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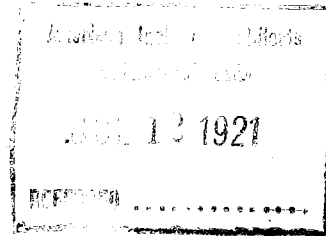
ARCHITECTS

734 FIFTEENTH STREET N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C

A. H. SONNEMANN  
L. JUSTEMENT

July 11, 1921.

Mr. E. C. Kemper,  
Executive Secretary A. I. A.,  
The Octagon House,  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed my application for membership in the American Institute of Architects and my check for \$5.00 to cover initiation fee.

Yours very truly,

LJ:R



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

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August 15, 1921.

My dear Sir:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective August 15, 1921.

You have been assigned to the Washington, D. C. Chapter as an Institute member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter so notified.

The enclosed statement for dues should receive early attention, as the engrossed Certificate of Membership is not sent until the dues for the first year have been paid. No charge has been made for first half of the current year.

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.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

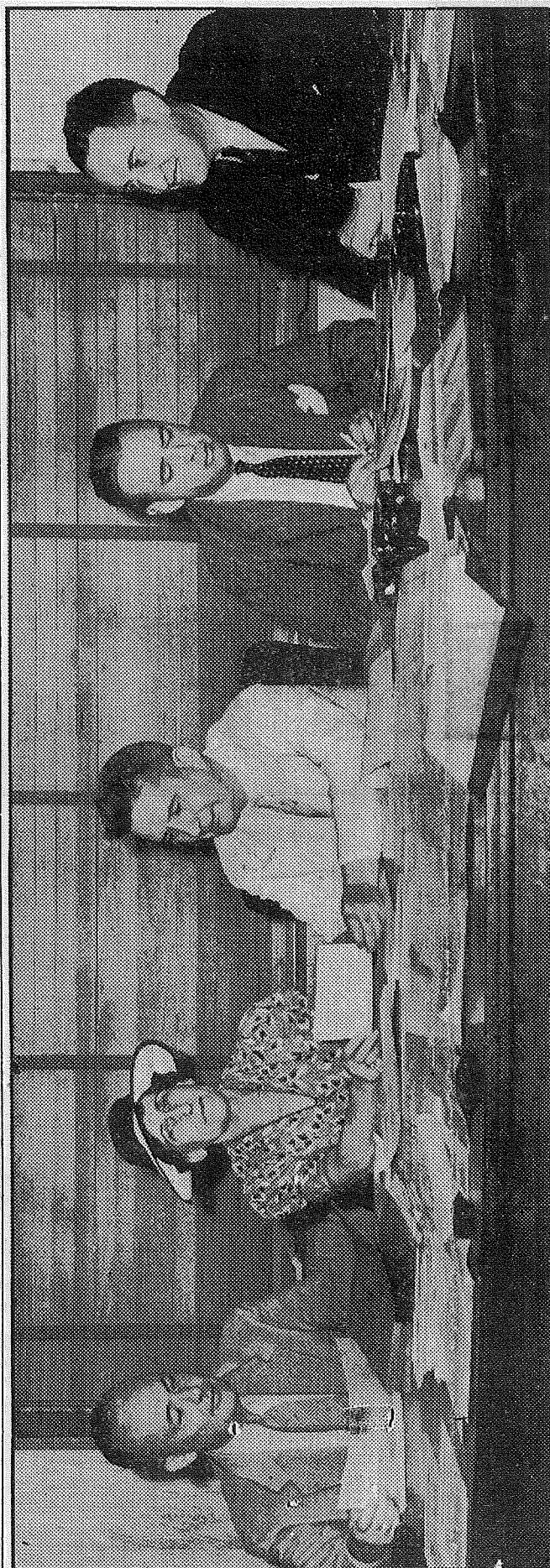
Mr. L. Justement,  
734 - 15th Street,  
Washington, D. C.

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Enclosure

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JOSEPH A. BROWN

MISS THEO JACOBS

LOUIS JUSTEMENT

WILLIAM D. LAMDIN

DOUGLAS GORDON

JUDGING ARCHITECTURE—Members of the jury selecting winners in the Baltimore Association of Commerce's competition for architectural design in Baltimore in 1939 are shown going over photographs of structures entered in the contest. Certificates of merit will be awarded the winners in seven classes. Late today the judges are visiting the locations of buildings not eliminated from the photographs.

### JURY PICKING BEST BUILDINGS OF 1939

Selecting Seven Architectural Winners For B. A. Of C. Awards

Winners in the Baltimore Association of Commerce's competition for architectural design in Baltimore in 1939 are being decided today by a jury of five, which is visiting a number of locations. The winners will be announced in the near future.

