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IN INSTITUTE

W R B WILLCOX.

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To *W R B Wilcox*  
*720 Central Bldg*  
*Seattle Wash.*

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*per telegram to him of* *Glenn Brown*

*Collect*

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Answered

W. R. B. WILLCOX

W. J. SAYWARD

13-March-1911.

Mr. Glenn Brown, Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of February 28 and March 1 informing me of appointment to the Committees on Civic Design and on the Relation of Chapters to the Institute. I am pleased to accept the appointments and shall be glad to serve on said committees.

Very truly yours,



*Noted on  
List of Committee*

A. I. A.  
Received,

MAR 20 1911

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W. R. B. WILLCOX

W. J. SAYWARD

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13-March-1911.

Mr. Glenn Brown, Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

May I inquire whether or not the Board of Directors  
have as yet considered the status of our fellow-Chapter member,  
Mr. W. E. Boone, of whom I wrote you sometime previous to the  
convention?

It would be a great pleasure to be able to inform him  
that he is retained on the roll.

The Council of the Chapter have discussed the matter  
and are heartily in favor of his being continued a member.  
As you may remember, the spirit of the Constitution has been  
lived up to in his case and only his advanced years ~~would~~ led  
to the violation of the letter of it.

Yours truly,



September 11, 1911.

MR. W. R. E. Willcox,  
720 Central Building,  
Seattle, Wash.

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Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 5th of September in reference to Mr. Myers attending the Ninth International Congress in Rome as a delegate of the Washington State Chapter also letter from Mr. Chas. H. Alden in reference to his fee. I have telegraphed to Mr. Alden to send his fee at once (\$5.00 for one person and \$3.00 extra for each additional member of the family attending) to Mr. George Oakley Totten Jr., Sec. Treas., 808 Seventeenth St., Washington, D. C. and that receipt would be forwarded to Mr. Myers at the steamer, as same will be required of him by the Congress.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

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W. R. B. WILLCOX

W. J. SAYWARD

3--October--1911

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Mr. Arnold Brunner  
320 Fifth Avenue  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Brunner.

Lest you should feel it inadvisable to wait the report on the Seattle plan, I have had a copy made of portions of the Charter amendment under which the Commission has acted and have marked points of especial interest.

It was the endeavor to gain the sympathy of all phases of municipal and business interests, hence the character of the membership of the Commission.

There was feeling rife that local men could well handle the task, and to prevent local prejudices from working harm the employment of outside assistance was made mandatory. This proved of vital importance when the commission started work, since had it not been for that provision we would have experienced the inevitable wrangle of local men, since the Commission as a whole were averse to an outsider's employment.

We feared also the opposition that might materialize within the Commission and so required a two thirds vote to reject. We also feared the division of the project into its several elements and a vote for or against each phase separately, hence the provision for a vote of acceptance or rejection on the final report as a whole. This proved of great necessity since individual interests in the commission would have voted the report down in certain ~~cases~~ respects had such a vote not carried with it all its provisions, which are so inter-related as to make their separation practically impossible, which they did not comprehend.

In fear of political chicanery in the Council the provision was made that all the Council has to do is to cause the report to be submitted to the people with whom a majority vote serves to put the report in force.

These points were the subject of discussions which became exceedingly bitter when the charter amendment

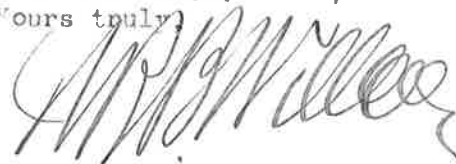
was in process of framing, and at times came near to terminating the whole business. The reason was that the business interests involved in any such plan were suspicious and were only actively concerned in seeing that nothing was done to molest them. The amendment was framed by a conference committee of five men each from the Chamber of Commerce, the Commercial Club, the Municipal Plans League (which the Chapter had organized from the interested part of the public) and the Chapter itself.

The Chapter's whole effort was expended in preventing local individual interests and political manipulation from nullifying the work of such a commission. We wanted a bona fide plan, and one which could be honestly adopted by the people themselves as a definite working proposition. Every danger we fought to provide against by the terms of the amendment was met in the course of the work, and only such safe guards as we had insisted upon saved the project at several points.

While we shut out jealousy by the distribution of the membership of the commission, it was natural that the most of the members were ignorant of the character or scope of such work and it was only after weeks and in some cases months that it began to dawn upon some of the commissioners what sort of enterprise they were engaged upon and began to see that it was larger and broader than any personal and local interests. As a consequence harmony grew in the commission and at last an encouraging enthusiasm, which was indicated in the final vote, upon which only three votes to reject were cast. These, it is interesting to observe, were cast by the County Commissioner, and two of the Councilmen. It is quite apparent that they acted solely from political motives.

These matters are more for your own information--I think you may be interested--than for general publicity, as you may imagine. It is possible that the book may be available the first of next week.

Yours truly,



QUOTATIONS FROM THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS  
AMENDED MARCH 8 1910.

Section 1. That there shall be and hereby is created a commission to be known as a Municipal Plans Commission which shall consist of twenty one members. It shall be the duty of said commission to procure plans for the arrangement of the city with a view to such expansion as may meet probable future demands. These plans shall take into consideration the extension of the City and the City works into adjacent territory; improvement and changes in public utilities and lines of transportation by surface, underground and water; the location, widths and grades of arterial highways necessary for the best treatment of the City; the development of the water front with its sea wall and wharves; that location of public buildings and municipal decorations; and such further extensions of and additions to the park and boulevard system of the City as it may, in conjunction with the Park Board, find advisable.

Section 2. The members of such commission shall be citizens of the City of Seattle and shall be chosen in the following manner, to-wit: Three shall be elected from the City Council by its members; one shall be elected from the Board of Public Works by its members; in the same way one member shall be elected from the King County Commissioners; one from the Seattle Board of Education and one from the Seattle Park Commission. The other members shall be appointed by the Mayor in the following manner, to-wit: Each organization hereinafter named shall nominate two of its members and the Mayor shall appoint one of the two so nominated. The interests representing the Water front owners,

Steam railway companies  
Street railway companies  
Marine transportation companies  
Pacific Northwest Society of Civil Engineers  
Washington State Chapter of American Institute of Architects  
Seattle Chamber of Commerce  
Seattle Commercial Club  
Manufacturers' Association  
Central Labor Council  
Seattle Clearing House  
Seattle Bar Association  
Seattle Real Estate Association  
Carpenters' Union

Section 4. Before entering upon the duties of their office, all members shall qualify by taking the oath of office prescribed for city officials in the City Charter, etc, etc---

Section 6. All members shall serve without compensation.

