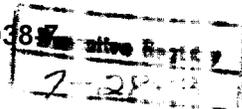


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3 August 1955

Hon. Edmund F. Mansure
Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mansure:

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Our representatives have been working together on this project for several months and I appreciate the personal interest which you have shown in expediting it as much as possible. I am now in a position to select an architect which you and General Bragdon urged me so strongly to do when you called on me some weeks ago and which I discussed with you briefly today by telephone.

I reviewed the list of architectural firms to which the Public Buildings Service mailed questionnaires and my representatives have examined the responses of some 57 of these firms which have been returned to date. Of these, it appears that Harrison & Abramovitz is at this time in a particularly good position to undertake this work and I am personally very much aware of their outstanding reputation. I have personally known Mr. Wallace Harrison for many years and believe that he, as well as his partner, are particularly qualified to deal with certain of the specialized problems involved in a building for C. I. A. Subject to negotiation of a satisfactory contract, I should like to select this firm to perform the architectural and engineering services for this construction.

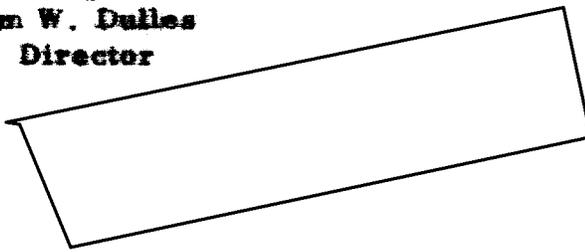
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I trust that this selection will be agreeable to you as I desire to proceed immediately with the necessary preliminary negotiations.

Sincerely yours,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director



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Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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18 August 1955

The Honorable Peter A. Strobel
Commissioner of Public Buildings
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Strobel:

I have just received the copies of your letters of 12 August 1955 to Mr. Moscovitz and Mr. Harrison which I requested after you read them to me on the telephone this morning. While I was aware that you had considered the firm of Deffaug, Moscovitz, and Rosenberg as a possible affiliate to Harrison & Abramovitz on the architectural-engineering contract for the Central Intelligence Agency's building, there is no foundation whatsoever for your statement in your letter to Mr. Moscovitz that his firm had been selected by the Central Intelligence Agency.

At the various meetings on 9 August between the Director of Central Intelligence, the Administrator of General Services, Mr. Harrison, and others, including yourself, it was made quite clear that the question of affiliation and the candidates therefor would be considered but that no decision would be made without further study and discussion with Mr. Harrison. Therefore, any commitment or even discussion of affiliation with any other firm is premature.

It is essential that the precise situation be made quite clear to Mr. Moscovitz in writing at the earliest opportunity. This implies no criticisms whatsoever of the firm of Deffaug, Moscovitz, and Rosenberg, but would apply equally to any other firm that might have been put in this same position. The magnitude and complexity of this construction project require the most careful consideration by all concerned in the initial steps.

As you know, we hope to work out a mutually satisfactory arrangement with the General Services Administration for carrying out this project, but unless and until our respective roles are clearly

delinated and agreed upon, I must request that all actions of any nature whatever by the General Services Administration with regard to this project be concurred in fully and in writing by the Central Intelligence Agency in advance.

Sincerely,

/s/
L. K. White
Deputy Director

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC BUILDINGS SERVICE

Washington 25, D. C.

August 12, 1955

**Mr. Benjamin Mosewits
Gellung, Mosewits and Rosenberg
305 E. 42nd Street
New York 17, New York**

**Re: A-E Contract
CIA Headquarters Building**

Dear Mr. Mosewits:

This is to confirm information given to you by telephone today that it is our intention to negotiate an architectural-engineering contract for plans and specifications for the new headquarters for CIA to be built in Washington, D. C.

A combination of architects consisting of Morrison and Abramowitz and F. E. King as one party and Gellung, Mosewits and Rosenberg as the second party has been selected by GSA and CIA. The two enclosures are self-explanatory in regard to final authority on final decisions on plans and designs to be submitted.

We hope this agreement can be executed as soon as possible, as we are anxious to proceed with the negotiations for the A-E contract.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ P. A. Strobel

Commissioner of Public Buildings

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CC: Col. L. K. White
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