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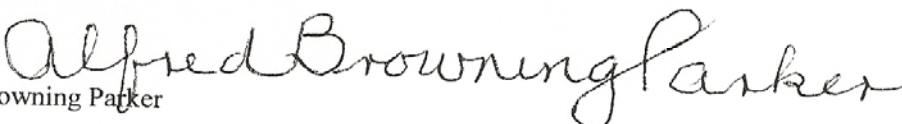
Jack McDonald, Mayor
Town of Palm Beach
360 South County Road
Palm Beach, FL 33480

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I am an architect living in Gainesville, Florida where I practice and teach. For fifty years, I worked in Miami in my profession. Among my clients was Joseph Mass for which I designed a home on Everglades Island. It was a well regarded work and much publicized in magazines and the press. A new owner had it demolished. For Mass, I also designed Bazaar International in Riviera Beach with a very high tower. The tower was selected for designation as a historical landmark but Florida Power and Light Company had Governor Bob Graham withhold sending the papers to Washington so they could tear it down to ease access to their fueling plant. It was torn down. My next Palm Beach job was on the Intercoastal north of the city for a client by the name of Abe Leo Cohen. It was a resounding successful job in which I designed all the furniture with assistance from a Frank Lloyd Wright apprentice. He also designed a large three-dimensional colorful rug. It was a nice job and a fine bit of architecture, but unfortunately, Abe Leo died and his widow sold the home. New owners didn't like the design and tore it down.

As you can clearly understand my experience with your citizens has been dismal. Now comes Alan Manus, a new client who liked my work. For him and his wife, Adele, I designed a home on Wells road. It was built to last with celadon glazed tile on the roof and concrete piling in the ground. The home features a huge living room. The Manus's daughter recently told me how much she liked the gazebo. Mr. Mayor, you will understand my feelings if now the Manus home bites the dust. I built it to last at least several hundred years.

Sincerely yours,


Alfred Browning Parker