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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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February 23, 1922.

My dear Mr. Simon:-

Do you have in separate form a copy of the
Tarsney Act; or do you have it in some report no
longer of special value?

If so will you not send the same to me in con-
nection with our records here at the Octagon?

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Louis A. Simon,
Office of Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

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Simon

September 14, 1929

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter of introduction will be presented by Mr. Louis A. Simon, a member of The American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Simon is travelling in Europe to make a study of the plans and operations of the old archive structures of Europe, in his capacity as the head of the architectural division, Supervising Architect's Office, of the United States Government.

Any courtesy that may be extended to him by architects or their societies, or Directors of Art Galleries, Museums, Libraries, or Archives, to whom this letter may be presented, will be much appreciated by The American Institute of Architects.

Executive Secretary.

SIMON TO STUDY GREAT ARCHIVES

Government Architect Sails Wednesday for Europe for Extensive Tour.

Planning to combine in the great archives building soon to be erected here not only the latest, but the best features of such an establishment, Louis A. Simon, head of the architectural division, supervising architect's office, Treasury Department, will sail next week for Europe, where he will make a study of both the plans and operations of the old archives structures of Europe, which preserve the priceless records of old world civilization.

Mr. Simon, who represents the Government on the Treasury Board of Architectural Consultants, will depart Wednesday from New York and expects to visit London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Rome and other capitals.

The European trip comes as an outstanding development following the meeting here this week of the Treasury Board of Architectural Consultants, of which Mr. Simon is a member. The various members of the board have been developing tentative plans for several new buildings to be erected in the Federal triangle, and these plans were approved generally by the Fine Arts Commission.

Extensive hearings have been held at the Treasury, when representatives of departments and establishments of the Government have appeared to explain what records they expected to put into the archives building and what connection they would have with the building.

Need for an archives structure for the Government long has been stressed and recognized on all sides. Congress appreciated this by placing the Archives Building on the first list for construction under the great Federal building program now under way. Congress has authorized the expenditure of \$6,900,000 for archives and already has appropriated \$1,000,000 for this purpose.

The site for the Archives Building has been moved several times. Within the Federal building triangle, bounded by Pennsylvania avenue, Fifteenth street and B street, there have been at least three different locations picked. The present location for this building is bounded by Ninth and Tenth, B street and Pennsylvania avenue. In the tentative plans and in the huge "toy-city" model of the triangle, this building is shown as a tall, virtually square building, sunk deep into the ground and surrounded on three sides by a so-called "shell" building, which will provide a more presentable and ornate exterior to the streets than the archives structure itself.

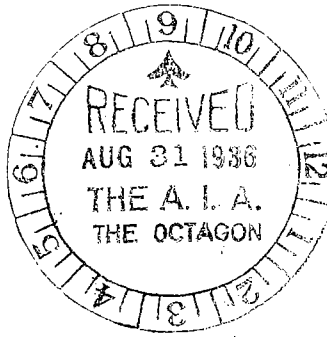
Mr. Simon is head of the division which is working out plans for the Government building program, not only in Washington, but throughout the country. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Ferry Heath and Acting Supervising Architect James A. Wetmore, under whose jurisdiction Mr. Simon operates his division, have been keenly interested in the archives project.

The trip to Europe by Mr. Simon is considered by Assistant Secretary Heath as a highly important and necessary factor in the development of the much needed archives structure.

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(Proposals for Fellowship must be filed with the Jury of Fellows, at The Octagon, not later than February 1st of any calendar year if it is desired that such proposals be acted upon prior to the second succeeding convention.)



(Issued by the Jury of Fellows)

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The American Institute of Architects

The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

FORM OF PROPOSAL FOR FELLOWSHIP

(Before executing read carefully the accompanying document on Principles of Fellowship)

Name of Member Proposed—

Mr. Louis A. Simon

Street 1735 New Hampshire Ave

City Washington

State DC.

Notice—Use Ink and Write Legibly Throughout.

Chapter of Member Proposed—

Washington DC.

(Name of Chapter)

Date of Election to Institute—

1908

(The year is sufficient)

Place of Business—Location of Best Work.

Recreation Division : Newmy Dept.

