

Dear Syd ::

Your letter of August 1st is here, with the snapshots of your property. What a beautiful place ! I hope I can do it and you and Geri justice. You are right...I will need a topographical map with accurate locations of principal trees, services, such as power, gas and telephone, and sewer lines...if any. Also we will need a copy of any restrictions applying to the property.

The trip to Oregon and San Francisco was very nice....but I had to make up for it when I returned...so have been very busy. Now we are looking forward to your visit and to meeting Geri and showing her the sights around here and talking house etc. I called the Travellers Motel and asked them to reserve a room for you for August 9th and 10th so it should be ready for you then.

I am most excited about doing your house...and even if you are not quite ready to start it we should get it designed...for that takes plenty of time...to do it right ...and that is the way we all want to do it !

Looking forward to seeing you soon....

Your friend,


August 3 1960

B R U C E G O F F A R C H I T E C T P R I C E T O W E R
Bartlesville Oklahoma

Dear Sydney & Geri :

Nice to get your two letters since your return home. I want you to know how much we all enjoyed your visit and meeting Geri. She seems so much like you, Syd, that we feel we have known her as long as we have you! Anyway it was ~~xxx~~ good of you to come down...and needless to say, ideas are buzzing around in my head like mad for your new house. I can hardly wait to get the Topo map with principal tree locations so I can start thinking more concretely about it.


In the meantime I have drawn up our agreement for my Architectural services as we discussed...!"just for the record". As noted in it I consider the \$200 you previously paid as part of the retainer so will appreciate if you can send the balance of the retainer (\$300) soon as Doug's father is needing an operation and I must help financially.

I am eager to see what you and Geri will do with painting. I hope to see some results of your efforts when I eventually get up to Chicago. I will have to make at least 3 trips there on your job...so will look forward to seeing you and your productions then.

What you say about the apartment is very encouraging and I shall follow up the best I can. I shall write to Mr. Ginsburg immediately and send him information about my work, etc. I am certain it can and should be done and I agree it would be nice if I owned part of the building too. Maybe I could take out part of my fee that way. You are probably right about Chicago as a location. There are many other suitable places...as you say. I have little hope via F.H.A. as they are set up for orthodox methods...but we can try.

Again thanks for your visit. I look forward to hearing from you both soon.

Your Friend,



August 17, 1960

P.S. Please sign and return one copy of Agreement to me.

B R U C E G O F F A R C H I T E C T P R I C E T O W E R
Bartlesville Oklahoma

A G R E E M E N T

It is hereby agreed by an between all parties signed below that Bruce Goff, Architect, is to furnish all architectural services necessary, including Design Presentation Drawings, Working Drawings & Details, Specifications and Supervision of Construction, for the new residence to be built in Libertyville Illinois by Mr. & Mrs. Sydney Rodin, hereinafter known as the Clients. The Clients shall pay the Architect 10% of the cost of the house, payments to be made as follows :

- 1st Payment (Retainer Fee) \$500.00 of which \$200 has been paid leaving balance of \$300.00 now due.
- 2nd Payment (Design Presentation Drawings) due upon acceptance....\$1500.00
- 3rd Payment (Working Drawings & Specifications) due upon completion of same.....\$2000.00


4th, 5th & 6th payments : After contract cost has been determined, deduct total of \$4,000 ~~xxxx~~ (1,2,& 3 payments) from 10% of Contract Cost, and divide balance into three equal payments (for Supervision of Construction.) These three payments known as 4th, 5th & 6th payments payable as follows:

- 4th payment due upon completion of roughing-in of plumbing.
- 5th payment due upon completion of glazing.
- 6th (final) payment due upon completion of job.

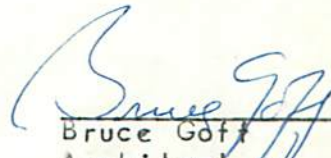
Total fee for complete architectural Services 10% of Contract Cost.
If the Clients decide to terminate this work after 2nd or 3rd payments are made they may do so without being obligated to the Architect for work not to be performed. They agree to not build this house without the supervision of the Architect or his representative. "Supervision of Construction" does not mean constant daily supervision, but does mean sufficient inspections and supervision by the Architect or his representative to properly expedite the construction of the work, in the opinion of the Architect.

The Architect further agrees to assist the Clients with advice about colors, furnishing and landscaping without additional compensation from them for same. He also agrees to furnish all necessary prints of drawings for bidding and construction of the job.