Section 7. There shall be furnished to said commission suitable quarters for the carrying on of its investigations, together with such engineering and clerical assistance as may be necessary, and the commission shall, as soon as practicable after its organization, employ one or more, but in no case over three, men of national reputation-----to prepare a comprehensive plan under its direction and subject to its approval and adoption, embracing in its scope the entire area of the city, and such contiguous territory as is comprehended in Section One (1) of this Resolution. The final plans shall be submitted to the Commission for approval, and shall be regarded as approved, unless rejected by a two thirds vote of said commissioners within thirty days after same shall have been filed with the commission. -----Upon the conclusion of the sittings of the said commission it shall submit its findings in full to the Mayor and the City Council of Seattle in printed form together with plans. Said report shall be presented to the Mayor and City Council not later than September 30 1911, and they shall cause the recommendations to be submitted to the people at the next general or special election.

Section 8. That if a majority of the voters voting thereon shall favor the adoption of said City plan so reported, it shall be adopted and shall be



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the plan to be followed by all City officials in the growth, evolution and development of said City of Seattle, until modified, or amended at some subsequent election.

Section 9. There is hereby created a fund to be known as "Municipal Plans Commission Fund", which shall consist of a tax levy to be made during the year 1910 as other taxes are levied, of one fourth (1/4) of a mill on the dollar, but no other or further levy or payment into said fund shall ever be made. -----

Section 10. ----- No expense against such fund shall be incurred after September 30, 1911, nor in excess of the levy provided, and any ~~excess~~ surplus remaining in said fund after said date, not lawfully appropriated or obligated for shall be by ordinance transferred into the General Fund.

(Copy)

Willcox & Sayward  
Architects,  
720 Central Building,  
Seattle.

October 28, 1911.

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Mr. Arnold W. Brunner.  
320 5th Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Brunner:

I am forwarding to you to-day by express a copy of the Report of the Municipal Plans Commission of Seattle.

Despite a haste which has been the cause of certain errors escaping notice there has been unlooked for delay in getting the edition from the publishers. I trust you may find it of interest, however.

As I have written you before we are at the opening of a campaign for its adoption by popular election. Any proper reference to the project which may be made in our committee report-- something which can be quoted in our local papers as coming from the Institute recognizing the great opportunity presented in the adoption of such a comprehensive plan by a City-- would serve the cause tremendously; I do not hesitate to enlist the Institute's aid in a public service of this kind even though I am aware it may have the color of advertising.

Yours truly,  
(Signed) W.R.B. Willcox.

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W. R. B. WILLCOX

W. J. SAYWARD

7--November--1911

Mr. Glenn Brown, Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Brown,

By express I am sending you a copy  
of the "Plan of Seattle" as prepared by Mr. Virgil  
G. Bogue, the engineer employed by the Municipal  
Plans Commission to do this work.

The funds available permitted only a limited  
edition of 500 copies similar to the copy sent you,  
and I am glad I was able to have one assigned to  
the Institute.

It is now hoped that a large edition more  
cheaply bound may be published.

Yours truly,

*acknowledged  
by forward  
C. ...*  
*W. R. B. Willcox*

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W. R. B. WILLCOX

W. J. SAYWARD

Answered.....

25--January--1912

*Ans. Jan. 30, 1912*

Mr. Glenn Brown, Secretary  
American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your notification of January 16th, I am pleased to accept appointment upon the Town Planning Committee.

May I ask for information as to the present function of that committee. <sup>From</sup> Such experience as we have had, here in Seattle, in connection with that work, I think I can see a work <sup>for the committee</sup> that should be immensely helpful to cities engaged upon like projects. Will there be funds available for active service or must its efforts be confined to genial encouragement of such work? If the Committee is to serve under definite instructions may I have a statement of what such instructions are. Thanking you for what information you may be able to send me, I am,

Very truly yours,



✓  
January 30 1912.

W. R. B. Willcox, Esq.,  
721 General Bldg,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:-

I have your acceptance on the committee for Town Planning.

The work of this committee will be varied, and of course the committee should hold themselves ready to give advice to those who should call upon them, and such advice should be valuable to those engaged in the study of town planning.

The Board of Directors allow in the Budget for certain sums for carrying on committee work, the allowance for Town planning is \$300. for current year.

I think if you would correspond with Mr. Brunner he would tell you just what is expected of each one of his committees.

Yours very truly,



Secretary.

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17 February 1913.

Mr. Glenn Brown, Secretary,  
American Institute Of Architects,  
The Octagon,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of January 3, naming me as member  
of Committee on Civic Improvement, I should be very glad to  
serve in that capacity.

Yours truly,



*P.S. Temporary disability has interfered  
with my answering before.*

June 19 1915.

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Mr. W. R. B. Wilcox,  
214 Central Bldg.  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:-

The Executive Committee, A.I.A., at its meeting held in New York June 16th, 1915, carefully considered the various questions under dispute in the San Francisco Chapter and determined that it was necessary to have a committee of the Institute proceed to California to investigate the whole question and report to the Board. The following committee was appointed by the Executive Committee:

Thomas R. Kimball  
John Lawrence Mouran  
W. R. B. Wilcox.

Be kind enough to notify me by wire of your acceptance of service on this committee and after communication with each other let me know when you will go to San Francisco.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

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W. R. B. WILCOX      W. J. SAYWARD

10--September--1913.

*Ans. 11 15 11*

Mr. Glen Brown,  
Sec'y, American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Brown:-

Your letter to Alden, dated August 27th, announcing his nomination to fellowship, has in his absence been turned over to me.

Our next meeting occurs the first Wednesday in October, which I trust will be ample time for the publication of the nominees. If not, would appreciate it if you would let me know at once since I shall be very happy to have Alden's name come before the Institute. He is a worthy man and my good friend.

Very truly yours,





September 15 1913

Mr. W.B.S. Willcox,  
214 Central Bldg,  
Seattle, Washin

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge your two letters of 10th September I note that you will bring up the matter of Mr. Allen's nomination to Fellowship at the next meeting of the Chapter the first Wednesday in October, which will be in ample time for the convention.

