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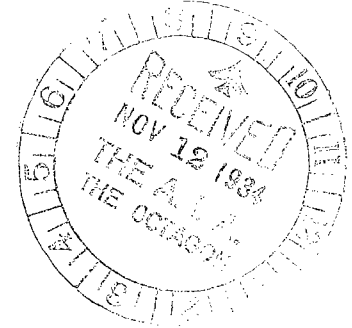
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MEETINGS AT THE ARCHITECTS CLUB OF CHICAGO  
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CHICAGO CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November 9th, 1934.



Mr. E. C. Kemper,  
The Octagon,  
1741 New York Ave.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Due to illness of both Mr. Heimbrodt and myself, this has been the first opportunity I have had to take care of matters.

Enclosed you will find two applications for Institute membership in the names of Alexis A. Zakharoff and Monroe R. Sandel. There were no unfavorable privileged communications.

Very truly yours,  
*Helen Paul*  
Secretary to:  
Carl E. Heimbrodt, Secretary  
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.

CEH:HP

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

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November 15, 1934

Dear Mr. Heimbrodt:

This will acknowledge with appreciation, Miss Paul's letter of November 9th, transmitting applications for Institute membership from Messrs. Alexis A. Zakharoff and Monroe R. Sandel, together with checks for their initiation fees and first year's annual dues in advance.

Both applications appear to be complete and we shall be glad to put them forward to election at once.

It has been noted for our records that both applicants have received the Unanimous Endorsement of the Chicago Chapter.

We are all sorry to hear that you and Miss Paul have been ill and hope that both of you are entirely recovered by now.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

K/g

Mr. Carl E. Heimbrodt, Secretary,  
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.,  
20 North Wacker Drive,  
Chicago, Ill.

Initiation Fee	\$ 5.00	11/1/34
Dues	\$ 15.00	11/1/34
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# Application for Membership

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To the Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

I hereby apply for Membership in The American Institute of Architects, and certify that the following statements are correct:

Name..... Alexis A. Zakharoff .....

Address..... 5845 Blackstone ..... Chicago ..... Illinois .....

Place and date of birth..... Petrograd, Russia ..... Jan. 28, 1885 .....

Graduate in architecture Architecture Dept. Imperial Institute of Civil Engineers (Polytechnicum) in ..... [Give name of institution and year. Diploma or Certificate of graduation (or photostatic copy) must accompany this application.]

Petrograd Holder of Scholarship in architecture..... [If required in your case, attach evidence (or photostatic copy).]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first

class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts..... [If required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate (or photostatic copy).]

~~If your State has a Registration or License Law and you are not registered, state reasons.~~ Specialized on

Greek-Orthodox Churches. Designed Serbian Church in Libertyville, Ill., in Joliet Ill., and Russian Church in Chicago.

If practicing architect, firm name ARCHITECT-LINE 16 years in U.S.A and 7 years in Europe.

Have been in practice..... years. If draughtsman, employed by Last 7 years by South Park Commissioners

Collegiate and office training.....

Previous application for membership, if any..... [Date of Application]

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the circular of advice relative to "Principles of Professional Practice," and I agree, if elected, honorably to maintain them.

I further agree, if elected to membership in The American Institute of Architects, that if at any time my membership shall cease, either by my own resignation or by any action taken by the Institute, I will then, by that fact, relinquish all rights of any character that I may have acquired by reason of such membership in the property, real or personal, of The American Institute of Architects, and of the Chapter of the Institute of which I am then a member.

(1) Alexis A. Zakharoff [Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date..... (2) ..... [Insert date of election to chapter.] [Signature of the Secretary of the chapter.]

If the applicant is not an Associate, the following acknowledgment must be signed:

Without endorsement I hereby take note on behalf of my Chapter that this applicant is applying for Institute membership (3) Forwarded by Secretary of Chapter. See letter attached. [Signature of President or Secretary of Chapter to which the applicant will be assigned if elected.]

We, the undersigned members of The American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the foregoing statement by the applicant and believe it to be correct. We know the applicant personally, and consider that his work and practice warrant his admission to Membership.

