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January 29, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
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Gentlemen:

As President of the Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Planners, I wish to endorse the name of Mrs. C. W. Smith for the nomination of Fellowship in your Institute.

All the relationships which we have had with Mrs. Smith have been pleasant. I have found her a most cooperative and understanding person. She has certainly been a leader in his field and has been very helpful in guiding planning activities in the local area. Her imagination has been an inspiration to our chapter.

Sincerely yours,



Alan M. Voorhees
President

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January 29, 1959.

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
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FACTUAL

It gives me unusual pleasure to recommend Chloethiel Smith for Election to the College of Fellows, for this is a case where I have very intimate knowledge of the candidate's qualifications and am fully convinced that she is just the kind of architect who deserves election.

While I have known Mrs. Smith for a number of years by way of committee service etc., it is in the last two years that I have had close professional contact with her and her firm. They are architects for a large and complicated urban redevelopment project in Washington S.W., for which my firm are the consulting architects. Mrs. Smith is the active member in charge; hence my close contact.

In this project she has shown great initiative, imagination, thoroughness, originality, and creative gifts and design sensitivity of a high order. In addition, she is a well-rounded architect, whose working drawings are comprehensively and meticulously done.

In this redevelopment type of work, too, there are endless unprecedented situations, requiring design ingenuity, new rulings and exceptions or interpretations to be sought at various levels and of various agencies. She has handled these with skill and tact, but firmly and almost always with success.

I note that she is being nominated for achievement in design and service to the Institute. While I have some knowledge of this latter, there are no doubt others who know more about it.

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I therefore restrict myself to an enthusiastic recommendation
for achievement in design, and the things that go with it.

Sincerely,



Albert Mayer
F.A.I.A.

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Subject: Mrs. Chloethiel Woodard Smith

Gentlemen:

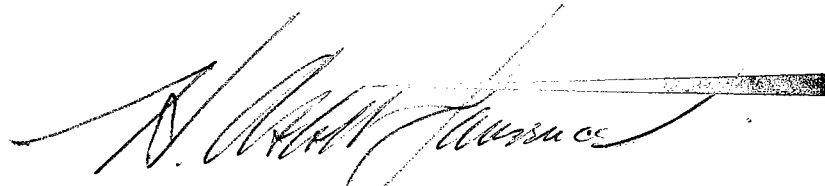
I am most happy to learn that Mrs. Chloethiel Woodard Smith has been nominated for Fellowship in the Institute.

Few individuals bring to their profession such a measure of vitality, curiosity and wise creative talent as has Mrs. Smith. The effective work of the Institute, the broad scope of city planning and redevelopment, the growth of Pan American culture in the fields of architecture and planning, all are enhanced by her enlightened and devoted effort.

Her contributions reach beyond mere architect - client services; they encompass and exceed the mere service of an architect to the Institute. She is one of the rare ones whose talents are dedicated to serving the larger community and she has served it well.

It gives me particular pleasure to offer my enthusiastic endorsement to her nomination.

Sincerely yours,



H. Abbott Lawrence

HAL/n

P.S. Two fine gentlemen now deceased would add their voices to mine if they were only here; I have heard their words of praise and admiration for her on many occasions:

Ellis F. Lawrence, F.A.I.A.: Dean, School of Architecture & Allied Arts, University of Oregon 1914 - 1946

Walter R. B. Willcox, F.A.I.A.: Professor of Architecture, University of Oregon.

MAYER WHITTLESEY & GLASS

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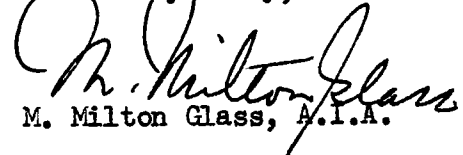
Gentlemen:

I am delighted to learn that Chloethiel Woodward Smith has been nominated for Fellowship in the Institute by the Executive Committee of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter, and welcome this opportunity to add my endorsement to those of her many colleagues who are supporting this nomination.

For many years I had been aware of Mrs. Smith's distinguished reputation as an able and talented architect through the publication of the many fine buildings she has designed, and through her numerous magazine articles on housing and city planning. My close association with her over the past two years in connection with the Washington Redevelopment Project in Area "B" has reinforced and enhanced my opinion that her talents in design, her technical and administrative abilities are of the highest order, and that she is a luminary of the profession worthy of recognition by the Institute.

It is therefore with great pleasure that I recommend Chloethiel Smith for advancement to Fellowship.

Yours very truly,


M. Milton Glass, A.I.A.

MMG:MB

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HARRY A. BOSWELL, JR.
PRESIDENT

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

Chloethiel Smith has a rare and imaginative understanding of the relationship of architecture to man and his environment: Personally, having been a member of a syndicate in a client relationship to Mrs. Smith, working in conjunction with her for a mutual client, participating in the early consultations when she organized the "Cities - U.S.A." exhibit sent to Moscow, and in many general discussions concerning the relationship of light, color, climate, space and mass to the philosophy of man shaping his environment, I long ago recognized the unique ability that will make her a distinguished member of the Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Certain that the jury is well acquainted with her education, awards, articles and projects accomplished up to this date I will not attempt to duplicate the list but instead wish to state my positive belief that future projects will be even more distinguished.

Very truly yours,

Harry A. Boswell, Jr.

HAB:mmb



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

It is a privilege and pleasure to join in endorsing the nomination of Chloethiel Woodard Smith for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. Mrs. Smith has long been devoted to her profession and lives and works only in terms of its highest standards. It has never been possible for her to turn out a mediocre or a poorly studied project.

