

Dated November 25, 1946.  
Received January 2, 1947.  
Granted April 18, 1947.

MEMBERSHIP NO 5030



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

*In due order  
January 10, 1947  
J.W. Severinghaus*

- A Name of applicant . . . . . John Walter Severinghaus . . . . . Chapter New York
- B Address of applicant . . . . . 5 East 57th Street, New York, New York
- C Applicant proposed by . . . . . Lewis G. Adams . . . . . and . . . . . Louis Skidmore
- D Application received with check for \$10.00 . . . . . on . . . . . January 2, 1947.
- E Application returned for correction . . . . . 19 . . . . .
- F Application in due order on . . . . . January 10, 1947.
- Record of registration, Form S39, Sent (N.Y.), Jan. 6, 1947. Received. January 28, 1947
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
  - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on . . . . . February 10, 1947, on January 10, 1947
  - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on . . . . . March 12, 1947, on February 12, 1947
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on . . . . . January 10, 1947.
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission ~~on that application be denied~~ received on . . . . . March 27, 1947 . . . . .
- J No report from chapter executive committee on . . . . . 19 . . . . .
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on . . . . . April 10, 1947.
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on . . . . . April 10, 1947.
- M Applicant was admitted on . . . . . April 18, 1947.
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on . . . . . April 18, 1947.
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$ . . . . . returned to applicant on . . . . . 19 . . . . .

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected  
John Walter Severinghaus  
to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the New York Chapter.

Date April 18, 1947. Alexander C. Blaisdell  
Secretary

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INSTRUCTIONS

Type in all information carefully and sign with ink.

Mail this original and check for \$10.00 to The Secretary, The American Institute of Architects, 1741 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

File the duplicate, on yellow paper, with the secretary of the local Chapter of The Institute.



The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.

- 1. My full name is John Walter Severinghaus
- 2. I am a Natural citizen of United States
- 3. My legal residence is in the City of Yonkers  
County of Westchester State of New York
- 4. My address in The Institute records will be Office Address  
Number 5 East 57 Street  
City New York State New York
- 5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as a practising architect
- 6. I desire to be a member of the New York Chapter.
- 7. I declare that I will comply with the By-laws and the Principles of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, and the Rules and Regulations supplementary thereto, and that I understand the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of a member of The Institute.
- 8. I have filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the Chapter above named. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its component organizations.
- 9. I enclose my check for \$10.00, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues. It is my understanding that if I am not admitted to membership \$5.00 will be returned to me, and \$5.00 retained by The Institute as an examination fee.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
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2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

4. State whether residence or office address.

5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher, a public official, etc.

Date Nov. 25, 19 46

*John Walter Severinghaus*  
Applicant sign full name in ink

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PAID  
\$10 - 1/6/46

STATISTICS

10. Date of birth Dec. 20, 1905 Place of birth Seymour, Ind.

11.(a) I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following-named states:

New York

(b) I passed the State Board Examination in the following-named states:

New York

(c) I hold Certificate No.....of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, for having passed their Standard Examination. Presently filing application for National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

EDUCATION

12.(a) I attended high schools, private schools, colleges, universities, as follows:

<i>Name of School, College University</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>No. of Years</i>	<i>Year of Graduation</i>	<i>Degree</i>
Portsmouth High School,	Portsmouth, O.	4	1924	
Ohio Wesleyan University,	Delaware, O.	4	1928	B.A.
Ohio State University,	Columbus, O.	3	1931	Bach. of Arch.

(b) I have held the following-named scholarships and have traveled in the following-named countries:

A.I.A. School Medal, Ohio State University, Columbus, O. 1931  
Travelled in the following countries: England, Holland, France, Belgium, Germany, Newfoundland and the Azores

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

Adams & Prentice, 15 W. 38 St. N.Y. City Draftsman Jan.1934-Feb.1938  
 Skidmore,Owings & Merrill,5 E. 57 St. N.Y. City, Office Mgr.Mar.1938-  
 Oct.1942  
 U.S. Army, Engineering Division,Air Transport Command,Major,Oct.1942-  
 Jan. 1946  
 Skidmore,Owings & Merrill,5 E. 57 St. N.Y.City,Partner,Jan. 1946 to date

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PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or as a public official or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations or public office and of schools or colleges).

