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I have known Mr. Schiller since our college days at New York University where he received recognition for his ability in design and took an active part in student activities, cooperating with the Administration. I know of the fine work he has done at both the Park Department and Board of Higher Education, particularly his success in organizing a competent staff. He has served the Architectural Profession well as an officer of the Queens Chapter of the A.I.A. and as its President. He has served on many state wide committees of the N.Y.S.A.A. and the Region of the A.I.A. All these duties he has performed well and competently. I recommend him highly for a Fellowship in the A.I.A.

I have known the nominee for.....34.....years in the relationship of fellow-student and
 fellow-architect

Signed

Typed Signature Simeon Heller, AIA
Pres. Elect-NY State Assoc. of Arch.

Date

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He has spent many years working to establish the School of Architecture in City College and has helped materially by recommendations to the curriculum.

I have known Mr. Schiller for 25 years, since our attendance at the New York University School of Architecture.

For the past 15 years he has worked diligently in the affairs of the Queens Chapter, acting as Secretary for many years, and President for two years, as well as Director of the N.Y.S.A.A. and most recently in the National scene as a member of the Judiciary Committee.

I have known the nominee for 25+ years in the relationship of Architect

Signed Stanley H. Klein

Typed Signature Stanley H. Klein, AIA
Alt. Rep. NY Regional Council, AIA

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I have known him for his high caliber and integrity in his activities toward Public Service, and in his interest in Chapter and State Association affairs.

I have known the nominee for over 15 years in the relationship of Colleague

Signed Gabriel Nathan

Typed Signature Gabriel Nathan, AIA
Past Pres., Queens Chapter, AIA

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Having once been a civil servant myself I can truthfully say that an individual like Mr. Schiller is a rare one indeed. Too few architects have entered public service. Mr. Schiller has done an outstanding job and has in every way enhanced the profession of architecture. In addition he has held every office in the Queens Chapter, many offices in the N.Y. State Assoc. of Arch. and has served for at least 20 years on the Education Committee.

I have known the nominee for 20 years in the relationship of fellow member of Queens Chapter A.I.A.

Signed Max Rosenfeld

Typed Signature Max Rosenfeld, AIA

President - Qu. Chapter, AIA

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In recognition of his many years of outstanding public service as Director of the New York City College Construction Program, for his continuing interest and service to the profession shown by his activities as Secretary, Vice-President and President of the Queens Chapter, A.I.A., and for his outstanding personal qualities and performance in a difficult field of practice, I highly recommend his advancement to Fellowship in The Institute.

I have known the nominee for 35 years in the relationship of fellow student,
fellow worker and fellow architect.

Signed

Guerino Salerni

Typed Signature Guerino Salerni, AIA

Past Pres. Queens Chapter, AIA

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Mr. Arthur A. Schiller is an individual of integrity and character, a true public servant, reflecting honor on the Architectural profession.

I unhesitatingly recommend him for your serious consideration in awarding him a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects.

I have known the nominee for 34 years in the relationship of

*Fellow student at N.Y.U
School of Architecture +
as member of the Queens
Chap. A.I.A.*

Signed

Theodore L. Soontup
Typed Signature Theodore L. Soontup, AIA
Director N.Y. State Assoc. of Arch.

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I have a high regard for Mr. Schiller's integrity and his complete devotion to up-holding the standards of his profession in the field of public service. Mr. Schiller has created a communicative atmosphere between the City Government and private professionals. This rapport that he has advanced and nurtured has borne fruit in the buildings, constructed under his agency's direction, that have won awards and acclaim in our City.

Handwritten vertical text: C. A. C. C. C. C.

I have known the nominee for 4 years in the relationship of professional colleague

Signed

Typed Signature, Herbert H. Warman, AIA
Secretary, Qu. Chapter, AIA

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As an experienced, competent professional he constantly seeks a superior plan and design from the private practitioner and this persistence will bring a better environment to the student. He has served his Chapter and community well, with dignity and a strong sense of forthrightness.

I have known the nominee for 8 years in the relationship of Fellow Professional

Signed Robert W. Cutler

Typed Signature Robert W. Cutler

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I had met Mr. Schiller prior to my association with him and was impressed with his ideals and objectives, and his accomplishments in the face of many obstacles inherent in the functioning of his Unit.

His dedication to the principles of the A. I. A. applied to the development of the New York City College design and planning program is recognized and appreciated by the Board of Higher Education and the independent architects with whom he has worked.

He has insisted upon and attracted to this public program some of the best known and qualified architectural firms in the City of New York. His objective is to produce public structures of high quality, evidenced by the award of two first prizes and one second prize for the three new buildings erected at Queens College by the Queens Borough Chamber of Commerce.