It so happens that I am personally familiar with a number of Mrs. Smith's more important projects in foreign lands. These buildings are uniformly designed with grace and sympathetic feeling for their often unique situations and unconventional building materials. Mrs. Smith displayed unusual talent and imagination in her use of native materials and in adapting local construction methods. Her fresh functional design approach has often resulted in truly distinguished results.

I refer especially to the Club Union in La Paz, Bolivia, a city normally lacking in architectural refinement and charm. Mrs. Smith's work there offers an especially bright spot in the otherwise drab architecture of that city.

Her hospitals at Guajara Mirim and at Riberalta in the primitive Bolivian hinterland are simply and functionally designed and cleverly contrived to utilize local wood and clay products of native manufacture to the greatest extent.

Perhaps among her most interesting and important buildings in Latin America are the United States Embassy office building and the Ambassador's residence in Asuncion, Paraguay. This large project, just now approaching completion, reflects the

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careful study and planning that could only be rendered by an architect sensitive to Asuncion's unique and isolated geographical situation and familiar, as are few architects, with the peculiar demands of both official and private life in the United States Foreign Service.

The profession may well be proud of Mrs. Smith and her work and to honor her with a Fellowship at this time would be most fitting.

Sincerely,

Hartwell M. Webb

Hartwell M. Webb (AIA 1948-1958)
Area Officer for the American Republics
Office of Foreign Buildings
United States Department of State

WASHINGTON-METROPOLITAN CHAPTER
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January 29, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
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FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter has nominated Chloethiel Woodard Smith for Fellowship in the A.I.A. for achievement in design and service to the Institute. I am happy to add my personal support to this nomination.

There is no doubt in my mind from having viewed the designs of a number of projects for which Mrs. Smith was largely responsible that her work shows imagination and discriminating taste. It would be a great thing if we could point to the efforts of more of our profession with similar pride.

It also seems to me quite evident that not only in South America but also here in this country Mrs. Smith has accepted the challenge to improve relations between the Architect and the Public not only with her published articles but with her lectures and teaching.

Undoubtedly, Mrs. Smith's enthusiastic work in South American countries has led to better understanding and relations between the architects of these hemispheres. Looking at the over-all picture, I would heartily agree that Mrs. Smith has exhibited unusual skill and talent in her profession.

It also appears to me that it is of especial interest that despite the discouragement women must experience in our profession Mrs. Smith has been able to succeed in a way that should cause many of us to experience feelings of amazement and respect.

Respectfully yours,



John W. Stenhouse
President

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29 January 1959

Mr. Thomas Broad, Chairman
The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Ave., N. W.
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Dear Mr. Broad:

I write in support of the nomination of Chloethiel Woodard Smith,
by the Executive Committee of the Washington-Metropolitan
Chapter, for Fellowship in the Institute.

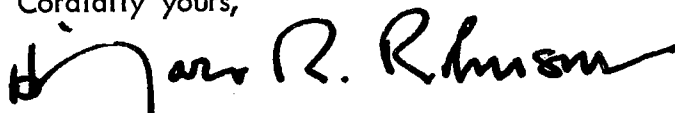
I have observed and admired the work of Mrs. Smith as an Architect
over the years. It reflects that comprehensive quality of balanced
and progressive excellence that usually develops only from a back-
ground of solid talent, broad training in theory - on the one hand,
and from an ever-increasing sensitivity to design, scale and fine
craftsmanship - on the other...qualities that often elude many of us.

I think her latest works prove these points...

Together with her collateral talents, engagements and many valued
services to the Institute...These are the stuff of which Fellows are
made.

It is with pleasure that I add my endorsement to her nomination.

Cordially yours,



Hilyard R. Robinson

HRR:evm

January 29, 1959

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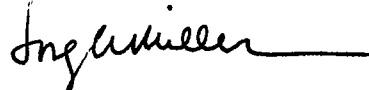
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Gentlemen:

I would like to support the nomination of Chloethiel Woodard Smith for advancement to fellowship in the Institute.

Mrs. Smith's design achievements have been notable. It is already clear that the Area "B" planning in the Southwest Washington Redevelopment will be a handsome beginning to one of the most interesting renewal areas in the country.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph Miller, A.I.A.
Past President
Washington-Metropolitan Chapter

JM/jp

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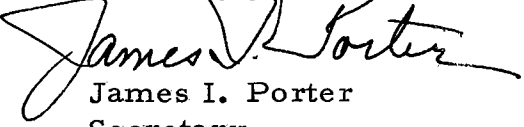
Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter of The American Institute of Architects has been informed by its Committee on Fellows that several members of the Chapter have nominated Mrs. Chloethiel W. Smith for a Fellowship Award this year.

The Committee, at its December 1958 meeting, agreed with the recommendation and wishes to so inform the Jury of Fellows.

The Executive Committee wishes to reaffirm Mrs. Smith's good standing in the Chapter and endorse the nomination for her outstanding contribution to the profession and for her excellence in architectural expression.

Sincerely yours,


James I. Porter
Secretary

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January 30, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
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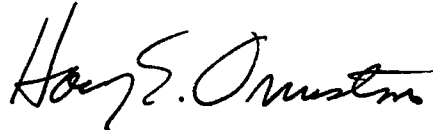
Gentlemen:

I have known Chloethiel Woodard Smith, AIA, since 1938
both as a friend and fellow architect.

Mrs. Smith's architectural work has been notable and of
especial importance is her association with the Southwest
Redevelopment in Washington, D.C. and other city planning
activities.