(Principal Place of Business past Five Years)

(One or more cities in which best work is located)

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General Conditions of Fellowship: (Chapter II, Article 1, Section 1, By-laws:)

Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects is conferred upon a member who is a citizen of the United States, who, in the opinion of an authorized jury of fellows, shall have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession in design, construction, literature, education or public service.

PROPOSAL FOR FELLOWSHIP

Aug 25 1936

To the Jury of Fellows,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

The following name of....., a member in good standing,
is submitted to the Jury of Fellows with a recommendation that he be advanced to Fellowship:

Name Louis A. Simon
(In full)

Address 1735 New Hamp. Ave. Washington DC
(City and State)

Place and date of birth Baltimore, Md. May 1, 1867

Graduate of Architecture Mass. Inst. of Technology, 1891.
(Name of College, University or School)

Foreign travel Europe

Holder of Scholarship in Architecture—

(Name of Scholarship)

If practicing architect give firm name or names, and state how long connected with each:

(Firm name) Louis A. Simon (Approximate time) Shortly after graduation
and up to his entrance in the Office of the
Supervising Architect Washington in Sep. 18, 1896.
Where he has remained since that date and
where he now occupies the position of Supervising
Architect. Public Buildings Branch. Procurement Div.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The architectural life of Louis A. Simon after entering the office of the Supervising Architect in Washington on September 18, 1896 -- 40 years ago -- is obviously associated with the growth of this Federal office from a comparatively small organization handling a few million dollars worth of work a year, to the great organization of today, which during the emergency has carried on a construction program involving expenditures of considerably over a hundred million dollars a year.

From the time Mr. Simon entered the office of the Supervising Architect in 1896 he showed outstanding ability, not only as a draftsman and designer, but also great energy and interest in the work. This is evidenced by his rapid rise in the organization. His advancement was steady through the different grades of employment until in 1905 he became Chief of the Engineering and Drafting Division, in which capacity, although sometimes designated by different titles, he has been in charge of the Division responsible for all phases of architectural work ever since. In 1933, with the organization of the Procurement Division and the retirement of Mr. Wetmore as Acting Supervising Architect, he became Supervising Architect, which position he now holds.

During this span of years Mr. Simon's great interest has been in the development of an expressive Federal architecture; the observance of high standards in architectural design and construction; the establishment of a better relationship between the office of the Supervising Architect and the architectural profession, and closer cooperation with other agencies of the Government having to do with construction of Federal buildings.

While the policy of the Supervising Architect's office in respect to the employment of architects in private practice has changed many times under the dictates of Congress, and where, particularly at this time, under a policy enunciated by the Treasury Department, the employment of private architects has been temporarily suspended, Mr. Simon has nevertheless persistently insisted on the recognition of high ethical relationships between the office and the architectural profession and the observance of all commitments made with architects prior to the enunciation of this policy, whether real or implied. Mr. Simon is at present a member of a Committee of the Procurement Division, together with Mr. Barton and Mr. Dunning, appointed to confer with a similar committee from the A. I. A. to attempt to develop a policy where employment of private architects may be effected again under possibly much better conditions than prevailed before.

It is safe to say that not only is Mr. Simon held in affectionate esteem by all members of the large organization over which he has control, but also by all architects in private practice who have come in contact with him in the prosecution of their assignments. His influence has always been to stimulate a respect for the dignity of the profession of architecture. Taking advantage of the great opportunity his position and authority has given him, he has unquestionably exerted a great beneficial influence toward the maintenance of high professional standards and improvement in the general quality of architectural design throughout the United States.

ACHIEVEMENT IN DESIGN

1. Architectural Work—

Commercial

.....
Name of Building City or Town

(a) In the following buildings Mr. Simon has either definitely been the designer or has exercised a more intimate control than has been possible in later years:

Monumental

.....
Name of Monument Place

Coast Guard Station - New London, Connecticut
Marine Hospital - Baltimore, Maryland
Marine Hospital - Norfolk, Virginia
Federal Building - Worcester, Massachusetts
Internal Revenue Building - Washington, D. C.

Domestic

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Name of Owner Place

Special Work

Special Work. Development of Triangle Group, Washington, D. C., as member of Board of Architectural Consultants appointed by Secretary Mellon to represent the Treasury Department; Development of Grand Plaza, Washington, D. C., with monumental accessories.