Your letter in regard to Gaggin and Gaggin will come before the Board of Directors at their next meeting. Kindly send any further communications in the matter at your earliest convenience so that the Board of Directors may be able to pass upon the matter intelligently and finally if possible. The date of the next meeting of the Board has not yet been fixed will certainly not be called before early in October.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

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Answered 14.8.14

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2--October--1913

Glenn Brown, Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

At our Chapter meeting last evening Mr. Alden's nomination to the rank of Fellow was endorsed by the unanimous vote of the men present, of which Acting Secretary Loveless will doubtless send you official notice.

What I wish particularly to speak of is Mr. Loveless's application for Institute membership. Can anything be done to hasten action on his name? I believe you will be in receipt of applications from two others shortly and while I should be glad to have early action upon them also there is especial need at this time that Mr. Loveless be admitted, (if no objection is found by the Board of Examiners,) within the next three weeks.

The importance to our Chapter of his early election is due to the fact that he is needed for our permanent Secretary for the next year or two and our nominations are made by letter ballots placed in the hands of members two weeks before date of the annual meeting. The annual meeting will be held Wednesday, November fifth.

Anything you may be able to do to hasten matters in his case will be appreciated by quite all of our members.

Yours truly,



October 8th 1913.

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Mr. W.R.B. Willcox,  
214 Central Bldg.,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 2nd October I will be pleased to do all I can to hasten the application of Mr. Levelless but it would be impossible to get it through in the time you speak of. Even if we could send out your ballot and privileged communications, which is an expense we can afford one or two applicants, it would be impossible to rush it through in time to be acted on by the Executive Committee at its meeting October 21, 1913, less than two weeks. As the privileged communications has to go every member of the Institute you can readily see that it would be impossible, and you can readily appreciate why we wait until we have several applicants in hand before issuing the privileged communications. And yet we could have made this an exception if I had known of its urgency in time. I regret that you did not let me know about this at least a couple of weeks ago, so that we could have made it a special ballot. But in regard to your request we will do the best we can and will issue the ballots and privileged communications as the other applicants we have in hand as soon as same can be published.

Yours very truly,

LCJ

Secretary.

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Answered.....

2--October--1913

Glenn Brown, Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Among the non-Institute members of our Chapter is a Mr. James E. Blackwell, a man of about fifty or fifty five, I should say, who has been a member for a number of years. In the earlier days, before Institute requirements as to Chapter officers were heeded particularly in this Chapter, Mr. Blackwell served as President for a term. He is a very public spirited citizen and has always taken an interest and an active part in the Chapters business.

I have several times spoken to him about making application for Institute membership but he has always appeared diffident. Due to conditions in the Chapter some years ago---relations between some of the older men---I assumed that he felt his election might be objected to and that he did not care to lay himself liable to unfair discrimination.

Recently I took the matter up with him again and was in position to assure him that he had no reason to fear opposition by men within the Chapter and he laughingly replied: "Well, I would'nt want it from outside the Chapter either," and then added: "You better write Glenn Brown." This I told him I would do, hence this letter. It seems that Mr. Blackwell lived in Washington for some years and was in one of the Departments and knew you at that time. If you know of any reason for opposition to Mr. Blackwell among his acquaintances east, I should like to know, otherwise I shall be glad to urge still more his making application. He strikes me as a man who should be in the Institute.

Needless to say I shall regard anything adverse to Mr. Blackwell as confidential.

Yours truly,



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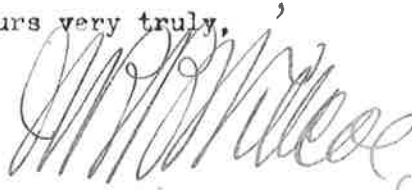
27--December--1913

Glenn Brown, Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the twenty third December notifying me of my election to the Board of Directors is received and I hereby inform you of my acceptance of the office.

Yours very truly,



January 30, 1914.

Mr. W. R. B. Willcox,  
214 Central Building,  
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Willcox:-

This will serve to remind you that at the meeting of the Board of Directors January 23d and 24th last, it was suggested that you inquire into the circumstances of Olof Hanson and report on same.

Yours very truly,

Acting Executive Secretary,  
A. I. A.

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W. R. B. WILCOX      W. J. SAYWARD

14--February--1914

C. H. Whitaker.  
Acting Executive Secretary, AIA.  
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Am in receipt of your requests of January 28th and February 6th for my expense account. I regret that unavoidable postponement of my return west has delayed this matter. Will prepare account and forward same as soon as I can make it out.

Note, also, yours of the 4th February with respect to the appointment of Mr. Swartwout to Chairmanship of the Committee on Government Architecture, due to Mr. Trowbridge's declining to serve.

Acknowledge yours of the 5th, also, with advance sheets of the Journal calling attention to the appropriation for the City Planning Committee.

As for the number of letter heads required by the committee, I should like to have 75 or 100 sent to each member of the committee with two thirds as many envelopes; the latter need carry nothing but the Institute's seal and in my own case: "Committee on Town Planning., W.R.B. Willcox, Chairman, 214 Central Building, SEATTLE."

It may be I shall make request for more letter heads later, since it is my intention to have the two others of the committee undertake their third of the investigation of the subject directly; that is, to act as head of a division of the work proposed and I want them to realize that their jobs are real jobs, and that they are not for purposes of ornament. The receipt of the paper will suggest and encourage its use.

The circumstances of the resignation of Mr. Olaf Hanson, referred to in a letter from you dated January 30, will be inquired into at once and report made thereon.

Yours truly,



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W. R. B. WILLCOX W. J. SAYWARD

19--February--1914

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REFERRED. P. K. B.

D. Knickerbacker Boyd, Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Mr. Boyd:

I am reminded by the Minutes of the Board meeting that the Secretary and the Chairman of the Committee on Town-Planning were charged with the task of investigating the Avery Library as a repository for Institute documents.

That I should share this duty with you is doubtless due to my having urged the collection of a Town-Planning library to be housed in the Octagon and operated by the JOURNAL force. That is, such a collection would embrace stereopticon slides and the service would require the printing of duplicates when copies were ordered. It would require the business of selling them or photographs, etc, upon request, and the publication of some sort of catalogue for reference to be distributed to those who might become interested in the subject.

I am not going into the full details of the needs of such service as I had in mind for the JOURNAL force if such a collection could be administered by them, but I offer it now so that in arranging your investigation, as chairman of our committee of two, you will have a notion of my interest in the business and the points I should naturally expect to have provided for, since, if the Avery Library were to undertake the function it suggests, it would be desirable that it assume all the departments of a bona fide Institute library operated from the Octagon.