It has been my pleasure to serve on Chapter Committees
with Mrs. Smith and I am thoroughly aware of her intense
interest in the Institute and the practice of architecture,
therefor I am happy to endorse her nomination for Fellowship
in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely,



CHARLES M GOODMAN ASSOCIATES
ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS
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January 30, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, NW
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FACTUAL ✓

Gentlemen:

I have known Chloethiel Woodard Smith for some twenty years both as a colleague in the profession and as a personal friend.

She is one of that rare group of architects whose deep sense of integrity and articulateness regarding the place of the architect as a professional man in the community contributes to the understanding of the profession by the layman.

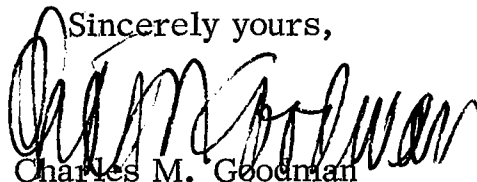
She has a sensitive and perceptive awareness of architecture as space used by human beings and her executed work which is of a very high order demonstrates this convincingly.

Chlothiel Woodard Smith, beside being a gifted practitioner has been an indefatigable worker for the good of the profession through her service in the Washington Chapter and on the National level.

She is a gracious personality who does the profession credit, and she has my unqualified respect and admiration.

It gives me great pleasure to have the opportunity to recommend her consideration for the honor of Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely yours,



Charles M. Goodman

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January 30, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
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Gentlemen:

FACTUAL

Chloethiel Woodard Smith has been nominated for Fellowship in the Institute by the Executive Committee of the Washington, D. C. Metropolitan Chapter.

As a member of the Executive Committee of the Chapter, I wish to heartily endorse her nomination.

I have personally known Mrs. Smith's achievements since 1933 when we were associated with Henry Wright, F. A. I. A. Since 1940 while resident in Washington, I have observed her accomplishments in the field of design, particularly in the Washington, D. C. area.

Mrs. Smith has made some noteworthy design contributions in the Redevelopment Plan Area B, in the Chestnut Lodge Mental Hospital, and other work in this area as well as work abroad.

While active in architectural practice she has still found time to assist in the education of our young architects having lectured extensively at various universities. She has also made noteworthy contributions to the practice of architecture in various papers she has published from time to time on architectural subjects.

In my opinion Mrs. Smith merits election to Fellowship in the Institute on the basis of her fine record in the profession.

Sincerely yours,


Milton Fischer, A. I. A.

MF:jb

JUSTEMENT, ELAM, CALLMER & KIDD - ARCHITECTS

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January 30, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
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Gentlemen:

I am happy to add my endorsement to the nomination of Chloethiel Woodard Smith for Fellowship in the Institute by the Executive Committee of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter.

It is a privilege to have known for eighteen years and to have been associated on many occasions with a member of the profession who has, in my opinion, contributed so much to the profession.

Rather than attempt to repeat all of Mrs. Smith's achievements which I am familiar with and which the Jury probably already knows, I would like to say simply that she has devoted practically her entire time in the profession to the improvement of architecture.

She has travelled widely, written and lectured well on architecture and has given unstintingly of her qualities in the service of the Institute.

It is my conviction that Mrs. Smith's contributions in the field of design have been outstanding and it gives me great personal pleasure to endorse a member I believe deserves the honor resulting from the bestowal of Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely,



Branch D. Elam

BDE:g

VICTOR E. DE MERS

ARCHITECT

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January 30, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
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Gentlemen:

This is in reference to the well deserved nomination of Chloethiel Woodard Smith to Fellowship in the Institute by the Executive Committee of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter.

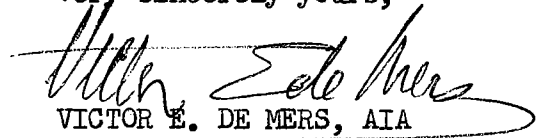
Over a period of many years, the outstanding work of Chloethiel Woodard Smith in the field of design has been well known and acknowledged by her fellow members of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter. Her excellent work in the Washington region is particularly well known and admired by her fellow architects.

The breadth of her knowledge and contributions in the field of housing and city planning is well documented by the publishing of numerous articles in the architectural journals both of this country and abroad. In reviewing the wide scope of Chloethiel Smith's activities in the furtherance of better architecture, it is difficult to understand how she was able to find the generous time which she devoted to chapter affairs. The Chapter has profited greatly by her good judgment, energy and zeal.

In the writing of this letter I have assumed the Jury of Fellows is in possession of information documenting Mrs. Smith's wide range of accomplishments.

It is both a privilege and a pleasure to be able to write this letter in support of the nomination of the Executive Committee of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter.

Very sincerely yours,


VICTOR E. DE MERS, AIA

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January 30, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
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FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

I am delighted to hear that the Executive Committee of our Chapter has nominated Mrs. Chloethiel Woodard Smith for Fellowship in the Institute.

We first met in the '30's and I was immediately impressed with her ability. At that time she was working on several articles relating to high-rise apartments. The principles set forth at that time have been of influence in this field ever since. Later, she did a number of things to the great benefit of our profession in South America. Numerous magazine articles testify to the influence she had not only in the design of some notable buildings in Bolivia, but as a Professor in the University at LaPaz.

More recently I have been in close touch with her work on some FHA insured projects. I believe that these represent a real advance over many previously insured by this Agency, and that again she will demonstrate the leadership evident throughout her career.

With no qualifications whatsoever, I should like to give my hearty endorsement to this nomination.

Sincerely yours,

Neil A. Connor

Neil A. Connor, AIA, Director
Architectural Standards Division

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January 30, 1959

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
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FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that Chloethiel Woodard Smith has been nominated for Fellowship in the Institute by the Executive Committee of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter. I have known this candidate since her graduation from the University of Oregon School of Architecture, about 30 years ago. She was employed in my office for two years immediately following her graduation.