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2. Here should follow a description of his work in design, showing special attention to the particular features the proponents believe worthy—

The work of Mr. Simon is characterized by an effort toward simplicity and restraint and the attainment of pleasing results by a studied consideration of mass and proportion, rather than by excess of elaboration or non-functional expression, such as characterized some of the early work of the Supervising Architect's Office.

Mr. Simon, in the work over which he has exerted a controlling influence, has persistently attempted to express a philosophy that federal building should be symbolic of the dignity of government and should establish high standards of design and construction while fulfilling the utilitarian requirements of the problem.

While it is unquestionably true that buildings designed by a large federal agency, such as the Supervising Architect's Office, handicapped as it is by many controlling influences in the selection of personnel, will never, as a rule, rise to the high standards of perfection in design achieved by architects in private practice who are qualified by natural ability, training, travel and experience to do outstanding work and who faithfully accept their responsibility to do so, nevertheless the average quality of design is in all probability higher than the average in private practice. Particularly has this been true under the guidance of Mr. Simon as Supervising Architect, largely because of his culture and broad experience and his sympathy with all that is fine in the profession of architecture.

When the volume of work that Mr. Simon has to pass on is considered, his ability to give consideration to each project, and his insistence on doing so, in order that a high average quality of work be attained and maintained, is a perfectly stupendous achievement.

No problem has ever been considered by him to be too unimportant to receive his studied consideration. He has always shown a self-sacrificing sincerity and sense of responsibility in his life work.

Sketches.....

Sketches: None of Mr. Simon's early sketches are available to the proponents of this application for submission

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3. Photographs, sketches, or drawings should be submitted of two or three buildings or works—

Photographs.....
Works.....

Photographs of the work listed under Achievement in Design are submitted herewith.

Drawings.....

Drawings: Original Architectural drawings made during Mr. Simon's draughting board days will be taken from the files of the Supervising Architects Office and submitted if requested.

Sketches.....

Sketches: None of Mr. Simon's early sketches are available to the proponents of this application for submission

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ACHIEVEMENT IN CONSTRUCTION

1. Engineering Construction

The Divisions of Structural Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Specifications are under the control of the Supervising Architect.

The supervision of construction was under the control of the Supervising Architect until the organization of the Procurement Division in 1933, when the office of the Supervising Engineer, having charge of the field supervision, was created.

2. Books, Treatise, or Articles Written—

Subject	Name of Book or Periodical
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3. Photographs.....

Works	Place
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4. Drawings.....

Building or Works	Place
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5. Here should follow a description of the notable work done by the applicant, with special stress laid on his particular achievements and recognition by societies, or other groups—

Mr. Simon's contribution to the advancement of architecture does not lie so much in any specific buildings he may have designed, some of which have been listed under another heading, and of which photographs are being submitted. His important influence has been effected through exercising direction and control over the design of all buildings carried out under succeeding Federal Programs, and in a still greater degree by stimulating all who have come in contact with him with a sense of their responsibility as members of a great profession. His kindly criticism and his enthusiasm in his work has been an inspiration to most who have known him. Mr. Simon has received recognition by many groups and organizations, among some of which are the following:

- 1927 & 1928 - President Association of Federal Architects.
- Approximately 1900 - President, Washington Architectural Club.
- Appointed by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon as Member of the Board of Consultant Architects for the Triangle Group
- Appointed by Secretary Morgenthau on the Advisory Board on Design, together with Messrs. Shepley, Embury, Klauder and Maher.
- Sec'y of the Hamilton Memorial Statue Commission.
- Delegated as a Special Commissioner to Europe to make a study of Archives Buildings, with particular reference to the then contemplated Archives Building in Washington.

During the operation of the Tarsney Act, whereby architects were chosen by competition, Mr. Simon, acting in his capacity as head of the Architectural Section of the office, directed the drawing up of the competition programs, conforming in essentials with the "Code Governing Competitions" promulgated by the American Institute of Architects.

Books, Treatise, or Articles Written—

Subject	Name of Book or Periodical
"On the Planning of Certain Government Hospitals"	
"Architecture" - February, 1924	
"The Washington Triangle" - Federal Architect, October, 1935.	
"The Federal Building Program, Washington" - Federal Architect	
Other articles in architectural and technical magazines and the public press have appeared from time to time. Mr. Simon has also given talks and papers before colleges and architectural organizations.	