Skidmore, Owings & Merrill - January 1946 - Partner

BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

15. I list below other business in which I participate or own an interest, and the extent of such participation or interest.

State of New York, Partner in the Architectural Firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill - January 1946

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 16. Member of Institute from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. Junior of Institute from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Associate of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. Junior Associate of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 20. Student Associate of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 21. Member of State Organization in \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

(The two proposers must be corporate members of The Institute in good standing.)

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made hereinabove by the applicant and believe them to be correct I vouch for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession, and I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor.

I have known the applicant for 12 years.

Signed Lewis G. Adams  
Proposer

204 E. 39 St. N.Y.  
Address

I have known the applicant for 9 years.

Signed Louis Sulidman  
Proposer

5 East 57 St. N.Y.C.  
Address



THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
JAN 28 AM 8:54  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

AP No  
5030

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

John Walter Severinghaus, New York, N.Y.  
(Name of Applicant)

*Reg 46-47*

SECRETARY,  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,  
Albany, N.Y.  
Address

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date January 6, 1947 Alexander C. Robinson III  
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Issued
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? yes or by exemption? no
3. What was the scope of the examination? Issued July 1, 1937 on basis of written exam. in Arch Design, Hist & Theory, + Arch Estab + Arch Proc + Equip. also grad. of this State Univ. Fe. 1931
4. What was the period of the examination? 4 days. Written examination 36 hours; Oral examination — hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? —. If so, give Certificate No. —
6. Date of last registration Sept 1, 1946 Registration No. 4951 Is it current? yes  
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H L Field  
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date Jan 27, 1946

New York State Education Dept.  
(Name of Board)

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

April 18, 1947

Dear Mr. Severinghaus:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the New York Chapter, effective April 18, 1947. You will be a member of that Chapter, or of some other chapter if you later transfer thereto, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

Your certificate of membership, duly executed by the Officers of The Institute, will be sent in due course.

The Board of Directors welcomes you to membership in The Institute, and The Secretary's office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The policies and the activities of The Institute are developed largely from problems arising within the chapters. By taking an active part in your Chapter affairs, you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

We bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

*Alexander C. Robinson III.*  
Secretary

Mr. John Walter Severinghaus, A.I.A.  
5 East 57th Street  
New York, New York

ACR:NB  
Enclosures

cc to: Proposers: Mr. Lewis G. Adams, A.I.A.  
Mr. Louis Skidmore, A.I.A.



NEW YORK CHAPTER

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

October 21, 1959

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

Dear Miss Gervais:

We are sending you herewith the Nominations for Fellowship duly executed by the New York Chapter for the following:

Lathrop Douglass

Geoffrey N. Lawford

Allan Gordon Lorimer

Daniel Schwartzman

J. Walter Severinghaus

Exhibits and letters of recommendation for the above will reach you prior to January 1, 1960.

Robert Carson, Vice-President of the New York Chapter, has resigned and David L. Eggers, who was a Director of the Executive Committee, has been appointed in his place. Through this manipulation we have a vacancy on our Executive Committee. Therefore, we have only nine signatures on the applications.

Furthermore, A. Gordon Lorimer and Lathrop Douglass, whose applications are attached for advancement to Fellowship, are Directors on the Executive Committee. Therefore their signatures do not appear on their own applications. This is just for your information.

Sincerely yours,

*Margot A. Henkel*  
Margot A. Henkel  
Executive Secretary

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
JURY OF FELLOWS

Received Oct. 22, 19 59

Voted On Feb. 11, 19 60

Voted On 19 .

Voted On 19 .