Registration or License Number. (4) [Signature]

(Essential if Registered) (5) [Signature]

It is not mandatory that applicants from Registration or License law states be registered or licensed. But the current number of Registration or License must appear here if the applicant is registered or licensed.

(7) 2215 NUMBER

(6) [Signature] [The signatures of three Institute members are here required even if the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter, in which case certification to that effect should be made above by the Secretary. Unanimous endorsement is that endorsement in which each Institute member of the Chapter had an opportunity to express himself by letter ballot either for or against the applicant proposed, and in which there were no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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

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January 5, 1935

Dear Mr. Zakharoff:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective December 30, 1934.

You have been assigned to the Chicago Chapter as an Institute Member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter has been so advised.

Your payment of one year's dues in advance has been applied to your dues for 1935, and a Membership Card for this year will be sent to you in due course.

An engrossed Certificate of Membership in The American Institute of Architects also will be sent to you as soon as it is completed.

May I take this opportunity to say that the Office of the Secretary at The Octagon is for the service of every Institute Member. Should the occasion arise we shall be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

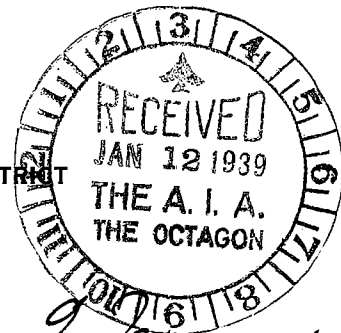
Executive Secretary.

K/G

Mr. Alexis A. Zakharoff,  
5845 Blackstone Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

TELEPHONE  
FAIRFAX 0054

ALEXIS A. ZAKHAROFF  
ARCHITECT A. I. A. M. W. S. E.  
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER OF CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT  
5845 BLACKSTONE AVENUE  
CHICAGO



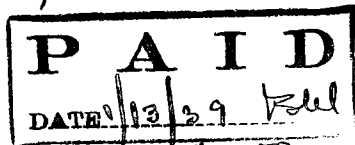
9 January 1939

Dear Sir

I am sending \$10 check as  
payment for membership.

I have in mind to be present  
during Congress and as I  
speak Russian and French I  
can be useful in some ways,  
as interpreter, etc.

Take please this letter for  
future consideration, please.



on 9c 1939 dues.

*Alexis A. Zakharoff*  
A. Zakharoff

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

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January 18, 1939.

Dear Mr. Zakharoff:

Thank you for your letter of January 9 and check for \$10.00 on account of Institute dues for the current year.

We note that you speak Russian and French, and will not fail to keep you in mind in case you can be of help to us at the International Congress.

It is going to be a grand party and we are glad that you are planning to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

ECK:DC

Mr. Alexis A. Zakharoff, A.I.A.,  
5845 Blackstone Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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ALEXIS A. ZAKHAROFF

ARCHITECT A. I. A.  
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER  
OF CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT  
6046 DORCHESTER AVE.  
CHICAGO

THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

66 MAR 20 PM 2:13

WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 19, 1946

The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have a certain complaint to make about injustice and unhealthy conditions of my work with the Chicago Park District in the capacity of Architectural Designer. I don't wish to go into detail now, but I should like to know if I can find a support in the Institute for my private grievance. If the Institute can do something for me, I should like to know to whom I must address.

I must add that I will not be able to find any friendly attitude among local chapter as the president and many officials are on the municipal payroll and my protest is mostly directed against the Mayor of Chicago and those who are appointed by him. I need an independent man who will not be afraid to talk in my behalf.

Yours truly,



Alexis A. Zakharoff  
Architect A. I. A.

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

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March 21, 1946

Dear Mr. Zakharoff:

Responding to yours of March 19  
at hand on the twentieth:

It would not be appropriate for The  
Institute as a national society to attempt  
to intervene in the matter to which you  
refer.

If the condition were an impersonal  
one, involving a problem of policy of  
concern to the architectural profession,  
there might be some reason for Institute  
action.