Achievement in Education and Literature—*continued*

2. Here should follow a summary of particular influences that may have been created by any of the works above mentioned if known to the proponents and any recognition accorded by the profession, by societies, or by the public—

2. It is impossible to cite any particular influence that may have been created by published work, except that it may be taken for granted that all writings were in the line of a plea for better architecture and a better solution of the problems attendant upon the uses for which buildings are constructed; further than this an intent to give private enterprise the benefit of the experience of the Supervising Architect's Office in developing standards of quality in design and in materials and methods of construction.

3. Educational Work—

The proponents should direct attention to the position held by applicant, his or her particular force or influence in his or her line of endeavor, and any evidence of recognition by pupils, by the profession, or by the public of his or her achievements.

3. Educational Work: Occupied a position as Instructor in Architecture at George Washington University, approximately 1900.

4. If under this class applicant has also designed or executed work, then proponents should fill out also the blanks under heading (Achievement in Design)—

See Achievement in Design.

ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. Here should follow a clear statement of the field in which his activities have been directed, the influence of that leadership and what accomplishment has resulted—

In the conduct of vast programs of Public Works, not only in Washington but throughout the United States, Mr. Simon has been thrown in contact with many of the important Commissions and agencies of this and foreign Governments. Particularly has this been true with the Fine Arts Commission, the National Capitol Park and Planning Commission and Special Commissions having to do with specific monumental buildings. His great experience and his ability as a convincing critic has contributed much to their deliberations.

In the face of many very difficult situations brought about by outside influences that have been detrimental to the selection of qualified architects, and in the face of many changing policies in the conduct of the office, dictated by others, Mr. Simon has been able to prosecute the work of the office without serious friction, without scandal, and produce very high average results, and at the same time safeguard the expenditure of public funds. This achievement is believed by his proponents to constitute a very real public service.

2. Recite the positions of trust held by applicant in evidence of his recognition as a civic leader—

1. Juvenile Protective Association, Washington, D. C.
2. Community Chest, Washington, D. C.

(Proposers should sign at top of page 10)

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Signatures: Submitted by
Group of five Members or/and Fellows—

Date Frank B. Baldwin FAIA (DC)

1. Frederick V. Murphy F. R. A. 4 (DC) 1
2. Arthur B. Taylor A. A.
3. Horace U. Seader FAIA (DC) 2
4. Alas Z. Slender FAIA
5. Arthur R. Shepley FAIA
Madison B. Wood FAIA (DC) 3
Edward G. Dorn FAIA (DC) 4

BY-LAW PROVISIONS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE CONCERNING
ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP.

ADDRESS COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN, THE JURY OF FELLOWS
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

BY-LAWS OF THE INSTITUTE.

Chapter II, Article 1. General Conditions of Fellowship.

Section 1. Qualifications.

(a) Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects is conferred upon a member who is a citizen of the United States who, in the opinion of an authorized jury of fellows, shall have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession in design, construction, literature, education, or public service.

Section 2. Prerequisite.

(a) Membership in the Institute for not less than ten years shall be a prerequisite to fellowship.

Section 3. Jury of Fellows.

(a) The Jury of Fellows shall consist of six fellows appointed by the President, two of whom shall serve for periods of one, two, and three years, respectively, and until their successors are appointed. The President shall appoint the chairman of the Jury, and shall fill all vacancies occurring in the Jury of Fellows by death, resignation, expiration of term or otherwise.

Section 4. Recommendations for Fellowship.

(a) Method. Any group of five or more members may recommend to the Jury for consideration the name of a member whom they deem qualified for fellowship. Such recommendation shall contain a brief statement of the notable service or achievements which, in the opinion of the nominators, justify the nomination.

(b) Supporting Data. Names of nominees for fellowship shall be submitted with full and explicit data to the Jury of Fellows on forms prepared for this purpose. The Jury shall then request from the chapter officials, the Directors of the Institute, and such other sources as it deems necessary privileged communications relating to the qualifications of the nominees. All recommendations shall remain on file with the Jury of Fellows for at least twelve months prior to final action.