When I can serve you further in this let me know and you shall have the benefit of my views, at least, for the actual work of investigation will, I fear, fall upon you. It seems a shame to prod you with additional work when I consider the enormous amount of business you have to attend to in your Secretarial capacity proper.

With best regards,  
Yours truly,

*Answer 3/6/14*



# The American Institute of Architects

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R. Clipston Sturgis, *President*  
120 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.  
Thomas R. Kimball, *1st Vice-President*  
Frank C. Baldwin, *2d Vice-President*



Headquarters, The Octagon,  
Washington, D. C.

D. Knickerbacker Boyd, *Secretary*  
139 So. 15th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

J. Lawrence Mauran, *Treasurer*  
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February 20th, 1914.

Letter in duplicate to  
W.R.B. Willecox, Esq.,  
Chairman Committee on Town Planning, A.I.A.  
C.H. Whitaker, Esq.,  
Acting Executive Secretary, A.I.A.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are copies of letter from  
Edward R. Smith, Avery Library, and of my reply.

Be good enough to write me your  
suggestions as to our further report to the  
Board in this matter, and believe me

Yours very truly,

Secretary

Dictated by Mr. Boyd to RJF.  
Enclosures: -as above.

*C.H.W. Mr Smith letter sent you & Mr. Willecox  
And was a copy*

February 20th, 1914.

W. R. B. Willcox,  
Chairman Committee on Town Planning, A.I.A.,  
214 Central Building,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Willcox:

Have received acceptances from both Whitehouse and Grey. Your Committee is, therefore, complete as printed in The Journal, and its work can be begun. Resolution of the Board, with which, and the general instructions to all Committees, you are of course familiar, is printed in The Journal and on the re-printed pages previously sent you.

Enclosed are several clippings as enumerated below, which may perhaps prove of interest to you in connection with the work of your Committee. As any more come to hand they will be sent along.

Whenever I can, as ex-officio a member of your Committee, be of any assistance to you please let me know and meantime, if you will inform me as to any principal activities, I will be glad to be kept thus posted.

Believe me

Yours very cordially,

SIGNED  
B. KNICKERBACKER BOYD

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Secretary

Dictated by Mr. Boyd to RJF.  
Enclosures:-

*Providence "Bulletin" 7/4/14  
Providence Public Library has city Plan Reference*

- Birmingham "News" - 1/28/14,
- "Bullock brings Civic Architect to aid the City".
- Boston "Christ. Science Monitor" - 1/30/14,
- "Deed System is proposed for Denver Park Districts"
- Boston "Transcript" - 2/4/14,
- "Metropolitan Idea growing".
- Lafayette "Journal" - 2/5/14,
- "City Beautiful Plans discussed".
- Cincinnati "Enquirer" - 2/10/14,
- "City Beautiful Idea".
- N.Y. "Eve.Sun" - 2/12/14 - "Civic Sense in Architecture"

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Dear Wilcox:

I am just in receipt of a letter from Boyd under date of the 20th. asking me for suggestions about the Avery Library, and I am replying in accordance with the copy which I enclose herewith.

Before we know it, May will be around and you will be here again and by that time we will have much to discuss.

In the meantime, please command me whenever you need help.

Yours very truly,

Mr. W. R. B. Wilcox

Seattle, Wash.

Acting Executive Secretary.

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Feb. 24th. 1914.

Dear Willcox:

Your various communications have all come to hand. We are mailing you a supply of stationery tonight, and will also send a supply to the other members of your Committee.

I saw Geo. Ford in New York on Saturday and he seemed quite chagrined to think that the Committee on Town Planning was entirely composed of men on the Coast. I think Ford feels that his reputation in American entitles him to some consideration and I am also assured that he is keenly eager to serve. I explained to him that I thought you had in mind the enlargement of your Committee in some way. I could not explain to him further because I had forgotten what the intention was, but if there is any chance I think you will find it worth while to cooperate with Ford. He is much interested in the social and economic aspects of Housing and Town Planning and is far from being carried away by impossible schemes.

Yours very truly,

Mr. W. R. B. Willcox,  
w/c Seattle, Wash.

Acting Executive Secretary.

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Any reply to this communication should be addressed to

W. R. B. Willcox,  
214 Central Building,  
SEATTLE.



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3--March--1914

Dear Whitaker:

"By these presents" be aware of my receipt of the new Institute stationery. Accept my thanks. At the present time I think of only one comment to make or question to ask: "After three days" an uncalled for, or undelivered, letter goes to the "Committees of the," etc at The Octagon. In such infrequent case it would be necessary for the force there to open same in order to learn to whom it should be returned. It is a matter of small importance. A rubber stamp with the Committees' name would fix that difficulty, if the chance of delay of the sort oppressed anybody.

I volunteered a letter to Boyd about the Avery Library before receiving his on the same subject so that he has my general views on the subject, referring to its bearing upon the Town-Planning department. As your word to him indicates, it will be necessary to get from them their idea of the service proposed.

As to Geo. Ford of New York, I regret anybody should have any disappointment over the present arrangement; I felt them to begin with myself. I rather felt that it might seem to some that the tail was delegated to wag the dog, but in the circumstances I think Mr. Ford will be afforded an opportunity to contribute his services to the extent of his time and inclination. I shall be forwarding to Boyd shortly the program I have prepared for the committee's work, which I would be glad of your comments upon also.

Very truly yours,

ELMER GREY, ARCHITECT  
811 WRIGHT & CALLENDER BUILDING, COR. 4TH AND HILL STS.,  
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Mr. W. R. B. Willcox, NEW YORK  
214 Central Bldg.,  
Seattle, Washington. REFERRED

My dear Mr. Willcox:-

I am in receipt of your letter of March 5th with regard to the work of the City Planning Committee of the A. I. A. In partial explanation of what follows I beg to say that when I was asked by Sec'y Boyd whether I would accept the position on the committee, it was also stated that a general explanation of what would be expected of it would follow in a few days. Before this explanation arrived I found my name printed in the Journal as a member of the committee. When the explanation did arrive it proved to be very general in its statements. Under the circumstances a natural thing to do was to accept.