We feel sure that the wisdom of this  
will appeal to you in view of the circum-  
stances.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

ECK:MLB

Mr. Alexis A. Zakharoff, A.I.A.  
6046 Dorchester Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois



*Handwritten initials: J.B. and a signature*

ALEXIS A. ZAKHAROFF  
ARCHITECT A.I.A.  
6046 Dorchester  
CHICAGO

THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
1947 FEB 17 AM 9:05  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington 6, D. C.

Sirs:

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They have no moral obligations and respect for the profession. They O.K. everything, they are "loyal" and this is the reason why they are taken and promoted.

I have arrived at the conclusion that A.I.A. doesn't want to stand for defense of architecture, and for this reason, as protest, I resign after 12 years of being a member in affiliation with A.I.A.

A. ZAKHAROFF *A. Zakharoff*

P.S. Copies of this letter are being sent to members of the Chicago Chapter.

*J. R. R.*

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AND THE OFFICERS

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CHICAGO CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 17, 1947

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Director  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Upon instructions from the Executive Committee of the Chicago Chapter, I wish to inform you there have been two letters sent out by one of our members, Mr. Alexis A. Zakharoff, which are derogatory to other members in the Chapter, and which contain serious accusations as to the honesty of certain Illinois State officials, particularly implicating the Illinois State Architectural Examining Board.

It is our understanding that you have already received a duplicate of the first letter; however, to make sure that you have been apprised of its contents, I am enclosing one herewith.

The second letter apparently is addressed direct to the Institute at Washington. According to the postmark of other copies which we have here, it was mailed February 14th, although the letter itself was undated.

For your information, the Executive Committee on Jan. 7 appointed a special committee composed of C. Herrick Hammond, Elmer C. Jensen, and John W. Root to investigate the subject and report to us whether or not they felt grounds existed for disciplinary action, with a view of our apprising you of such findings if they were adverse to Mr. Zakharoff.

Mr. Zakharoff states in the last paragraph of his letter of February 14th that he wishes to resign from the Institute which, of course, will mean from the Chicago Chapter as well, and we hope that action on his resignation will be held up pending our investigation of his first letter.

Sincerely yours,

*Chas. D. Faulkner*

Chas. D. Faulkner, Secretary  
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.

CDF:p

cc Messrs. Hammond,  
Jensen & Root

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

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February 25, 1947

Dear Mr. Faulkner:

Your letter of February 17 with regard to the resignation of Mr. Alexis A. Zakharoff was received in time for the meeting of The Executive Committee of The Institute here in Washington on February 18 and 19.

Action was as follows:

"Resolved, That in accord with the letter of February 17, 1947, from the secretary of the Chicago Chapter, it is directed that no action be taken on the resignation of Alexis A. Zakharoff pending a final report and recommendations from the Chapter."

Please be assured that the above resolution will be most carefully observed. Meanwhile, we have written to Mr. Zakharoff as per enclosed copy of letter of even date.

Sincerely yours,

*E. C. Jensen*

Executive Director

Mr. Charles D. Faulkner, Secretary  
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.  
307 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

ECK:MSD  
Enclosure

cc: Mr. C. Herrick Hammond  
Mr. Elmer C. Jensen  
Mr. John W. Root

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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February 25, 1947

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your undated letter addressed to The American Institute of Architects and received at The Octagon on February 17, 1947.

In that letter you tender your resignation as a member of The A.I.A.

Your letter was submitted to the Executive Committee of The Institute at its meeting on February 18-19, 1947.

The Committee also had before it a letter from the secretary of the Chicago Chapter requesting that action on your resignation be held for the time being.

Therefore, The Executive Committee directed that no action be taken on your resignation from The Institute, pending a final report and recommendations from the Chicago Chapter.

The chapter has been advised accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Executive Director

Mr. Alexis A. Zakharoff, A.I.A.  
6046 Dorchester Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

**EDO J. BELLI** A.I.A.  
*Architect & Engineer*

THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
FEB 20 AM 8:45  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

EDO J. BELLI  
ANTHONY J. BELLI

February 17, 1947

The American Institute of Architects,  
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have before me a letter written by Mr. A. Zakharoff of Chicago, copy of which is enclosed.