Winners in the Baltimore Architectural Institute of Architects competition for 1939 are being decided today by a jury of five, which is visiting a number of locations. The winners will be announced in the near future.

The jury is composed of four Baltimoreans and one Washingtonian. The members are Louis Justement, of the Washington chapter of the American Institute of Architects; William D. Lamdin, of the Baltimore chapter of the same organization; Douglas H. Gordon, of the Municipal Art Society; Mrs. Daniel Baker, Jr., of the Women's Civic League, and Joseph A. Brown, of the Building Congress and Exchange. Miss Theo Jacobs, of the League, substituted for Mrs. Baker, who is ill today.

The jury met, selected a chairman, adopted a basis of judging the various buildings in the seven categories of the competition, examined photographs of between twenty-five and thirty structures, and later prepared to visit the buildings not already eliminated through the photographs.

By the end of the day, officials at the association said, the judging will be completed, and all that will remain will be the announcing of winners and the presentation of parchment certificates of merit.

#### Has Seven Classes

The competition is for buildings completed within the city limits in 1939, and the seven classes are: Apartments, including group houses, row houses; factories; retail commercial buildings, including theaters; non-retail commercial buildings, including garages; altered facades, providing the alteration extended to the whole front of the building, and other outstanding structures, not including private dwellings. Buildings for Federal, State and municipal agencies are not included in the competition.

Officials at the Association of Commerce said today that it was not known whether there would be certificates issued in each of the classes, and pointed out that it was probable that if any class did not warrant an award, it would not be made.

This is the first year the association has held the contest, and the basis of the judging is expected to set a precedent which can be followed in future years.

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Received Dec. 29, 1943  
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Voted On March 14, 1946  
Granted March 14, 1946.

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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. *Name of Nominee* Louis Justement *Date of Nomination* Dec. 20, 1943
2. *Address of Nominee* 1223 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C.
3. *Nominee's firm* Office of Louis Justement
4. *Nominee's principal place of business* District of Columbia
5. *Nominee's Chapter* Washington, D. C.
6. *Nominee's State Association Member*
7. *Nominee admitted to Institute* 1921 19 .
8. *Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from* 1921 to 1943
9. *Nominee's age* 52 *Birthplace* New York, N. Y.
10. *Nominators:* Messrs. Frederick V. Murphy, F.A.I.A.  
Horace W. Peaslee, F.A.I.A.  
Francis J. Sullivan, F.A.I.A.  
Nathan C. Wyeth, F.A.I.A.  
Louis A. Simon, F.A.I.A.
11. *Achievement* in design and service to The Institute

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

BY

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

THE JURY OF FELLOWS

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

Date December 20 19 43

Use typewriter  
except for signa-  
tures.

We hereby nominate Louis Justement  
member of The Washington D. C. Chapter,  
for fellowship in The Institute for his notable contribution to the advancement of the profession by his  
achievements in \*design, \*the science of construction, \*literature, \*education, \*service to The Institute,  
\*public service.

Type in full name  
of nominee.  
Type in name of  
Chapter.

\*Strike out all  
inappropriate  
words.

Evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship is appended.

\*\* Members' Signatures

Chapter of Signer

✓ <u>Frederick V. Murphy F.A.I.A.</u>	<u>Washington, D.C.</u>
✓ <u>Joseph P. ... F.A.I.A.</u>	<u>Washington, D.C.</u>
✓ <u>James S. ... P.A.I.A.</u>	<u>Washington, D.C.</u>
✓ <u>Arthur C. ... P.A.I.A.</u>	<u>Washington, D.C.</u>
✓ <u>Louis ... F.A.I.A.</u>	<u>Washington, D.C.</u>

\*\*The signatures  
of five fellows of  
the nominee's  
chapter or of state  
association mem-  
ber to which he  
belongs; or of  
any ten corporate  
members will con-  
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nation. If you  
are a Fellow place  
the initials  
F.A.I.A. after  
your name.

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

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

1. Nominee's full name      Louis Justement
2. Nominee is a natural ~~naturalized~~ citizen of      United States
3. Nominee's legal residence      Maryland
4. Nominee's firm name      Office of Louis Justement
5. Nominee's principal place of business, address      1223 Connecticut Ave.  
Washington D.C.
6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by      District of Columbia  
Maryland, Pennsylvania,  
New Jersey
7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect ~~teacher in architecture~~  
~~teacher in science of construction~~ ~~public official~~ ~~retired~~
8. Born      Nov. 20, 1891. Place of birth      New York, N.Y.
9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
High School	Royal Athenaeum, Ghent, Belgium	6	1908	
<i>Private School</i>				
<i>College or University</i>				
	Geo. Washington U. Washington. D.C.	3	1911	B.S. in Arch're.
<i>College or University</i>				
<i>Post Graduate at</i>				
<i>Scholarships held</i>				
10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

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2. Strike out in-appropriate word and write in name of Country.