The above is hereby agreed to by all parties signed below :


Mr. Sydney Rodin, Client


Mrs. Sydney Rodin, Client


Bruce Goff
Architect
August 17, 1960

B R U C E G O F F A R C H I T E C T P R I C E T O W E R
Bartlesville Oklahoma

Dear Syd & Gerri ::

It was wonderful seeing you two again and our visit that evening with you was one of the most enjoyable highlights of our trip. Doug and I will remember your wonderful hospitality for a long time to come and that Japanese dinner was "out of this world". Then the visit to your fascinating business establishment! If I had any superlatives left I would have to use them for THE lot! Any good piece of property is a challenge...just as any clean new sheet of paper is...and just as hard to beat! Anyway your property in Libertyville is all you said it is and more and I'm anxious to try to do it justice. So soon as you can send me the topo and tree locations I can start thinking out loud on paper.

Gerri...I've not forgotten about the slides and will have some copies made very soon for you to give to your teacher.

Doug asked me to thank you for sending on his books which arrived OK. He hated to bother you with that.

I have an idea for your house that I believe you will like. I could probably please you with a more conventional one....not that you two are in any way conventional !..but I think you deserve the best I can give you....and I do want it to be something you will not only like now...but which will be something for you to grow with for years to come...and I know that is what you really want too....so I want you to have my best to date. I was so glad when Gerri told me she was willing to go along with whatever idea we work out...so before long I hope to be at it.

In the meantime thanks again for the wonderful evening with you two....That dinner really spoiled us for anything here!

Also keep up the good work painting....I'm so happy you both like to do it.

Sincerely always,


Bruce Goff Nov.28,1960

BRUCE GOFF ARCHITECT

PRICE TOWER
Bartlesville Oklahoma

P.S. Syd — Gerri is a winner!

Dear Geri & Syd ::

First things First! Michael ! Congratulations ! He is lucky to have such swell parents and I know you feel lucky to have him so all should work out well as it has. Naturally we are anxious to see him and hope his parents are getting adjusted to him and that the cute cat is too. I doubt if Chia will ever be the same after his encounter with that kitten of yours. Anyway its good for him. He was on his super-good behavior after you left trying to convince bs that we should not consider a replacement for him...the bum!

I am sorting out the slides and will get them off to you pronto. Now we want to thank you for the elegant big lantern! What a whopper! It comes as a most welcome surprise and we are now trying to figure out how to hang it in the high part of our deiling. Thanks muchly.

Viva is still kicking. I understand they have their directors lined up now and expect to have their corporation formed soon. Then we are supposed to be in business.... we hope...and our fingers too are still crossed.

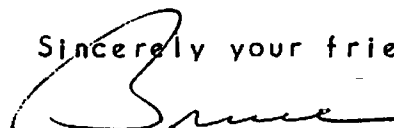
I do appreciate all you are doing with your Japanese group and nothing would please me more than to get the circle tower up. You make a good liason man...just what I need.

Glad your friends like your house. Most of mine who have seen it feel that I have "pulled a rabbit out of the hat again" and think it is my best to date...which I hope it is. I have made the revisions you talked about and added the caretakers quarters. will send same to you soon.

In the meantime have a good time with Michael...I hope they dont call him "Mike"...and let me know if there is anything else you need.

Doug sends a hearty hello to you three. Remember you need at least 2 more for that house!

Sincerely your friend



August 14, 1961

BRUCE GOFF ARCHITECT PRICE TOWER
Bartlesville Oklahoma

P.S. Hope you are well Geri!
B.G.

Dear Syd & Jerri -

Just received your letter of August 3 and am glad to hear from you - as usual!

Naturally I am interested in the 4-plex scheme - and I could take out a good share of my fee in stock, but I would need some cash too as we operate so close to the bone here - that it is difficult to stay in business - especially when one tries to do Architecture instead of just building. In other words I cannot finance the cost of producing the job - but if we can work something out on this you can be sure that I am interested. I also know that we can do it - the job - as inexpensively as anyone - and still come up with something attractive to people - which helps as a good investment.

Although we are barely existing - we do have several projects: a country club in Arkansas, the Vera project is still kicking, and a clinic in Dallas - Hope something materializes!

The French magazine L'Architecture d'Aujourd'hui #102 June-July issue on Fantastic Architecture is out & they have several pages - some in color - of our work. If you want a copy you can order one from Wittenborn & Co., 1018 Madison Ave, New York 21 @ \$3.00 per copy. "Progressive Architecture" is also featuring an issue of some of our recent work - soon - an Art-Prof. at the University of Texas was given a grant of \$4,000 to make a movie of several of our houses - & there is a picture of me in my office in the July Arch. Forum. So you see we are publicity-poor - anyway - Hope you are all well & happy - Your friend Bruce - Aug. 6, 1962

P.S. I am Sandy King best say and the wife's sound for the movie.