There are countless of these accusations "making the rounds" in this city, and inasmuch as the men named are men in responsible positions, such as Mr. P. Gerhardt who is President of the Chicago Chapter, A.I.A. and also Commissioner of Building, City of Chicago, I would suggest that you go into this matter thoroughly and ascertain whether the statements made are true or false. It is needless to say, that remarks of the kind stated in the enclosed, are not made without some evidence of proof.

As a member of the Institute, I feel compelled to ask you to investigate these charges and if true, to use strong action in removing these men from further jeopardizing the remainder of us, who are worthy of being called "Architects."

Very truly yours,

*Edo J. Belli*  
Edo J. Belli

EJ B:TA  
encl.

A. ZAKHAROFF  
ARCHITECT A.I.A.  
6046 Dorchester  
CHICAGO

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A. ZAKHAROFF

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Ave. NW  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Belli:

Meetings here and a trip to Grand Rapids to make  
arrangements for the coming Institute Convention have  
delayed a response to yours of February 17. Please  
accept an apology.

We understand that the charges made by Mr. Alexis  
Zakharoff are receiving the attention of the Chicago  
Chapter.

For that reason the resignation which Mr. Zakharoff  
submitted has been held until released by the chapter.  
If you wish to make representations to the chapter in  
this matter, your letter should be addressed to its secre-  
tary, Mr. Charles D. Faulkner, 307 North Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago 1, Illinois.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. Edo J. Belli, A.I.A.  
8 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago 3, Illinois

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THE AMERICAN  
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1947 FEB 20 AM 9:05  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 18, 1947

Mr. Charles D. Faulkner  
Secretary, Chicago Chapter A.I.A.  
333 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am in receipt of a copy of a letter from Alexis Zakharoff, architect, in which he makes a most vicious and libelous attack on Mr. Paul Gerhardt, Jr. as President of the Chicago Chapter, as Building Commissioner of the City of Chicago, and as Regional Director of the Institute.

This cannot go unnoticed by official action of the Chicago Chapter.

It will be noted that Zakharoff is resigning his membership in the Institute. In my opinion, charges for unprofessional conduct must be filed at once with the proper authorities in the Institute. While these charges are pending, Zakharoff cannot resign until the charges of unprofessional conduct are heard by a proper committee of the Institute.

Also, in my opinion, charges of unprofessional conduct should be filed with the State Board of Examiners of Architects.

Having had a sad personal experience in this type of vicious slander, it is my earnest hope that the fellow architects and friends of Mr. Gerhardt will take immediate and drastic action, the type of which would have been most helpful to me in that great time of need.

Mr. Secretary, you may count on my earnest support in the most drastic action possible in the case of Zakharoff.

Yours truly,

  
John R. Fugard

JRF:AH

CC Mr. Paul Gerhardt, Jr.  
Mr. E. C. Kemper



THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

WV FEB 20 AM 11:05

Washington, D.C.

February 18, 1947

Mr. Alexis Zakharoff,  
6047 Dorchester Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Zakharoff,

Mr. Elmer Jensen, Mr. John W. Root and I have been appointed by the Chicago Chapter of the A.I.A. to consider the charges you have brought as "to the practice of architecture and professional activities of certain Architects in Chicago".

Mr. Root is out of the City and will be for a considerable time, but Mr. Jensen and I would like to have you meet with us at 3 o'clock, Monday afternoon, February 24th at my office - 424, 160 North LaSalle Street.

I sincerely trust you will be able to meet as suggested. If not, please notify us as to a time that may be agreeable to you.

Very sincerely yours,



SCHWEIKHER AND ELTING  
ARCHITECTS  
MEACHAM ROAD  
ROSELLE ILLINOIS

THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1947 MAR -3 PM 3:02

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 28, 1947

The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

A short time ago, copies of a letter of resignation signed by Alexis A. Zakharoff were sent to members of the Chicago Chapter.

This letter contained serious charges against certain members of the profession in Chicago.