6. Type in "N.C. A. R. B." or name of State Board, as case may be.

7. Strike out in-appropriate words.

8. Type in date of birth and city and Country.

10. Type in important experiences during employment or additional statistics of importance in nominee's record.



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

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work (City)	(State)	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
C	FALKLAND HOUSING PROJECT	SILVER SP'G	MD.		3
C	ADDITION, " " "	" " "	" " "		
C	JERIGO MANOR	JENKINTOWN,	PA.		
C	MEADOWBROOK VILLAGE, P; AINFIELD,		N.J.		3
C	HILTON VILLAGE	BALTIMORE,	MD.		1
C	WYNWOOD PARK	WYNWOOD	PA.		
C	FORT DUPONT HOUSES	WASHINGTON	D.C.		
C	HIGHLAND DWELLINGS	"	"		
C	WAR HOUSING PROJECT	CEDAR POINT	MD.		
C	RESIDENCE, A.C. MOSES	WASHINGTON	D.C.	1924	1
A	HARVARD APARTMENTS	"	"	1928	1
A	HOTEL FOR DEF. HOUSING	"	"	1942	3

Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.

Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

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

In addition to the above list.

In 1921, won two out of three first prizes in National Own Your own Home competition.

In 1940, received Honorable Mention, International Congress of Architects, Montevideo, for Falkland Housing Project.

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## NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

### 1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

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

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

<i>Subject Title</i>	<i>Where Published</i>	<i>Date Published</i>
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None of record

3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

None of record

## NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

### 1. EDUCATION WORK

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

### 2. LITERARY WORK

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

*Book, Treatise  
or Article*

*Subject*

*Name of Book or Periodical  
Containing Work*

*Year Work  
Published*

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

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

Served on Institute Committee on Housing

" " Chapter " " "

Past President, Washington D. C. Chapter

Member of Chapter Committee on Post War Planning

Chairman of Sub-committee " " "

Active interest in City Planning

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## NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

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

LOUIS A. SIMON  
1735 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 28, 1943.

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

Dear Sirs:

Attached hereto is the nomination of  
Mr. Louis Justement of Washington, for the advance-  
ment to Fellowship in the Institute. The nomination  
is signed by Fellows, all members of the Washington  
D.C. Chapter, namely Messers Murphy, Peaslee, Sullivan,  
Wyeth and myself.

There are included with the papers, support-  
ing letters from the nominators; and there are also  
submitted twelve photographs of some of Mr. Justement's  
executed work, as listed on Page 3.

If anything further is required kindly let  
me know.

Very truly yours,

*Louis A. Simon*  
Louis A. Simon, F.A.I.A.

WASHINGTON

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

February 28, 1946

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

In our letter to you of February  
24th we have reported that Louis Justement  
is in good standing in the Washington, D.C.  
Chapter.

I am now authorized to express the  
desire of the Executive Committee to warmly  
support the nomination of Mr. Justement.

Sincerely yours,



Harry Barrett, Secretary  
2100 Connecticut Ave. (8)

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FREDERICK VERNON MURPHY, F. A. I. A.

MURPHY AND LOCRAFT  
ARCHITECTS  
1413 H STREET, NORTHWEST  
WASHINGTON 5, D. C.

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THOMAS HALL LOCRAFT, A. I. A.  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dec. 28, 1943

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

Gentlemen:

Mr. Louis Justement, whom I have known professionally for about thirty years received my unqualified indorsement for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

My principal reason for offering these words of praise for his candidacy is that he is truly an architect, well equipped in technical knowledge, studious and thorough in getting out his plans and specifications and conscientious in regards to the expenditure of money intrusted to him by his clients.

His designs are simple, straightforward and in good taste. His horizon is broad, including a very good knowledge of city planning as a result of much reading and travel.

I feel that the Jury of Fellows, acting for the Institute will recognize this unusual combination of abilities and elect him. It would give me great personal satisfaction to know that he had received your unanimous favorable decision.

Very truly yours,

*Fred V. Murphy*  
.....  
Fred V Murphy F.A.I.A.



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WASHINGTON, D. C.



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Washington, D. C.

December 22, 1943

The Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon  
1741 New York Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

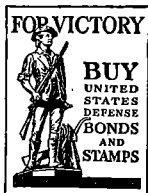
Gentlemen:

Supplementing the nomination of Mr. Louis Justement for Fellowship, I wish to record my opinion that this award is merited by "advanced thinking", by quality of executed work and by demonstrated professional leadership.