Section 5. Rules of Procedure.

(a) The Jury shall formulate rules for its procedure subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Article 2. Election to Fellowship.

Section 1. Procedure.

(a) Election. Election to fellowship shall be by the Jury of Fellows. Fellows may be elected at any regular meeting of the Jury of Fellows.

(b) Method. Such election shall be by ballot. Four affirmative votes shall be necessary to elect.

(c) Announcements. The names of all fellows so elected shall be announced to the convention.

Article 3. Nomenclature.

Section 1. Nomenclature.

(a) Fellowship in the Institute shall be designated by the initials "F. A. I. A."

RULES OF PROCEDURE.

1. A meeting of the Jury of Fellows may be held at the call of the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, and in any event this meeting should occur at least 60 days prior to the date of the Convention.

2. Suggestions to the Jury for advancement to Fellowship may be made as stated in the By-laws.

3. The validity of any objection raised to any candidate shall rest solely with the Jury, and all communications shall be considered only as informative data.

4. The Jury shall file with the archives of the Institute the original recommendation and a statement of its action with

the reasons for election in each case. Privileged communications shall not be preserved.

5. Proposals for Fellowship must be filed with the Jury of Fellows, at The Octagon, not later than February 1st of any calendar year. All proposals so filed will be considered by the Jury and those selected will be cited for the honor of Fellowship at the second succeeding convention.

6. In the event of failure to act favorably upon any recommendation within three years due notice shall be given to the proponents, the recommendation surrendered and privileged communications destroyed. No recommendation so surrendered shall again be presented within two years from such notice.

This is a revised copy of the Rules of Procedure of the Jury of Fellows as amended and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting on November 14, 1930.

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MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
ARCHITECT
WASHINGTON, D. C.
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 20, 1936

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October 7, 1936.

MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Please sign the enclosed (see Page 10, Line No. 4) and send immediately, if not sooner, to:

Chas. A. Klander, 1429 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Dunning:

with a note to Mr. Klander to send to Mr. Henry R. Shepley,

121 Amer. Bldg., Boston, Massachusetts.
As requested by you at our luncheon meeting at the Cosmos Club on October 7, I send, herewith, the form of Proposal for Fellowship for Mr. Louis A. Simon - filed at The Octagon on August 31.

This proposal is returned to you in order that you may supply some additional biographical data.

Please return the proposal to The Octagon at your earliest convenience and oblige.

Yours sincerely,

Executive Secretary.

ECK:LF

BB/c
This was done at the request of HWP
Copy of this letter sent to HWP
C. L. K.

Mr. N. Max Dunning, F.A.I.A.
c/o Powhatan Hotel
Washington, D. C.

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·ARTHUR·B·HEATON·

ARCHITECT

WASHINGTON·D·C

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August 26, 1936

Memorandum for Mr. Max Dunning

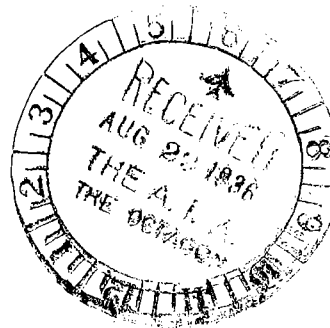
Please sign the enclosed (on Page 10, Line No. 4) and send immediately, if not sooner, to:

Chas. Z. Klauder, 1429 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

with a note to Mr. Klauder to send to Mr. Henry R. Shepley, 122 Ames Building, Boston, Massachusetts, requesting Mr. Shepley to return it to Mr. Kemper at the Octagon, Washington, D. C., before September.

A. B. Heaton
Arthur B. Heaton *A.M.*

Dear Eddie *8/30/36*
Just received application from
Boston - Signed by Shepley -
Biographical, historical and
performance data will be filed
a little later - *Max D*



ABH/m

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1741 New York Avenue, N. W.

Washington, D. C.

THE OCTAGON

Inter-Office Communication

November 19, 1936 - 2:00 PM

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MEMORANDUM FOR E. C. K.--

Re: Louis Simon

Phoned Mr. Dunning re completion and return of Fellowship Proposal which we sent to him some time ago.