It is our opinion that charges of this sort cannot be made and circulated about without the American Institute taking steps either to substantiate or to disprove them.

We trust that it is the intention of the Institute, through the Chicago Chapter, to report fully to its membership on the disposition of this matter.

Very truly yours,



Winston Elting

we:sg

cc: Mr. Charles D. Faulkner, Secretary  
Chicago Chapter, A. I. A.  
307 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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

COPY

February 26, 1947

The American Institute of Architects **March 10, 1947**  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

A short time ago, copies of a letter of resignation signed by Alexis A. Zakharoff were sent to members of the Chicago Chapter.

**Dear Mr. Elting:**

This letter contained serious charges against certain members of the profession ~~meetings here~~ and a trip to Grand Rapids to make arrange-

ments for the coming Institute Convention have delayed a response circulated about without the American Institute taking steps either to ~~to yours of February 28.~~ Please accept an apology.

We trust that ~~we understand that the charges made by Mr. Alexis Zakharoff~~ Chicago Chapter, to report fully to its members on the dis-  
position ~~of the charges~~ are receiving the attention of the Chicago Chapter.

For that reason the resignation which Mr. Zakharoff submitted has been held until released by the Chapter. Should you wish to make representations to the Chapter in this matter, your letter should be addressed to its Secretary, Mr. Charles D. Faulkner, 307 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 1, Illinois.

Sincerely yours,

cc: Mr. Charles D. Faulkner, Secretary  
Chicago Chapter, A. I. A.  
307 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Executive Director.

Mr. Winston Elting, A.I.A.  
Beacham Road  
Roselle, Illinois

ECK:MSD

cc: Mr. Charles D. Faulkner, Secretary  
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189 WEST MADISON STREET

INSTITUTE CHARTER 1872



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
STATE CHARTER JUN 1890 PM 10:00  
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RETURN TO THE A. I. A.  
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 5, 1947

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Director  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

It was the decision of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Chapter, A.I.A., in their meeting of June 2nd, to recommend to the Board of Directors of the Institute that Mr. Alexis A. Zakharoff be dropped from membership in The American Institute of Architects.

The reason for this recommendation is that Mr. Zakharoff has made untrue accusations and damaging remarks regarding certain members of the Chicago Chapter, A.I.A., namely, Messrs. Gerhardt, Ostergren and Murphy. These remarks were contained in letters circulated by Mr. Zakharoff on two occasions, copies of which are attached.

A special committee, appointed by the Executive Committee, investigated and found that Mr. Zakharoff was not able to prove his accusations.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. D. Faulkner, Secretary  
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.

CDF.p

cc Paul Gerhardt, Jr.

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*Faulkner*  
*June 24*

June 6, 1947

Dear Alex:

At the February meeting of The Executive Committee the resignation of Alexis A. Zakharoff of the Chicago Chapter was submitted.

In that letter he made charges against various members of The Institute, public bodies, and agencies in Illinois, and concluded his letter with the statement that he resigned in protest from The A.I.A.

Action was as follows:

"Resolved, That in accord with the letter of February 17, 1947 from the Secretary of the Chicago Chapter, it is directed that no action be taken on the resignation of Alexis A. Zakharoff pending a final report and recommendations from the Chapter."

Following this, Mr. Zakharoff and Mr. Faulkner, the Secretary of the Chicago Chapter, were advised accordingly.

Mr. Faulkner's letter of February 17, 1947 regarding this case is enclosed.

The Institute now has a letter of June 2 from Mr. Zakharoff, which is enclosed herewith, there not being time to make a copy.

We are in doubt as to the procedure which should be followed.

In the last paragraph of his letter, Mr. Faulkner requested that Institute action on Mr. Zakharoff's resignation be held pending the Chapter's investigation of his first letter.

Apparently that investigation has been made by a special committee of the Chapter, as mentioned in the fourth paragraph of Mr. Faulkner's letter.

Should we await a report from the Chicago Chapter? And in the meantime should any acknowledgment be made of Mr. Zakharoff's present letter of June 2?

