. ARCHITECT

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April 21, 1958

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

FACTUAL

re: Robert M. Little Fellowship

### Gentlemen:

We as a Chapter would like to support the nomination of Robert M. Little to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

While only a few of our members are personally acquainted with Mr. Little, most all know of his name and work. Especially well thought of are his efforts at the University of Miami, where he made such a wonderful result grow out of a very bad, beginning. Modernizing an ancient building was never easy, but to take an old fashioned hollow shell and convert it to a striking contemporary building without the usual visible signs of struggle requires a man of talent and forthright ability. Of his other work at Miami we are well acquainted and we admire his honest expression of materials and finishes. We feel that his contribution to academic architecture is a great one in that he shows the way to the use of contemporary idiom in what has long been a traditional bulwark.

Mr. Gustav Maass and Mr. Frederick Seelmann of our Chapter are both personally acquainted with Mr. Little and they feel that he is tops among men and architects. Mr. Seelmann whose remembrance begins some 25 years ago says that Mr. Little would be a fine and worthyman for any honor the Institute might bestow.

We agree.

Sincerely yours,

Donald R. Edge

Secretary

April 21, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

In 1936, Mr. Robert M. Little afforded me the opportunity to begin a responsible career in architecture by establishing a branch office in Ft. Lauderdale.

During the next four years Mr. Little gave unstintingly of his time, advice and counsel, at considerable sacrifice, and very little financial gain to himself. He subsequently gave another fledgling architect in Ft. Lauderdale a similar "running start."

He has always shown a keen appreciation of good design and detail, and during the years we worked together was always willing to give each design problem that extra measure of time and concentrated thought which makes for better architecture.

He has also shown an aggressive interest in the problems of the profession, and has done much more than his share of yeoman and leadership duties.

Since 1934 I have followed his work with much interest and admiration, and found it always commendable.

I wish to add my endorsement to his nomination for Fellowship.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Hansen, A.I.A.

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January 20, 1959

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

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

Robert M. Little

I am glad of the opportunity of endorsing the Florida South Chapter's nomination of their above noted member for advancement to Fellowship for his achievements in Design.

Though his contributions to the profession in other areas, including Science of Construction, Education, Service to the Institute and Public Service are not of inconsequential import, it is for his ability in Design which I believe to be worthy of special recognition.

His work at the University of Miami over the past decade has been particularly distinguished.

It is a pleasure to recommend him for advancement to Fellow-ship.

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Glenn Stanton