He says he will try to get in touch with Mr. Klauder today, and they will try to complete it so that it can be sent to The Octagon by Monday of next week.

ECK*B

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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February 25, 1937

Dear Mr. Peaslee:

The By-laws of The Institute (Chapter III, Article 1, Section 2) require that a proposal for Fellowship must be signed by five or more Fellows "in the chapter or state association member to which the nominee belongs"; or by recommendation "signed by any ten or more corporate members".

In checking the proposal of Mr. Louis A. Sison we find that it has been signed by five Fellows of The Institute and one member. Of the five Fellows who signed, only three of them are members of the Washington, D. C. Chapter - namely, Messrs. Murphy, Wood, and yourself.

Therefore, to complete the proposal it must be signed by two additional Fellows in the Washington, D. C. Chapter.

Knowing of your interest in this matter we take the liberty of sending the proposal to you to ask if you would be willing to secure the two required signers to complete it.

The proposal must be returned to The Octagon by March 8th, as The Jury of Fellows meets on that date.

Sincerely yours,

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

By Registered Mail

Mr. Horace W. Peaslee, F.A.I.A.,
1228 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

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Enclosure

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 29, 1937.

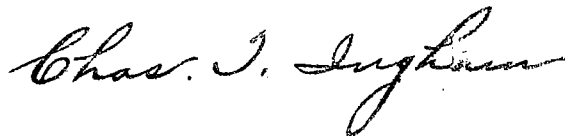
Dear Mr. Simon:

It is my privilege to advise you that you have been elected a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects, by action of The Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting.

The certificate of your election to Fellowship will be presented to you at the evening session and dinner on June 4, which concludes the Sixty-ninth Convention of The Institute, to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, June 1-4, inclusive.

The Officers and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you be present to receive this honor.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary.

Mr. Louis A. Simon, F.A.I.A.,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 6, 1937

Dear Mr. Simon:

Under the established procedure of The Institute, the photographs which accompanied the proposal for your advancement to Fellowship are being returned to you under separate cover, transportation prepaid.

We trust that you will receive these promptly and in good order.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

K.B

Mr. Louis A. Simon, F.A.I.A.,
Supervising Architect, Treasury Dept.,
Washington, D. C.

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FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 7, 1937.

My dear Mr. Simon:

At the closing session of the Sixty-ninth Convention of The Institute held in Boston, the reading of the announcement of your elevation to Fellowship in The Institute was accompanied by the following citation:

LOUIS A. SIMON - of Washington, D. C.: Since 1896 he has participated in the growth of the office he now heads as Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department, Procurement Division. During this time his great interest has been in the development of an expressive Federal architecture, the observance of high standards of architectural design and construction, the establishment of a better relationship between the Office of the Supervising Architect and the architectural profession, and a closer cooperation with other agencies of the Government having to do with Federal construction, so that his influence has always been one to stimulate a respect for the dignity of the profession of architecture. Because of his successful administration of an important public office, and his sympathetic understanding of problems of his fellow practitioners, his associates and the profession hold him in affectionate esteem and proudly advance him to Fellowship in The Institute.

All of the citations were prepared by the Jury of Fellows at the time of the elections.

By direction of the former Chairman of the Jury, Mr. Robert D. Kohn.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Louis A. Simon, F.A.I.A.
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Secretary of the Jury of Fellows.

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FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER



TREASURY DEPARTMENT

PROCUREMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

PUBLIC BUILDINGS BRANCH

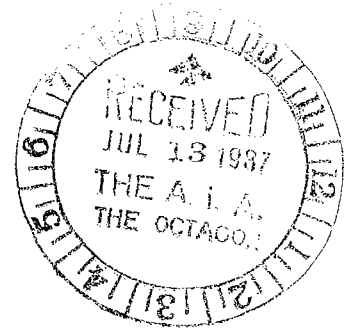
IN REPLYING, QUOTE THE ABOVE SUBJECT, BUILDING, AND THESE LETTERS PB-

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Simon

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July 8, 1937.



Mr. Edward C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary,
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I received your kind letter of July 7 giving the text of the citation in connection with my fellowship in the Institute.

I appreciate your letter very much.

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS A. SIMON.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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December 20, 1938.