Before there was any general housing "movement" Mr. Justement was studying possibilities and interesting members of the Washington Chapter and working on legislation. As a matter of fact, he drafted the first legislation submitted to Congress and introduced by Dr. Copeland based on the acquisition of land by eminent domain for rebuilding or reassemblage and housing development. At the Institute level, Mr. Justement was a member of Robert Kohn's housing committee which ultimately accomplished the legislation which established the base for government activities in the housing field. As the housing program developed, he developed with it and designed both public and private housing of a high standard, and on a large scale, as the exhibits indicate.

As President of the Chapter, Mr. Justement served three successive terms--not because of custom, for that had been established on a one or two term basis, but because of his unusually successful administration. Under his direction the Chapter membership increased and even long dormant members turned out for record breaking attendance at meetings. Programs were organized which awakened keen interest. Particularly commendable was the build-up of the younger element and the provision of undertakings which recognized their interests and stimulated their participation. In some instance, excess of enthusiasm developed but in the end, the net result was a gain for all concerned.

In the handling of his practice, Mr. Justement has set a good example of establishing his office methods on sound bases and of



knowing and meeting adequately his production costs all of which has given his office a good reputation for business like practice.

I am particularly glad to contribute this supporting testimonial as Mr. Justement and I had a head-on collision a dozen years ago on a question of procedure. We may have another one if his Washington planning studies tend to hamstring the planning by authorized governmental agencies which the allied professions are supporting. Nevertheless, these very circumstances make me all the more inclined to testify as to capacity and achievements which seem to me to warrant the Fellowship award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Horace W. Peaslee".

Horace W. Peaslee FAIA

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FRANCIS P. SULLIVAN, #43 ADEC 29A PM 1:57

*Architect*

WASHINGTON, D. C.

STUDIO BUILDING., 808 17TH STREET

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 23, 1943

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

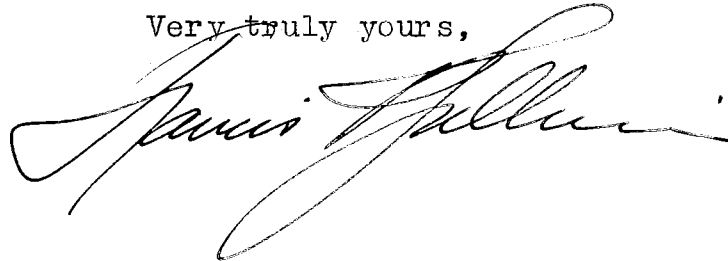
Gentlemen:

A recommendation for the advancement to the grade of Fellow of Mr. Louis Justement is about to be presented to you, and I am writing in support of this action. Mr. Justement is an architect of high professional standing and has done a large volume of excellent work in this vicinity, particularly in the field of apartment planning.

His design for the Falkland Housing Project was premiated by the International Congress of Architects in 1940. He has done conscientious and able service in the Institute and his interest in the younger men of the profession and their problems has been particularly noteworthy.

I believe that Mr. Justement is highly deserving of the distinction which it is proposed to confer upon him.

Very truly yours,



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ENGINEER DEPARTMENT

THE AMERICAN  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 20, 1943

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
MUNICIPAL ARCHITECT

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

Gentlemen:

Mr. Louis Justement is being presented for  
fellowship in the American Institute of Architects  
and I wish to call attention to his following  
qualifications:

He is a graduate B.S. in Architecture at  
George Washington University, Washington, D. C., 1911.  
He travelled extensively in England, Belgium, France,  
Italy and Germany. From 1911 to 1919 he had drafting  
experience in offices in Texas, California and  
Washington, D. C. From 1919 to 1924 he practiced  
architecture under the firm name of Sonnemann and  
Justement. Since 1924 he has been practicing under his  
own name and has made an intensive study of the housing  
problem. He has also taken a very active interest in  
post-war planning and city planning. In 1921 he won  
two out of three first prizes in the "National Own Your  
Own Home" competition. In 1940 Mr. Justement received  
an honorable mention from the International Congress of  
Architects at Montevideo for his design for the Falkland  
Housing Project, Washington, D. C. Mr. Justement has  
taken a most active interest in the American Institute  
of Architects since 1921 and has served three terms as  
President of the Washington, D. C. Chapter.

It is my firm belief that Mr. Justement  
deserves the highest recognition in the American  
Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,



NATHAN C. WYETH  
Municipal Architect, D. C.

LOUIS A. SIMON  
1735 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE AMERICAN  
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December 28, 1943. WASHINGTON, D. C.

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

Dear Sirs:

As one of the signers of the nomination of Mr. Louis Justement for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute, the following is submitted:

After obtaining his degree B.S. in Architecture, Mr. Justement spent some time in European travel, and about twenty-four years ago he started active practice of Architecture in Washington. He is regarded as a man of high principles and progressive in his attitude towards his professional work; and the confidence which local architects have in him is shown by the fact that he has served three terms as President of the Washington Chapter.

