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February 10, 1961

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.  
740 Park Avenue  
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Rockefeller:

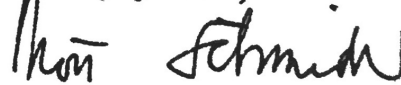
Mrs. Packard has asked me to write you regarding the fee for the architectural work for your new house at Pocantico Hills.

The charge for complete architectural and engineering services is 12% of the cost of the work. This is in accordance with the Schedule of Charges of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, a copy of which I enclose.

Not included in the fee are disbursements such as travel expense, cost of surveys, blue prints, models, etc.

Thanking you and hoping this arrangement meets with your approval,

Sincerely yours,



Mott B. Schmidt

MBS:eh  
enc.

Agreement w. Architect

Mar. 30. ✓

February 16, 1961

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Thank you for your letter of February 10th which at my request outlines the prospective charges in connection with your services as architect for the new house I expect to build at Pocantico Hills.

These charges - namely, 12% of the cost of the work for architectural and engineering services, plus the additional disbursements you name which would arise from time to time - are entirely satisfactory to me. This letter therefore will constitute a firm agreement between us.

With reference to the question you raised with Mrs. Packard as to whether you should proceed with tentative blueprints, I feel it would be less time consuming if in a personal talk I could first outline for you in general the approximate number and kind of rooms I would wish to have. If there is a little delay in my getting to such a point it is only that many other demands upon time and energy seem to require priority just now. However, I have my new house much in my thoughts and will get in touch with you before too long.

Sincerely yours,

MARTHA B. ROCKEFELLER

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

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December 15, 1961

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.  
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Dear Mrs. Rockefeller:

I have yours of December 13 and am very glad to give you the information you ask.

The elevators, as well as the shafts, are included in the estimate, as is a complete air conditioning system. The screens and storm windows are also included.

~~You have the right to approve the selection of all sub-contractors - as is usually the case in a contract of this kind.~~ ||

I agree that we should have an approximate estimate for the ~~garage~~ and have advised Mr. Lee accordingly, as it is difficult for me to guess the cost of a building of this type. The garage is bigger than I realized - it covers a floor area equal to about 50% of that covered by the main house. On the second floor there are nine rooms and three baths, which is equivalent to the contents of a fair-sized dwelling.

I think you will find the Howell Company satisfactory and I know they will make every effort to please you.

Sincerely yours,



MOTT B. SCHMIDT

MBS:eh

*Acceptance of builder's estimate,  
for house & garage. ✓*

December 21, 1961

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

This will confirm my acceptance of the terms and approximate estimates for the building of my house at Pecantico Hills, as set forth in the letter to you of December 12th from Mr. Louis E. Lee of the E. W. Howell Co., and in your letter of December 15th in reply to questions I raised in my letter of December 13th.

The arrangements are satisfactory to me, and construction work may go forward at any time you and Mr. Lee may consider suitable and feasible this winter.

Sincerely yours,

*M. B. R.*

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Encl.: cc for Mr. Lee

Mr. Mott B. Schmidt  
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December 22, 1961

P. S. I also acknowledge and accept Mr. Lee's estimate of December 19, received today, for the building of the garage.

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December 28, 1961

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Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.  
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Dear Mrs. Rockefeller:

Thank you for your letter of December 21,  
with the postscript of December 22, in  
regard to your house at Pocantico Hills.

I will send the copy of same to Mr. Lee,  
as you request.

Looking forward to seeing you soon and with  
All Best Wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely yours,

*Mott Schmidt*

MOTT B. SCHMIDT

MBS:eh



cc: Mr. Sleinkofer  
Mrs. Douglass

← Sent w. memo, 12/21  
← Hold temp.

December 20, 1963

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

I have been increasingly puzzled (an understatement) by the continuous delay in receiving from you any sketches whatever of interior detail I asked you to submit for the principal first and second floor rooms of my new house. Some four months or more ago I requested such sketches, with particular emphasis upon types of cornices, in order to discuss them with you and either approve or suggest changes I might wish to make in line with my general ideas for the interiors. You agreed to draw them without delay, and also concurred in my idea that I would decide with you the architectural details of interiors and that Mrs. Douglass and I would go on from there. Subsequently I asked you several times about the sketches. Nearly two months ago, in a letter you wrote me enclosing other material, you mentioned that I would receive these within a few days - but I did not. On Friday, December 6th, when several of us met at Hillcrest and the question again arose, I was completely taken aback at being shown the builder's detailed work-plan for the mouldings for the morning room where we were standing, which I thought much too heavy and not suitable for that small room. When two wooden specimens of mouldings were also shown me, I stated that I preferred to see sketches before deciding, in order to be sure not to have Georgian or other types I might not wish to have in rooms which I may, and do, plan to have in a different or even French décor.

Now comes your letter of December 16th, saying "In the Living Room at Hillcrest it is planned" (not by me, I may inject) "to use a cornice similar to that in the Dining Room at 740" ... and so on. I very definitely do not want such a heavy cornice, as I consider it unsuitable for my country living room which, a), I wish to be less formal and, b) is not as high as the dining room here.

Moreover, upon inquiry I learn that not only have most of the mouldings been ordered and many received but that the one in my sitting room is already partly installed. I have therefore directed Mr. Sleinkofer to have all work on this stopped until I know from you what the sitting room moulding looks like, and to hold up all other such installations until I make the decision as to whether I want any or none of them used.



This letter is to advise you that if what I have requested is not received shortly, my intention is to ask Mrs. Douglass to make such plans and drawings in consultation with me.

Notwithstanding the incident when the outside trim was painted white without my being consulted and when upon my surprise at seeing it I had it repainted in grey, I have until now been reluctant to let myself wonder if you had hoped that by going ahead with certain features I might acquiesce rather than veto them and have them done over. I would be sorry to believe that now, but I can think of no other reason for your proceeding with cornices when I had repeatedly indicated that I wished to approve of the designs in advance.

I may add that it is not my intention, in the present circumstances, to pay for any of the mouldings already ordered and made if I decide not to use them.

This situation is the more disturbing to me since I have purposely remained accessible for the past year and more in order to be available for decisions which I myself wished to make.

Sincerely yours,

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