Or, should we request a report from the Chicago Chapter - with a view to bringing the resignation before The Executive Committee at its meeting in late July - advising Mr. Zakharoff to that effect?

With the return of his letter, please give us your guidance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Alexander C. Robinson, III, Secretary  
The American Institute of Architects  
1740 East 12th Street  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

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A. ZAKHAROFF A.I.A.  
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CC: Mr. C. H. Hammond  
Mr. E. C. Jenson  
Mr. I. W. Root

American Institute of Architects  
Washington, D. C.

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2 June 1947

Sirs:

The investigation of my charges against certain architects in Chicago, conducted by C. H. Hammond, E. C. Jenson and I. W. Root are terminated and it was found that my accusations are not proved. I should like to say a few words about this matter and give a light to certain details of the investigation.

First of all, from a strictly formal legal point of view, I could object to the choice of such a Committee. C. H. Hammond is a State Architect tied in with politicians of the other camp; and it would be rather awkward for him to take a stand in my defense when I attack the Democratic Machine of Chicago.

Besides this, I. W. Root is a former Architect of Municipal Institution of the Chicago Park District (Holabird and Root designed Chicago Park Administration Building) and he certainly cannot afford to be impartial as my accusations were directed mainly against the "Dark Battalion" of Park District. But, I must admit that the Whole Committee made sincere efforts to find out the truth. Their investigations were impartial, unbiased and friendly and human towards me; but, I must add, superficial for the reason that they only touched my accusations of members of the American Institute of Architects. They have not the professional skill of prosecuting attorney and they could not be asked to take the oath. And, of course, they have not the time to question the designers and draftsmen of Gerhardt, which I was asking them to do. Besides, as I suspected, my witness did not have the heroism to tell the truth voluntarily and expose himself.

I accept their verdict; but my conviction that a criminal state of affairs exists in Chicago municipally did not change at all. There are fraudulent architects who got their license by criminal ways; and more and more I am convinced that my accusations are right. Gerhardt, a man without any technical education or practical experience and a fraudulent license, was taken and promoted by former Mayor Kelly as a screen, collaborator of mayor corruptibility. A priori it can be said that the appointment of Gerhardt is the best proof that he is an imposter. Everything is crooked. The Civil Service Examination is a comedy and this was proved many times. Gerhardt "muscled in" on the American Institute of Architects with the hopes that nobody would dare pull him down....supposedly an outstanding architect on a high pedestal.

The other Municipal Architect, Charles Murphy, is also the <sup>bird</sup> same kind of feather..the clerk in the Architects Office, a man without any technical education with a license which he bought over the counter, is now a prominent municipal architect and his firm is doing millions of dollars of work. They are the typical mushrooms grown on the rotten ground of the Chicago Municipal Administration. It is proper to say that it was recently disclosed that the building inspectors and clerks in the Assessor's Office were criminals. For former positions, 20,000 applications were made and Mayor Kelly could not make a better choice and he took a criminal!! Recently, one "so called" engineer, a former office boy and broom keeper, ignorant draftsman without a high school education, a grafter...Mayor Kelly's protege...was appointed to a \$12,000 position of national importance and nobody protested. Architectural and Engineering Societies were completely indifferent to the building activities in their communities and did not protest to the infringements of their field of criminal scum.....false architects and false engineers.

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I wrote before and told the Committee my accusations against Gerhardt and statement that diploma mill existed (I hope they do not exist now) in the State of Illinois are secondaries and additional. My main accusation directed against the Engineering Office of Chicago Park District, (Vomitories) controlled by former Mayor Kelly for a long time.

I am an Architectural Designer <sup>OF PARKS</sup> for many years, and I can prove that the "Dark Battalion" infests the Engineering Office and ignorant hands are doing tremendous harm to the construction dedicated for the Recreation of the "Children of the Poor." Ignorant draftsmen with false diplomas of Architects and Engineers, complete ignoramous and political appointees, are at the rudder. The duties of Chief Architect is the hand of former laborer in repair store and structural tracer. The Chief Architectural Designer, Charles Schroeder, is a double swindler and imposter. (According to the dictionary to swindle is to cheat with intentions). He passed State Architectural Examination by fraudulent ways and the Civil Service also by buying questions. He is a grafter and arsonist and he was questioned during an investigation of murder of a student in Champagne. He already made tremendous harm to Park and his last job, which cost \$40,000....the remodeling of the Field House of Armour Square....destinated to the waste basket.