As I recall, she was a very good draftsman and designer at that time. In observing her activities I find that she has reached great heights in the profession of architecture and has been a definite force in the development of the Institute. She has taken her committee work seriously and has proved the point that a woman can become an outstanding architect.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to endorse the nomination of Chloethiel Woodard Smith for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely,



William J. Bain

WJB/mw

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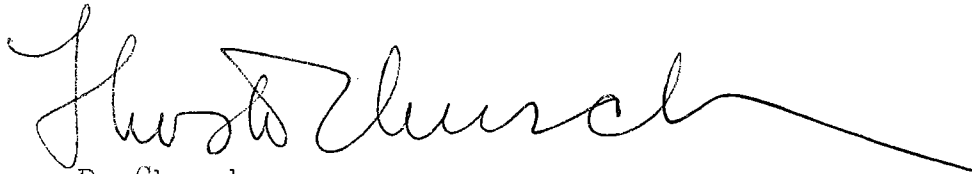
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Dear Sirs:

I have known Chloethiel Woodard Smith for many years and believe that her election to the Fellowship would be an honor she justly deserves.

I have always been impressed with her ability and have found her to be sympathetic toward the problems involved in collaborating with the allied fields. I believe she is a credit to her profession.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas D. Church

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The Jury of Fellows
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FACTUAL ✓

Gentlemen:


May I back the nomination of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter for Fellowship of Chloethiel Woodard Smith?

This nomination is for service to the Institute and design. Mrs. Smith has made a distinguished contribution not only to building design but urban design with her projects such as the Southwest Redevelopment Area B job. A number of her houses have been outstanding; moreover, studies such as "Criteria for Family Housing--Standards for building types" have helpfully contributed to the theory of design. I might mention also articles like "Rent to Space," the striking and epoch-making piece in FORUM in '36, and again her article on space in FORUM in '47.

But one thinks of Mrs. Smith in a broader context for the backing she has given to international exhibitions such as one that was shown in part at the AIA Convention in Washington in 1950 and the "Cities--U.S.A." exhibition sent to Moscow by the Union Internationale des Architectes in 1958.

I think this fountain of energy in behalf of architecture has been of great service to the Institute, as well as her many lectures and appearances in behalf of urban renewal.

Sincerely,



Douglas Haskell
Editor

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HOUSE BEAUTIFUL MAGAZINE

572 Madison Avenue, New York 22

FROM THE OFFICE OF
THE BUSINESS MANAGER

January 30, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

We are delighted to hear Mrs. Chloethiel Woodard Smith has been nominated for Fellowship in the A.I.A.

I cannot think of a better way of giving an endorsement to her nomination than to pass along to you the enclosed copy of the April 1951 issue of HOUSE BEAUTIFUL, which features a story of twelve pages (130-141) on a Washington house designed by Mrs. Smith. It is not often that we devote as much as three four-color, four two-color and five black and white pages of editorial space to an architect's work, such as is displayed in this issue.

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Exhibits)

I trust this will adequately express our acknowledgment of Mrs. Smith's accomplishment.

We send our best wishes to Mrs. Smith and hope the Jury will see fit to grant the Fellowship to her.

Cordially yours,
HOUSE BEAUTIFUL Magazine

R. C. Hoops
Publisher

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FACTUAL

Dear Sirs:

It has come to my attention that Cloethiel Woodard Smith has been nominated for Fellowship in the Institute by the Executive Committee of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter.

I have observed and reported some of Mrs. Smith's work over a period of many years as an editor on House Beautiful magazine. In my opinion, her work specifically and her activity in the field generally, have furthered the objectives of professional evaluation in the field of architecture.

I have since had the privilege of working directly with her on the preliminary work of the Chestnut Lodge Mental Hospital, in my present capacity. Consequently, I feel she is worthy of recognition in terms of expertness and integrity.

In view of the above, I most heartily endorse the suggested Fellowship in the Institute.

Sincerely,

Sara Little

Sara Little

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Clarence S. Stein, F.A.I.A.
1 West 64th Street
New York 23, N. Y.

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January 30, 1959

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FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

It gives me great pleasure to endorse the nomination of Chloethiel Woodard Smith for advancement to Fellowship on the basis of her achievement in design and Service to the Institute. This nomination by the Executive Committee of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter is well deserved.

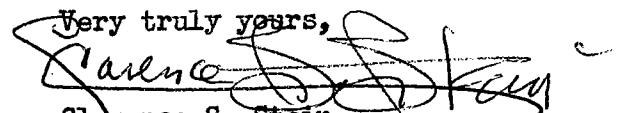
Chloethiel Woodard Smith's design has been particularly noteworthy in the field of large-scale housing. The outstanding character of her design achievements in the Washington area is exemplified by her latest work, forming part of the Southwest Redevelopment Scheme (Area B). The striking tall apartment buildings that form the main feature of this group is an attractive, straightforward structure. Related to it will be large groups of row houses, spaciouly arranged and separated from the high-rise building by a large open space with trees that have been carefully preserved. The model which was exhibited at the Brussels Fair shows the completed arrangement. The individual apartments in the dominant structure, which I visited, is particularly well planned and spaciouly organized with broad and interesting outlooks. Such practical matters as adequate, well-placed parking have been carefully developed.

Chloethiel Smith's education has well prepared her for the important work she is doing in large-scale housing and planning. After receiving her Bachelor's degree (with honors) and her Master's degree in architecture, she studied under Henry Wright in 1933. She was deeply influenced and inspired by this great leader in modern planning.

