STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINING BOARD

155 Whitney Avenue

New Haven, Connecticut

Attention: Mr. Bradford S. Tilney, Secretary.

My dear Mr. Tilney:

Please allow me, to apologize, as a son of John J. McMahon, Architect (Connecticut Registration No. 19), for not having replied to your correspondence before this date.

Perhaps you will understand. We received your notice regarding renewal of registration for Dad some time during March, 1959. Meanwhile, there was some sickness in the family which distracted our attention from that notice. The sickness illness resulted suddenly in the death of one of our dearly-loved daughters, Mary Sophia McMahon, age 10, a great favorite of her grandfather. She was a girl who inherited an immense amount of talent in art and showed a promising future in that field.

John J. McMahon, Architect, well-known as Colonel John J. McMahon, with a long military background, as well as civic, passed away on September 8, 1958, after a comparatively short illness. He was 83. BORN APRIL 22, 1875

His passing left much sorrow at that time. He left a world of architectural history behind him, many monuments in the form of churches, schools, convents, public buildings, and even private residences. He left an architectural world he loved beyond words. He literally lived architecture, devoured every written word and picture concerning the subject, and had his own ideas to add to them. I can say confidently that there was never born a more enthusiastic architect, nor a more exacting one. I have been told over and over again, by all kinds of contractors, that my Dad put out working drawings from which they could work without questions. When compliments, instead of complaints, come from contractors, I believe it is most gratifying for an architect.