His deep interest in large-scale housing problems has resulted in his having served on committees of the Institute and the local Chapter dealing with that subject.

Mr. Justement's training, experience, service record etc described in the accompanying papers would, in my opinion, indicate his fitness for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Very truly yours,

  
Louis A. Simon F.A.I.A.

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COSMOS CLUB  
WASHINGTON 5, D. C.

Simon

March 9, 1946

Mr J. W. Gardner  
Chairman  
Jury of Fellows  
A. I. A.

MAR 11

Dear Mr Gardner

The name of Mr. Louis Justement  
was placed in nomination for  
Fellowship by the Washington D.C.  
Chapter.

I am mailing you, to be placed  
with his other exhibits, a book written  
by him & very recently published

With kind regards

Very truly yours

Louis A. Simon  
Chairman Fellowship Committee  
Washington D.C. Chapter.

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VICTORINE HOMSEY  
EUGENE H. KLABER  
1944 MAR -2 AM 9:41  
ASSOCIATED ARCHITECTS WASHINGTON, D.C.

1640 CONNECTICUT AVE.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
PHONE: COLUMBIA 1446

HOCKESSIN, DELAWARE  
PHONE: HOCKESSIN 589

March 1, 1944

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

Gentlemen:

I am informed that the nomination for fellowship of Mr. Louis Justement of the Washington D.C. chapter has been placed before you for consideration.

I have known Mr. Justement for ten years and during that period I have had constant opportunity to observe his professional attitude and his practice.

Mr. Justement is a designer of ability, as evidenced by the excellent work that he has done in housing which has constituted a considerable portion of his practice in recent years. This phase of his work has won him recognition and awards throughout this country and in South America.

He has served the Institute both on national committees and in the local chapter. He is a past President of the Washington D.C. chapter. During his presidency there was a marked growth in the number of associate members, which I believe was in a large measure due to his solicitude for the younger members of the profession and his stimulating influence on them. Not only in the chapter but in his office as well I have had an opportunity to observe his concern for his juniors, and the resultant "esprit de corps" which this has created in his own organization.

Through the years he has rendered important service to the public in connection with the zoning and building ordinances of Washington, D. C., and through his membership on the Board of Registration of Architects.

At the present time Mr. Justement is engaged in a study of a possible re-planning of the City of Washington, to which he has devoted a great deal of time and expense without any compensation.

Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.

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March 1, 1944

I feel that he has fully merited the distinction of election to fellowship, and consequently urge you strongly to grant him this honor.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eugene H. Klaber". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Eugene H. Klaber, F.A.I.A.

EHK:ML



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

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COPY

*Justement*

April 3, 1946

Dear Mr. Justement:

At the direction of The Secretary of The Institute we have the privilege of advising that you have been elected a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects by action of The Jury of Fellows, effective March 14, 1946.

The certificate of your election to Fellowship will be presented to you at a session of the 1946 Convention of The Institute, at the annual dinner to be held in the Terrace Restaurant, Miami Beach, Florida, on the evening of Thursday, May 9, 1946.

The presentation of Fellowship certificates is with appropriate ceremony, and it is highly desirable that the newly elected Fellows appear in person. The Officers of The Institute and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you be present to receive the honor.

Please send your response to The Octagon.

Sincerely yours,

ECK:EG

Executive Secretary

Mr. Louis Justement, F.A.I.A.  
2011 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

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*Justement*

Office of Louis Justement, Architect

2011 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON 6, D.C. TEL. NATIONAL 6920  
LOUIS JUSTEMENT F. WALLACE DIXON BRANCH D. ELAM J. HALE DARBY

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
APR 5 1946 AM 9:21  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 5, 1946

Mr. Edward C. Kemper  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 3rd advising me that I have been elected a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects by action of The Jury of Fellows, effective March 14, 1946.

Please be advised that I appreciate the honor that has been conferred upon me and that I will be present at the Convention to receive the Fellowship certificate.

Sincerely yours,

*Louis Justement*

Louis Justement

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April 3, 1946

Dear Mr. Barrett:

At the direction of The Secretary of The Institute we write to advise that Mr. Louis Justement has been elected a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects, effective March 14, 1946, by action of The Jury of Fellows.

Mr. Justement has been so notified and requested to be present in person to receive the honor, at the session of the 1946 Convention of The Institute following the dinner to be held in the Terrace Restaurant, Miami Beach, Florida, on the evening of Thursday, May 9, 1946.

It is requested that no local publicity be given to this election until after public announcement has been made by The Institute.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

ECK:EG

Mr. Harry Barrett, Secretary  
Washington, D.C., Chapter, A.I.A.  
2100 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 8, D. C.