Housing and planning have been her greatest interest. But she has created important buildings in other fields, not only in the United States but in South America. In Bolivia during the Forties she designed a hospital in Guayamerin, and a Club Union in La Paz. At the same time she was professor of Architecture and City Planning in Universad Mayor de San Andres, La Paz, Bolivia. She afterwards broadened her own architectural education by studies throughout South America on a Guggenheim Traveling Fellowship.

The same full-hearted energy, drive and enthusiasm that goes into her architectural work forms the basis of her service to the Institute. Among her latest achievements in this field was her organization of the "Cities - U.S.A." exhibit sent to Moscow by Union Internationale des Architectes last summer. She has served the Washington Metropolitan Chapter since 1935 in making constructive studies and reports related to the National Capital Area. In 1947-52 she was active as a member, and in 1952-53 was Chairman of the A.I.A. International Committee.

I strongly recommend that Chloethiel Woodard Smith be advanced to Fellowship on the basis both of her service to the Institute and thus to the public, and because of her attainment in design.

Very truly yours,

Clarence S. Stein

CSS:wb

January 30, 1959

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
1741 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

I am surprised and delighted to learn that Chloethiel Woodard Smith, of mellifluous name, fine achievement, outstanding talent, and unequalled charm, has been nominated for fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. If Mrs. Smith had nothing more than her beauty and charm, she would contribute to the sober and dignified College of Fellows something of the same dash which Clare Booth Luce gave to the Diplomatic Corps when she was appointed Ambassadors to Italy. These such evident qualities of Mrs. Smith, tend to obscure, if only for a moment, her solid professional achievements.

She has, along with a small number of Fellows, such as Clarence Stein, Henry Churchill and Miles Colean, an understanding of the larger field which architects should be tilling, the field of urban design rather than simply that of building design. Hers is the historic interest of the architect which he has in latter years pretty much neglected to specialize in design of this or that type of building or the development of fashionable forms.

Achievements such as Mrs. Smith can boast in the field of aesthetic design, urban planning, architectural literature, and architectural education, would be most unusual in an ascetic male practitioner of three-score and ten. To find them combined with beauty, wit and charm gives your Honorable Body an opportunity which I trust and believe you will not miss.

Respectfully yours,
Talbot Wegg
Talbot Wegg

TW:bsp

cc: Mr. Louis Justement

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31st January, 1959.

AIR MAIL

The Jury of Fellows,
The Octagon,
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.,
Washington 6, D.C.

FACTUAL

Dear Sirs:

It has come to my knowledge that Chloethiel Woodard Smith has been nominated for fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. If I, not being a member of the Institute, may be permitted to do so, I should like to endorse this nomination with all possible emphasis.

I have known Mrs. Smith since about twenty years ago when she came to reside temporarily in Montreal. Like others among my professional colleagues here, I have always been impressed by her knowledge and wisdom, and above all by her integrity and clarity of architectural judgment and thought.

Her professional history and experience speak for themselves and it has been apparent throughout her career that she has taken every opportunity which offered, through her own works, as well as by her writings, her lectures and her other activities, to teach and help others in the profession and generally to promote and advance the truest principles of architecture and public appreciation of its values.

I trust that her nomination to Fellowship in the Institute will be successful.

Yours faithfully,

JCM:AVK



ROCKWELL KING DuMOULIN, AIA
ARCHITECT

WAKEFIELD, R. I.

31 January, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, NW
Washington 6, D.C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

I have known the work of Chloetheil Woodard Smith for the past sixteen years -- her architectural design, her teaching and her service to the Institute in both its narrow sense and also its broader sense of service to the whole profession and to the country.

Since photographs will give the Jury of Fellows an opportunity to judge for themselves her design qualifications for advancement to Fellowship, and since I have had an unusual opportunity to observe her service qualifications outside the United States, I will emphasize the latter.

Mrs. Smith has distinguished herself in many countries of this hemisphere by interpreting the AIA and what it stands for in our own professional life to foreign architects. Her deep and sympathetic understanding has been an excellent background for the constructive approach she has taken to the professional problems of our colleagues abroad.

It was her leadership and her interpretation of what the Institute has done for our profession in the United States that brought into being the Society of Bolivian Architects. Its founders elected her an Honorary Member in token of their appreciation.

In the provinces as well as the capitals of our neighboring countries she has advanced the principles for which the Institute stands with consistency and vigor. This has made her one of the most respected American architects among both students and mature professional leaders in Latin America. Service of this kind has reflected as favorably on our country as it has on the Institute. Our government has expressed its recognition by appointing her a United States delegate to several Pan-American Congresses of Architects. It is appropriate that the Institute should recognize this service by advancing her to Fellowship.

Sincerely yours,

Rockwell King DuMoulin

Rockwell King DuMoulin, President
Rhode Island Chapter, AIA

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February 1, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

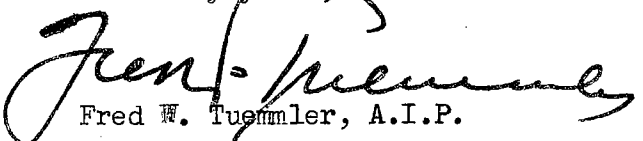
It has been called to my attention by Mr. Louis Justement, F, A.I.A., that Chloethiel Woodard Smith has been nominated for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects by the Executive Committee of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter.

Mrs. Smith, in addition to being an outstanding architect, has established a reputation in the field of city planning. She is an affiliate member of the American Institute of Planners, the professional society of planners in the United States. Among her noteworthy contributions to planning were an article on Rental Housing and Community Planning in the Architectural Record in 1935 and a series of articles published in 1946 on architecture and city planning in several South American countries. More recent activities related to planning included several lectures by Mrs. Smith at the NAHRO convention in Cleveland in 1955 and at the NAHB School for Home Builders in Washington, D. C. in 1957.