Dear Mr. Butler:

We are advised, confidentially of course, that Mr. Louis A. Simon is retiring as Supervising Architect and that he will be succeeded by Mr. LeRoy Barton, A.I.A.

Mr. Simon is retiring because he has reached the age limit and has had two extensions - the maximum permissible.

We understand that the above will be confirmed publicly in a day or two.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

ECK:LF

Mr. Charles Butler, Chairman,
Committee on Federal Public Works, A.I.A.,
56 West Forty-fifth St.
New York City, N.Y.

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Charles G. ...*

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April 29, 1957

To: Mr. Purves
Mr. Coe
Mr. Saylor
Mr. Holmes
Mr. Pawley

From: Mr. Taylor

Mr. Louis A. Simon, FAIA, will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on Wednesday, May 1. You may wish to send him a card or letter. His address is:

Quebec House, South
2800 Quebec Street, N.W.
Washington 8, D. C.

W.A.T.

WAT: jm

To Note:

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- ~~A.H.H.~~
- ~~B.E.~~

Members.
Senior, Louis A.

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COSMOS CLUB
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

May 4, 1957

Dear Ned

With a beautiful array of flowers, there came to me, birthday greetings "from all of us at The Octagon"

Please be assured of my deep appreciation for that courtesy.

Sincerely
Louis A. Zimm

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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

May 16, 1958

To: The Secretary or Executive Secretary of the
Washington-Metropolitan Chapter
The American Institute of Architects

Dear **Mrs. Macilatton:**

We were very sorry to learn of the death of **Louis A. Simon, FAIA**
on **May 11, 1958** a corporate member of The Institute
since **1908** .

We would appreciate it very much if you would have two
copies of the enclosed Baldwin Memorial Archive Forms
filled in and returned to The Institute for its files.
The third copy is for your files.

Sincerely yours,

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

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cc: Treasurer's Office

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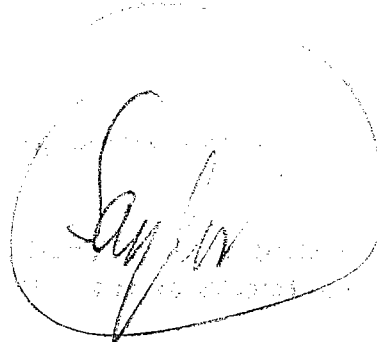
July 2, 1959

Mrs. Louis A. Simon
The Kennedy-Warren
Washington 8, D. C.

My friend Mrs. Machatton is after me, Teresse, for that Baldwin Archive form. She tells me that she talked with you and that the original copy of the form had disappeared. Here is another pair, one wd which is for a carbon copy. The original is for the Institute files, the other for the Chapter files.

Do not let it rush you. Take your time and do it at your own convenience. For the historians that come after us these Archive sheets serve as the best source of information regarding the elder statesmen who have passed on. Horace Peaslee's came through the other day—a very complete record made out by Frank Cole.

With all the best, as always,



June 29, 1959

Dear Mrs. Simon:

A letter from Mr. Henry Saylor advises me that he has left with you the Baldwin Memorial Form which both the Chapter and The Institute endeavor to have completed for each member. It is a difficult task I know to prepare such a form, but it is of great assistance to anyone attempting to build up complete histories of outstanding architects.

At your convenience could you complete the form for Mr. Simon and return the copies to this office? It will be very much appreciated if you can.

With very good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy P. MacHatton
Executive Secretary

Mrs. Louis Simon
Kennedy-Warren Apartments
Washington, D. C.

*Arch. Biog
Simon, L. A.*

Louis A. Simon, long the Supervising Architect for the Government's building operations, died in Doctor's Hospital May 11, 1958, after a short illness. Born in Baltimore, Maryland May 1, 1867, he received his architectural training at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, graduating in 1891. After some private practice he joined the Office of the Supervising Architect in 1896, at that time in the Treasury Department; he was made head of the Office's architectural division in 1905, and later Supervising Architect. In 1937, reaching the compulsory retirement age, President Franklin Roosevelt gave him a year's extension, then six months more, the legal limit, after which he became consultant to the Office. The President had also made him supervising architect of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park.

It has been said of Louis Simon that no man in our national history has had more to do with our courthouses, post offices and other Government structures, for during a long period all passed through his hands.