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May 8th, 1946

## CONFIRMATION OF TELEGRAM

The Secretary of The Institute  
The A.I.A. Convention  
c/o Shelborne Hotel  
Miami Beach, Fla.

The Washington, D.C. Chapter asks you to convey its warmest congratulations to its past-President, Mr. Louis Justement, upon his election to Fellowship in the Institute.

The Chapter also wishes to express, through you <sup>and</sup> at this time and place, its own deep appreciation of the long and valuable services of Mr. Justement in the many fields of this Chapter's interests.

*Harry Barrett*  
Harry Barrett, Secretary  
Washington, D.C. Chapter.

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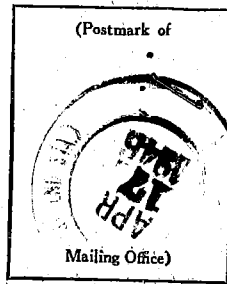
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Dear Mr. Justement:

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

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

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
The Jury of Fellows

FG:EG

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April 26, 1946

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Dear Tal:

Louis Justement has asked if you would be good enough to make two minor corrections noted on the enclosed release.

Sincerely yours,

ECK:EG  
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By Air Mail

Mr. Talmage C. Hughes, Chairman  
Committee on Public Information, A.I.A.  
120 Madison Avenue  
Detroit 26, Michigan

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Louis Justement - Washington, D. C. Chapter

Admitted to The Institute in 1921. Has made notable contributions to the profession of architecture, particularly in group housing. A pioneer in this field, his executed work bears eloquent testimony to his sensitive and thorough understanding of this problem and to his noteworthy ability as a designer. His writings and activities in the field of city planning have further increased his usefulness and effectiveness to the profession and the public. In recognition of his architectural achievements and of his extensive and valuable services to The Institute and to the Washington Chapter, he has been advanced to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

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LOUIS JUSTEMENT, F.A.I.A. BRANCH D. ELAM, A.I.A. JOS. HALE DARBY, A.I.A.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 21, 1949

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

Gentlemen:

This is to inform you that the firm name of Louis Justement has been changed to Justement, Elam and Darby. Will you please see that the change is made in the next printing of the Membership Directory?

Sincerely yours,

  
Louis Justement

LJ:LG



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Administration Building  
1735 New York Ave., N.W.

October 23, 1962

Dear Mr. Justement:

Allow me to acknowledge your letter of October 17th addressed to Mr. Stanton who is now in Mexico. It will be brought to his attention upon his return and prior to the forthcoming meeting of the Institute's Board in Alabama next week.

Yours very sincerely,

Frederick Guthrie  
Assistant to the Executive Director

Mr. Louis Justement, F.A.I.A.  
2011 K Street, N.W.  
Washington 8, D. C.

FG:c

cc: Mr. Glenn Stanton

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*Members  
Justement*

December 27, 1956

Mr. Louis Justement, F.A.I.A.  
2011 K Street, N.W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

*Staff  
Justement*

Dear Louis:

I have your letter of December 19th asking if I will write a letter in behalf of Henry S. Churchill. This time, if you will forgive me, I must beg off.

It seems I have been writing lately in behalf of a great number of people for membership in the Cosmos Club and with indifferent success. I am afraid the Admissions Committee every time it meets says to itself, "Here is that man again."

I would like to see Henry a member of the Club and I wish you and Julian all success.

Yours sincerely,

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

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*Member's  
Justement, Louis*

January 7, 1957

Mr. Louis Justement, F.A.I.A.  
2011 K Street, N.W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Louis:

We wonder if you could help The Institute out in another matter in which your experience and expert judgment would be invaluable.

I enclose the invitation sent to Leon Chatelain by the President of the Bar Association together with the background information. Leon Chatelain and I are leaving that afternoon for Puerto Rico and at his earnest recommendation, I am writing to ask if you can represent The Institute on the occasion.

We will doubtless support the Jenkins-Keogh legislation. I am very much afraid that the Davis Bill type of legislation is definitely out, although I, personally, think it is the preferable solution. Obviously, there are many others who do not share this point of view. Besides, the Jenkins-Keogh legislation has much to recommend it and as it is the only solution in prospect it behooves us to really support it.

We will certainly file statements; whether or not we will testify will depend on whether or not we can find a willing witness.

I suggest that either you or Leon could ably represent The Institute on the Hill. However, that is something we can discuss at a future date. In the meantime, I can only urge, on behalf of Leon and all the rest of us, that you, if possible, attend the Bar Association meeting.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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

ERP:hrs

cc: Mr. Chatelain, Jr.  
Mr. Morris, Jr.