Granted Feb. 11, 19 60

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. *Name of Nominee* J. Walter Severinghaus *Date of Nomination* Oct. 20, 19 59
2. *Address of Nominee* C/o Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, 425 Park Avenue, New York 22, N.Y.
3. *Nominee's firm* Skidmore Owings & Merrill
4. *Nominee's principal place of business* New York
5. *Nominee's Chapter* New York
6. *Nominee's State Organization* New York State Association of Architects, Inc., A.I.A.
7. *Nominee admitted to Institute* April 18, 1947
8. *Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from* April 18, 1947 to Dec. 31, 19 59
9. *Nominee's age* 54 *Birthplace* Seymour, Indiana
10. *Nominators:* Executive Committee, New York Chapter, A.I.A.  

President:	L. Bancel LaFarge	Directors:	Giorgio Cavaglieri
Vice-President:	David L. Eggers		A. Gordon Lorimer
Secretary:	Gillet Lefferts, Jr.		Michael L. Radoslovich
Treasurer:	Michael M. Harris		Lathrop Douglass
11. *Achievement* in Design

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*Exhibits Read*

NO NF 749

(Nominators leave blank)



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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

BY CHAPTER

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

Date October 20 19 59

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on October 20 1959 nominated\* **J. Walter Severinghaus** member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. We enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

\*Type in full name.

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes\* **J. Walter Severinghaus** a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in\*\* **Design** that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

\*Type in full name.

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

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

†Type in number of years.

"Resolved, That‡‡ **The New York** Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate\*

‡‡Type in name of Chapter.

\*Type in full name.

**J. Walter Severinghaus**

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

<i>(A. Gordon Lorimer)</i> A. Gordon Lorimer	<i>(L. Bancel LaFarge)</i> L. Bancel LaFarge
<i>(Michael L. Radoslawich)</i> Michael L. Radoslawich	<i>(David L. Egner)</i> David L. Egner
<i>(Kathrop Dougliss)</i> Kathrop Dougliss	<i>(Gillet Leferts, Jr.)</i> Gillet Leferts, Jr.
<i>(Charles S. Haines, II)</i> Charles S. Haines, II	<i>(Michael M. Harris)</i> Michael M. Harris
	<i>(Giorgio Cavallieri)</i> Giorgio Cavallieri <b>Secretary</b>

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

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

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work		Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs Drawings, or Sketches Submitted	
		(City)	(State)			
(a)	Ford Central Staff Office Bldg.	Dearborn,	Michigan	1957	4	Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.
(a)	Columbia Broadcasting Corp. Laboratory	Stamford,	Conn.	1958	2	
(d)	International Arrival Building, Airport	New York,	N. Y.	1957	3	Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.
(d)	International Airport Power Plant	New York,	N. Y.	1957	1	
(a)	International Airport First National City Bank	New York,	N. Y.	1959		
(a)	Deering Milliken Laboratory	Spartanburg,	S. C.	1958		
(d)	Colgate University Meditation Center	Hamilton,	N. Y.	1959		
(a)	Chase Manhattan Bank	New York,	N. Y.	1960		
(a)	United Air Lines Terminal	New York,	N. Y.	1959		

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

As a partner in the firm of Skidmore Owings & Merrill, Mr. Severinghaus has contributed much to the high standard of design produced by this firm. While contributing greatly to the art of large scale planning and projects of great dimension, he shows fine taste and sensitivity to the needs of the more intimate type structure.

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### NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

#### 1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

<i>Type of Work Constructed</i>	<i>Identification of Work</i>	<i>Location of Work</i>	<i>Completed Construction Work (Year)</i>	<i>Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted</i>
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Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

#### 2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

<i>Subject Title</i>	<i>Where Published</i>	<i>Date Published</i>
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3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

## NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

### 1. EDUCATION WORK

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

### 2. LITERARY WORK

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

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

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

New York Chapter, A.I.A.