Although I am not an architect and therefore cannot venture a professional opinion on her architectural design, I must observe that, as a professional planner, I have found much of her design fresh and inspiring. I have been impressed by the keen perception she has exhibited in the organization of building mass to other aspects of civic and community design.

Because of her contribution to the field of city planning as well as architecture I must heartily endorse Mrs. Smith's nomination for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely yours,


Fred W. Tuemmler, A.I.P.

FWT:aks

WILLIAM M. HAUSSMANN, A.I.A.

ARCHITECT

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February 1, 1959

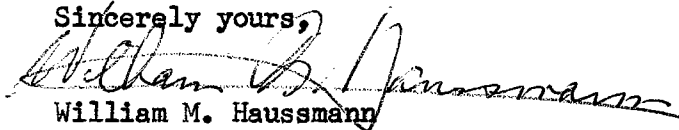
The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Ave. N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Few things could give me greater pleasure than the opportunity to endorse the nomination of Chloethiel Woodard Smith for Fellowship in the Institute. I have known Mrs. Smith for many years; I have in earlier years been associated with projects with which Mrs. Smith was closely identified and I have watched the development of her career with great interest and admiration. It will serve no purpose for me to outline abilities which are already well known. Those abilities are possessed of a solid worth and a real brilliance which contribute not only to her personal stature but to her stature within the Institute in the affairs of which Mrs. Smith has taken so great an interest.

May I again repeat my endorsement of Chloethiel Woodard Smith for Fellowship in the Institute.

Sincerely yours,



William M. Haussmann

GROSVENOR CHAPMAN • ARCHITECT
1640 WISCONSIN AVE., N.W., WASHINGTON 7, D. C.

February 2, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen,

Chloethiel Woodward Smith has been nominated for Fellowship in the Institute by the Washington Metropolitan Chapter for achievement in design and service to the Institute. I am heartily in accord with this nomination especially on account of her real accomplishment in designing the excellent Capitol Parks Apartment in Area "B" of the D. C. Redevelopment Plan. This fine design was created only after great determination and appreciation for the importance of good design led her to combat the miles of red tape with which her firm was confronted in this pioneering redevelopment project.

I am familiar also with Mrs. Smith's contributions to the work of the Institute in arranging conferences and exhibits in Latin and South America and in Moscow, and feel that these services also justify her membership in the College of Fellows.

Sincerely yours,



Grosvenor Chapman

GC:ma

OFFICE OF GERTRUDE SAWYER, A.I.A. ARCHITECT
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February 2, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C. ✓

Gentlemen:

It gives me great pleasure to endorse
Mrs. Chloethiel Woodard Smith for Fellowship in the
American Institute of Architects.

She has done outstanding work both in
this country and abroad, which has been a contribution
to the Institute and the whole field of architecture,
and I hope that this will be recognized by her advance-
ment to a Fellowship.

Sincerely yours,

Gertrude Sawyer

GS:kh

WALTER ANDREWS TAYLOR

B. ARCH. ENGR. B. ARCH. M. ARCH.
REGISTERED ARCHITECT REGISTERED ENGINEER
FELLOW OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS
FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON HOUSE
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

February 2, 1959

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

FACTUAL

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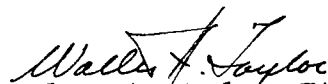
I wish to commend to your favorable consideration the nomination of Chloethiel Woodard Smith. Putting aside all impulses of gallantry and any deference to the fair sex, the fact that the candidate is a woman should in one sense be disregarded, and yet in another aspect has significance;

If the candidate were a man the accomplishments, which have been recorded by the proposers, would merit advancement to Fellowship. The fact that the candidate has overcome the handicaps and prejudices against women, which exist in several professions including ours, is additional testimony of her competence.

As staff executive for the AIA Committee on International Relations I have had opportunity to observe and work closely with Mrs. Smith. In her own professional and private life she has been an excellent representative of this country and the profession in Latin America. Her knowledge, judgement and experience gained abroad have been carried into her practice and personal interests in this country and notably into the work of the Committee on International Relations, where she has provided not only vision and high purpose but many hours of hard work. The outstanding success of the A.I.A. exhibit at the Moscow Congress of the Union Internationale des Architectes was due to her insistence on high quality backed up by expenditure of time and energy to see it through.

Zeal and hard work are not substitutes for quality and high professional standards. In this case the latter prevail in the architecture created and in service to the profession.

Sincerely,


Walter A. Taylor, FAIA

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February 2, 1959

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

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

Chlothiel Woodward Smith and her designs have been known to me for many years. Having been especially interested in family housing for the Department of Defense some time before standards were contemplated, I watched with the greatest interest the development of standards by her firm. I believe her work in this field achieved a notable advance in housing design for families in the Armed Services.

The redevelopment plan, area "B" for Washington, D.C. now under construction is an outstanding achievement in a relatively new field. This project due to its timing and high quality will be influential in the development of City Renewal far beyond the boundaries of Washington.

I urge her elevation to Fellowship.

Cordially yours,


Robert E. Alexander

REA/yk

February 2, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I hope it is not too late for me to add my endorsement of Chloethiel Woodward Smith in connection with her nomination to a Fellowship.

Mrs. Smith is a friend and colleague of long standing. She is utterly devoted to the cause of architecture and, like all good architects, she will subordinate all personal things (such as family) to help advance that cause. She is a credit to her profession, to her sex, to her generation (which I am unable to identify for you further) and to her country. Her volunteer activities in behalf of the Institute have been awe-inspiring in their scope and equally awe-inspiring in their effectiveness.