*Member  
Justement, Louis*



May 28, 1957

Mr. Louis Justement, F.A.I.A.  
2011 K Street, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Louis:

On behalf of President Leon Chatelain, Jr., and the Board of Directors it is a pleasure to advise you of your appointment as Chairman of the National Capital Committee. The duties of this committee are: To carry on the traditional interest of The Institute in the orderly and proper growth and development of the National Capital with due regard for its fundamental character, its characteristic plan, and its continually expanding requirements, and to this end to cooperate with The National Capital Park and Planning Commission, The Commission of Fine Arts, and with professional and other societies or agencies as it may deem expedient and in the public interest.

Your term of office will be until the end of Convention, 1958.

We shall look forward to acceptance of your appointment

Yours very truly,

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

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*Edmund R. Purves*  
*Justament, Louis*

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September 2, 1959

Mr. Louis Justament, F.A.I.A.  
2011 K Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Louis:

I am very grateful to you and Mrs. Justament for coming to The Octagon last Friday to help us out with our French visitors. Your presence and participation were great contributions to the success of the affair.

Despite the heat and humidity, our French visitors enjoyed themselves as evidenced by the length of the party. I saw a number of the French people the day after the party and without exception, they expressed themselves with great gratitude and enthusiasm. It gave them an opportunity to meet American confreres on a pleasant and social basis and they had an insight of American life which otherwise they would not have enjoyed.

I also want to thank you for having one of the French visitors to dinner. It was most gracious and thoughtful of you and Mrs. Justament.

With many thanks to you for your help, I am

Cordially,

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

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January 24, 1960

Mr. Louis Justement, F. A. I. A.  
2011 K Street, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Louie:

Your retirement from the Chairmanship of the Committee on National Capital must not be allowed to pass without a word of deep appreciation from The Board and myself, speaking for the whole Institute membership.

It is indeed fortunate that you have consented to remain a member of the committee for its work is of the greatest importance and your continuing counsel will be both needed and appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Noble Richards, F. A. I. A.  
President

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*Justement, Louis*

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January 16, 1962

Mr. Louis Justement, FAIA  
2011 K Street, N.W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Louis:

The Institute Board and Officers are most grateful for the time and energy you have put into the Committee on the National Capital.

Unlike most professional societies, The Institute depends upon its committee members, their inspiration, judgment, and achievement, to carry forward our aims for the continued welfare of the profession and the public.

The debt owed you committeemen is one that cannot be repaid; it can only be acknowledged with an expression of the deepest gratitude of us all.

Please do not get the idea that the end of this particular task puts you into retirement. Far from it. You are being granted a brief respite which may be interrupted at any time by a call again to active duty on The Institute's firing line.

With deep appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

Philip Will, Jr., F.A.I.A.

PW:ekb  
cc: Regional Director Hopper

WASHINGTON-METROPOLITAN CHAPTER  
OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, INC.  
725 DUPONT CIRCLE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

November 29, 1967

*Betty -  
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Mrs. Maureen Marx, Manager  
Membership Procedures  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mrs. Marx:

Enclosed is the application of Louis Justement, FAIA for membership emeritus. Our records show that Mr. Justement has been a member in good standing in this Chapter since 1921.

Very truly yours,

*Joan T. W. Milstead*  
Joan T. W. Milstead  
Executive Secretary

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP EMERITUS

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

*Strike out the inappropriate reason, a, b, or c, as the case may be.*

I wish to apply for Membership Emeritus in The Institute for the following reasons:

- a. I am more than 70 years of age.
- ~~b. I am 65 years of age, retired, and not engaged in the practice of architecture.~~
- ~~c. I am unable to engage in any gainful vocation.~~

*Write in name of chapter.*

I have been in good standing in The Institute and the *Washington Metropolitan* Chapter for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

Respectfully,  
*Levin J. Stearns*  
Signature

Date *Nov. 28* 1967

*The applicant may supplement the above reasons in writing below or on sheets which he shall attach to this application. Under exceptional conditions and circumstances, The Board of Directors may lessen the period of good standing but not the requirements of a, b, or c.*

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December 12, 1967

Mr. Louis Justement, FAIA  
2011 "K" Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Justement:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that I have authorized your election as a Member Emeritus of The Institute as of December 1, 1967.

The Treasurer's Office of The Institute and your component organization are being directed to adjust the records accordingly.

On behalf of The Officers and Board of Directors, I wish to take this opportunity to express my great appreciation for your support, throughout your many years of membership, of the work and projects undertaken by The Institute and its components for the cause of better architecture.

We hope that your interest in The Institute and Chapter will continue, even though you have now been relieved of all dues payments.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Rex W. Allen, FAIA

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LOUIS JUSTEMENT

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Justement,  
Louis

MR. LOUIS JUSTEMENT

Graduate of George Washington University.