I have now read the detailed programme of the work of the committee as suggested by you, and also Mr. Magonigle's recommendations in the January Journal to which you call my attention. I was on my way back from Europe at the time this latter document came out and so had not read it. After reading these papers I feel that there is but one course for me to pursue. I cannot give the time from my practice to so elaborate a programme. Not only that, but, in further explanation of my attitude I will say frankly that I do not find myself in sympathy with it. It seems to me that it

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involves the compilation of a great mass of special information much of which has already been well covered in the report of the Proceedings of the last National City Planning Conference and in the magazine called "Municipal Review;" and I question the propriety of a committee of the Institute undertaking a campaign as arduous as that proposed. It seems to me that there is danger of its falling by its own weight.

Now I do not wish to block your purpose or that of the committee, and I feel sure also that our viewpoints are so divergent as to make it useless to try to come together by means of correspondence; for I would be equally out of sympathy with a part of the programme outlined last year. I feel that the effort to accumulate slides, photographs, etc. on city planning would be plowing a field that is already well tilled and with which we should not try to compete--- I refer to the City Planning Exhibit of the City of New York now going the rounds of the country. I should say that it would be better for the Institute to further the momentum of the good work already being done in this line rather than to create another exhibit of the same kind.

I am doing the only thing that I feel I can do under these unfortunate circumstances -- I am sending my resignation as a member of the Committee to President Sturgis in this same mail. In taking this course I wish to reaffirm my interest in the movement -- as I recently wrote you I am chairman of the City Planning Committee of the Los Angeles City Club -- and if there is anything I can do unofficially,



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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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that will not take so much time, to assist the work in  
this district I shall be very glad to do it.

Very truly yours,

ELMER GREY, ARCHITECT.

By



This takes place at  
Blue City Pl  
Box 214 -  
All Town Bluffs

Mch. 6th. 1914.

Dear Mr. Willcox:

It gives me pleasure to answer your two letters of Feb. 14th. and Feb. 19th. You have since then received from me a letter about the Avery Library. Having made a further study of the matter, it is my impression that it should be handled by a special committee on Library. As a matter of fact it seems to me that we should have a Library Committee whose duty it would be to make these books which the Institute possesses of real value and usefulness for reference. Such a Committee could consider the proposition made by the Avery Library and recommend to the Board what its action should be. As we have so few lantern slides, they could be considered as a separate matter. I will suggest the appointment of such a Committee at the meeting of the Executive Committee on the 13th. instant.

Thank you very much for all that you say to me personally in your letters and for the advice given. I will try my best to follow it.

I now come to the point of this letter which hinges on the dissemination of such information as may be acquired by your Committee and as may come to you in the natural course of events. Mr. Ackerman, Chairman of the Committee on Public Information sends me a sheet published by the American Press Association, which is commonly called the "Patent Inside" and is furnished to small newspapers in the suburban communities. He is endeavoring to arrange with the publishers that he shall receive from the Institute, information concerning Town Planning Activities. If he does this, which effort we hope he will be successful, what would be your thought about furnishing the publisher with the information. Such clippings as come to us here will, of course be forwarded to you. This, in addition to the information you acquired on behalf of your Committee, would naturally make you the fountain head for such news. On the other hand, we have a Town Planning Department in the Journal. You will naturally want to keep the Journal informed each month about your activities, and it is equally certain that we should want to have the Town Planning pages of the Journal put in the possession of the publishers of this Patent Inside. Can this all be handled by you, or had it better be done by Whitaker or Aronovici, and should the information be sent directly to the publisher referred to, or through Mr. Ackerman to him. This is a big subject and I will ask you to think on it, and let me know your views.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Whitaker and to Mr. Ackerman so that they may also make suggestions in case we are

successful in the publication of this Town Improvement page.

Furthermore, in regard to inquiries to be made by your Committee I have had a conference with Dr. Aronovici, the Associate Editor of the Town Planning Section of the Journal, and find that he has a very considerable fund of information which has already been acquired; he also is familiar with other sources of information, such as the American Civic Association and others which have made investigations as to the extent of the Town Planning movement in this country. I suggest that you get in touch with the Doctor as soon as possible and before formulating too definitely the plan of activities for your Committee. I am sure he will be glad to co-operate with you in your work, and of course everything which we can do to concentrate the publication of the Town Planning information in the Journal, is highly desirable as well as necessary to its success. The overplus of material of a more general character is that which can be circulated through the newspapers and could be separately prepared by you with that end in view.

In closing, I know that you would like to know more about the draft of a report which your Committee is to submit for the May meeting of the Board. I agree with what you say in your letter of the 14th., and it is my understanding that such an outline is all that was expected by the Board. In other words, we will receive from you before that meeting a letter stating what you propose to submit in the way of a final report rather than the draft of the report itself.

I send you the Town Improvement page referred to and as it is the only copy which Mr. Ackerman has, I will ask you to return it to me so that I may see that he gets it.

Awaiting your further views on this whole subject, I remain

Yours very cordially,



Secretary.

Enclosures

*Tommy Duff pg. 6 to 10*

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Feb. 10th. 1914

Mr. W.R.B. Willcox,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. Willcox:

Thanks for your nice letter of the 3rd. of March.

I appreciate your criticism about the envelopes, but I imagine that the instances will be so few that it will be hardly necessary to make provision. This will all work out very shortly.

Boyd has already written you about the Avery Library, and I am glad to learn that you will be able to put Ford at work.

Cannot write you any further as I am "snowed under."

Yours very truly,

Acting Executive Secretary.

P.S. The Treasurer is anxious to know whether you have any information to give us in relation to Mr. Olof Hansen, whose resignation was laid on the table pending your report ?

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R. Clipston Sturgis

9--March--1914.

R. Clipston Sturgis, Esq: President,  
American Institute of Architects,  
120 Boylston Street, BOSTON, Massachusetts,

Dear Mr. Sturgis:-

In reply to yours of the twenty seventh of February, I am very ready to undertake the task of trying to raise a thousand dollars on the coast, if it is your understanding that I was to do so, and Mr. Fenner's. As raising money is something outside of my experience heretofore, in connection with organization enterprises, I trust that none of the committee will hesitate to accept any contributions in sight should they exceed the amounts individually allotted.

Before I start out, may I know accurately the conditions attaching to such loans? As I understood they were to be offered without security beyond a receipt from the Institute. What interest is returned? What probable length to run? If I may have this particular information I shall do my best to get the money.