The investigation of this criminal document will prove that the diploma mill exists in the State of Illinois. How can such ignorant men as Schroeder ~~and Gerhardt~~ <sup>could</sup> pass State Examinations without buying questions!! <sub>MURPHY</sub> <sub>PASS</sub>

The American Institute of Architects and prominent Architects of Chicago Chapter must drop the strictly formal and superficial attitude towards the crime which degraded the proffession and the service of Architects to the Humanity. The hidden crime exists!! The present investigation is too superficial. The crime will be uncovered soon, believe me!!

Alexis A. Zakharoff  
6046 Dorchertch  
CHICAGO 37

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1741 New York Avenue, N. W.

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*VC attached*

Dear Ed:

In reply to your letter of June 9, 1947, concerning the Zakharoff case, as I said in my previous letter, I think the best thing to do is to hold this until the Executive Committee meeting in July.

? | I was under the impression that Zakharoff wanted to resign from The Institute if his charges against the Chicago Institute Members were not pressed. However, my correspondence does not show that to be the case and I may be in error. In any case you were correct that the Chicago Chapter or Members would have to prefer charges in order to have him dropped.

Sincerely,

*ACR*

ACR/ve

Alexander C. Robinson, III

Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary

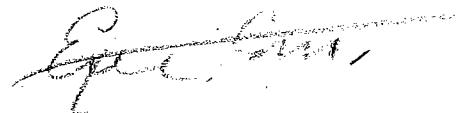
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June 24, 1947

Dear Mr. Faulkner:

With further reference to your letter of June 5 and our response of June 9 - with particular reference to the recommendation of the executive committee of the Chicago Chapter that Mr. Alexis A. Zakharoff be dropped from membership in The Institute:

This matter has been reviewed by The Secretary of The Institute, Mr. Robinson, and his instructions are that the correspondence be submitted to The Executive Committee at its meeting to be held in Washington during the last week in July.

Meanwhile, at the direction of The Secretary, we write to ask if The Institute may have, for the confidential information of The Executive Committee, a copy of the report of the special committee referred to in your letter of June 5.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

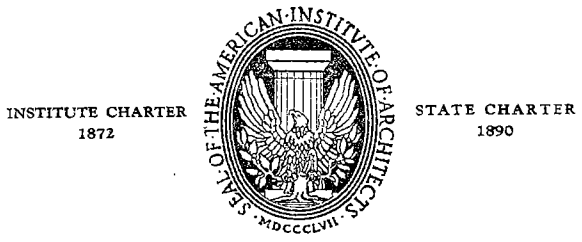
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June 27, 1947

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Director  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

In reply to your request of  
the 24th, for a copy of the report of the  
special committee of the Chicago Chapter,  
A.I.A., investigating Mr. A. A. Zakharoff,  
I am attaching this copy hereto, in dupli-  
cate.

Sincerely yours,

*Chas. D. Faulkner*

Chas. D. Faulkner, Secretary  
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.

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May 27, 1947

Mr. Charles D. Faulkner, Secretary  
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.,  
307 N. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Faulkner:

Pursuant to your letter of January 7, 1947, re the charges of member Zakharoff, which consist of certain written statements distributed by him referring to the personal character of members Paul Gerhardt, Jr., Robert C. Ostergren and Charles F. Murphy and their connection with what the said Zakharoff calls a "license mill."

We, the undersigned members of the committee of three appointed by the Executive Committee of the Chicago Chapter, A.I.A., to investigate, beg leave to report as follows:

Two members had an interview with Mr. Zakharoff on Feb. 24, 1947. The third member was absent from the city. At this interview Mr. Zakharoff gave us the name of E. V. Buchsbaum, Wab. 1600, whom Mr. Zakharoff said knew the facts and could confirm his charges of the "mill." Mr. Zakharoff was asked if his statements were based solely on his impressions and not on definite evidence in his possession. He answered, "Yes."

