

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PHILADELPHIA, INC.

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Mrs. Gilbert Crawford Fry
The Kenilworth
Alden Park, Philadelphia, Pa. 19144

Dear Mrs. Fry:

Mrs. Clarence Dustin has inquired about the memorial plaque honoring James W. Fry, which was on the wall of the living room of the old International House at 3905 Spruce Street, commemorating his gift which made possible the procurement of that building for this work.

At the time of our move to our present quarters in 1959, it is my understanding that the plaque was removed from the wall and stored with other valuable items against the day when they could be properly displayed in a newly constructed building. Many items were stored at the time of our move and at the moment we cannot lay our hands on the plaque. I am quite certain, however, that the plaque was preserved and that it will come to light. When it does I will let you know.

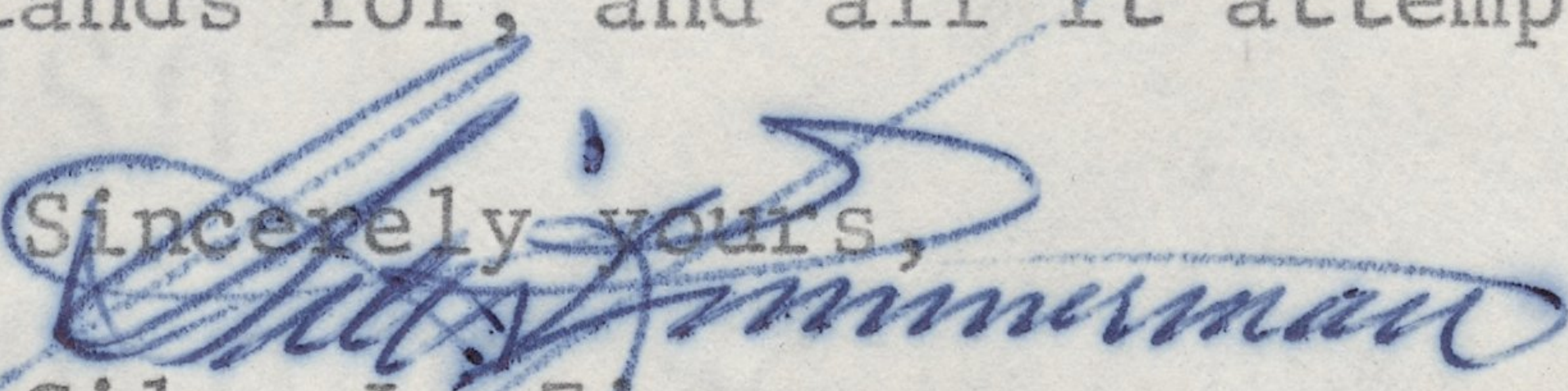
To be doubly certain, we checked with the present tenants at 3905 Spruce Street and they have no record of ever having seen it, which reassures my earlier statement.

At the present time we are making serious effort to build an appropriate International House in University City within the next three to five years. Our future plans are, of course, uncertain, but we do know that we must vacate this present building due to Redevelopment Authority plans for this site within the next three or four years.

Since it was inappropriate to display the plaque in this building, as we had no equity in it, we did not have an immediate use for the plaque. We feel confident that as our future plans crystallize the plaque will come to light and will be appropriately displayed to commemorate Mr. Fry's contribution to the development of this vital international student work.

It is my hope that we will continue to enjoy your interest in International House, all it stands for, and all it attempts to do.

Sincerely yours,


Giles L. Zimmerman
Executive Director

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