Yours truly,

*Dear Mr. W,  
The Pres. has asked me to answer  
you. W. W. Miller*

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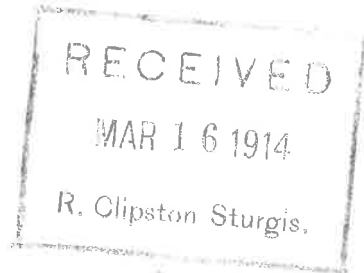
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10--March--1914

R. Clipston Sturgis, Esq., President,  
American Institute of Architects,  
120 Boylston Street, BOSTON, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Sturgis:-

The program which I proposed for the Town-Planning Committee seems in a fair way to disrupt it. You will have copy of Mr. Grey's letter to me by the time this reaches you. Mr. Boyd has been sent a copy of said program which, however, it is hardly worth your while to examine. Suffice it to say that it was intended to present a plan of Institute activity through the several chapters which would continue to grow through the years. Naturally it took an appearance of a formidable document. I feel that Mr. Grey failed to analyse it closely from certain comments in his letter and have written him practically as much, a copy of which letter is herewith inclosed.

I question the advisability of urging him to continue, though I regret his leaving. If he had been willing to stay and point out the errors in my own judgement in the premises he might have been of inestimable service to the committee and the cause.

I regret that this matter must add its annoyance to your time already so full.

Yours truly,

Chairman,  
Town-Planning Committee.

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th. expense if you can spare  
th. time.*

10--March--1914.

Elmer Grey, Esq.,  
811 Wright & Calender Building,  
LOS ANGELES, California.

Dear Mr. Grey:-

I am this morning in receipt of yours of the seventh inst., and hasten to express my disappointment over your feeling that you must relinquish the work upon the Town-Planning committee as outlined.

While I do not wish to urge you unduly to accept a task with which you seem to feel you are not in sympathy, ~~xxxx~~ I think I should be remiss did I not put before you the reasons for the sort of program proposed and also correct what may be a misapprehension as to the amount of work involved in it for the three committee men.

To consider the latter point first, the work of the three committee men would consist entirely, I should say, of correspondence with the heads of Town-Planning committees in the various chapters. Each man is assigned a dozen chapters. The purpose being to encourage them to activity within their respective chapters. The actual work must be done from these chapter centers--there is no other way I can think of without entailing more work than any of the Institute committee could well undertake.

Such investigation as is proposed would awaken an interest which must result in particular development in many districts. The point I wish to make here, however, is that all such detail work would be carried on, not by the Institute committee men, but by chapters through their committees.

As to the first point, the program is the result of experience gained largely during our campaign here in Seattle for the adoption of the Report of the Municipal Plans Commission, on which I served for a couple of years--during its existence--which embodied the so-called "Bogue Plan", as well as all during its preparation.

We found great difficulty in obtaining comprehensive information on the various phases of the subject we were obliged to study. It hindered greatly comparative study of similar projects elsewhere throughout the world and, hence, doubtless prevented us from profiting from much work already satisfactorily accomplished. We wrote innumerable letters of inquiry and sought information wherever it seemed possible to get it. This entailed a tremendous amount of detail work which constantly struck us as a condition which could be remedied if, in view of the increasing interest in the subject, there could be a central repository for all such information. There was none at that time. There was no place where we could obtain the names, even, of the men who had done such work as city planning in this country, at a time we were making a selection of an expert. The "Municipal Review", the American Civic Federation, the American City Bureau, nor any other ~~nor other~~ such source, were in position to give us particular information.

Comparative maps were unavailable, giving dimensions which would have been of great help. As for slides to use in the campaign, we tried renting some from Columbia University and some from Chicago, etc, but finally spent several hundred dollars in preparing a series for our use. The latter are now here and serving no purpose, while a large collection available could be in almost constant use.

Elmer Grey, Esq., (2)

Almost daily one following the progress of town-planning learns of a new source of helpful information which if collected by some central office would be available by any chapter interested in local development, with little trouble. So the program was prepared with a view to beginning a collection of such material.

This, as I see it, does not conflict in anyway with the agencies now occupied with phases of such work and would seem to "further the momentum" of the good work already being done in this line", rather than to duplicate work as you think likely. I wish very much you would suggest to me ways in which you think the Institute could further such work and escape that chance. I am sure your views would afford light, too much of which we are not likely to get.

It was my expectation that each of the Institute committee would turn over to his own chapter the actual investigations conducted within its own territory, so that he would be relieved of detail work; his function being to advise with his own and other chapter committees as to particular methods of procedure and to try to start activity where none now is. While the program appears long--and is intended to be comprehensive--a review of it will, I am quite sure, show that the bulk of the work falls to others than members of the Institute committee.

I might add that in the matter of slide and photograph collection I did not have in mind anything comparable to the City Planning Exhibit as shown in New York and now about to come to the coast. Local interest in the subject aroused by the Institute committee might well lead to the procuring of that very exhibit by a chapter not heretofore engaged in any work of the sort. It has great educational value, but the things set forth in the program are such as to be of easy access and particular service in the study of town-planning projects. That is the particular need we felt here in Seattle.

I am sure I do not want to seem to urge you against your better judgment or inclination, but I assure you I regret your absense from the committee and wish a review of the situation might lead you to stay on.

Thanking you for your early reply to my previous letter, I am,  
Very truly yours,

P.S. Copies sent to Mr. Sturgis, Mr. Boyd and Mr. Whitehouse.



Mch. 18th, 1914.

Mr. W. R. B. Willcox

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. Willcox:

The President asks me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th. instant and to say that he has written to Mr. Gray.

He also asks me to say that the Executive Committee believe that your presence at the May meeting of the Board fully warrants the expense involved, if you can see your way clear to spare the time.

Yours very truly,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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--March--1914  
President,  
itects,  
N, Massachusetts,

Dear Mr. Sturgis:-

Am in receipt of your correspondence with Mr. Mullt-  
gardt with respect to his resignation from the San Francisco chapter.  
Mr. Mulltgardt's letter illustrates in almost every sentence, at  
least in every paragraph, the attitude of mind of the members of the  
new Society as it was revealed to the committee last summer.

I hate to see Mulltgardt go and it may be that your letter will  
give him further pause; I wish it might because I am not going to be  
a bit surprised if he proves to be the "goat".

I cannot help wondering, too, if the first paragraph of Mullt-  
gardt's letter indicates that the charge of "evasion" still may  
stand against Mr. Howard.

Your letter meets with my strong approval. The things you said  
needed very much to be said; they should start a helpful introspection  
but self-justification is so strong there,---I don't know about it.