One of your committee members interviewed Mr. Buchsbaum over the 'phone. He stated he knew of no reason why he should have been referred to as he knew nothing whatever about Mr. Zakharoff's charges as to a "mill" or the methods used in securing licenses.

On May 27 the three members had a personal interview with Mr. Zakharoff. He repeated that his statements as circulated were based on his impressions and that he had no direct evidence of improper methods used but again referred to Mr. Buchsbaum whom we tried unsuccessfully to reach. In answer to the question if he knew of any others whom he felt had direct knowledge or evidence, Mr. Zakharoff said "No." He volunteered the belief that in the event of a formal legal inquiry, witnesses under oath would feel compelled to testify as to what they knew.

In answer to a question as to what evidence he had to support his term of "swindler" he stated that he felt he should have used the term "imposter" instead of "swindler."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) John W. Root  
" C. Herrick Hammond  
" Elmer C. Jensen

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August 14, 1947

Dear Mr. Faulkner:

At a meeting of The Executive Committee of The Institute held in Washington on July 29-31, 1947, the pending resignation of Mr. Alexis A. Zakharoff, a corporate member assigned to the Chicago Chapter, was accepted, effective July 29, 1947.

A copy of our letter to Mr. Zakharoff advising him to this effect is enclosed.

By direction of The Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. Charles B. Faulkner, Secretary  
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.  
307 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago 1, Illinois

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August 14, 1947

Dear Mr. Zakharoff:

Your resignation as a member of The Institute, and subsequent correspondence, were submitted to The Executive Committee of The Institute at its meeting in Washington, D. C. on July 29-31, 1947.

The action taken by The Executive Committee was to accept your resignation, effective July 29, 1947, and a notice to that effect has been sent to the Chicago Chapter to which you were assigned.

By direction of The Secretary.

Very truly yours,

Executive Director

Mr. Alexis A. Zakharoff  
6046 Dorchester Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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*Copy to Mrs. Miller*

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August 20, 1947

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Director  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Relative to your letter of August 14th, we feel that Mr. Zakharoff has conducted himself both ungentlemanly and unprofessionally. In view of this fact, the Executive Committee of the Chicago Chapter specifically requests that the Directors of The Institute place themselves on record, sending us copy of such record, to the effect that Mr. Alexis A. Zakharoff will not again be readmitted to The Institute at any future time through any of its chapters.

The Executive Committee will be glad to have a reply from the Directors.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. D. Faulkner, Secretary  
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.

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Zakharoff  
J. A. B.

August 26, 1947

Dear Mr. Faulkner:

This will acknowledge yours of August 20 at hand on the 22nd, with regard to the resignation of Mr. Alexis A. Zakharoff, and transmitting the request of the executive committee of the Chicago Chapter that The Board of The Institute place itself on record to the effect that he shall not again be admitted to The Institute at any future time through any of its chapters.

We shall be sure to submit your letter to The Board at its next meeting, which will be in Charleston, South Carolina, during the first week of December.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. Chas. D. Faulkner, Secretary  
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.  
307 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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EXCERPT FROM MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD

December 3-6, 1947

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Alexis A. Zakharoff—Letter of Chicago Chapter

The Secretary read a letter from the executive committee of the Chicago Chapter, dated August 20, 1947, concerning the action of The Executive Committee of The Institute at its July 1947 meeting, in accepting the resignation of Alexis A. Zakharoff. The Chicago Chapter executive committee requested that The Board go on record to the effect that Mr. Alexis A. Zakharoff will not again be admitted to The Institute at any future time through any of its chapters. Action was as follows:

*Resolved*, That in the event Alexis A. Zakharoff, former member, should apply for reinstatement as a corporate member of The Institute, it is directed by this Board that the correspondence and record in his case, with reference to his resignation from The Institute, be submitted to The Board of Examiners with his application for reinstatement. (327-B-12-47)