It is an honor and a pleasure to be associated with him as a senior architect in this challenging program.

I have known the nominee for 10 months years in the relationship of Senior Architect

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Signed Arthur E. Dore'

Typed Signature Arthur E. Dore', A. I. A.

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Gentlemen:

I would like to add my endorsement to Mr. Arthur A. Schiller who is being considered for Fellowship in the Institute. Mr. Schiller has been the Architect for the Board of Higher Education and its enormous projects, for many years. It has been my pleasure to work with him on Brooklyn College, which is under the Board of Higher Education's sponsorship. Mr. Schiller is indeed an Architect and a man who is dedicated to public service.

I think we all owe him a tribute.

I have known the nominee for 15 years in the relationship of Architect for the Board of Higher Education

Signed Randolph Evans

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I would like to endorse in the strongest terms the contribution made by Mr. Arthur A. Schiller, not only to the public but also to the profession of architecture through his successful efforts to promote a high standard of architecture for the colleges of the City of New York.

St Kong

I have known the nominee for five years in the relationship of Fellow Professional

Signed Robert S. Hutchins

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Anyone who knows Arthur Schiller, knows him as a fearless fighter for the architectural profession; and in his position as Director of the Architectural and Engineering Unit of the Board of Higher Education, that is what is frequently needed.

Stinson

He is held in high esteem for his strongly developed sense of service to his profession and to the community.

I have known the nominee for ABOUT 18 years in the relationship of FRIEND

Signed Joseph Judge

Typed Signature Joseph Judge J.Y.

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During the years that I have known Arthur Schiller, he has proved himself to be one of the most unselfish and dedicated members of our profession. Putting aside any personal ambition, he has ably served both the public and the profession, especially by his long record of achievement as staff architect for New York's Board of Higher Education. His conduct of operations and objectives in this field sets a standard for the entire profession. He deserves well of The Institute and I sincerely hope that he will be advanced to Fellowship.

Stromer

I have known the nominee for 35 years in the relationship of fellow architect

Signed

Morris Ketchum, Jr.

Typed Signature

Morris Ketchum, Jr., FAIA

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SINCE 1947 I HAVE EXECUTED SEVERAL MAJOR BUILDINGS FOR THE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION, N.Y.C., AND IN A LONG PRACTICE OF PUBLIC WORK HAVE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING THE COMBINATION OF ARCHITECTURAL TALENT, OUTSTANDING INTEGRITY, AND CONCERN FOR THE STATUS OF THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION CONSTANTLY EXEMPLIFIED BY ARTHUR SCHILLER.

HE HAS STEADILY AND SUCCESSFULLY CHAMPIONED THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE ARCHITECT AGAINST THE PRESSURES OF CIVIL SERVICE TO AN EXTENT THAT PLACES THE WHOLE PROFESSION IN HIS DEBT. I FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE MOST FITTING IF HE WERE ELEVATED TO FELLOWSHIP.

I have known the nominee for 25 years in the relationship of FRIEND AND PROFESSIONALLY.

Signed A. Gordon Lorimer
Typed Signature A. GORDON LORIMER F.A.I.A.
Date NOVEMBER 9, 1963.

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Mr. Schiller is noted in the annals of New York Public Service for the extraordinary operation of his division. His outstanding professional knowledge and competence, as well as the highly ethical operation of the architectural and engineering services rendered to the Board of Higher Education by outstanding firms of New York architects under Mr. Schiller's capable direction, have elicited the praise of all public and private agencies who have come into contact with Mr. Schiller and his work.

Stamps

He is deserving of the honor of "fellowship" and will be a credit to the "College of Fellows".

I have known the nominee for 10+ years in the relationship of QUEENS CHAPTER - A.I.A. (6 or 7 of these as CHIEF ARCH. OF BO. HIGHER EDUC.)

Signed William Lukacs, A.I.A.

Typed Signature William Lukacs, A.I. A.

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I have known and admired Mr. Schiller for his singlemindedness in promoting good architecture for the Board of Higher Education of the City of New York. As a public official to whom private architects like myself report and with whom we work, I have found him receptive and sensitive to considerations of architectural merit when most officials in similar positions usually limit their interests to the routine procedures and satisfying the utilitarian requirements of a given program. Further, Mr. Schiller has selected and worked with private architects of high standing who have been encouraged to contribute along the most progressive lines in design. I have also served with Mr. Schiller on the Committee on Education of the New York State Assocn. of Architects and know that he has discharged other responsibilities of this nature.

I recommend him for Fellowship.

I have known the nominee for seven years in the relationship of Chief Architect of the Board of Higher Education of the City of N.Y. for which we have been designing buildings.

Signed John C. B. Moore

Typed Signature John C. B. Moore, F.A.I.A.