Yours truly,

*G.H.W.*

*Send Willcox the*

*correspondence*

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Mch. 19th. 1914.

Mr. W.R.B. Willeox,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. Willeox:

In further reply to your letter of the 12th. instant, the President directs me to send you copy of the correspondence with Mr. Mullgardt. I assume this to mean his last letter to the President, a copy of which I am herewith enclosing.

Yours very truly,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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12--March--1914.

D. Knickerbacker Boyd, Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
139 South Fifteenth Street,  
PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Boyd:-

Yours of the sixth with inclosures received this morning. Your proposal of a committee to consider the offer of the Avery Library is entirely proper I should say. It certainly shall require careful consideration and more time than you can give it and I am only in a position to pass upon information obtained. As you will offer the suggestion to the Executive Committee I shall be interested to hear results.

So far as the activities of the Town-Planning committee are concerned I had not thought of its being much occupied with the matter of general publication of town-planning news at this time. Personally I would ask to be excused, since the duties of the committee, as I have seen them, will take about all the time I can give. Such news as the Journal would carry should come directly from the various Chapters and probably would be produced during the work they may be doing in connection with instructions from our Committee. If the Chapters do the work requested, they will have lots of "news" which would be of general interest, and if the Journal's Town-Planning department keeps in direct touch with them, it would save time and work--duplication of work.

Such news is helpful in general, educational and inspirational way, and should be sent out, but my understanding of the purposes of the Town-Planning committee are rather otherwise. Just what my notions have been you will be made aware of from the program already sent you and also from copies of correspondence with Grey and Whitehouse--the latter I inclose herewith.

I may be entirely wrong in my view, but I have had hopes of the Institute being put in a position to lend a definite hand of service for the man or community that may need it. "News" information, scattered through a dozen journals and reports, which are seldom available when wanted and the sources of which is even lost or forgotten, does not serve the purposes I have in mind. My letters to Grey and Whitehouse will explain more in detail the plan proposed. It deals with things actually done. There is not so much of it as to confuse, I think. It eliminates all the vague, indefinite matter pertaining to hopes and desires and ideals, necessary as such matter is, but attends to furnishing tools for the hard, trying work of solving definite problems and setting such before the people concerned with force.

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Let me illustrate more fully by reference to the page from the American Press Association which you sent me and which I herewith inclose. I have numbered paragraphs which I will discuss: (1) Where can a list of the 642 cities be had? What is the real extent of scientifically developed playgrounds among these 642 cities? Where does the statistic come from--on what authority? (2) Besides New York, New Jersey, Columbus and Duluth, where has housing legislation of a definite sort been enacted? Two names mentioned are states and two cities; is the legislation respectively state and municipal? Where can I get the definite information without making three or four trails for it at the loss of time and trouble? (3) What other cities have gotten anywhere with the billboard nuisance? Where can I get copies of laws for comparative study? Can any one source even tell me where I can go direct for such information in the several places concerned? (4) What is the nature of the housing scheme mentioned and of the "building boom"? Is anything like it in process elsewhere which will more likely fit conditions in Seattle, for instance? Of course the Industrial Commission mentioned could be written to but do you think they have definite material of other places so occupied or that they have time to devote to other places needing such help? Reply from them would likely be perfunctory, if past experience means much. (5) Nothing here to help town-planning; it is a suggestion of expediency which is sufficient to keep certain towns I know of from doing the real thing. It may be better than nothing for temporary purposes, but would not concern the committee even as news, I should say. (6) Does not fall within the range of our work except that it is concerned with location, transit questions and architectural usefulness or fitness. It is a sociological consideration chiefly, I mean its primal reason for being.

Such matter as is published on this sheet is good "inspirational" stuff I have no doubt, but I wish the Institute Committee could bring about a sort of "plant" that would be in position to help the fellow who is so impressed by this general comment as to get into the actual work of effecting definite improvements. It will be a continuing work for every Chapter upon which the reflex effect will be considerable, while the actual gain in efficiency for those at work will be surprising. I simply go over these matters to illustrate the views I have of the work of the Institute committee. If you mean do not agree I should want you to let me know, because I expect our active efforts have already begun.

Yours truly,

(Signed) W.R.B.WILLCOX

Chairman,  
Town-Planning Committee

3/19/14  
Referred to office  
to acknowledge your visit  
April at the section  
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MAR 20 1914

Mr. W. R. B. Willcox,  
Seattle, Washington.

ANSWERED

My dear Mr. Willcox:-

REFERRED

Thank you for your letter of March 10th and for its good spirit. I have read it carefully and thought over what you have said. I have also resurrected your programme again and looked that over. As a member of a committee I would not wish to do that which I would not like to do as an individual. Work that is not enjoyable either has something wrong about it or it is not your work -- at any rate that is my philosophy. I do not see the need of compiling the vast amount of information you ask for in your programme. I would not have the heart to ask for it. I should say that a subscription to the "Municipal Review" and the "American City" by each chapter would accomplish the same purpose in a much better way. As Mr. Magonigle said in his report, the work that counts must be done locally in each community; and usually there seems to be enough of that.

You have cut out a big job for yourself and your associates. I wish you all success, but it will require someone with more enthusiasm for your programme than I have to do that portion of the work that had been allotted to me, as you would like to have it done.

Sincerely,

ELMER GREY, ARCHITECT.

By \_\_\_\_\_

Copies to Mr. Sturgis, Mr. Boyd  
and Mr. Whitehouse.

R. CLIPSTON STURGIS  
ARCHITECT

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120 BOYLSTON STREET,  
BOSTON,  
MASSACHUSETTS

March 17, 1914.

W. R. B. Willcox, Esq-  
214 Central Building,  
Seattle.

Dear Willcox:-

Thank you for your letter of the 12th. I am so glad that you, who have been on the spot, feel that I was justified in what I wrote Mullgardt. I have asked Whitaker to send you copy of the correspondence.

I am,

Very truly yours,

S-R

President.

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March 18th, 1914.

Mr. W.R.B. Willcox,  
Chairman Committee on Town-Planning, A.I.A.,  
214 Central Building,  
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Willcox:

Your letters of March 9th and March 10th were received on the 14th and 16th. I have deferred answer till I could hear from you about the "Patent Inside" and your letter of March 12th has just arrived. As regards it I will go into your various comments on the contents of the Town Improvement page and will then take up the whole subject with Aronovici, Ackerman and Whitaker, leaving you out for the present as requested.