Finance Committee	
Chairman, Finance Committee	1953-54
Architect-in-Training Committee	1956-57
Chairman, Education Committee	1958

## NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

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

SEVERINGHAUS, J. WALTER

Chapter Supporters:

LaFarge, L. Bancel	)	
Eggers, David L.	)	
Lefferts, Gillet, Jr.	)	
Harris, Michael M.	:	Proposers
Cavaglieri, Giorgio	:	
Lorimer, A. Gordon	)	
Radoslovich, Michael L.	)	
Douglass, Lathrop	)	

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✓ Abramovitz, Max, FAIA  
Adams, Lewis G., AIA  
Carson, Robert, FAIA  
Colean, Russell, AIA  
Foley, Max, FAIA  
Frost, Frederick G., Jr., FAIA  
✓ Harrison, Wallace K., FAIA  
✓ Holden, Arthur C., FAIA  
Jacobs, Robert Allan, FAIA  
Ketchum, Morris, Jr., FAIA  
Mayer, Albert, FAIA  
✓ Platt, Geoffrey, FAIA  
Teegen, Otto J., FAIA  
Woodbridge, Frederick J., FAIA'

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Non-Chapter Supporters:

Coddington, Gilbert, AIA - Columbus, Ohio  
Goodman, Charles M., FAIA - Washington, D. C.  
Gurney, G. Harmon, Chief Architect, Housing Dept.,  
New York Life Insurance Co. - New York, N.Y.  
Morris, S.I., Jr., AIA - Houston, Texas  
Scheick, William H., AIA - Washington, D. C.  
Yost, L. Morgan, FAIA - Kenilworth, Ill.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS



*The Octagon · 1735 New York Avenue, N. W. · Washington 6, D. C.*

February 18, 1960

Mr. John Walter Severinghaus, F.A.I.A.  
Skidmore Owings and Merrill  
425 Park Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Severinghaus:

The American Institute of Architects desires to confer upon you the honor of Fellowship and membership in the College of Fellows in accord with the action of The Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting, for your notable contribution in Design.

The purpose of this letter is to request your presence at the 1960 Convention of The Institute, to be held in San Francisco, California, starting April 18, 1960.

At a special ceremony to be held in the evening of Tuesday, April 19, in the City Hall, those who have been elected to Fellowship will receive their certificates and medals. Presentation will be with appropriate ceremony and it is highly important that each of the newly-elected Fellows be present.

The Officers of The Institute and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you come to receive this honor in person. Please send your response to The Octagon at an early date.

The Public Relations Department advises that press announcements of newly-elected Fellows will be released for Saturday PM -- Sunday AM publication, February 27 and 28. Chapters will be advised in advance of this date to follow through with your picture and biographical information for additional local publicity.

Will you please send a 5 x 7 black-and-white, glossy photograph, suitable for newspaper use, together with a short biographical sketch, to the Department of Public Information at Institute headquarters for its public information files.

Yours sincerely,

J. Roy Carroll, Jr., F.A.I.A.  
Secretary.

February 26, 1960

Mr. John Walter Severinghaus, FAIA  
Skidmore Owing & Merrill  
425 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Severinghaus:

At the recent meeting of the Jury of Fellows you were elected to Fellowship in The Institute and membership in The College of Fellows of the A.I.A. for achievement in Design.

At the Convention there will be an exhibition of the work of the newly-elected Fellows premiated for Design, and to that end the Jury has had to make a comprehensive, yet as small a selection of your exhibits as possible for this occasion.

Under separate cover your entire exhibit is being returned, and those photographs selected are designated by pieces of Scotch tape and are as follows:

1. Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, Michigna - 1957
2. CBS Laboratories, Inc., Stamford, Connecticut - 1958
3. Meditation Center, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York - 1958

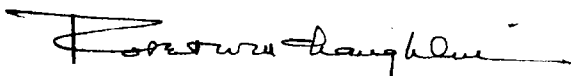
These should be reproduced to conform with the instructions enclosed (see pages 2 and 3) and should be forwarded to

John E. Gardner, Sales Manager  
Stuart Co.  
100 Utah Avenue  
South San Francisco, California

marked: "For J. W. Rankin, A.I.A. Convention," to be received there not later than April 11, 1960; otherwise the photographs cannot be hung.

The members of the Jury are happy to express their welcome to you in your new status.

Cordially yours,



Robert W. McLaughlin, F.A.I.A., Chairman  
The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.