In short, I can think of no architect better qualified to receive this honor than Mrs. Smith, and I fervently hope that the Jury of Fellows will agree.

Sincerely yours,



Peter Blake, AIA
Architect

PB/amg

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 2, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

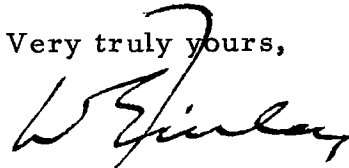
FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

Please let me take this opportunity to endorse the nomination of Chloethiel Woodard Smith for fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. Although my professional acquaintance with Mrs. Smith has been only during the last year, I have been aware of her contribution to the field for several years.

Mrs. Smith, probably more than any architect in the City, has given design leadership and continuing professional attention to the complex problems of redevelopment in our great Southwest Project. During the last year I have been aware of her interest as a citizen in many design decisions that have been before our Commission. Her willingness to be concerned with community planning matters above and beyond those regarding her practice is a rare attribute. I can think of no one in the community to deserve more the honor of being elected a Fellow of your Institute.

Very truly yours,



W. E. Finley
Director

JAMES S. LANIGAN
745 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 22, NEW YORK

February 2, 1959

Mr. Louis Justement
The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Dear Mr. Justement:

I have your letter of January 20 requesting our endorsement of Mrs. Cloethiel Woodard Smith for a Fellowship in the Institute.

I am most happy, as a client of Mrs. Smith in connection with the Washington Redevelopment Project in South-west Washington, to whole-heartedly endorse her for this Fellowship. In a few well chosen words, I would like to say that I know her to be original, constructive, and realistic in her professional work. She attacked a difficult problem with great imagination and originality and fought tenaciously to preserve the best of her ideas against many bureaucratic and obsolete local obstacles.

I could elaborate in detail but I will close by saying that I am most happy to endorse her without reservation.

Very truly yours,

James S. Lanigan

Wendy Mallett

Signed in his absence.

JSL:wm

JOHN NOLEN, JR.
1916 S STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 9, D. C.

February 2, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

I understand Chloethiel Woodard Smith has been nominated for Fellowship in the Institute by the Executive Committee of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter. As one who has observed her professional advancement over several decades, not only as an architect but in related fields of civic art and city planning, I want very much to give my endorsement to this well-earned nomination.

Mrs. Smith has always shown leadership in advocating new thinking in the planning of our cities and their neighborhoods. She has given realism to her ideas through professional writing, the design and production of exhibits and physical achievement. Notable is the original work done on the brochure "Of Plans and People," prepared for the National Capital Sesqui-Centennial in 1950, the design and assembly of the AIA exhibit sent to Moscow last year, and the thoughtful planning and arrangement of group housing units in the same block with a large apartment in the first redevelopment project in Southwest Washington. Of especial note in recent years has been the demonstrated desire and ability to work with public officials in orienting the planning of specific developments toward the broader objectives of a general community plan to which she had previously made substantial contribution.

As further evidence of her broad interest in community planning, Mrs. Smith became an affiliate member of the American Institute of Planners more than ten years ago. If I recall correctly, I was one of the endorsers of her application.

All these characteristics and achievements seem to me to fully merit the distinguished honor which is before you for consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Nolen, Jr.
John Nolen, Jr.

HAROLD R. SLEEPER, F.A.I.A.
ARCHITECT

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February 2, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
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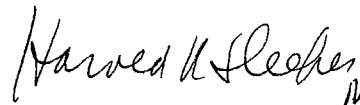
Gentlemen:

I enthusiastically support the Washington Metropolitan Chapter's nomination of Chloethiel Woodard Smith for Fellowship in the Institute. She deserves this both for her achievement in design and for her service to the Institute.

She has been of service to the Institute in her contact with South American countries and especially for her published articles and for her organization of the Exhibit "Cities - U.S.A." which was sent to Moscow.

She has a fine feeling for design and this is expressed in the U.S. Embassy building in Asuncion, Paraguay as well as in her hospitals in this country.

Sincerely yours,



Harold R. Sleeper

HRS:jb

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February 3, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Ave.
Washington 7, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

I hope I am not too late in adding my hearty endorsement of Mrs. Chloethiel Woodard Smith as a candidate for Fellow of the Institute to the many which you must have received.

I have known Mrs. Smith for nearly twenty years as an extraordinarily able designer and planner. Her work in both architecture and in city planning has brought distinction to herself and the profession.

As a writer, Mrs. Smith has produced articles of outstanding importance in the fields of housing and urban planning. She has also given her time generously to the Institute and to the profession.

In all these activities, Mrs. Smith's accomplishments have been consistently of the highest quality. I can think of no possible candidate for the honor of fellowship in the Institute who is more deserving of recognition by the profession.

Respectfully yours,

David Norton Yerkes
David Norton Yerkes

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WILLIAM L. SLAYTON
VICE PRESIDENT
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February 3, 1959

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

FACTUAL

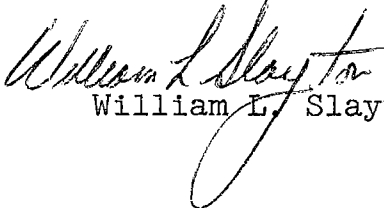
Gentlemen:

I hope I am not too late to submit my endorsement for Chloethiel Woodard Smith as a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects.