It is quite certain that you will have your hands full but I think you will find as your work goes along that you will have suggestions to make to these men and communications to give them intended for two parts of the public - the readers of The Journal and the readers of the press. However, that will develop later.

I had heard from Elmer Grey before your second letter arrived and am even yet hopeful that as a result of the comments of yourself and Whitehouse he will, upon re-consideration, find that it will be possible for him to fit in with your program, without involving himself in too much work. Let us hope that such will prove to be the case.

I have gone over your program very carefully. I must say frankly that at first reading it struck me just the way it appears to have struck Grey. But I find on analysis that it does not mean such a terrific amount of work for any one individual, except the Chairman who, like Barkus, is "willing". The only weak spot in the



Mr. W.R.B. Willcox, - - - - Sheet #2 - - - March 18th, 1914  
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program is that all of the machinery must move in order to produce the result you are striving for. If a Chapter here and there shows no interest or starts up boldly and then drops out the compilation will not be complete. Nevertheless it will be only a question of time and effort till you do eventually succeed and meanwhile it is undeniably a fact that you will start up a country wide interest which will feed on its own enthusiasm and, accumulating headway with its momentum, will accomplish all the while great good for the cause as well as redound to the everlasting credit of the Institute.

I really cannot think of anything not covered in your comprehensive program. Should any ideas occur to me I will be happy to transmit them even though I am not, as I have just discovered, ex-officio a member of your Committee. Neither the President or Secretary are!

At a meeting of the Executive Committee last week the House Committee was authorized to create a sub-committee on Library which will consider the whole subject of co-operating with the Avery Library and of handling the slides and other material mentioned in your program. When this committee has been appointed it will be asked to co-operate with you also. I suppose that I will be on the Committee and will keep in touch with you.

Believe me

Yours very truly,

Boyd  
D. NEWCOMER BOYD

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Secretary

Dictated by Mr. Boyd to RJP.

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Mon. 18th. 1914.

Mr. W.R.B. Wilcox,

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

The President directs me to advise you that as the by-laws do not provide that the Secretary shall be ex-officio a member of all committees, he has appointed Mr. D. Knickerback Boyd to be a member of the Committee on Institute Publications.

Yours very truly,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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March 19th. 1914.

Mr. W. R. B. Willeox, Chairman,  
Committee on Town Planning, A. I. A.,  
214 Central Building, Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Willeox;

To those who were at the Convention and heard the reasons for increasing the dues, it must seem inconsistent that Committee activities should in any way be hampered by lack of funds, but the administration was faced with a condition which required, first of all, the settlement of past debts. When this is done, the next step is the matter of delinquents.

Hitherto the expenditures of the Institute have been based on the supposition that all members (except those on the retired list ) paid their dues.

There are over 125 who owe for one or more years, a total of about \$4000. due. Many of these are habitually delinquent, and until it is known that these dues can be considered as income, it is safer to estimate expenditures without them.

The Executive Committee feels sure that another year, the Institute will be in a position to make appropriations for Committees commensurate with the importance of the work, but until then, it is the part of common sense to fit expenditures to assured income.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

President.

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March 19, 1914.

Mr. W. R. B. Wilcox,  
214 Central Building,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Wilcox:-

I would like to publish, almost in extenso, the report of which I hand you a copy herewith. The Cleveland Chapter has done the best work of which I know - with the possible exception of that done by your own Chapter, and I think they are entitled to great praise.

If you agree, would you like to add a little foreword and let me print the whole in the section devoted to Town Planning in the May Journal.

Faithfully yours,

Acting Executive Secretary.

W/W

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cation should be addressed to



24--March--1914

C. H. Whitaker, Esq.,  
Acting Executive Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon, WASHINGTON. D. C.

Dear Whitaker:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of copy of minutes of the meeting  
of the Executive Committee of March thirteenth for which I thank you.

Did you not write me on the tenth that next month you were to be in  
Seattle? and also that you would write me fully in a few days? What is  
your definition of "a few days"? Here I have been waiting, all excitement,  
for that "fully" epistle ever since. Keep me in suspense no longer.

Yours truly,

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25--March--1914

C. H. Whitaker, Acting Executive Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon, WASHINGTON. D. C.

Dear Mr. Whitaker:-

In reply to yours of the twenty first about the date of the May Board meeting, the twenty fifth is agreeable to me so far as I can foresee. It takes so much time from my work here that it is hard to arrange to avoid inconvenience in the matter. The best I can do is to plan to be present on the date set and trust to reasonably good fortune that nothing of unusual importance comes up to absolutely interfere. It is so far in the future that all I can say now is that I shall be with you if possible.

Yours truly,

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25--March--1914

C. H. Whitaker, Esq.,  
Acting Executive Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Mr. Whitaker:-

In response to yours of the nineteenth I certainly agree to the publication of the whole matter relating to the Cleveland Charter and Ordinance, copy of which you sent me. That is the stuff!

Now as to that foreword I inclose a few remarks intended to be relevant. Use or misuse them as you see fit--all in the interest of the JOURNAL.

Incidentally I wonder if there is any source of information where details enumerated on page 3 (bottom) and page 4 (top) can be obtained? Suppose every chapter knew that by writing to the Institute headquarters it could obtain not only the interesting statistics there given, but --what would be of great value to chapters engaged like the Cleveland chapter with actual constructive work--could obtain copies of the various laws, ordinances, etc, etc, direct? The Cleveland Chapter says it wrote seventy five men throughout the country for the information which was of service to it in its work. And yet, for each chapter to collect such detail matter in its own territory would be a comparatively small undertaking---there is really little of it to be obtained. But what can be had is mighty valuable and the easier of access it is made the better for the cause. That is the sort of work I have had in mind for the Committee on Town-Planning of the Institute to direct. To accumulate accurate information of things actually accomplished throughout the country and be in position to dispense it upon demand, eliminating the need of each individual center of activity to write seventy five different people for what one letter might uncover. What a pleasant bit of mild activity for the several chapters, too?

I have intended writing a short account of the purposes of said Town-Planning Committee for the JOURNAL as added emphasis to the letters sent to Chapter presidents, etc. Would such matter fit in with your notion of the proper uses for the JOURNAL? If so, I shall try to get out a few lines before long. I may not await your reply, expecting you to exercise your judgement if anything of the sort appears in your mail.

Yours truly,

Chairman  
Town-Planning Committee.

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