Mr. Simon was made a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects in 1937. He was the first Gold Medalist of the Association of Federal Architects in 1938. He represented the Treasury Department in the development of the Federal Triangle. The Government sent him abroad to study what other governments were doing in preserving their treasured archives, and the Archives Building, designed by John Russell Pope was the result.

Mr. Simon was elected a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters in 1940, in recognition of his services to art. He was chairman of the American Institute of Architects' Committee in charge of the substantial restoration of The Octagon for several years.

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Since* his retirement Mr. Simon had spent much time in gathering together material for a history of the Office of the Supervising Architect from its beginning soon after the United States established its independence. Long a member of the Cosmos Club and one time its President, he had served on the committee which purchased and remodeled the Townsend Mansion as the Club's present home.

Mr. Simon married Theresa B. McConnor in Baltimore. Three daughters of this marriage died as young children. Mrs. Simon survived her husband by a little over a year. Mr. Simon left no other immediate relatives.

H. W. Taylor

Simon Louis I.

Louis A. Simon; Noted Architect



LOUIS A. SIMON

Louis A. Simon, 91, retired supervising architect of the Public Buildings Administration and a strong advocate of American Colonial architecture in Government buildings, died yesterday at Doctors Hospital after a brief illness.

President Roosevelt issued five executive orders extending Mr. Simon's term of office beyond the statutory retirement age. He held the office of supervising architect from 1934 to 1941. He lived at the Kennedy-Warren.

Born in Baltimore, Mr. Simon studied architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and joined the Office of the Supervising Architect, then in the Treasury Department, in 1896.

He became head of the office's architectural division in 1905 and remained in that position for nearly 30 years, until he was made supervising architect.

He designed the Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park, at the request of the President. His associates said that perhaps no man in our national history had more to do with our courthouses, postoffices and other Government structures.

In 1937 Mr. Simon was made a fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Simon represented the Treasury Department in the development of the Federal Triangle and was sent abroad to study the buildings in which European governments housed their archives. The result of his trip was the Archives Building, designed by John Russell Pope.

Long a member and once a president of the Cosmos Club, he had served on the committee which purchased and remodeled the Townsend Mansion as the club's present home.

He was elected to membership in the National Institute of Arts and Letters in 1940 and was made chairman of the American Institute of Architects Committee in charge of the restoration of the Octagon several years ago.

Since his retirement, Mr. Simon had spent much of his time gathering material for a history of the office of the Supervising Architect.

Mr. Simon was married to Therese B. McConnor of Baltimore, who survives.

Louis A. Simon Dies; Retired U. S. Architect



LOUIS A. SIMON

Louis A. Simon, 91, retired supervising architect of the Public Buildings Administration who influenced design of Government buildings throughout the country, died yesterday at Doctors Hospital after a short illness. He lived at 3133 Connecticut avenue N.W.

Simon spent more than 40 years in Government service. While he was supervising architect, President Roosevelt five times extended his term of office beyond the statutory retirement age. He held the post from 1934 until 1941.

He was recalled from retirement in 1942 and served as an architectural consultant in the Public Buildings Administration from then until 1944.

A native of Baltimore, he joined the Office of the Supervising Architect in 1896 after studying architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1905, he became head of the office's architectural division and occupied this position for almost 30 years before he was appointed supervising architect.

Mr. Simon was a strong advocate of American Colonial architecture in Government buildings. Other architects have said no other American exerted as much influence on design of courthouses, post offices and other Government structures as he did.

At the request of President Roosevelt he designed the Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park. He also represented the Treasury Department in the development of the Federal Triangle.

He was sent abroad to study government buildings in Europe and some of the ideas he formulated there were incorporated in the Archives Building designed by John Russell Pope.

Mr. Simon was a fellow of the American Institute of Architects and a past president of the Cosmos Club. He served on the committee that purchased and remodeled

Townsend Mansion as the club's home.

He also was a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters and served as chairman of the American Institute of Architects committee which was in charge of restoration of the Octagon several years ago.

In retirement, Mr. Simon spent much of his time gathering data for a history of the office of the supervising architect.

He is survived by his wife, the former Theresa B. McConnor, of the home address.

Private graveside services will be held.

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