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ARCHITECTS INC.
286-288 DU PONT BUILDING
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

WALTER STEWART BROWN
G. MORRIS WHITESIDE 2ND

July 12, 1913.

Mr. John J. Raskob,
Du Pont Building,
Wilmington, Delaware.

Dear Mr. Raskob:-

I herewith send you by messenger a water color drawing of your residence as I see it rebuilt. The great weakness from my standpoint in this design is the third story end that contains the Bath Rooms; of course, I have accepted this as inevitable because of the beautiful way in which the Bath Rooms themselves are finished, but from an architectural standpoint it gives a very bad profile as you can readily see on examination of the drawing.

I have taken the liberty of rendering this in a cream colored plaster (not yellow), as I believe that this would constitute the very best finish that could possibly be put on this house, although, not of course the cheapest method. I trust that this drawing will give you some more definite estimate as to how well your building can be made to look.

The high columned porch to the river side would be a beautiful feature and certainly most convenient and delightful for practical use.

The masking of the Kitchen wing can be handled in such a way that this long wing would be an architectural advantage rather than a disadvantage, and the terracing across the river

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front would give a slight eminence to one's position that would enable him to look off down through the arch of the trees to the river from the position at ease and comfort in a rocking chair.

My own idea of the color for the roof is a leaden gray or a leaden green, in other words, the green that is obtained from the oxidization of lead after years of weathering.

This water color you will observe looks considerable better from close range rather than long distance range as I have tried to render it with a great deal of transparency and delicacy rather than try to fill the eye with too much color.

I trust that, even though this may not be entirely as you would finally like to have it, that it will at least be a pleasure to you and will enable you to study your problem further.

Thanking you for your many courtesies to me,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

W.S.B.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Walter Sargent", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned below the typed name "W.S.B." and above the "Sincerely yours," line.