Practised architecture in Washington, D. C. since 1919.

Director of the A.I.A., for the Middle Atlantic District.

His primary interest was originally large-scale house,  
having designed a number of public as well as private projects.

This work led to a study of urban planning and the  
production of a book published this year and titled "Old  
Cities for new."

Star July 28, 1968

## Louis Justement Dies; Washington Architect

Louis Justement, 76, a Washington architect who was long active in city affairs, died Friday at Sibley Memorial Hospital, which he designed, after a heart attack at his home, 11731 Glen Mill Road, Potomac.

Considered an authority on large-scale housing projects, both private and public, Mr. Justement's work included the Falkland apartment development on upper 16th Street; the Meridian Hill Hotel; Fort Dupont Dwellings, a National Capital Housing Authority apartment development in Anacostia; the U.S. Courthouse here, and Howard University Medical School.

He was born in New York City and educated in public schools here and at the Royal Atheneum of Ghent, Belgium. He received a bachelor of science degree from George Washington University in 1911, and also attended Stanford University.

### Held Federal Posts

Mr. Justement was a junior partner in the firm of Sonnemann & Justement from 1919 to 1924, when he established his own office as an architect, and has been the senior partner of Justement & Callmer and its predecessor firms since 1946.

In 1934, Mr. Justement was appointed reconditioning supervisor for the Washington office of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, which was created to make available federal loans for reconditioning depression-hit properties in the District.

During World War II, he served in the Bureau of Yards and Docks of the Navy Department.

Long active in the redevelopment of Pennsylvania Avenue, Mrs. Justement won first prize in a competition conducted by the Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade in 1933 for remodeling an exhibit house at 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

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Three years ago Mr. Justement said that the President's Commission on Pennsylvania Avenue proposal to build 10 million square feet of new office buildings along the northern part of the avenue from 6th to 13th Streets would leave the heart of the city a "ghost town at night."

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LOUIS JUSTEMENT

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### Helped Draft, SW Plan

Mr. Justement, who took part in drafting the original plans for the redevelopment program in Southwest Washington, commented in 1953 that the plans had to be compromised to satisfy the divergent interests involved.

He also expressed the fear that the Southwest projects would not stimulate further redevelopment. "The mountain has labored and brought forth a mouse," he said.

He was active in supporting rapid transit for the metropolitan area. Eleven years ago, he drafted a report issued by the Washington Building Congress which proposed formation of a "rapid transit authority" for the Washington area as a "basic solution" to the problem of planning the area's future development.

And, just three years ago, he continued in his arguments for rapid transit by suggesting that an additional single-track downtown subway line and a new route for a subway be built between Washington and Silver Spring.

### Headed AIA Chapter

He was a past president of the

U.S. Court here and Howard University Medical School. He was born in New York City and educated in public schools here and at the Royal Athenaeum of Ghent, Belgium. He received a bachelor of science degree from George Washington University in 1911, and also attended Stanford University.

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Instead, he suggested completing the old plan for federal office space within the Federal Triangle, and to encourage high-rise apartments on the avenue. These changes, he felt, would "re-create night life—and weekend life—in the central city."

In an article written for The Star in May 1965, Mr. Justement said "there are no good practical reasons for the (National Square) being so big. (The square would occupy a large area now occupied partially by the Willard Hotel and Hotel



#### LOUIS JUSTEMENT

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He was a past president of the Washington Building Congress, and three times president of the Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, which elected him a fellow in 1946. He was also a former director of AIA's Middle Atlantic States region.

Mr. Justement also served as a member of the District Commissioners Zoning Advisory Committee.

His book, "New Cities for Old," published in 1946, was acclaimed by city planners. The book used Washington as a guinea pig for theoretical rebuilding along drastically different lines.

Besides his wife, the former Jeanne Egan, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Marguerite J. Schreiber, both of the Potomac address, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. A son, Louis Jr., a partner in the architectural firm, died in 1966.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. today and tomorrow at Joseph Gawler's Sons Funeral Home, Wisconsin Avenue and Harrison Street NW, where services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in Parklawn Cemetery.

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# Sibley Hospital Architect Dies

Louis Justement, the Washington architect who designed Sibley Memorial Hospital, died there Friday after a heart attack in his home, 11731 Glen Mill rd., Potomac. He was 76.

Mr. Justement, an authority on private and public large-scale housing projects, also designed the U.S.

Courthouse here, the Howard University Medical School and the Median Hill Hotel.

The senior partner of Justement & Callmer, he was long active in the redevelopment of Pennsylvania Avenue and in other city affairs.

He took part in drafting the original plans for the redevelopment of Southwest Washington and was active in supporting rapid transit for the metropolitan area.

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