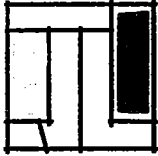
I have worked with Mrs. Smith for several years in connection with the redevelopment of Southwest Washington. I regard her as an outstanding architect of great design ability. In addition, she has an understanding, which too few architects have, for the importance of the proper development of urban areas. She has designed the redevelopment area adjacent to our redevelopment area and has done it with such competence that we feel it will be a decided asset to our area.

I hope the American Institute of Architects will be able to recognize her ability by making her a Fellow in the Institute.

Sincerely,


William L. Slayton

WLS/hm



ROGERS, TALIAFERRO & LAMB
Architects

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February 5, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
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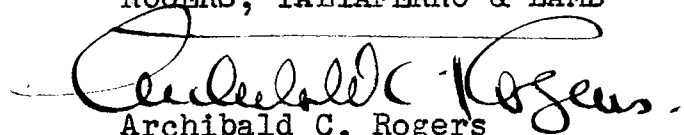
Gentlemen:

This letter is written to support the nomination of Chloethiel Woodard Smith to Fellowship in the Institute as proposed by the Executive Committee of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter.

Her contributions to architectural design certainly merit her elevation to Fellowship, and her contributions to the profession as a whole have been substantial.

Most sincerely,

ROGERS, TALIAFERRO & LAMB


Archibald C. Rogers
Architect

ACR:ej

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 6, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Ave., N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

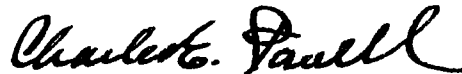
It is my privilege to recommend Chloethiel W. Smith for fellowship in American Institute of Architects.

As Chief Land Planner in the District of Columbia Insuring Office it has always been a pleasure to be in conference with Mrs. Smith.

In our review of the site plans for Area B Redevelopment Plan, D.C. there was very little adjustment even of details necessary. The overall conception as developed from preliminary plans was in each submission inspired, impressive and the utilitarian features well handled.

Chloethiel is a most democratic, charming and brilliant personality whether in a conference or inspecting a building. I am sure she will merit consideration for a fellowship in A.I.A.

Very truly yours,



Charles E. Powell
Chief Land Planner

CEP:tm

Enclosure

CITY AND SUBURBAN HOMES COMPANY

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NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

TELEPHONE: ELDORADO 5-2900

CHAIRMAN OF
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 6, 1959

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

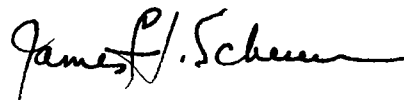
Dear Sirs:

I am happy to write a letter in support of Mrs. Chloethiel Woodard Smith's nomination for Fellowship in the Institute.

It seems clear to me that Mrs. Smith's background eminently qualifies her for membership in the Institute. She pursues unswervingly and with dedicated zeal her concept of the highest standards of architectural design.

I believe the present job she is doing for me in Southwest Washington will be an impressive one that will bring her a great deal of praise.

Very sincerely yours,



James H. Scheuer

JHS:ea

FACTUAL

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS REPLY TO:
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



February 9, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

It was with considerable pleasure that I learned of the nomination of Chloethiel Woodard Smith for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

May I add my wholehearted endorsement to this nomination and express the view of many in our Department that Mrs. Smith possesses all the qualifications for such an honor.

She has been a vital force in the design of several monumental structures contributing to the cultural advancement of our times. As the principal architect of the High Rise Apartment and the Town Houses in Area B of Southwest Washington, she is the first to produce concrete results in this pioneer effort.

Thanks for permitting me to add my expression to those of many of her associates who hold her in high esteem.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of R. Donald Kinney in cursive script.

R. DONALD KINNEY
Deputy Director

RDK:en

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CITY AND SUBURBAN HOMES COMPANY

130 EAST 59 STREET

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TELEPHONE: ELDORADO 5-2900

OFFICE OF
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

February 12, 1959

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
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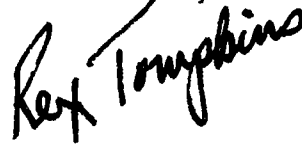
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Gentlemen:

I have just returned from an extended trip and find that I have been asked to write concerning the nomination of Chloethiel Woodard Smith for Fellowship in the Institute. Even though the letter may come too late, I should like to record my hearty endorsement of the nomination of Mrs. Smith.

I have worked very closely with Mrs. Smith during the past year on behalf of the Developer of Area B in Washington. Each day has served to increase my regard for Mrs. Smith both as to her talent and her integrity. In my opinion, she is one of the most able and conscientious architects with whom we as developers have had an association. As you may know, our company has dealings with several of the top architectural firms in the country, and I have no hesitancy in rating Mrs. Smith with the best.

Yours sincerely,



Rexford E. Tompkins
Executive Vice President

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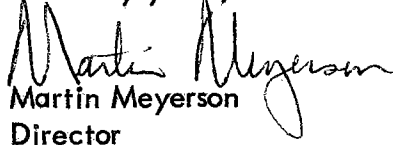
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Gentlemen:

Mr. Louis Justement asked that I endorse the nomination of Chloethiel Woodard Smith for Fellowship in the Institute. Unfortunately, his letter was sent to the wrong address and has just reached me.

I could say many things about Chloethiel Smith in this letter of recommendation. I could discuss her design talents. I could comment on her contribution to international understanding in architecture. I could describe her civic and public interest activities. However, I will stress just a single aspect of Mrs. Smith's extraordinary capabilities and accomplishments. There is no architect in the United States who has a better sense of the human needs of the people who use architecture. Through my association with Mrs. Smith in the American Council To Improve Our Neighborhoods, and in other ways, I am convinced that she will perform an even greater role as a leader in your profession, combining as she does design ability and an understanding of human problems.

Sincerely yours,


Martin Meyerson
Director