Enclosure

*Members*  
*Severinghaus, J. Walter*  
*[Signature]*

FROM: Edward Gottlieb & Associates, Ltd.  
640 Fifth Avenue  
New York 19, N. Y.  
JUdson 2-7540  
(Robert J. Sullivan --- H. Lee Bimm)

FOR: NEW YORK CHAPTER, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

In release sent to you for Sunday, February 28th, 1960, on behalf of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, regarding the elevation of seven New York architects as fellows of the A.I.A., please substitute the following paragraph on J. Walter Severinghaus:

J. Walter Severinghaus is with the firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill. He is best known for his work on such distinguished buildings as the International Arrivals and Air Line Buildings at Idlewild, the Ford Motor Company Central Staff Office Building in Dearborn, Michigan and the Chase Manhattan Bank Building currently under construction in downtown Manhattan.

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J. WALTER SEVERINGHAUS, F. A. I. A.  
PARTNER

November 17, 1975

Re: J. Walter Severinghaus  
No. 701820

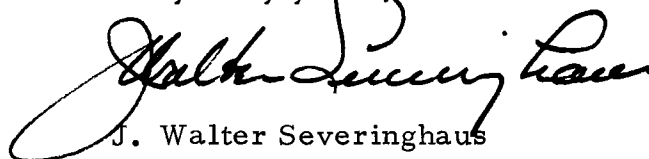
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20006

Gentlemen:

I retired as a partner of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill on September 30, 1975 and wish to apply for Emeritus Membership in the A. I. A. My birthdate is December 20, 1905.

I am returning herewith invoice for 1976 Regular Dues.

Very truly yours,



J. Walter Severinghaus

JWS:amp  
Enclosure

NOV 24 1975

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## THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

December 11, 1975

Mr. J. Walter Severinghaus, FAIA, Member Emeritus  
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill  
400 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Severinghaus:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I have the pleasure of informing you that you have been elected a Member Emeritus of the Institute.

The Board joins with me in expressing my great appreciation for your many years of support of the work and projects undertaken by the Institute towards creating better architecture and a better environment.

I hope your interest in the Institute and your Chapter will continue, even though you now are relieved of all dues payments.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Hilliard T. Smith, Jr., FAIA  
Secretary

cc. New York Chapter, AIA  
New York State Association of Architects, AIA

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# J. Walter Severinghaus, 81, Former Architect

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J. Walter Severinghaus, an architect who played a key role in building the practice of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and such structures as One Chase Manhattan Plaza, died Friday at his home in Scarsdale, N.Y., after a year-long illness. He was 81 years old.

Until his retirement in 1975, Mr. Severinghaus was a partner in the New York City office of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, which he joined in 1938, when the Chicago-based firm was beginning to expand. He was made a partner in 1949.

Perhaps the best known project on which he was involved as a manager was the 60-story, aluminum-and-glass headquarters of the Chase Manhattan Bank, which opened in 1961. A sheer gleaming monolith rising from a broad plaza between Pine, Nassau, Liberty

and William Streets, the Chase Manhattan building forever altered the lower Manhattan skyline. The building was designed by Gordon Bunshaft, another partner of the firm.

Some other well-known projects on which Mr. Severinghaus was involved were the International Arrivals Building at Kennedy International Airport, which was completed in 1958; the Grace Building, 1114 Avenue of the Americas, at 42d Street, completed in 1972; Texaco's corporate headquarters in Harrison, N.Y., and the Chapel House at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y.

A son and grandson of Methodist ministers, Mr. Severinghaus was born Dec. 20, 1905, in Seymour, Ind., and was raised in Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia. He was educated at Ohio Wesleyan University and Ohio State Uni-

versity, where he earned a bachelor's degree in architecture in 1931, after which he joined the New York practice of Adams & Prentice.

During World War II, Mr. Severinghaus served in the Air Transport Command, designing and building air bases, principally in the Azores. He completed service with the rank of major.

Mr. Severinghaus was a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects from 1975 to 1978.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; two children, Dr. John Merrill of Norwich, Vt., and Nancy Clark Severinghaus of Chicago; two grandchildren, and a brother, Leslie, of Miami.

A memorial service is scheduled Oct. 25 at 4 P.M. at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 167 Scarsdale Road, in Crestwood, N.Y.