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In my opinion, Mr. Schiller, the Director of the College Construction Program for the New York City Board of Higher Education has contributed an outstanding service to the community and the architectural profession. He has set a policy limiting his function in keeping with the recommendation of the A.I.A.

This gives the private architect the freedom to express himself as he would in private practice without being unduly inhibited, as we have found it to be the case in some of the public agencies doing architectural work.

The results are well proven in the high quality of work performed under his direction. I believe Mr. Schiller is worthy of a Fellowship in the A.I.A. for his devotion to the public service which he is rendering.

I have known the nominee for 15 years in the relationship of Profession

Signed Benjamin Moscovitz

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The nomination lists the following activity as a basis for advancement:

As Director of New York's college construction program, he has conducted the operation in an expeditious manner, cutting through the "red tape" usually confronting the private architect in dealing with public agencies. He has based the conduct of his office on the Institute's recommendations for public agencies involved in construction programs.

In the space below, please list any further details about this activity which you can provide on the basis of direct personal experience, and explain why you would consider it a significant accomplishment in the advancement of the profession of Architecture. Additional information may be submitted on an attached sheet, but the Jury prefers the material to be brief and pertinent.

I am pleased indeed to add my endorsement to Mr. Schiller's nomination to Fellowship. As the architect of several projects executed under his direction, I have had the opportunity to observe his fine efforts in behalf of architects and architecture. As a man who is technically the head of a governmental bureau, he has consistently taken a stand for the architect and against the stifling effect of bureaucracy. This has elicited from all who work with him the loyalty and inspiration which have had great influence on the quality of civic architecture in the New York area. Mr. Schiller is a shining example of an ideal civil servant in a highly responsible position and as such deserves the recognition for which he has been nominated.

S. Seltzer

I have known the nominee for 16 years years in the relationship of see above.

Signed *Gilbert L. Seltzer*

Typed Signature Gilbert L. Seltzer

Date November 11, 1963

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CONFIDENTIAL

Arthur A. Schiller is being nominated to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects in Public Service

(state the category or categories)

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Mr. Schiller's policy is one of non-hindrance of private architects commissioned for his building programs...he does not restrict them to stereotyped details and requirements, but is open to suggestions of new concepts. Thus unlimited, the architect^{employs} his best talents and imagination. This philosophy of guidance without intervention results in educational buildings which serve their prime function in addition to enhancing their locale. An uncluttered approach to college buildings in a congested metropolitan area is evidenced, and the entire community benefits economically, educationally, culturally and aesthetically by Mr. Schiller's astute interpretation of his dual role of architect and government administrator. His indisputable adherence to the high standards of the AIA promotes the public image of the architect as a professional man.

Accepted

I have known the nominee for 5 years in the relationship of since the Board of Higher Education of the City of New York retained our firm to design college buildings .

Signed Norman J. Wiedersum
Typed Signature Norman J. Wiedersum, A.I.A.

Date November 13, 1963

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The nomination lists the following activity as a basis for advancement:

Reference is made to "the highly competent, professional and business-like manner in which the Board of Higher Education's construction program is managed under the direction of Mr. Schiller". "He has successfully kept the selection of architects for B.H.E. projects free from political influence and has been given the support of the Board in this effort".

In the space below, please list any further details about this activity which you can provide on the basis of direct personal experience, and explain why you would consider it a significant accomplishment in the advancement of the profession of Architecture. Additional information may be submitted on an attached sheet, but the Jury prefers the material to be brief and pertinent.

The Board of Higher Education has been highly pleased with Mr. Schiller's conduct of our construction program. Beginning with his recommendation of very competent architects through to the completion of each project, he has carefully guided our capital construction in a manner which can only bring credit to the profession of which he is a member. I am sure that I speak for the entire board as well as for myself in heartily endorsing this nomination to bring recognition to an outstanding professional.

I have known the nominee for ten years in the relationship of Chief Architect of Board of Higher Education

Signed

Typed Signature

Gustave G. Rosenberg

Chairman

Date November 8, 1963

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"He also holds two non-salaried positions in the Village where he resides. He has served several years as a Trustee and is now also chairman of the Village Planning Board."

Activity

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Mr. Schiller has made valuable contributions to the Village of Plandome Manor (of which I am the mayor) since 1959 when he was appointed a Trustee. Since then he has been twice re-elected. While his services have not been limited to architectural engineering, his special competence in this field has enabled him to assume a leading role in community planning and construction. As Chairman of the Village Planning Board he is rendering continuous service of the highest importance. I heartily endorse his nomination.

For call

I have known the nominee for 4 years in the relationship of Village Trustee.

Signed Marvin F. Hartung

Typed Signature Marvin F. Hartung

Date November 18, 1963

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